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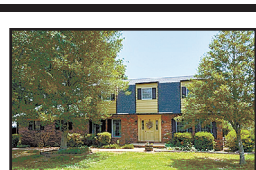


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Bethel University President
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Bethel University President Butler Announces Retirement

McKENZIE — After 10 years as President of Bethel University, Dr. Walter Butler announced his plans to retire on December 31, 2023 shortly after turning 70.

Butler is a familiar face throughout the state due to his service in the state and local governments.

"Bethel University without Walter Butler is virtually unfathomable," said Nancy Bean, Chair of Bethel University's Board of Trustees. "His total contributions to Bethel are entirely too numerous to mention or to even recognize. However, it can easily be said that he has successfully and with honor, commitment and dignity guided the University through some of its best times and some of the most difficult times of its history. As both the Director of Business Affairs and later as President he has made

an indelible mark on the University, and one for which his legacy will be remembered with deep admiration and appreciation for generations to come."

Butler has a long history with the University. He began working at Bethel as an admission counselor in 1975. "I never planned on being president of this University, but I am so grateful to have had the opportunity," said Butler. "Everyone here is committed to making a difference in the lives of our students. They're on a mission, and it has been a wonderful thing to be a part of. Bethel University has been a blessing to me, and I will forever be grateful to it."

In addition to his time in higher education, Butler spent many years

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The new playground at Trezevant City Park will soon open for area children.

Trezevant Area Children Eagerly Await Playground's Opening

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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TREZEVANT (June 28) — New playground equipment is almost full assembled and ready for the children of the Trezevant area to enjoy. It is located adjacent to Trezevant Elementary School and adjacent to the city's ballfields.

Mary Jo Hall of the Town of Trezevant said, "Thanks to the kind people of the Trezevant area," the playground is a reality.

The new playground equipment costs \$70,375. A down payment of \$26,894 was made on the project with the balance due on installation. Donations from Milan Health Care, Centennial Bank, Trezevant Men's Club, West Carroll Alumni, plus a \$30,000 bank loan are funding the project. An anonymous donation was also part of the funding, said Ms. Hall. Additional donations are expected.

Playgrounds are more handicap-friendly to children with limited mobility. The new Trezevant

playground has handicap swings, see-saw, slides, climbing obstacle course, games and a merry-go-round. A nearby porch-style swing is available for waiting parents.

Ms. Hall said a few additional parts will completed the installation and then it will open to the public.

A recently added walking trail and soon-to-be-added amphitheatre will round out enhancements to the park.

Ms. Hall said the city hopes to modernize the entire park, including ballfields and concession area.

McKenzie Police Department Awarded School SRO Contract

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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McKENZIE (June 29) — McKenzie Police Department (MPD) is the new provider of student resource officers (SROs) for McKenzie Special School District (MSSD).

During a called meeting of the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education, the Board voted unanimously to move the contract from the Carroll County Sheriff's

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Electric Rates to Increase Slightly

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (June 29) — Effective October 1, rate-payers of Carroll County Electric Department (CCED) will experience a slight increase in electric rates. This is the first rate increase since 2018, according to Ryan Dreyer, general manager of CCED.

Residential customers will experience an increase of \$2.07 on the monthly base rate, from \$23.55 to a new rate of \$25.62. There is no increase in the kWh usage rate. Small commercial customers using less

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U.S. Postage Increases July 9

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service is increasing the price of a first-class stamp on July 9. The new rate for a one-ounce letter is 66 cents, an increase of 4.8 percent from the current rate of 63 cents. Under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the money-losing agency has embarked on a 10-year plan to reach profitability.

In 2019, a stamp costs 50 cents. The July 2023 price hike is the fifth increase since early 2019.

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Come visit our new Liquorland liquor store in McKenzie. We carry a variety of liquor, wine and spirits! Our staff is here & ready to find anything you're looking for!

Liquorland Opens in McKenzie

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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Come on down to Liquorland, McKenzie's newest liquor store. The store is owned by Peter Patel, who also owns Paris Westwood Wines & Liquor, and is next to McKenzie's BP gas station, at 15984 Highland Dr., McKenzie.

Business owners obtained a liquor license in February 2023. The only thing left was completing building renovations, which began in December 2022, and stocking the store. One major building renovation included a drive-thru window facing the BP gas station.

Liquorland opened to the public Wednesday, June 21, and welcomes walk-in or drive-thru customers.

Many McKenzie residents travel to Paris or Huntingdon to buy liquor at lower prices, and Patel's goal with Liquorland is not to compete with any local liquor stores but to have prices that draw McKenzie residents' business back to McKenzie.

Because Liquorland owners buy stock in large volumes, they are able to sell products at lower prices.



Liquorland employees have years of experience and are excited to welcome customers to their newest business venture in McKenzie.

Don Dick, a former Westwood employee with over 30 years of experience, said they will try to sell their products at the same price markup as in Paris.

Liquorland sells all major brands of whiskey, bourbon, vodka, gin, and tequila. It has seltzers such as White Claws with Vodka

and High Noons. Don Dick said he believes Liquorland is the only liquor store in the area carrying local wines from Purple-Toad Winery and Paris Winery, among wider-known brands. Liquorland also carries mixers, BuzzBallz, frozen margarita pouches, and more. Store owners are

also open to requests from customers.

Liquorland has an opening sale on Jack Daniels and Crown Royal. Customers can purchase a half gallon of Jack Daniels for \$53.99 or a 750 mL bottle for \$20.99. A half gallon of Crown Royal is \$62.99 or a 750 mL bottle is \$29.99.



McKenzie's new director of schools Dr. Justin Barden and instructional supervisor LeighAnn Horne.

Dr. Justin Barden will Maintain McKenzie's Tradition of Excellence

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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When Dr. Justin Barden accepted his new position as the McKenzie Special School District's Director of Schools, he knew he wanted to spend his first year observing rather than changing. He would be intentional and methodical with his choices, and he could only do that by listening and learning what the district already does so well.

With that being said, this year he is making sure to focus on McKenzie's tradition of academic and athletic success.

In a meeting June 15, Dr. Barden and the McKenzie School Board approved a \$15.7 million budget for the 2023-24 school year, which covers structural aid, construction, transportation, staff raises, and more. A large portion of the budget also goes toward technology, workbooks, and instructional supplies that support the curriculum.

Dr. Barden said every year's budget focuses on how the school district can improve students' overall school experience. From academic tools to building improvements, from the addition of a social worker to the construction of the new sports facility — every budget item was chosen to improve student life and, as a result, their academic success.

The district recently adopted a new math curriculum for grades K-12 and a new Pre-K curriculum with Connect-4 Learning. The Pre-K curriculum was adopted county-wide and requires training.

The McKenzie Special School District is following a nationwide trend of emphasizing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) learning in schools. McKenzie Middle School is adding a STEM program, which joins library, computer skills, music education, and physical education as a rotational class period. The district is also revamping McKenzie High School's current STEM program and adding more CTE (career technical education) opportunities.

In regards to improving English/language arts education, Dr. Barden said there is a continued focus on teaching Pre-K and kindergarten students the basics of reading. He commended McKenzie's preschool and kindergarten

educators for their work, but he said it also takes family and community support to encourage these skills.

"As a district, I think we've got to start looking at, how do we support families in their homes before they even get to us?" said Barden. "I don't think that everybody understands and values the importance of reading to a 1 year old, a 2 year old, a 3 year old." He said it's important to spread the word and help children connect to the Imagination Library or any local library to access reading material as soon as possible.

There will not be an immediate change in reading comprehension in the next few school years, but he said being intentional, trying to establish building blocks, and encouraging reading from a young age will eventually result in improvement.

LeighAnn Horne, an instructional supervisor with the McKenzie Special School District, said the elementary school will continue hosting family involvement nights. Last year, the school had reading nights, math nights, and PBS visits that students could attend with their families. "When we can do that, we get parents here in this building," said Horne. "We try to get them on board for reading to their students at home as much as they are here at school. That helps."

The McKenzie Special School District added several new positions for the 2023-24 school year, including a social worker, an additional English language teacher, a new special education teacher at the high school, and educational assistants. Most roles have already been filled, excluding the social worker and English language teacher.

The school district funds online learning websites like IXL, Vocabulary.com, and BrainPop. It also buys and replaces Chromebooks and desktop computers in computer labs. Next year, Dr. Barden estimates the district will replace 350 computers between the three schools.

As students enjoy their last month of summer vacation before August 1, McKenzie Special School District staff are already preparing to return. Between meetings and in-service preparation, they are working to make the school district the best possible place for students to be during the 2023-24 school year.



Williams, Smith Among WestStar 2023 Graduates

MARTIN — Effective leaders look beyond their immediate surroundings to identify growth opportunities and ways to improve life for others. McKenzie resident Christy Williams, branch manager and vice president of Regions Bank, valued the class sessions, and the people she met established connections that will help turn ideas into action.

"Whenever I'm needing something, I have people I can reach out to and be able to make tough decisions and hopefully to make a bigger impact in the community," Williams said, noting that she is already using her new knowledge. "I am on the chamber board, so I am hopefully going to be able to have a voice and be able to bring some things to the table through WestStar to help our community and Carroll County progress even more."

Including this year's class, the program has graduated 945 participants since WestStar was established in 1989. Dr. Charley Deal, UT Martin vice chancellor for university advancement, led the program and graduation ceremony.

WestStar's 33rd graduating class included members from 17 West Tennessee counties. Participants are

chosen annually by the program's board of trustees, and selection is based on individual leadership achievements and potential to contribute to West Tennessee's development. From Carroll County were McKenzie residents Christy Williams and Larry Smith.

Class members are selected from all occupations and levels of community and regional involvement. Eight sessions are held in different communities and cover topics such as agriculture and transportation, energy and environment, public policy issues, education and tourism.

Award presentations were made before the graduation ceremony that included the C.P. Boyd Leadership Award. A current class member is selected who demonstrates the compassion, leadership and love for West Tennessee exemplified by the late Haywood County educator for whom the award is named. Dr. La Sonya Harris Hall, deputy chief administrative officer Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, was voted by her classmates to receive the award.

Members of the 2023 WestStar graduating class are: Dr. Kyle Barron, vice president for student ser-

vices, Jackson State Community College, Jackson; Kate Bynum, assistant district attorney, 27th Judicial District Attorney General's Office, Dresden; Clay Cunha, director of business development, ServiceMaster, Cordova; Josh Frey, sheriff, Henry County, Paris; Dr. La Sonya Hall, deputy chief administrative officer, Shelby County Government, Memphis; Dr. Versie Hamlett, superintendent, Fayette County Schools, Somerville; Marcus Heaston, workforce development coordinator, Tipton County Schools, Covington; Sam Hedge, technician, Pest Stop, Camden; Sam Hutson, president, Crove Media, Paris; James "Pete" Johnson, chair, Jackson-Madison County School Board, Jackson; Undrae Johnson, director of parks and recreation, Haywood County Government, Brownsville; Tiffany Jones, owner, E&T Contracting, LLC, Henderson; Jere Kail Jr., agent, Tennessee Farm Bureau Insurance, Dyersburg; Pamela Mabry, mayor, city of Newbern, Newbern; Melvin Martin, fire chief and Emergency Management Agency director, Savannah; Randy Moffett, territory manager, James Green and

Associates, Sherwood; Tosh Newman, director, Carl Perkins Civic Center and the Jackson Baseball Stadium, Jackson; Brandon Orr, area director, USDA Rural Development, Union City; Eddie Pruett, director of schools, Gibson County Special School District, Medina; Bill Rawls, mayor, city of Brownsville, Brownsville; Michael Sargent, owner, State Farm, Paris; McKenzie resident Larry Smith, financial advisor, Lexington; Hannah Stewart, assistant director for marketing, UT Martin Office of University Relations, Martin; Donna Stines, philanthropy director, West Tennessee Healthcare, Jackson; Laura Suiter, director of development, University of Tennessee Foundation, UT Martin, Martin; Donnie Walton, vice president and loan officer, Commercial Bank and Trust Co., Union City; Christy Williams, branch manager and vice president, Regions Bank, McKenzie; and Timothy York, senior human resources business partner, Marvin Windows and Doors of Tennessee, Ripley.

Information about the WestStar Leadership Program is available at www.utm.edu/weststar or by calling 731-881-7298.

Huntingdon Approves Budget, Roofing

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (June 27) — The Town of Huntingdon Mayor and Council approved the second and final readings on the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.

The Council approved a property tax rate of \$1.2487 per \$100 assessed value, the same rate as in the previous year.

Mayor Nina Smothers said the budget includes a \$1.05 per hour increase in pay for city employees, additional compensation for employees of the Police Department according to job description, new electronic equipment to automatically read water meters, and improvements to the culvert on Williams Street and the sewer lagoon. The town will also install a sewer pump station in the 1000-Acre Lake area and complete the water line replacement along East Main Street.

A public hearing was held prior to the second reading of the budget, however, no one addressed the Council.

The budget for the Water-Sewer Department was also approved with a projected revenue of \$6,310,550, with reserves from the previous year of \$258,000 to equal \$6,568,550.

An increase of 3.0 percent as part of the automatic cost of living was approved for the water and sewer rates.

Tap fees for new water or sewer lines were also approved for an increase due to the extra cost of supplies to make the taps.

The tennis courts are in disrepair. The city appropriated \$38,000 to renovate the two courts and add striping to designate the playing surface of four pickleball courts in Veterans Park. The lone contractor to bid was Sport Rite of Tullahoma.

Darrell Davis Roofing Company was awarded the bid to install new roofing on Fire Station #3 (Northwood Drive), Heritage Hall and a portion of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. Davis bid \$155,393, JM Roofing bid \$204,706, and Stambaugh Roofing bid \$286,685.

Water bills were adjusted to \$250 each for Gavin Noles, whose had a leak and an initial charge of \$2,279 and Ginger Coleman, whose initial bill was \$1,542.79.

Mayor Smothers announced the Oak Ridge Boys will perform at the Heritage Festival on September 23.

Waste Management, the city's solid waste contractor, is implementing sideload pickup services, requiring all solid waste customers to use standardize rolling carts. That service begins in July.

The newly former Huntingdon Historical Society, coordinated by Johnny McClure, is meeting monthly at the Historical Museum, announced the mayor.

City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held June 26, 2023: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 165 Paris Pike, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 8, Group B, of Tax Map 11H.

This cause came to be heard on June 26, 2023, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of June 26, 2023, was codes officer Jim Seaton on behalf of the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Assistant Police Chief Trey Boucher, Battalion Chief Jason Arnold, Codes Enforcement Officer Phillip Morrisett, and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup. No one appeared on behalf of the property owners James T. Davidson and wife, Sharon Davidson. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have sixty days (60) days from July 11, 2023, to demolish the structure or pull the proper permits and complete all repairs to have the structure up to code. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

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City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held June 26, 2023: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 77 Booker Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 4.01, Group G, of Tax Map 12M.

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Emma Martin Returns to Miss Tennessee Volunteer Stage

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Emma Martin is no stranger to the Miss Tennessee Volunteer stage, but the beauty queen said this year's pageant might be her last.

Emma is the daughter of Jessica Martin and a 2019 McKenzie High School graduate. She joined the Miss Tennessee Volunteer organization in 2021 as Miss McNairy County Volunteer, and she competed the following year as Miss Delta Blues Volunteer. She placed in the top fifteen of both pageants. Now, she's taking the stage July 26 as Miss Fall Fest Volunteer, a title she won in Union City.

Emma's love for pageants began on the Little Miss McKenzie stage, and she had no idea she would take it as far as she has today. Going into her first pageant, she said she had no clue what she was getting herself into. Her aunt and cousins convinced her to compete, so she borrowed a dress and did her best. She won second maid in that pageant, and from then on she was hooked.

Her participation in pageants have helped her find her passion. When Emma first competed in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant, she panicked when she heard she had to do her own hair and makeup. Two years later, freshly graduated from Bethel University, Emma now attends beauty school at Day Cosmetology in Jack-



Emma Martin

son. Skills she learned from pageantry have helped her choose a future career.

While she juggles her schooling and pageant prep, Emma said she's trying not to worry about the upcoming competition.

"I think it's important just to not stress about things and just be in the moment and have fun with it," said Martin. "I wish you could have seen me in my first year. I was so stressed."

Now, she knows the schedule and she knows what to expect. This year, she said she's most excited to just be able to go back on stage and see her friends.

Wednesday night, Emma will sing Adele's version of Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love," a song she said she has been singing for a long time. Thursday night is fitness/swimwear night, and Friday night is evening gown night.

A major component of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer

pageant is contestants' platforms. Emma will showcase her "Crowning Efforts" platform, which puts a focus on volunteerism in the community. This year, she distributed goodie bags to residents at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie.

"I grew up volunteering with the church, and I love to see how it impacts people," she said. "Even if it's the smallest thing, it makes me smile." Emma and her family attend McKenzie's Church of Christ, where she developed her volunteering roots.

Emma recently began helping younger contestants prepare for pageants. She does hair and makeup as a side job while she is in school, and she said she has coached a few girls. She also gives spray tans at Urban Trading Company in McKenzie.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant cut-off age is 25, so Emma still has a few years of eligibility remaining. As she nears the end of beauty school, though, she said she is ready to focus more on her career.

With years of experience on her side, Emma is ready for the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant. Her outfits (which she sourced from her own "pageant room") are ready. Her talent is ready. Now all she can do is wait for the last week of July.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant is July 26-29 at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

Kameshia Moxley Prepares for First Miss Tennessee Pageant

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Kameshia Moxley was new to the pageant scene when she was crowned Miss Bethel University Volunteer in November 2022. When she moved to Tennessee to attend college, walking on the Miss Tennessee Volunteer stage one day did not even cross her mind.

Moxley, born in Mansfield, Ohio, came to McKenzie to play volleyball at Bethel University. She had never been to Tennessee before and she thought it would be a fun journey. Now, she sees Tennessee as her second home, the place she spent her college years, and the place that made her the woman she is today.

Competing in pageants was never on Moxley's radar, but the athlete-turned-beauty queen said winning Miss Bethel University Volunteer uncovered a passion she never knew she had.

"I've always been a competitor in anything I do," said Moxley. "I love competing. Being on stage brings a fire out in me like no other."

Moxley said being a queen takes confidence, honesty, consistency, and — most of all — faith. To her, being queen is representing why a crown has been placed and pinned on your head. She said competing in pageants



Kameshia Moxley

has given her a voice and platform to help, volunteer and give back to others.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer organization prioritizes contestants' platforms. Moxley was a criminal justice major at Bethel University, and her platform is "Advocating for Juvenile Women," which raises awareness of the many young girls who end up in the juvenile system. She has spoken at various juvenile facilities and attended virtual meetings to reach out and meet with young women who feel unheard or unseen and need mentorship.

"Being Miss Bethel University Volunteer means the world to me," said Moxley. "I am the first African American to win Miss Bethel University Volunteer." She said her reign is one of the greatest gifts Bethel Univer-

sity has given her, behind a great education, countless friendships and teammates, opportunities, and sorority sisters.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant is July 26-29 at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. Contestants will attend luncheons and other events in Jackson leading up to pageant weekend.

"The main thing I'm looking forward to during pageant week is not taking a day during that week or moment for granted," said Moxley. "I just want to be able to soak in the opportunity and take time to stop and smell the flowers."

Moxley competes in the talent portion of the competition Wednesday, July 26. She will play a classical piece composed by Antonio Vivaldi on the violin. To prepare, she takes two-hour violin lessons every day via Zoom and Fridays in person.

Moxley competes in the swimwear/fitness portion on July 27. She said she is drinking plenty of water and eating proteins. Because she wants to focus on muscle gain rather than weight loss, she is weight-lifting and cardio training.

The evening gown portion is July 28, and Miss Tennessee Volunteer will be crowned in a ceremony Saturday, July 29.

Butler

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in public service. At 24, he was elected Carroll County Trustee and became the youngest county-wide official ever elected in Carroll County. He also was elected mayor of Carroll County, a position his son, Joseph, now holds. Walter spent 18 years in Carroll County government prior to serving in roles as Tennessee's director of State Parks and deputy commissioner of Personnel and later deputy commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.

After those roles, Butler returned to Bethel to serve as director of Business Affairs, Vice President of the College of Liberal Arts, and Vice President of the College of Criminal Justice before being named President.

"While with regret, we honor his decision to retire," said Bean. "We also understand and support his decision to have more time with his family and to pursue other hobbies and activities of his choosing."

The Board of Trustees is moving forward. A Presidential Search Committee was formed to find a successor to Dr. Butler. They are in the very early stages of their quest and will eventually bring names and nominations to the full Board."

Butler said he is very proud of the students, faculty and staff of the four-year Cumberland Presbyterian Church-affiliated university.

"Our students are truly making a difference in this world," said the retiring president. He has witnessed for-

mer Bethel athletes advance into professional sports, students in the music program become professionals in the music industry, and watched some former students return as faculty members at the University.

Bethel is noted for its teacher-training program, its physician assistant program, which has a capacity number of students every year, its nursing program, its music program, and the athletic department, which is developing athletes and providing sports management programs, in which students assist at the NFL, NBA, and other major sporting events. Student-athletes consistently are honored as Champions of Character and noted for their high GPAs.

He said he is proud of 10 consecutive balanced budgets and the new chapel under construction adjacent to the Vera Low Student Enrichment Center.

Butler faced challenges during Butler's tenure. During a previous administration of the State of Tennessee, the state Department of Education decertified the local University's Education Department. Bethel successfully reinstated the certification through a court order granting financial damages to Bethel University because the State wrongfully decertified the program.

Another challenge was COVID. While many colleges and universities shut down, Bethel limited its closure from March 2020 to the end of the school year. Students continued their studies through online portals, a system familiar to Bethel since it had offered online courses for more than a decade. The

2020-21 school year marked a return to in-person classes with some restrictions.

Bethel established a special dormitory for those with COVID and designated areas for those students in quarantine. At the height of the pandemic, Bethel had 147 students with COVID.

Butler praised the faculty, staff, and healthcare workers who assisted in managing the situation.

Not only did they deliver meals to the students and provide updates to the parents of their children's situation, they continued the orderly operations of the University.

The University also decreased the number of satellite campuses to Paris, Nashville, and Jackson. Many of the face-to-face classes converted to online only.

Bethel's Global Studies also experienced explosive growth. Bethel works with Global Citizen Adventure Corps, a non-profit organization, to arrange all global travel and activities. Both high school and college students receive college credit for their service-learning activities while servicing in foreign countries. Professor Stacie Freeman heads the program.

In the near future, Bethel hopes to develop an MBA and Masters in Criminal Justice program that can be completed in 12 months, said Butler.

Walter and wife, Jennifer, have been married 43 years and have three boys, Murray, Joseph, and Thomas, all three of whom are graduates of Bethel. Murray is a medical doctor, Joseph is county mayor, and Thomas is in sales of orthopedic supplies. They also have 12 grandchildren.

Addi Poole is Miss Carroll County Volunteer

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Addi Poole watched the Miss Tennessee pageants every year. She looked forward to the days when Miss Tennessee visited her school. Miss Tennessee was someone she could look up to and someone who made her feel seen. When Poole attended the Miss Tennessee pageant 2015 to support Paris native Hannah Robison, her entire perspective of the contest changed. Seeing someone from just across the road win the pageant proved she also had a chance to win one day and represent her community and state.

Now, the Martin native is preparing to represent Carroll County in her third consecutive Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant.

Poole, the adopted daughter of Greg and Paula Poole, said her mom entered her in pageants before she could even talk. At just a few weeks old, she won her first pageant. "I must have done something right," she said.

And then Poole did something right again, and again, and again. She competed in pageants throughout elementary and middle school before taking a small break to focus on school during her junior year at Westview High School. She competed all over west Tennessee, her passion growing with each competition.

She competed in a few Miss Tennessee Teen pageants but did not join the Miss Tennessee Volunteer organization until she began college. The organization gives scholarships to its pageant winners and Poole, a Murray State University student and Alpha Delta Pi sorority sister, could not turn down a chance to do something she loves and possibly win a scholarship.

In her first year, she represented Alexandria. Then



Addie Poole

she represented Riverside. This year, she is Miss Carroll County Volunteer.

Although she is a Martin native, Poole said her roots are very close to Carroll County, and several of her friends attended Bethel University. She loves Leigh Carr, the Bethel University cheer coach and Miss Carroll County pageant director, and she knew she had to compete. After winning, Poole learned Carr's daughter would be her Iris Princess — meaning Poole will mentor her throughout pageant week.

"It's a really great experience to work with them," Poole said about the Carr family.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer organization prioritizes contestants' platforms — charities or organizations headed by contestants. Poole's platform is called "Addi for Adoption," which she uses to raise awareness about adoption and raise money for the Dave Thomas Foundation. Poole was adopted, so she is passionate about helping other kids leave foster homes and find their forever families.

Poole said the fast-food chain Wendy's partners with the Dave Thomas Foundation, a public charity dedicated to helping

children find permanent homes. Wendy's sells Frosty keychains, and a portion of keychain sales go to the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Foundation through the Dave Thomas Foundation. With Poole's platform, she buys the keychains in bulk and sells them, donating any extra funds to the Dave Thomas Foundation.

Poole's goal is to help children understand that they are wanted and that they are not alone. "You don't have to be adopted to feel like you're not wanted or that you don't fit in," Poole said. Former Miss Tennessee winners always made her feel supported, and Poole wants to do the same.

Poole has several coaches helping her prepare for the big pageant. She has an overall pageant coach who she said helps with all aspects of the competition, a personal trainer, a talent coach, and more. Her family and friends also help her, giving her random rapid-fire interviews. "It definitely takes a village," she said.

In the talent competition, Poole will sing Miranda Lambert's "Love Song." Poole loves country music and even moved to Nashville recently with dreams of working as an artist representative in the industry.

This year, Poole is feeling much more relaxed going into the pageant. She said she might have put too much pressure on herself in the past. "I truly want to take it all in and appreciate it this year," she said.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant is July 26-29 at the Carl Perkins Civic Center. Wednesday, Poole will compete in the talent competition. Thursday is the swimsuit/fitness competition. Friday is the evening wear competition. Saturday night, the queen will be crowned.

Electric

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than 15,00 kWh monthly, will experience a \$1.85 increase in the base rate and no increase in the kWh usage rate. Larger commercial customers will experience a rate increase in the usage rate of \$.00154 to \$.00158 per kWh. Outside lighting rates will increase at \$.00106 per kWh.

TVA had implemented a 2.5 percent discount rate for its partner distributors in September 2020. That is anticipated to expire on September 30, 2023.

One service is decreasing in price. Secondary electric meters at residences - such as for a well house or outbuilding, will no longer have taxes applied. Taxes still apply if the secondary meter is used for commercial property.

The Board also forgave bad debt of \$64,945.82 for the fiscal year 2023 and \$49,780.39 for fiscal year 2022. Those represent .14 percent and .12 percent of electric sales during the respective years.

Due diligence for purchasing real estate for a new



(Coach) David Hale was honored for serving four years on the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Electric Department. (L to R) Hale is presented a plaque by Ryan Drewry, general manager of CCED.

headquarters is moving forward. Soil compaction, surveys, and title opinions are moving forward. The Board voted to buy the unimproved real estate at the intersection of Paris Street and Veterans Drive in Huntingdon.

James David Hale was honored for his four years of service on the Carroll County Electric Department's Board of Directors. The Carroll County Commission appointed him. Mr. Hale is better known as Coach Hale,

who coached at Huntingdon and West Carroll for many years. Hale thanked his fellow board members for their friendship and service.

Board members include Lori Nolen, chairman, Marty Hurly, Chris Gurley, John Austin, and David Hale. County Mayor Joseph Butler serves as an ex-officio member. Robert Keeton, Jr. serves as the attorney and Kelly Fields serves as office manager.

Postage

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First-Class	Current Price	Proposed Price
One-ounce letter	\$0.63	\$0.66
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Metered mail 1-ounce	\$0.60	\$0.63
Postcard Stamp, domestic	\$0.48	\$0.51
One-ounce letter, international	\$1.45	\$1.50
Postcard Stamp, international	\$1.45	\$1.50

SRO

...From Front Page

Department to MPD.

The State of Tennessee's General Assembly allotted \$75,000 annually per school site statewide to hire SROs. Sheriff Andy Dickson and MPD Chief Ryan White addressed the Board, encouraging the board members to vote for their agency.

Sheriff Dickson's three officers are now serving MSSD. They are uniformed officers with special SRO training. They walk the school hallways and help with traffic management. Officers travel with ball teams and provide securi-

ty at school functions. The officers are eligible for the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System plus TCRS' Bridge Program, to allow early retirement. Each officer has a patrol vehicle.

Chief White said under the MPD contract, SROs will provide the same security services as the Sheriff's Department and DARE - bullying, drug- and alcohol-prevention classes. Officers will continue with the TCRS retirement program, but without the Bridge Program.

Everyone involved was very complimentary of Sheriff Dickson and his officers. Carroll County Sheriff's Department quickly stepped in to provide SROs at McKenzie when the former McKenzie Police Chief suddenly ended

the program.

School Board members decided to contract with MPD to improve communications between the SROs and the other MPD officers and administration.

Chief White said the three existing SROs have agreed to join MPD and continue their service at MSSD. A fourth SRO might be added to ensure coverage when any SRO must be absent. Each will have a new patrol car funded by the new state SRO grant.

Sheriff Dickson said his department is providing SROs at all schools in Carroll County except MSSD and Huntingdon Special School District, where officers from Huntingdon Police Department serve as SROs.



Above Left, David “Stringbean” Akeman was a well known comic and musician. Above Center, David and Estelle Akeman were murdered in their home just outside of Nashville. Top Right, Marvin Douglas Brown, left, and John A. Brown Jr., both charged with the murder of Grand Ole Opry star David Akeman and his wife, Estelle. Dale Ernsberger / The Tennessean Bottom Right, Hundreds of bidders gather at the home of David Akeman as a pair of overalls worn by the Opry star are auctioned off. Robert Johnson / The Tennessean

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Stringbean Akeman A Musical Journey Ended By Tragedy

In the annals of country music history, one name stands out with a unique blend of talent, humor, and tragedy: David “Stringbean” Akeman. Born on June 17, 1915, in Annville, Kentucky, Akeman’s musical journey would take him to great heights, including performances on the Grand Ole Opry and the iconic television show Hee Haw. However, it is his untimely death and the subsequent events that would forever etch his name in the hearts of fans and musicians alike.

Stringbean Akeman was not only a banjo virtuoso and comedic genius but also a man of many talents. Born in rural Kentucky, Stringbean’s childhood was marked by a deep love for music and an affinity for firearms. He honed his banjo skills from an early

age, captivating audiences with his lightning-fast picking. He acquired his nickname due to his tall, lanky frame. The nickname “Stringbean” is a playful reference to his thin build, resembling the long, lean vegetable. As he gained recognition in the music industry, the nickname stuck and became inseparable from his persona. It became an endearing moniker that further added to his charm and distinctiveness as an entertainer.

As Stringbean’s musical career gained traction, he embarked on a journey that would shape his legacy. His remarkable talent as a banjo player and his penchant for humor led him to the Grand Ole Opry stage, where he became a beloved member in 1945. The Opry audience delighted in his lively performances and comedic skits, as

he showcased his banjo prowess and infectious laughter. Stringbean’s fame soared even higher in 1969 when he joined the cast of the popular television show Hee Haw. His down-home charm and comedic timing made him a fan favorite, and his signature overalls and lanky frame became iconic symbols of his persona.

However, tragedy struck on the fateful night of November 10, 1973, when he and his wife, Estelle, fell victim to a senseless act of violence at their rural Tennessee home. The details surrounding their murder were heart-wrenching and added a layer of grim reality to the tragedy.

On that ill-fated night, John A. Brown and Marvin Douglas Brown, two individuals from a neighboring community, broke into Stringbean’s home with the misguided belief that he kept a large sum of cash hidden away. Discovering that their assumptions were incorrect, anger and frustration overcame the intruders. Confronting David and Estelle, they demanded to know the whereabouts of the alleged hidden fortune.

In a desperate attempt to defend himself and his wife, Stringbean drew his pistol. Unfortunately, the situation spiraled out of control, and the confrontation turned violent, resulting in the tragic loss of two lives.

News of the murders sent shockwaves throughout the country music community and beyond. The close-knit community mourned the loss of a beloved entertainer, and fans struggled to comprehend the senselessness of the crime. It was a devastating blow to those who had been touched by Stringbean’s talent and infectious spirit.

Following the murders, law enforcement launched a thorough investigation, driven by a determination to bring the perpetrators to justice. The trial that followed was a riveting spectacle, as the evidence against John A. Brown and Marvin Douglas Brown painted a grim picture of their guilt. The court proceedings held the nation’s attention as justice was sought for the lives so tragically cut short.

Ultimately, the court delivered a resounding verdict, finding John A. Brown and Marvin Douglas Brown guilty of the murders. They were sentenced to life imprisonment, their punishment for the irreparable harm they had caused.

Marvin Douglas Brown fought his convictions in the appellate courts. On September 28, 1982, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the trial judge’s order denying him a new trial. Marvin Brown ultimately granted an exclusive interview to Larry Brinton of the Nashville Banner. He admitted

his part in the burglary and murders but insisted John Brown fired the fatal shots. As Marvin Brown, by his own admission, had committed burglary (a felony) that resulted in death, Brown was legally guilty of murder, regardless of who fired the shots, under Tennessee’s felony murder rule.

Marvin Brown died of natural causes in 2003, at the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, in Petros, Tennessee, and is buried in the prison cemetery. John Brown was incarcerated in Lois M. DeBerry Special Needs Facility in Nashville. In July 2008, the Tennessee Parole Board deferred any parole for 36 months. He was again denied parole in July 2011. In 2014, John Brown was granted parole and released after serving 41 years of a 198-year sentence.

In the wake of such profound loss, the country music community rallied around the memory of Stringbean Akeman. His impact on the genre and his enduring legacy could not be extinguished by an act of violence. In 2008, he posthumously received one of the highest honors in the music industry: induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony was a poignant celebration of Stringbean’s immense contributions to country music. Musicians, friends, and

family members gathered to honor his memory, recalling his talent, humor, and the joy he had brought to their lives. It was a bittersweet occasion, filled with both tears and applause, as the music played in celebration of a life that had left an indelible mark on the world of country music.

Today, David “Stringbean” Akeman rests in peace at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. His final resting place serves as a pilgrimage site for fans who wish to pay their respects and reflect upon the enduring legacy of a man whose life was tragically cut short. The memory of Stringbean lives on through his music, reminding us of the power of artistic expression, the fragility of life, and the resilience of the human spirit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions On Direction of School System

The article of the school board meeting on June 15 caught my attention about nothing but money increases all across the system. Not a word was printed about what the new director wanted to do for teaching the children, just new money for so many things.

I have not met the new leader and he has my support. He and the school board did not raise the tax rate, but it is to be seen if all of the huge increases can be met with the present rate.

**Danny Bobo,
McKenzie Resident**

Release the Covenant Crime Records: An Aware Public Can Help Stop Additional Attacks

BY DEBORAH FISHER

June 20, 2023 — The mass shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville has led to an extraordinary legal battle over the public records law and transparency of our criminal justice system.

The school, the church that owns the school and the parents of the schoolchildren are seeking to stop the public from seeing evidence collected by police in one of the most horrific crimes in Nashville in recent memory, saying that it would be too painful and inspire more school shootings.

The parents, school and church aren’t considering that the information might lead to policies that could save other children’s lives. The information also could help inform the public about what to look for to avert future tragedies.

The most ardent fight is over the release of the shooter’s writings, which police found in her car and home and initially described as a manifesto. But access to other information held by police that could shed light on the crime is also at stake.

While it is wrenching to oppose what the grieving

parents, school and church want, many of their legal arguments, if adopted by the courts, would turn on its head public access to crime records well beyond this case.

If the shooter were still alive and there was a criminal trial, both the prosecution and the defense would likely seek to enter any evidence that shows the shooter’s motive, communications and state of mind.

When a crime results in no trial — either because the perpetrator died or police chose not to prosecute anyone — police are not then allowed to hide the evidence they collected in their investigation. The public records law allows access, ensuring both accountability of law enforcement for their decisions and a better informed public about crime. The truth is still important.

The legal proposition in the case about the Covenant shooting records would change that: Anyone could stop release of crime information if he or she is a victim of the crime, owns property involved in the crime or has any legal interest in not wanting evidence collected by police to come to light.

For example, in this case,

the parents of the 28-year-old shooter have informed the court that they own their daughter’s writings and consider them intellectual property. They don’t want their daughter’s writings released and are transferring ownership to the Covenant children’s parents so they can try to use intellectual property and copyright laws to prevent such release.

This is a novel argument. Think about all the written communications, texts, audio recordings and video that is collected as evidence in a typical crime case. Would this open a new door to keep that evidence confidential?

Should crime evidence be withheld if victims ask for it? The parents also say that the victims’ bill of rights in the Tennessee Constitution gives them a legal right to stop the release of evidence. And the children and staff are not the only victims who might claim such rights. A declaration filed in court by Nashville police says the police officers who responded to the shooting, the school and the church also qualify as victims under the law.

The Tennessee Constitution says that victims have the right to be “free from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice system,” a clause that is most often considered to protect victims during criminal proceedings from the defendant.

The Covenant parents argue that the release of the shooter’s writings will allow the shooter to “abuse, harass, and intimidate the children from beyond the grave, for the rest of their lives” in violation of these rights.

They, along with the church and school, also argue

that the shooter’s writings will inspire additional school shootings — copycat killers. This is the argument that I think gives us most pause because no one wants more shootings.

But keeping confidential information about school shooters as a way to stop others is contrary to findings by our own government that indicate that one of the most important factors in stopping attacks is a public that is aware of warning signs.

Knowing warning signs can help stop shootings. The top finding in a 2021 report by the U.S. Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security, “Averting Targeted School Violence,” was that “targeted school violence is preventable when communities identify warning signs and intervene.”

In all 67 averted school attack plots from 2006 to 2018, “tragedy was averted by members of the community coming forward when they observed behaviors that elicited concern,” the report said.

Parents and families play a crucial role in addressing a student’s risk of causing harm, the report found. Students displaying an interest in hate-filled topics should “elicit immediate assessment and intervention” and removing the student from the school does not eliminate the risk.

Significant to all of us, most would-be killers communicated their intent to attack in some way ahead of time, the report said.

In this case, the killer had long since left the Covenant school she attended as a child but still lived at home with her parents.

People undoubtedly won-

der whether the shooter exhibited any signs or communicated her plans. We know from police that the shooter began buying guns in 2020. But we don’t know much more.

Could she have been stopped?

Isn’t that the essential question that involves all of us? What can we learn from what she wrote, what she did and what she told others that can make us more aware, help us intervene and stop this from happening again? What resources such as additional security and emotional care should be available to prevent future killings?

The parents, church and school claim that the public interest in what police have discovered is simply “voyeuristic” or “political” and that additional information doesn’t matter because the shooter is dead, killed by police when they stormed the school. I disagree.

The public has a right to know more about the crime than what the parents, school and church consent to. While they assert no one has a greater interest than they do, they do not have the only interest. We all want to stop school shootings.

We learn from experience. We learn from knowledge. We don’t learn when, in the pain and grief, we bury the facts as we bury our dead.

Deborah Fisher is executive director of Tennessee Coalition for Open Government. Police said that they believed the shooter was transgender. Because the shooter’s mother referred to the shooter as her daughter in a comment to the news media, I have referred to the shooter with female pronouns for the sake of not confusing the reader.

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Obituaries



JAMES 'JIMMY' CROCKER WATSON, JR. 1943 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — James “Jimmy” Crocker Watson, Jr., 79, died Saturday, June 24, 2023, after a short battle

with cancer. Visitation at Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon, was Thursday, June 29, 5-7 p.m. The funeral service was Friday, June 30 at 10 a.m. with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. After serving his country in the Army, he returned to Huntingdon and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin. On May 10, 1969, his father and owner of Watson Lumber Company-Huntingdon died suddenly. Just twenty-six years old, Jimmy returned home to manage the family business which he continued until selling the lumber company in 2013. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Huntingdon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Crocker and Kathryn Watson, and a beloved sister, Kay Watson Leonard. He leaves behind

a sister, Laura Watson, brother-in-law, Phil Watson and a very dear friend and companion for many years, Grace Stone. He loved his many friends and spent many hours riding horses with them. Winters were spent in Apache Junction, Arizona, where he was affectionately called “Tennessee Jimmy.” He said these were some of his life’s best times. Pallbearers were Tim Jordan, Charlie Hodges, Seth Bennett, Richard Simmons, Gary O’Brien and Jim New. Honorary pallbearer was Lee Butler. The family request in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or a charity of your choice. The Watson family was honored as the Pioneer Family of the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in 2015. +

Macedonia FCE Club June Meeting

The Macedonia Family and Community Education (FCE) organization met on Monday, June 5. Sandi Deming hosted at her home. Martha Sue Peters, Club President, called the meeting to order. Deming read the day’s devotional from I Thessalonians 5:16-18. The reading encouraged each member to “pray continuously, never ceasing.” Each attendee shared their personal experiences and the joy and hope they encountered from prayers, even during hard times. Gaye Coleman, club secretary/treasurer, solicited a fun discussion. As she called roll, each member identified their favorite

picnic food. Members identified several foods, but watermelon was on everyone’s list. Next, Coleman presented minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer’s report. Both were accepted and approved. Following the roll call, members recited the FCE “Club Collect” in unison. In old business, members will continue collecting medicine bottles to donate to local veterinarians. In new business, the July 4 Macedonia FCE meeting will be canceled for the holiday. Members will instead attend the FCE Cluster meeting. Peters will send members information about the July cluster

meeting. Since June was Dairy Month, members enhanced their dairy food knowledge by playing a “dairy bingo game.” The highlight of the meeting was enjoying a meal of dishes containing dairy products, prepared by each member. Sarah Brown prepared chicken casserole, Judy Gibson prepared cheesy green beans, Ruth McElroy prepared yum yum, Beth/Elizabeth Dawson prepared parfait. Gaye Coleman prepared pimento and cheese, Martha Sue Peters prepared macaroni and cheese, and Sandi Deming prepared homemade ice cream.

McKenzie’s New Cross Country Team Competes This Fall

McKenzie High School’s cross country team, coached by Beth Mathis, sprints into action this August. Fifteen students make up the inaugural team: Gracie Aird (sophomore), Brody Berryhill (sophomore), Tobey Brooks (sophomore), Avery Brown (freshman), Molly French (sophomore), Allyson Gibson (junior), Madeline Gottshall (freshman), Morgan Little (sophomore), Alyse Lowe (senior), Parker Lyons

(senior), Brooke Murphy (freshman), Sophie Pate (junior), Jacey Pinson (junior), Mark Schultz (senior), and Emma Smith (sophomore). The team began running practice in May and will continue through July. McKenzie hosts a 2-mile jamboree at the McKenzie City Park on Thursday, August 10. Typical meets are 3.1 miles. The season officially begins August 15 at Dresden’s

Adult Learning Center. There are meets August 22 at Lexington’s City Soccer Complex, September 7 at Milan’s Agriculture Center, September 12 at Huntingdon’s Kelley Complex, September 26 at Trinity Christian Academy, October 3 “Best of the West” at Obion County Central, October 17 hosted by Westview at Martin City Park, and October 24 Region 7-AA at Martin City Park.

Carroll County Library July Events

The Carroll County Library continues the “All Together Now” Summer Reading Program this July, with guests from Natchez Trace State Park and the Carroll County Health Department. Every Monday except July 31 is Explorer Monday beginning at 10:30 a.m. During Explorer Monday, librarians talk to kids about a different continent in the world and do fun activities related to the continent. Tot Time is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m., employees from Natchez Trace State Park will read to kids. At 10:30 a.m. July 7, Mr. Bond’s Science Guys will visit to conduct science experiments. July 8 is Creative Corner Adult Crafting Hour, beginning at 10 a.m. July 11 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. is Tinker Tuesday, a science/technology/engineering/arts/mathematics centered program. There is also a FCCL business meeting at 10:30 a.m. The Carroll County Health Department visits July 13 at 10:30 a.m. to educate children about their health. Lego Club also meets July 13 at 3:30 p.m. Bow Ties and Tutus hosts a Mobile Petting Zoo at the library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15. Coding Club meets at 3:30 p.m. after Explorer Monday on July 17. The Huntingdon Teen Health Council will visit Tuesday, July 18 from 3-4 p.m. as part of the Summer Reading Program. July 20 is the Back to School Bash, and the library will have games, prizes, snacks and more beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Memory Cafe is Friday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 27, the library hosts Anime Club for sixth grade students and older. The club meets from 4-5:30 p.m. The Coffee with Characters adult book club meets at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29. Monday, July 31 is the last day of the Carroll County Library’s summer activities. Monday Makers Youth Crafts is from 3:30-

4:30 p.m. The Carroll County Library provides free snacks

for children aged 18 and under Monday through Friday with the Kid’s Cafe.

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Dolly’s Imagination Library to Hide 7 Prize Bookmarks in September

To celebrate gifting over 200 million books to children worldwide, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library decided to take a page out of Willy Wonka’s book and randomly hide special bookmarks in seven of September’s gifted books. Any child who discovers one of the seven enchanting Dolly bookmarks can win a video chat with

Dolly, personalized signed goodies, and Dollywood Theme Park tickets. The Dollywood Foundation will also donate \$2,000 to the child’s local Imagination Library partner on behalf of the winner. To be eligible for a prize bookmark, children must be 5 years old or under and enrolled in Dolly’s Imagination Library by July 31.

The bookmarks serve as both a celebration of the global milestone and a celebration of International Literacy Month in September. Carroll County’s Imagination Library partner is at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. The Carroll County Imagination Library serves 1,246 children/families in the county.

Chicken Gumbo

1 chicken, cut up
1 green pepper, chopped fine
1 large can mushrooms
2 bottles stuffed olives, sliced
1 can tomatoes
1 medium sized onion
Salt, black pepper, and red pepper to taste
1 pod garlic
2 tablespoon sugar
Pinch of sage and parsley
Cooked rice
Add enough water to cover chicken until tender. Serve over rice. Serves 8-10

Apple Salad

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple
2/3 cup sugar
8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chopped apple
1 cup cool whip
Mix sugar and undrained pineapple; boil 3 minutes. Add dry jello and cream cheese. Cool mixture for a few minutes. Add apples and pecans, stir in cool whip. Chill at least 1 hour before serving.

Punch Bowl Cake

1 angel food cake
1 can cherry pie filling
2 small boxes vanilla

instant pudding (prepare as directed)
1 (15 oz.) can pineapple chunks
3 bananas
1 large cool whip

In punch bowl, tear half of angel food cake into chunks and drop into bowl. Prepare pudding according to package. Add small amount of pie filling, pudding, pineapple chunks, 2 bananas and cool whip. Add remaining angel food cake chunks. Repeat layers and add chopped nuts on top for decoration. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

Lemon Cool

1 can Eagle Brand milk
12 oz. cool whip
6 oz. can frozen lemonade
Cherry pie filling for topping
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brand milk, cool whip and frozen lemonade. Add Cherry pie filling for topping. Let chill.

Black and White Trifle

1 large brownie mix (prepared as directed)
1 pkg instant chocolate mousse mix
8 heath or SKOR candy bars, crushed
12 oz. cool whip
Chocolate curls

Prepare brownie mix as directed. After baking, cool and crumble. Prepare mousse as directed, do not chill. Place half of the crumbled brownie in trifle bowl, top with half of mousse, candy bars and cool whip. Repeat layers and top last with chocolate curls. Chill overnight before serving.

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JOHNSON ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE JULY 6

Join Dusty Johnson as she dunks her dad, Trent Johnson, at McKenzie VFW, 9750 Cherrywood Rd., at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6. Dusty donated an initial \$500 to St. Jude, and the VFW will have a station set up from 5-5:30 p.m. for additional donations from friends and community members. Dusty will dunk Trent, a cancer survivor, once per every \$500 donated.

McKenzie VFW doors will be open for drinks and snacks. For more information, call Dusty Johnson at (901) 304-7612.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BIKE RUN JULY 29

It's Christmas in July with the McKenzie VFW Post 4939 Children's Christmas Bike Run on July 29. The run starts at VFW McKenzie, 9750 Cherrywood Rd., McKenzie and makes stops at Huntingdon Elks Lodge, Camden Elks Lodge, T-Bone's, JW Brewskies, and back to VFW McKenzie. Registration is at 9 a.m. and costs \$20 per person. Kickstands go up at noon. There will be prizes, raffles, and 50/50 raffles. All proceeds go to the Community Children's

Christmas. For more information, contact VFW McKenzie at (731) 207-1027 or Sam White at (731) 363-9826.

CARROLL COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE MEETS JULY 17

The Carroll County Relay for Life organization meets July 17 at 6 p.m. at the Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County Community Room in Huntingdon. If anyone would like to have a team or help as an individual, feel free to attend the meeting.

NWTN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS JULY 21

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council meets Friday, July 21, at 10 a.m. The meeting is at the McKenzie Central Office at 938 C Walnut Ave West, or virtual via Zoom.

RED SAND PROJECT POUR JULY 25

Join the Carroll County Health Department (633 High St., Huntingdon) for an annual Red Sand Project Pour. The interactive art exhibition designed to raise awareness of human trafficking is Tuesday, July 25 at 9 a.m. By spreading red sand in sidewalk cracks, the project brings attention to those who have "fallen through the cracks" in society. Anyone can take part in the project and join the fight against human trafficking.

For more information or to request your own Red Sand pour, contact Carroll County Public Health Coordinator Emily Berry at Emily.Berry@tn.gov or (731) 986-1990.

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.

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.

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.

SMALLTOWN CRUISERS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB MEETS MONTHLY

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

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County 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.



Left, Ninness wore her prom dress and held welding tools during her senior photoshoot. Submitted photo Right, Lillian Ninness.

Lillian Ninness Breaks Barriers as Female Welder

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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Welding is often considered a man's trade, but Lillian Ninness is here to change that. The 2023 Huntingdon High School graduate is one of two women in her welding class at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-McKenzie (TCAT), but she won't let that stop her from chasing her passion.

Lillian Ninness, the daughter of William and Kristen Ninness, is what you could call a legacy welder. Her dad and uncle, Alan Ninness, both graduated from TCAT-McKenzie's welding program. Sometimes she would go to work with her dad at McKenzie Valve and Machining and watch him weld. Her great-grandfather was also a welder and blacksmith.

Lillian decided she wanted to weld her junior year of high school. She said she was inspired because, as a woman, she wanted to do better

than her dad and uncle.

She was nervous going into her first welding class. It was the first semester of her senior year of high school, and she knew she would be one of the only girls around. "Then I got there, and I realized it's drama-free because there's not many girls," she joked.

While she initially joined welding because of her family history, she said she quickly began to love it, especially how hands-on it is. "I just like doing a bead and then taking the side off of it and looking at what I just did by myself without anybody else helping me or telling me what to do," she said.

Lillian is projected to graduate from TCAT's welding program this December, and she said she would like to work locally before looking into travel jobs.

It takes resources and materials to stay safe while welding. Even while wearing a flame-resistant jacket, a welding helmet, welding gloves and safety glasses,

small mistakes can result in burns.

"I've caught myself on fire a couple of times at TCAT," said Lillian. "It just happens."

Even though it is a dangerous job, Lillian said she thinks the fact that it is so male-centric is what keeps women from trying it out. So what could help narrow the gap between male and female welders? "Hearing of other women doing it," said Lillian, "and knowing that it's not really that difficult. You just have to do it."

Lillian said she let one of her nieces wear her welding helmet once, and she looked like she loved it. Exposure to the job is one way to show that anyone can do it.

With burn scars on her arms and a helmet in her hands, Lillian Ninness is ready to take the welding world by storm — and influence other girls to follow her lead.



Baptist Carroll County Team Visits Library for Tot Time

HUNTINGDON (June 28) —Team members from Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County recently visited the Carroll County Public Library to participate in readings during Toddler Time Playgroup, also known as Tot Time.

Tot Time is a relaxed and fun environment where kids, ages birth through 5, and their caregivers can come

together on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

"It's important to Baptist that we participate in local events, such as Tot Time," said Michael Dennison, chaplain and director of pastoral care for Baptist Carroll County. "Our team enjoys the camaraderie and giving back to the community."

During the program, "Pete the Kitty Goes to the Doctor," was read by Elijah Carpenter, emergency department manager at Baptist Carroll County, and Amber Bradley, staff development specialist at Baptist Carroll County. A second book, "How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?," was read by Amanda Jones, surgical services director at Baptist Carroll County, and Sarah Pitcher, manager of physician relations at Baptist Carroll County.

Dennison shared the following Bible verses:

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." — Psalm 127:3 NLT

"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" — Matthew 19:14 NKJV

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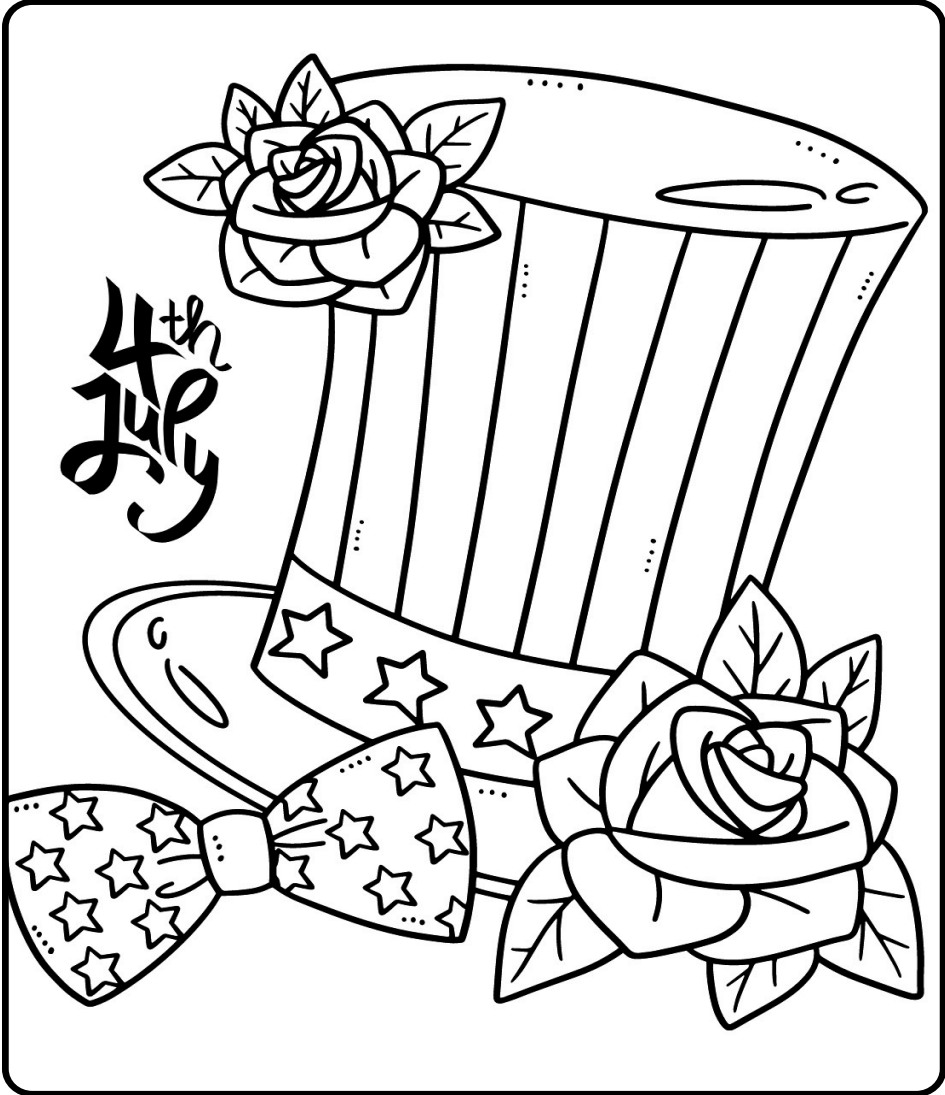
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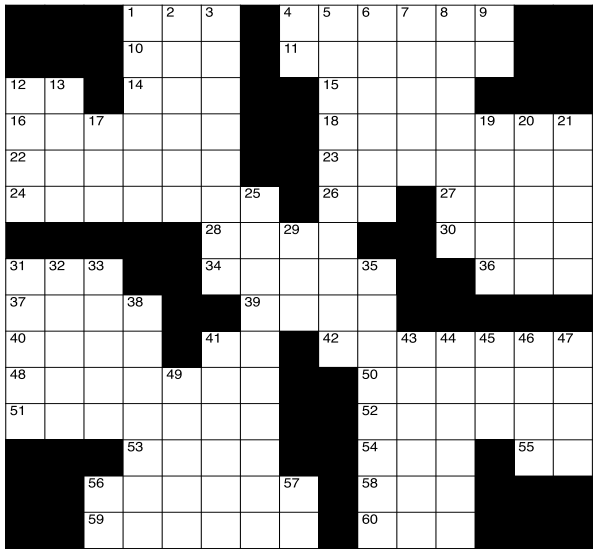
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- 12. Canadian province
- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith
- 31. "American Idol" network
- 34. Garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Percussion instrument
- 42. A \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. In a way, stretched
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for



- 2. American songbird
- 3. Pay
- 4. International organization
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. Criminal
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Another name
- 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate during a time of year
- 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses
- 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Walking accessory
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people
- 56. Type of computer
- 57. U.S. State (abbr.)

Week 27

See solution in next week's edition.

Independence Day Word Search

- America
Barbecue
Blanket
Blue
Celebrate
Community
Cookout
Entertainment
Family
Fan
Festival
Fireworks
Fourth
Freedom
Fried Food
Friends
Fun
Games
Grill
Hamburgers
Happy
Hat
History
Hot
Hot Dogs
Ice Cream
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Lake
Lawn Chair

Lemonade
Music
Parade
Park
Party
Picnic

Play
Proud
Red
Remember
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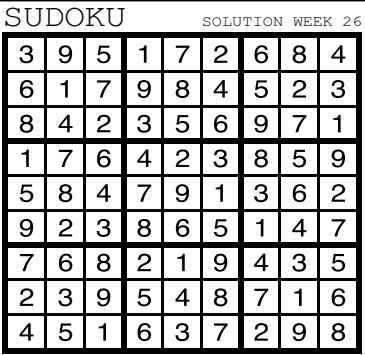
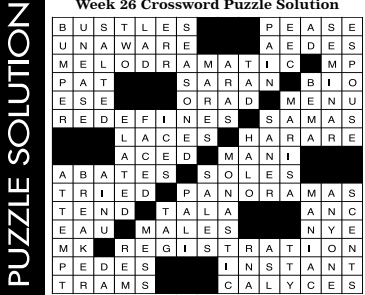
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Tradition
Water
Watermelon
White

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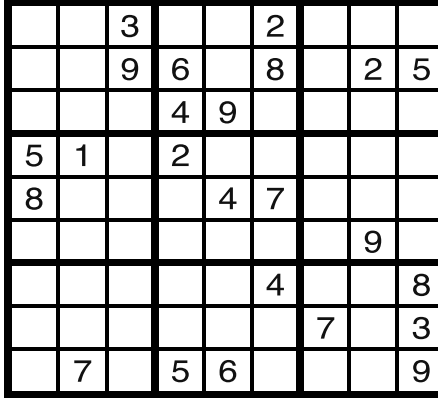


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- 1928: SLICED BREAD IS SOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.
- 1958: PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SIGNS THE ALASKA STATEHOOD ACT INTO LAW.
- 2003: NASA OPPORTUNITY ROVER, MER-B OR MARS EXPLORATION ROVER-B, IS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE ABOARD A DELTA II ROCKET.



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See solution in next week's edition.

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Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Motor Theft Vehicle — Kyle M. Jackson, 31, of Huntingdon is charged with Theft over 2500 and less than 10,000.

On June 26, a victim called to report her 2008 white Dodge Avenger that had been stolen by her boyfriend, Kyle Jackson, who did not have permission to take the vehicle. The victim stated the last time she seen the vehicle and him was on June 25, around 5 a.m. Jackson stated he was going to get cigarettes, the vehicle is valued at \$5,000.

Narcotics Violation — Andrew H. Hatley, 39, of Jackson was arrested for Simple Possession of Cocaine.

On June 23, Deputy Scott responded to a call in reference to an unknown person in someone's driveway. The individual was identified as Andrew Hatley, he appeared under the influence. The owner asked Hatley to leave, causing Hatley to throw his keys at him. Hatley denied consent to search his persons, K-9 Gotchi was deployed. Approximately 1.5 grams of cocaine was located.

Multiple Charges — Baryon Johnson, 50, of

Wildersville was arrested for possession of schedule II (meth) and drug paraphernalia.

On June 23, Deputy Scott initiated a traffic stop for a registration violation. The driver, Baryon Johnson, stated he borrowed the vehicle and was unaware of the plate being wrong. Johnson stated there was nothing illegal in the vehicle. Officers asked for and received consent to search the vehicle. Officers located two meth pipes, a weed pipe, and approximately 1.3 grams of meth.

Public Intoxication — Kimberlee M. Arnold, 33, of Trezevant was arrested for Public Intoxication.

On June 22, an officer responded to a reckless driver on a road in Trezevant. The officers located the vehicle parked and observed a female walking down Bryant Street very unsteady on her feet. The female, Kimberlee Arnold, smelled like alcohol and admitted she had been drinking and was drunk. Arnold was intoxicated, unsteady on her feet, and had a beer can in her pocket.

TCAT Student Honored at SkillsUSA Championship

Michael Schaffer, a student at Tennessee College of Applied Technology-McKenzie, received a Skill Point Certificate in the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) 5-Axis Milling Programmer program during the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships. The CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer is a cutting machine that is moved in five different directions and monitored by a numerical computer control rather than by hand.

SkillsUSA is the largest skill competition in the world. The 2023 competitions were in Atlanta during June 21-22. National contestants who met a threshold contest score received Skill Point Certificates. The certificate

represents workplace readiness in an occupational specialty.

“More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships,” said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. “This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members.”

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for middle school, high school, or college/postsecondary students.

County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (June 28) — Three persons were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court during a court hearing on June 28 in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Isaiah D. Carter, Villa Street, Racine, Wisconsin, was bound over of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Schedule II Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess - Attempt; Possession of Firearm with Intent to Go Armed; Fugitive from Justice.

Brandon Leon DeShields, Hidden Acres Road, Paris, bound over on charge of Contraband in a Penal Facility, Schedule VI Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

David Lee Sanders, Peebles Road, Henry, bound over on charge of Aggravated Criminal Trespass, Vandalism.

The following persons had a finding or plea of guilty.

Trevor Lake Akin, Mebanewood Dr., Huntingdon, guilty, Domestic Assault, \$150 fine, supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and domestic counseling, no contact with victim; guilty, Probation Violation.

Samuel Tyler Belfiore, Cedar Street, Bruceton, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to eight days; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Contraband in Penal Facility.

Billy Borum, Allen Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail, probation extended.

Samatha Lee Carter, Buna Vista Road, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to seven days, supervised probation, not to drive for one year; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Lindsey Beth Cary, Country Farm Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail, credit for long-term drug rehabilitation when complete.

Matthew Herrin, Cherry Avenue, New Johnsonville, guilty, Failure to Appear, 10 days jail.

Elijah Paul Howard, Parkview Cts., Lexington, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 10 days, supervised probation.

Johnathan Hughes, Harmon Arnold Road, Bradford, guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, extended probation.

Sarah Madison Rumley, Lincoln Drive, Clarksville, guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, mental health review, probation extended.

Luis Miguel Izaguirre Salazar, Cherry Blossom Lane, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, Theft of Merchandise, six months jail, suspended.

Tosha Stubblefield, Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Revoked Due to DUI Conviction, six months jail, suspended to eight days.

Norman Watne, Highland Drive, Apt. 137, guilty, Sexual Offender Registry Violation, 11/29 jail, suspended to 180 days, supervised probation.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **August 17, 2023 on or about 2 p.m. local time**, at the East Door, Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by JERUNA COZART AND REGGIE COZART, to Premier Title and Escrow Co., Inc., Trustee, on April 6, 2006, at Record Book 547, Page 1099-1120 as Instrument No. 113750 in the real property records of Carroll County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-RM3

The following real estate located in Carroll County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

A certain tract or parcel of land located in the 5th Civil District of Carroll County, State of Tennessee, bounded and described as follows:

Located in the Town of McMoresville on the west side of Church Street and beginning on a stake the same being the southeast corner of Vennie M. Brown formerly Hudkins Barker lot, and runs thence west 200 feet to a stake, the same being Nell Chandler's line, thence south 75 feet to a stake, the same being the northwest corner of Austin Bush and wife, Agnes Bush, formerly Connie Lewis lot; thence east 200 feet to the Bush (formerly Lewis) northeast corner; thence north 75 feet to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre, more or less.

Statement required by T.C.A. 66-24-121: the foregoing legal description is the same contained in the previous deed of record.

This being the same real estate conveyed to Jeruna L. McCullough, by warranty deed from Billy Norris Joyner, dated June 15, 1992, of record in Deed Book 253, Page 616, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Jeruna L. McCullough is now known as Jeruna Cozart.

Tax ID: 081B A 00900 000

Current Owner(s) of Property: JERUNA COZART AND REGGIE COZART

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 175 Church Street, McMoresville, TN 38235, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: DISCOVER BANK AND HARPETH FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, DBA ADVANCE FINANCIAL

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 17-001225-670-4

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
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TN INVESTORS PAGE: HTTP://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP

NOTICE

The Carroll County Beer Commission has received an application for a beer permit for Clayhill Motor Sports Park LLC. Application is for on-premises consumption.

The business is located at 1315 Rimmer Road, Atwood, TN. The business is bounded on the north by John Holmes Peacher-Ryan, east by Betty Sullivan, south, east and west by Scott Rimmer. A hearing will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex conference room, Huntingdon, TN.

All persons who wish to be heard may be present at this time.

Carroll County Beer Board

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 3849-13
City of McKenzie, TN
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Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the City of McKenzie TN 2022 Sewer System Rehabilitations Contract A – Pump Stations consisting of the replacement of the Blackburn and Airport sewer pump stations and all related work as specified and shown on the Drawings in accordance with the Plans and Specifications will be received by the City of McKenzie at their office located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 until Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 11 a.m. (Local Time), Central Time Zone, and then at said office opened and publicly read aloud.

The allotted time for construction is *120 calendar days.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, consisting of Information to Bidders, Bid, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Specifications, Plans, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of McKenzie, City Hall, 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN 38201

Builders Exchange TN, 301 S. Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 100, Office 9, Nashville, TN 37211

West TN Plan Room, 439 Airways Blvd., Jackson, TN 38301

GRW Engineers, Inc., 404 BNA Drive, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37217

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS **MUST** be obtained at the office of GRW Engineers Inc., located at 404 BNA Drive, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37217, upon payment of \$140 for each set. Digital copies of the bidding documents are available for \$75 per CD, after purchase of the printed bidding documents. Payment is **not refundable. Bids from anyone not on the Engineer's Plan Holders List will not be opened.**

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1994 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after closing time scheduled for the receipt of bids.

By: Ryan Griffin, Mayor

**After delivery/availability of Pump Station*

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2019, executed by BOBBY J CANTRELL conveying certain real property therein described to W. KENT JONES, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee recorded April 9, 2019, in Deed Book 678, Page 296; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **August 3, 2023** at 12 p.m. At the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

IN THE TOWN OF McLEMORESVILLE AND BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE PROPERTY LINE OF TOM CARY NOW PHIL WILLIAMS, SAID STAKE BEING 18 FEET EAST FROM THE CENTER OF HARRELL STREET, AND RUNS THENCE EAST AND WITH THE TOM CARY, NOW WILLIAMS', SOUTH LINE 200 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH WITH THE LINE OF BOBBY VINSON, NOW TIMOTHY ARNOLD, 100 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE WEST AND WITH THE NORTH LINE OF BOBBY VINSON 200 FEET TO A STAKE, 18 FEET EAST FROM THE CENTER OF HARRELL STREET; THENCE NORTH WITH MARGIN OF HARRELL STREET, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS IN THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD.

KNOWN AS: 70 HARRELL STREET, McLEMORESVILLE, TN.

FOR SOURCE OF TITLE, SEE DEED BOOK 387, PAGE 661, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE. MAP 81-B, GROUP A, PARCEL 2.01, ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY'S OFFICE FOR CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 081B-A-002.01

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **70 HARRELL STREET, McLEMORESVILLE, TN 38235**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BOBBY J CANTRELL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

VOLUNTEER LENDERS, INC.

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. 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. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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.

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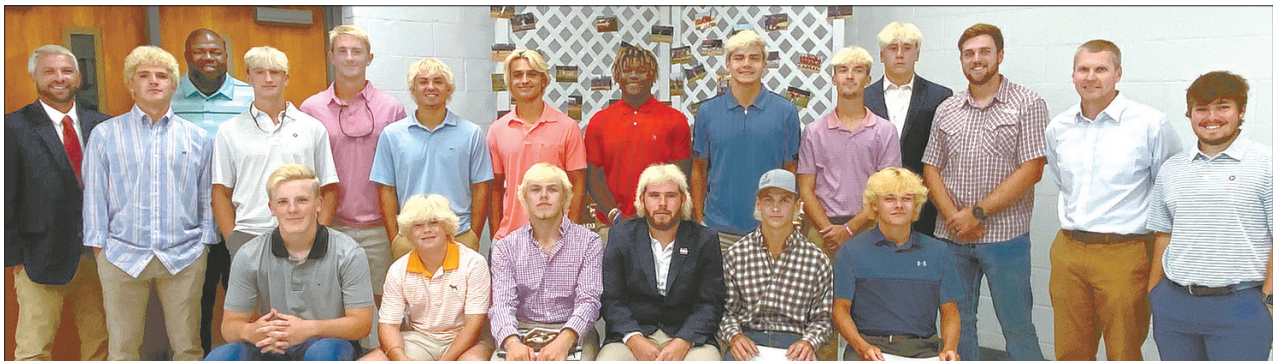
Above, MHS Baseball's 2023 seniors and All-District Players (L to R): Jackson Cassidy, Braden Birmingham, Nolan Renfro, Ty Anderson and Hayden Hixson. Right, MHS Baseball 2023 winners of the Silver Slugger and Gold Glove Awards — Front Row (L to R): Jackson Cassidy, Silver Slugger, Gold Glove; Braden Birmingham, Silver Slugger, Gold Glove; Nolan Renfro, Gold Glove; Ty Anderson, Silver Slugger; Tate Surber, Silver Slugger; and Hayden Garrett, Gold Glove. Back Row (L to R): Lane Anderson, Silver Slugger; Hayden Hixson, Silver Slugger, Gold Glove; and Jake Cassidy, Silver Slugger, Gold Glove. Submitted photos



Rebels Celebrate Exciting Season with Banquet

The bleach-blond McKenzie Rebels gathered in the McKenzie High School cafeteria to celebrate the end of another thrilling baseball season.

The Rebels tied with the second-most wins in McKenzie High School history this year, with 27 wins and eight losses. After what Head Coach Chris Wall described as a rocky start, the boys got down to business and were able to pull off 11 wins in a row. Overall, the team was once again District 11A Champions, Region 6A Champions, and Sectional Champions. The team competed in the TS-SAA State Tournaments in Murfreesboro for the sec-



MHS 2023 Baseball Coaches and Players. Submitted photo

ond consecutive year and finished third in the state.

"We are here to celebrate a quality baseball season that was filled with excitement, accomplishment, adversity, rain, and once again blond hair," Coach Wall said, opening the ceremony.

Coach Wall congratulated seniors Jackson Cassidy, Braden Birmingham, Nolan Renfro, Ty Anderson, and Hayden Hixson on their high school careers, amassing 72 wins, 28 losses, and one tie. The seniors completed their careers as back-to-back District champions, back-to-back Region champi-

ons, back-to-back Sectional winners, and the first team in McKenzie history with back-to-back State Tournament appearances.

Coach Wall thanked the McKenzie High School administration, staff, and coaches. He thanked the people and businesses who supported the Rebels throughout the season. He thanked parents for providing food before games, travel to games, and for their support towards players and staff. He also thanked "super fan" Kim Moss for bleaching the players' hair before they traveled to the State Tournaments.

Coach Wall thanked coaches Cameron Kee, Josh Kee, and Zach Tippitt, and he extended his thanks to each coach's family for their support.

Coach Wall then distributed the State Participation and State Letterman certi-

icates to each player before announcing individual awards.

The Silver Slugger Award went to Lane Anderson, Ty Anderson, Jake Cassidy, Tate Surber, Braden Birmingham, Hayden Hixson, and Jackson Cassidy.

The Gold Glove Award went to Hayden Garrett, Hayden Hixson, Jackson Cassidy, Jake Cassidy, Nolan Renfro, and Braden Birmingham.

All-District Players were Braden Birmingham, Ty Anderson, Jackson Cassidy, Nolan Renfro, and Hayden Hixson.

Jackson Cassidy and Ty Anderson were the Most Valuable Players, and Tate Surber was Pitcher of the Year. Jackson Cassidy received the Seth Foster Scholarship, Jake Cassidy received the Hustle Award, Lane Anderson was Most Improved, Hayden Hixson received the P.L. Martin Award, Braden Birmingham received the Ricky Chism Award, and David Jackson received the Ray Berryman Award.

Another Success Story

"I thought everyone here was very friendly and certainly selfless. My stay was great."

- Ms. Smith, AHC McKenzie patient





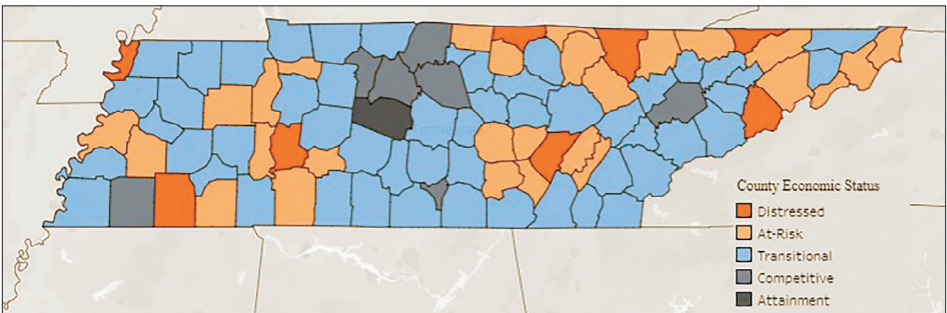
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The graph represents Tennessee's 95 counties' economic statuses, from distressed to attainment. Graph sourced from Transparent Tennessee.

Economically Distressed Counties Decline, Carroll Remains At Risk

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NASHVILLE (June 27) — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced the number of economically distressed counties in the state has reduced to eight, the fewest in Tennessee's history. While this is a significant milestone in the Lee administration's mission to accelerate the transformation of rural Tennessee, it is still important to take a look the 27 at risk counties in the state — including Carroll County.

In 2019, Gov. Lee's administration began a mission to expand opportunity for Tennesseans in rural areas, with a long-term objective or reducing the number of economically distressed counties to ten by 2025. The number of distressed counties reduced from fifteen in 2019 to eight in 2023.

There are five categories signifying Tennessee's 95 counties' economic status: distressed, at risk, transitional, competitive and attainment.

Tennessee's distressed counties rank among the 10 percent most economically distressed counties in the nation. In fiscal year 2024, Tennessee's distressed counties are Lake, Hardeman, Perry, Clay, Bledsoe, Scott, Hancock and Cocke counties.

Carroll County has been considered "at risk" since moving up from a distressed status in 2014. Fiscal year 2024 marks the county's tenth year being at risk. The county is ranked at 2,522 out of 3,113 counties in the United States with a per capita market income of \$22,997. Carroll County's poverty rate sits at 16.8 percent with a three-year average unemployment rate of 5.7 percent.

Carroll County's neighbors vary from at risk to transitional statuses. Henry, Weakley, Gibson, Madison, and Henderson counties are all in transitional economic status. Benton and Decatur counties are also at-risk.

"What happens in rural Tennessee matters to all of Tennessee," said Gov. Lee in a press release. "As Tennessee experiences unprecedented economic growth and job creation, we'll continue our work to prioritize rural communities so that Tennesseans in every county can thrive."

Since 2019, Gov. Lee and his administration have introduced notable investments to support rural Tennessee's success including several vocational-centered initiatives, providing broadband access to more than 150,000 unserved homes and businesses, introducing a historic pay raise for teachers, and more.

"Elevating rural Tennessee is one of our top priorities, and by providing a pro-business climate for Tennessee companies to succeed, they are in turn providing high-quality job opportunities for citizens across the state," said Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart McWhorter. "While today's announcement is proof that we have made significant strides in reducing the number of distressed counties in Tennessee, we are committed to the eight remaining counties to help improve their economic status designations in the years ahead."



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Get Better.

Paige Costello Wins National 4-H Contest

Paige Costello, a rising tenth grade homeschooler and member of Carroll County 4-H, is the national winner of the 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest. The contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees, Inc.

The Beekeeping Essay Contest allows 4-H'ers to use their writing and research skills to develop an essay on a beekeeping-related topic. Cash awards are available to winners on the national and state level. The 2023 topic was "The Importance of Beeswax."

Costello won the Tennessee contest in March and will now receive a national award of \$750.

Costello's prize-winning essay, titled "Why is Beeswax Important?" will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. In her essay, she explains the importance of beeswax and how it serves the hive. She shares that her favorite use for beeswax is for making



Paige Costello

homemade beeswax crayons.

Paige is the daughter of Oliver and Lisa Costello. The Costello family owns Camp Costello Farms Honey, where they raise bees, produce 100% pure raw wildflower honey and beehive products, and offer educational programs to students in Carroll and surrounding counties. Camp Costello Farms Honey is a common vendor at the McKenzie Farmers Market.

Paige is actively involved in the 4-H Horse Project, the 4-H Honor Club and All-Stars, and the Ag Leadership Mentoring Program. She also serves as the Carroll County 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador.