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New Construction Abounds in McKenzie

McKENZIE — A new Walgreens, Dollar General, Christian Family Medicine and Pediatrics, Multi-Purpose Sporting Complex, and a new chapel on the campus of Bethel University are all under construction in McKenzie.

Walgreens is relocating from its current 14860 Highland Drive location to a new, smaller building across the street at 14735 Highland at the intersection of Hamilton Street.

The current store is closing Wednesday, July 26 with the new store opening Thursday, July 27.

The new Walgreens has a drive-up window for prescriptions. The size



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A HERO'S TRIBUTE



Sgt. Russell's family are pictured alongside TWRA members and community leaders in front of the Sgt. Lee Russell Waterfowl Refuge sign, which was unveiled during the dedication ceremony. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

Sgt. Lee Russell's Life, Legacy Honored with Waterfowl Refuge

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (June 14) — Tennessee government, Carroll County government, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) leaders, state troopers. National Guard mem-

bers, community members, friends, and family flooded the Carroll County Shooting Sports Complex at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14, for the dedication of the Sergeant Lee Russell Waterfowl Refuge.

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission unanimously voted

to name the 570-acre refuge after the late Sgt. Lee Russell, a McKenzie native who tragically died in a helicopter crash while on duty in August 2022.

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Trezevant Hears Cybersecurity Plan, Discusses Lack of Policing

TREZEVANT (July 11) — Trezevant Mayor and Board of Councilmen heard a proposed, mandated cybersecurity policy for its water and sewer department. They also were encouraged to improve the Police Department to control the vagrancy problem in the city.

Robert Kelley with Communities Unlimited prepared a cybersecurity policy for the water and sewer department. Each municipality is

mandated to have a policy and follow the safety procedures in case of a cyberattack or intrusion of the water system. Kelley said he wrote the policy especially for Trezevant by following the best practices recommended by governmental agencies. He said his services are paid through a grant.

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Robert Kelley of Communities Unlimited discusses the cybersecurity plan he developed.

County Schools Return August 1

The first day of school is quickly approaching for Carroll County students. With only three weeks until August 1, school staff work to prepare the schools for returning students.

Individual schools released supply lists and class lists at the end of June, giving students (and parents) a month to stock up on supplies. Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers is July 28-30.

Teachers return to schools for in-service July 24-31. Students return August 1 with a half day. August is a full month of classes.

There is no school Monday, September 4, for Labor Day. School is also out for students Monday, September 18 for professional development.

Fall break is October 9-13. School is out the following Thursday, October 19, for a parent-teacher conference/data day.

Thanksgiving break is November 22-24.

Winter break begins with a half day Friday, December 15. School is out December 18 through January 2.

Carroll County schools' second semester begins January 3. There is no school Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

School is out Monday, February 19, for President's Day.

Thursday, March 14, is a parent-teacher conference/data day for students. Spring break is March 25-29.

The 2023-24 school year ends with a half day Thursday, May 16.

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The Refinery employees provided fruits and waters to passing racers, and Al Everett set up cots inside the McKenzie Farmers Market. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Vol State Racers Make Pit Stop at Farmers Market

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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MCKENZIE (July 14) — As participants of the Last Annual Vol State Road Race pass through West Tennessee towns, Al Everett and The Refinery gym employees helped make McKenzie a refuge for walkers in need of rest.

Everett, from McKenzie, decided he wanted to help the Vol State racers seven years ago after he contacted race director Gary Cantrell, nicknamed Laz. He said he saw the racers walking through town every summer and did not know what they were doing. He just knew he wanted to assist them on their journey. To help, he sets up an aid station in McKenzie's Farmers Market and provides racers with cots, drinks, snacks, and access to restrooms.

Everett said the cots are the most important things to have in an aid station. McKenzie marks 56 miles on the 314-mile (500 kilometers) course from Kentucky to Georgia. By the time racers reach McKenzie, they are usually transitioning from day walking to night walking. The National Guard donated twelve cots to aid the racers.

This year, Cari Hopper, Alexis Garner and Kyndra Hopper from The Refinery set up a booth in the Farmers Market parking lot to provide oranges, bananas and waters to racers.

"We're here to support fitness and support people who are part of the fitness



This is Vicky Halsey's second year participating in Vol State. She walked throughout the night and stopped in McKenzie for a short nap. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

community," said Cari Hopper. "Different people from different paths of life are being put together because of this one thing, and it's very special." This year, some of the 120 Vol State racers traveled from Canada, France, and Australia to participate in the course.

Vicky Halsey, a Vol State participant from Charlotte, North Carolina, said she loves walking the race and seeing the goodness in people. "They want to help and do whatever it is they can," said Hopper. "It's so cool how the local communities support this race."

Halsey walked throughout the night before stopping at McKenzie's aid station for a quick nap. She also booked a motel in Huntingdon to rest.

The Last Annual Vol State Road Race is a journey that begins with a ferry ride across the Mississippi River, from Missouri to Kentucky, and ends at "the Rock" atop Sand Mountain in Northwest Georgia. Participants must rely on their own physical and mental resources throughout the four-to-ten day trek. Aid stations are not advertised or guaranteed during the race.

West Carroll History Made At National Beta Convention

Beta Club members from across the nation have worked for months in preparation for the National Beta Convention this summer. West Carroll Elementary and West Carroll Junior/Senior High School won big this year, with Junior Beta member Aubrey Hammett making history as the first National Junior Beta Secretary-elect from West Carroll.

To qualify for the national convention, students must have finished in the top five at the state convention in Nashville during fall 2022. The national convention was in Louisville, Kentucky, this year and gave students the opportunity to compete at the highest level. Over 5,000 Elementary Beta (grades 4-5), 8,000 Junior Beta (grades 6-8), and 7,900 Senior Beta (grades 9-12) students represented their schools in Louisville.

Hammett was nominated as Tennessee's Junior Beta Secretary in Nashville last fall, so she was an automatic candidate for the National Junior Beta Secretary position. During the convention, Hammett and her club members campaigned for votes from over 8,000 Junior Beta members. When she was named as one of the top three contestants, she participated in an onstage ques-



Aubrey Hammett made West Carroll history as National Junior Beta Club Secretary.

tion-and-answer session. After a two-hour voting period, Hammett became the first representative from West Carroll Junior/Senior High School to be elected as a national officer. During the 2023-24 school year, she will lead other state conventions, the national organization, and the state of Tennessee as Junior Beta Secretary.

Other students from the West Carroll Special School District placed in events.

From the West Carroll Elementary Beta Club, Shaylee Bynum placed tenth in a recyclable art contest.

West Carroll Junior Beta placed in two competitions. Jack Robinson, Zac Fowler, Harlan Hames, Jace Hammett, and Sawyer Jackson placed second in Meeting of the Minds. Aubrey Hammett's campaign skit, organized and performed by the school's Junior Beta Club, also won second place.

West Carroll High School Beta members placed in several competitions. Hannah Fowler, Hayden Weaver, Macey Mitchell, Morgan Reynolds and Chloe Pinson were Project Proposal national champions. Brylan Antwine, Chandler Rimmer, Hayden Weaver, Kalee Coleman and Britni Shepherd were runners-up in Freshman Problem Solving. Hannah Fowler won tenth place in Agriscience. Hannah Pinson won seventh place in a biomedical competition. Hannah Fowler won eighth place with a mixed media art piece. Landon Hudgins won fourth place in Woodworking. Macey Mitchell won sixth place in Quilting. The 3-D Design team won sixth place, the Marketing and Communications team won fifth place, the Recreate/Reimagine/Recycle team won ninth place, and the Meeting of the Minds team won seventh place nationally.

Access Fees, New Rules in Effect for Lake Halford

NASHVILLE — Effective July 1, all Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Lake permits will be available for purchase online. Permits had previously been sold on site through an honor system, or through local concessionaires.

The permits and other licenses are available online anytime at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, on the TWRA "On the Go App," at one of close to 500 license agents across the state, and the four TWRA regional offices.

Also starting July 1,

newly adopted rules, and regulations for the recently acquired Lake Halford, formerly known as Carroll County Thousand Acre Lake, will take effect. A daily lake permit of \$6 or annual \$48 is required to use TWRA lakes. Anyone ages 16-65 will need a permit. License holders with a valid sportsman license or lifetime license do not need the additional lake permit. Alcohol is not permitted.

For fishing on Lake Halford, regulations for largemouth Bass, there is a limit of 10 fish per day, 18-inch

maximum size limit. Only two fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested. For bluegill/redear, the limit is 10 fish per day. For blue/channel catfish the limit is five per day. There is no creel or length limit for crappie. Jug fishing is not allowed at Lake Halford. More information on Lake Halford can be found on the TWRA website fishing section and "Where to Fish" page. Information is also available on the Guides, Rules, and Regulations link located at the bottom footer of website's front page. Visit www.TNWildlife.org.



Above, Tennessee State Representative Brock Martin and State Senator John Stevens present a joint resolution to Sgt. Lee Russell's family. Below, Tennessee state troopers and community members gather around two televisions presenting a video made by the TWRA, remembering Sgt. Lee Russell's life, legacy, and heroism. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Refuge

...From Front Page

In March 2023, Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Chair Tommy Woods asked each commissioner what they would like to accomplish during this term, and Commissioner Monte Belew was the very first to reply. His top priority was to name a refuge in honor of Sgt. Russell, a friend who he said was always willing to help, whether it was at 2 a.m. or 2 p.m., whether it was for a duck hunt or to search for a missing person.

Sgt. Russell served in the aviation division of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, where he assisted with search and rescue, warrant execution, air cover, and more.

State Senator John Stevens and State Representative Brock Martin, on behalf of the Tennessee General Assembly, presented Sgt. Russell's family with a joint resolution honoring the fallen hero.

Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler spoke at the dedication about the friendship that had grown between him and Sgt. Russell, recalling watching him take off at the McKenzie Industrial Airport and expertly land the helicopter back after a mission.

"Sgt. Lee Russell was a true hero. We all would collectively agree on that. He saved lives. He rescued people. He chased down criminals. He supported countless missions. It sounds like a movie, but we got to experience it with Sgt. Lee Russell," said Mayor Butler.

Don King, TWRA Chief of Multimedia Management, presented a tribute video in honor of Sgt. Russell. Lance Rider, Monte Belew, and Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee spoke of Sgt. Russell, commending his bravery and remembering specific moments with him. Rider recalled stories from coaching him on the shooting sports team, emphasizing his love for the outdoors. Belew spoke about Sgt. Russell's involvement with law enforcement and duck hunting.

Gov. Lee spoke about Sgt. Russell's heroism.

"Tennessee is blessed with thousands of law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to faithfully serve and protect their fellow citizens," said Gov. Lee. "Sgt. Lee Russell was certainly one of those. As we dedicate this refuge in Carroll County to the life and legacy of Sgt. Russell, we also remember the ultimate sacrifice that he made to protect the lives of his fellow citizens. He'll always be remembered as a hero and we will never forget his sacrifice."

"You know, it's not every day that we name a property after an individual," said TWRA director Jason Maxedon during the dedication. "In fact, it's actually pretty rare that we do this. It's an honor that we reserve only for those who are truly deserved."

And anyone who knew Sgt. Russell also knew he was a deserving individual.

Sgt. Russell served Tennessee for nearly 12 years, beginning as a reserve deputy for the Henry County Sheriff's Office in 2007 while attending UT Martin. He became a full-time Henry County Sheriff's Deputy in 2008 and, a year later, began his aviation career as a part-time pilot while serving on the 24th Judicial Drug Task Force. He transitioned to the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) in 2010 and was selected as a THP pilot in May 2012. He was transferred to the Carroll County Airport so there would be an available helicopter in northwest Tennessee. He was promoted to sergeant on November 12, 2017.

Sgt. Russell received advanced flight training, focusing primarily on Airborne Law Enforcement techniques. He held an Airline Transport Pilot & Certified Flight Instructor Certificate and two Cessna Jet type ratings. He gave presentations and instructed the use of aircraft to THP Strike Teams,

Trooper Cadet Schools, THP supervisors, Tennessee Park Rangers, TBI agents, local law enforcement agencies, and citizen organizations.

Sgt. Russell received multiple awards and recognitions during his career, including THP Lifesaver awards, the Governor's Highway Safety Office Hero of the Year Award, and several letters of commendation for multiple lifesaving events and criminal apprehensions.

"Today as we honor Sgt. Russell with this naming ceremony, we also want to recognize his family. Behind every badge is a family that supports, worries, and sacrifices alongside their loved one. Their unwavering strength and resilience deserve our utmost respect and appreciation," said Maxedon.

Sgt. Russell is survived by his wife, Mandi Essary Russell, and two children ages 1 and 5, son, Conner, and daughter, Tenley; parents Steve, a retired lieutenant with the THP, and Cherry Russell; brother, Dr. Travis Russell (Dr. Bethany Russell); paternal grandmother, Suzanne Russell; father and mother-in-law, Ray and Trish Essary; sisters-in-law, Abby (Matt) Mayo and Misty (Robert) Wyatt; nieces Demi, Piper, and Leah; and nephews Aiden and Easton.

Kenny McBride, on behalf of Carroll County Shooting Sports, announced that, with the unanimous consent of the board, the park's sporting clay course will be dedicated in honor and memory of Sgt. Lee Russell. Sgt. Russell and his brother, Travis, were two of the original members of McKenzie's shooting sports team.

"This fall when you're getting ready to go duck hunting and you see those ducks flying over, know Lee is still with us. He's still helping us, and he is continuing his legacy by being a part of this refuge here in his home county, Carroll County, that will always be here. This will carry on his legacy forever," said Belew.

MHS Dress Code Updates

MCKENZIE — McKenzie High School changed a few items in its dress code policy this year.

The high school implements dress code policies to provide a learning environment free from distraction. School administrators encourage neat, clean, and appropriate dress at school. The dress code policy applies to all school-related activities held on school premises. McKenzie High School administration reserves the right to require students to change clothing that violates the intention of the dress code or is deemed a distraction to others.

Dress Code Policy
Students' clothing must completely cover all areas of the torso from the collarbone to three inches above the knee. Sleeves must cover the shoulders with the armpit concealed and absolutely no undergarments (underwear) visible from the collarbone to the top of the kneecap.

Students may not wear clothes with holes three inches above the knee, if the holes are not covered underneath.

Students will not wear sagging pants.

Students cannot wear clothing advertising drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, controlled substances, violence, sex, suicide, satanic worship, cults, skulls and crossbones, or a glorification of death.

Leggings, yoga pants or any other compression pants can only be worn if the bottom is completely covered (at all times).

Haircuts, hairstyles, or hair color that is to the point of causing a distraction is not allowed.

Students cannot wear pajamas or sleepwear to school unless it is part of a dress up day. Blankets are not allowed.

Caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, chains, dark glasses, picks and combs are not allowed. Hats and caps can be placed in the classroom or in a backpack but will not be carried around.

Visible body piercings to the point of causing a distraction are not allowed.

Consequences

All students violating the dress code will be required to change. In the event that

the student has no proper clothes to change into at school, they will call a parent or guardian for a change of clothing. If a change of clothes is not available, the student will be remanded to in-school suspension (ISS) for that school day. Students will always have a chance to get clothes out of the Rebel Closet.

Students waiting on clothing to be brought to school will sit in the administrative offices. Being out of class over 30 minutes will constitute an absence in the class missed. Less than 30 minutes results in a tardy.

All dress code violations will be written up and recorded as a disciplinary infraction by the assistant principal. First offense results in a warning and a notification to parents for a clothing change. Second offense results in after-school detention. Third offense results in two after-school detentions. Fourth offense results in ISS for three days.

After the second dress code violation, the student's parents will need to meet with the administration.

Tennessee Employers Warned About Discrimination Following Court Decision

NASHVILLE (July 2023) — Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti co-led a 13-state coalition with Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach to raise awareness of laws prohibiting racially discriminatory employment and contracting practices with Fortune 100 companies.

Skrmetti wrote a letter to major employers in Tennessee explaining the significance of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Students for Fair Admissions v. President & Fellows of Harvard College* and addressed the racial discrimination commonplace among Fortune 100 companies.

As the letter states, "the Supreme Court's recent decision should place every employer and contractor on notice of the illegality of racial quotas and race-based preferences in employment and contracting practices."

"As the Supreme Court recently emphasized, both our Constitution and our civil rights laws guarantee every American the right to be free from racial discrimination," General Skrmetti said. "The Court's reasoning means that companies, no matter their motivation, cannot treat people differently based on the color of their skin. Corporate America continues to have many avenues to help disadvantaged people and communities of all races without resorting to crude racial line-drawing."

The letter was sent to the leaders of every company on the Fortune 100 list. General Skrmetti, and General Kobach, were joined in signing the letter by state attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, and West Virginia.

Last month, the United States Supreme Court handed down a significant decision in

Students for Fair Admissions v. President & Fellows of Harvard College, No. 20-1199 (U.S. June 29, 2023) ("SFFA"). In that case, the Supreme Court struck down Harvard's and the University of North Carolina's race-based admissions policies and reaffirmed "the absolute equality of all citizens of the United States politically and civilly before their own laws." SFFA, slip op., at 10. Notably, the Court also recognized that federal civil-rights statutes prohibiting private entities from engaging in race discrimination apply at least as broadly as the prohibition against race discrimination found in the Equal Protection Clause. See SFFA, slip op. at 6 n.2. And the Court reiterated that this commitment to racial equality extends to "other areas of life," such as employment and contracting. Id. at 13. In sum, the Court powerfully reinforced the principle that all racial discrimination, no matter the motivation, is invidious and unlawful: "Eliminating racial discrimination means eliminating all of it." Id. at 15 (emphasis added).

We ask that you comply with these race-neutral principles in your employment and contracting practices.

... The Supreme Court has repeatedly and emphatically condemned racial quotas and preferences. As the Court held in *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1*, 551 U.S. 701, 746 (2007): Racial classifications promote "notions of racial inferiority and lead to a politics of racial hostility," "reinforce the belief, held by too many for too much of our history, that individuals should be judged by the color of their skin," and "endorse race-based reasoning and the conception of a Nation divided into racial blocs, thus contributing to an escalation of racial hostility and conflict."

id. at 746 (quoting *City of Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co.*, 488 U.S. 469, 493 (1989); Shaw, 509 U.S. at 657; *Metro Broad., Inc. v. FCC*, 497 U.S. 547, 603 (O'Connor, J., dissenting)). "One of the principal reasons race is treated as a forbidden classification is that it demeans the dignity and worth of a person to be judged by ancestry instead of by his or her own merit and essential qualities." *Rice v. Cayetano*, 528 U.S. 495, 517 (2000).

Well-intentioned racial discrimination is just as illegal as invidious discrimination. The "argument that different rules should govern racial classifications designed to include rather than exclude is not new; it has been repeatedly pressed in the past, and has been repeatedly rejected." *Parents Involved*, 551 U.S. at 742.

Last month, the Supreme Court stated definitively that racial discrimination under the guise of affirmative action must end: "Distinctions between citizens solely because of their ancestry are by their very nature odious to a free people whose institutions are founded upon the doctrine of equality." SFFA, slip op. at 16 (internal quotes omitted). "[R]acial discrimination is invidious in all contexts." Id. at 22 (internal quotes omitted). Racial preferences are a "perilous remedy." Id. at 23. The Court previously allowed a narrow exception for race-conscious college admissions to further student body diversity, but we have known for decades that that exception would be expiring soon—as indeed it did on June 29. See generally *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306, 343 (2003) ("We expect that 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary . . .").

Weakley County Schools Return August 7

Weakley County students have a little less than a month of summer remaining before they return to school. As the first day of school approaches, school staff are preparing schools for returning students.

Individual schools released supply lists and class lists at the end of June, giving students (and parents) a month to stock up on supplies. Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers is July 28-30.

Weakley County teachers return to school for a week of in-service and work days July 31-August 4. Student

registration is Wednesday, August 2 from 8-11:30 a.m.

The first full day of school for students is Monday, August 7.

Monday, September 4, is Labor Day. There is no school. Tuesday, September 26, students will be dismissed early for a parent-teacher conference. The conference is from 12-6 p.m.

Fall break is October 9-13.

Thanksgiving break is November 22-24.

Christmas break begins with a half day Friday, December 15. School is out December 16-January 2.

Students return for the second semester of the 2023-

24 school year Wednesday, January 3. There is no school Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There is an after-school parent teacher conference in January, date TBD.

School is out Monday, February 19 for All President's Day.

There is no school Tuesday, March 5, for a professional development day.

Spring break is March 25-29.

The last day of the 2023-24 school year is a half day on Tuesday, May 21. Report cards will be available May 23.

Susan Dyer's New Career Development Plans Embrace Technology in Schools

BY LYNDSAY SUMMERS
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MCKENZIE (July 11) — The 2023-24 school year is a year of change, according to McKenzie Special School District Career Technical Education (CTE) Director Susan Dyer. As career paths and opportunities change alongside vast technological advances, McKenzie schools will begin preparing students for a technologically-saturated world with the help of Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee's Innovative School Model (ISM) grant.

Dyer has served the McKenzie Special School District as CTE director for three years, but she's taking on a new role during her fourth year. In the past, she taught career exploration, marketing, economics, personal finance, and work-based learning — among other career-based classes. This year, she is taking a break from instruction and will be McKenzie Special School District's community connections specialist and CTE director. She will still oversee work-based learning in her classroom at McKenzie High School but will dedicate most of her time to managing grants.

McKenzie schools received Gov. Lee's ISM grant, which gives \$1 million to every high school and \$500,000 to every middle school awarded, in March 2023. The grant money must be spent in three years. Since March, Dyer has attended community and stakeholder meetings; polled students and teachers; and traveled to STEM-focused schools in Chattanooga to brainstorm how the McKenzie Special School District can reimagine school to best benefit students.



Susan Dyer

Part of reimagining school includes implementing a career exploration tracking system in the middle and high school.

The McKenzie Special School District bought a program with career assessment modules for grades five through 12. With the new program, middle school students will take interest and aptitude tests in their computer rotation class. When they meet for high school schedule planning and advising, faculty can help students find classes aligning with their career interests based on assessment results. The program extends to high school.

Current career paths at McKenzie High School include agriculture, marketing, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), health science, and computer apps.

"Part of my job is attending workforce development meetings and Rotary meetings to see what we have going on in the community. How can we align our students' education to match the community that leads to jobs? You know, we want our students to be successful when they leave McKenzie High School — regardless of what that path looks like," said Dyer.

Whether students go straight to the workforce, to TCAT, to the military, or to a two-year or four-year university, Dyer's goal is for students to return to work in McKenzie. "We want our students invested in the community," she said.

Retired guidance counselor Sheila Ridley will return on a 100-day contract as a career coach at McKenzie High School. Ridley will work one-on-one to help students make post-secondary plans. McKenzie High School is also introducing and Industry 4.0 Diploma distinction for incoming freshmen and sophomores. The distinction was developed for high school students interested in pursuing a career in a high-need, high-skill industry after graduation and will require enhanced career counseling and nine work-based learning or dual enrollment credits during junior and senior year.

"It would be ideal if all students left our building knowing exactly what they want to do in life, but we can at least help them figure out a direction," said Dyer.

In addition to the aptitude tests, project-based learning is a huge focus. Using grant

money, Dyer has introduced new technology and equipment to the middle and high schools.

Librarians Jill Renfro and Carol Nanney are receiving new technology including iPads, Mac computers, and cameras to keep in the media production rooms. Students can use the new devices to work on school-related activities and projects.

Over the summer, a STEM fab lab (fabrication laboratory) was installed in the middle school. STEM classes, taught by Beverly Emerson, will be included as a rotation class.

The 2023-24 school year will mark the third year of STEM classes at the high school, with each year marking significant changes and growth. Megan Gottshall will teach McKenzie High School's STEM classes (STEM I, STEM II, and STEM III) this year. Equipment in the high school's STEM lab includes skill saws, 3D printers, vinyl cutting machines, and tools.

"We just have to encourage our students to be thinkers and problem solvers, be creative, work together, and have communication skills. STEM is a great builder for those things," said Dyer.

Dyer also received \$50,000 from the Perkins Reserve Grant to fund new health science lab equipment. Combining the Perkins and ISM grants, McKenzie High School's health science lab will undergo complete renovations. The goal is by next August, the lab will look like a hospital room. "We don't have a hospital in our town, but now we will have a room that will look like a hospital," said Dyer.

Additional purchases with the ISM grant money include vans for transportation, and tables and chairs to replace desks in some classrooms.

Dyer is one of thirty teachers from West Tennessee chosen to participate in the 2023 WestTeach class this fall. WestTeach, an extension of WestStar Leadership from the University of Tennessee at Martin, is a premier leadership development program. While there, she hopes to build connections and network with local teachers as they attend classes exposing them to relevant and influential issues that can change classroom engagement.



The new cross country track spans 2 miles and circles McKenzie City Park.

Parks Department Makes Cross Country Track

MCKENZIE — You can't have a cross country team without a track.

With the introduction of McKenzie High School's first cross country team, the City of McKenzie's Parks Department made

a 2-mile track circling McKenzie's City Park. The track is unpaved and mowed lower than the surrounding grass, making it easy to spot.

Beth Mathis coaches the fifteen-member cross coun-

try team.

McKenzie High School's cross country season begins with a 2-mile jambo-ree at the McKenzie City Park's new track on August 10. Typical cross country meets are 3.1 miles.

Top, All-purpose sports indoor practice facility at McKenzie High School. Above, Christian Family Medicine and Pediatrics new building on Highland Drive. Below, Bethel University's new 1,058 seat chapel.



McKenzie

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of the store is much smaller than the current location.

Dollar General is constructing its second McKenzie store. It is located along State Route 22 north and University Drive. It has road access from both SR 22 and University. The store is located in the Henry County portion of McKenzie and is near Bethel University and four manufacturing facilities. It is expected to open in the next few weeks.

Christian Family Medicine and Pediatrics is relocating

from Hospital Drive to a new, larger building located at 15015 Highland Drive, known as the former Sonic location. Construction crews are installing the new brick facade to the building this week.

At press time, we were unable to receive an opening date for the new Christian Family Medicine and Pediatrics building.

Bethel University's campus is expanding with a new 1,058-seat chapel.

The chapel will be accessible through Bethel Court and/or the student center. The existing parking lot will serve the chapel facility. The university's new chapel was part of the original campus expansion plans. Lash-

lee-Rich, Inc. of Humboldt is the general contractor for construction of the facility. Once the chapel is ready, it will serve as a center point for Bethel's campus. Currently, the university uses the auditorium at the Dickey Fine Arts Building or the gymnasium at Crisp Arena for events such as convocation.

McKenzie High School's new All-Purpose Sports indoor practice facility will be used for the practice of all sports, except basketball, band, and physical education. Recently retired Director of Schools Lynn Watkins in June said the multi-purpose sports facility should conclude by November 2023.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Cursive Writing, Avon and China Plates....

....are on the lists (yes, there are more than one) of outdated, obsolete and/ or old-fashioned things that baby boomers “needlessly” hang on to long past (ac- cording to a wave of fresh new thinkers) their effec- tiveness.

These lists are springing up faster than mushrooms in a shaded bottomland cow pasture after an early morn- ing summer rain. I guess we are just becoming old and are an easy target.

And you would think we would be offended. But shucks, we have seen the list. And we recognize the source. And we memorized Shakespeare’s “full of sound and fury, signifying noth- ing” soliloquy long before any of these young pundits saw the light of day.

We do see the humor however. And the glaring mistakes. And the gross mis- understanding of a whole generation....

The list gets on us for still wearing denim. Amazing! These young guys obvious- ly don’t know Gene Autry wrote “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer” wearing denim. John Wayne wore denim. Ben Johnson wore denim. Butch Dickson wore denim.

Butch was the coolest guy I’ve ever known. He would hang out up at the City Café in his original 501 Levis pressed and creased to knife-through-the-wind per- fection. They were faded to one wash past break-in and fell to just the correct height over his jet black motorcycle boots. We all wanted to grow up to be just like him.

He might have single handedly started our whole generation down the denim trail....

Of course, if these pres- ent day critics could have seen Mary Hadley Hayden

coming out of the Park Theatre after a Saturday afternoon matinee sporting her denim skirt and match- ing jacket, they might be singing a different tune all together!

But here is the head scratching part of this whole list deal. I went to town yesterday and three out of four teenagers I ran into had on denim. Now, I admit they needed to add some serious patches on the knees....but it was denim nevertheless.

The list got on us for still using watches as our time machine. Well, it seems simpler, quicker and more efficient to us to check our wrist than to pull a box out of our pocket....like our an- cestors used to do.

They made a big deal out of us wearing socks with sandals. Another head scratcher I grew up in West Tennessee and lived most of my life in Northwest Florida. I don’t remember, nor have I ever seen, any of my contemporaries wearing such a get-up.

These hot-shot list makers must live in California or New Jersey.

Bar soap was on the list. Good gracious alive! Now they are getting personal. And why would it matter as long as you get yourself clean. I certainly don’t want a gel poured out of a bot- tle onto a rag, or worse yet some kind of fluffy store bought sponge...that had been used by no telling how many people before it got to me!

Golf and baseball were both on the list. Apparently, these sports take too long and are a bit slow and bor- ing for the later generations. That is their loss. And if the world is moving too fast for these games it might be one of the problems of our

times...not the other way around!

Meatloaf is on the list. You’re telling me green tea, hummus and chickpeas are “acceptable” but meatloaf is officially off the gastron- omical grid. Boy howdy, they will be coming after grits and chicken fried steak next if we don’t get this thing under control!

They’ve already taken our encyclopedias and shag carpets.

The baby boomers’ strong belief in conspiracy theories is on every list. Of course, none of these millennials were around when Kennedy was assassinated. The first alleged moon landing is an- cient history to them. They couldn’t find Area 51 if they were sitting in Roswell, New Mexico, with a roadmap and a built-in Garmin DriveCam 76 GPS Navigator system.

AND they were not in that field down behind Archie Moore’s pond when the space ship landed bringing Leon back. Daddy allowed it was hard to tell with Leon if the aliens had done any great damage to him. I know for dead certain positive at designated times of the month he would put that tin foil looking headgear on and sit alone out by the woodpile late at night.

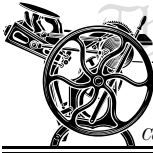
These new wave avant- garde folks might have one point. I tend to agree with them about the fuzzy toilet seat covers.

But I am hanging on to my landline. They can call me old fashion and point out the advantages of cell phones till the cows come home. I am not giving up my old plug-in-the-wall phone service. I don’t want to miss that call from Judy at Time-Life....

Respectfully,
Kes



Pickwick Landing Dam is a hydroelectric dam on the Tennessee River in Hardin County. The dam is one of nine dams on the river owned and operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority.



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Transforming West Tennessee

The Enduring Significance, History Of the Tennessee Valley Authority

The Tennessee Valley Au- thority (TVA) stands as a testament to the transfor- mative power of public in- frastructure. Established in 1933 during the Great Depression, the TVA was born out of a need to re- vitalize the impoverished southeastern region of the United States. Over the decades, the TVA has played a pivotal role in fueling economic growth, providing reliable elec- tricity, controlling floods, fostering industrial devel- opment, and promoting environmental steward- ship. This editorial aims to delve into the rich his- tory and enduring signif- icance of the TVA, with a specific focus on its profound impact on West Tennessee.

The TVA was conceptu- alized as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal, which aimed to lift America out of the depths of the Great De- pression.

At the time, West Ten- nessee, like most of the nation, was plagued by economic depression, soil erosion, and devastating floods, leaving its resi- dents in dire circumstanc- es. The TVA was seen as a comprehensive regional development agency that would address these press- ing issues and bring about a brighter future for the region.

The TVA Act was signed into law on May 18, 1933, granting the agency broad powers to control and de- velop the resources of the Tennessee River Valley. The TVA’s primary goals were to improve naviga- tion, provide flood control, generate electricity, and promote agricultural and industrial development. The agency embarked on an ambitious mission to create a more prosperous and sustainable West Ten- nessee.

One of the primary ob- jectives of the TVA was to provide affordable elec- tricity to rural communi- ties that had been largely left in the dark. Through the construction of a series of hydroelectric dams, such as the Ken- tucky Dam and Pickwick Landing Dam, the TVA harnessed the power of the Tennessee River to generate electricity on an unprecedented scale. This electrification drive brought about a monu- mental change in West Tennessee, enabling in- dustrialization, modern- ization of agriculture, and improved living standards for residents.

The TVA’s dams not only provided electricity but also facilitated naviga- tion along the Tennes- see River, opening up new avenues for commerce and trade. In addition, the TVA’s flood control measures mitigated the devastating impact of

floods, protecting West Tennessee’s farmland and infrastructure.

Beyond power gener- ation, the TVA played a crucial role in attracting industries to West Ten- nessee. By offering cheap electricity, abundant wa- ter resources, and favor- able business conditions, the TVA helped establish industrial complexes that brought jobs and prosper- ity to the region. Cities like Memphis, Jackson, and Dyersburg witnessed significant industrial growth, including the es- tablishment of manufac- turing plants, food pro- cessing facilities, and tex- tile mills. These develop- ments not only bolstered the local economy but also created opportunities for West Tennesseans to build better lives for themselves and their families.

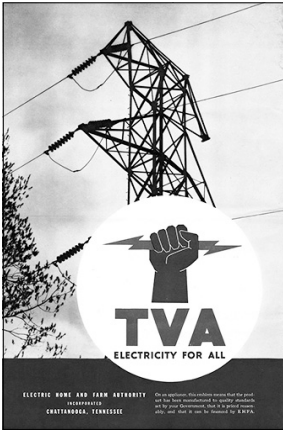
The TVA’s impact on ag- riculture was also signif- icant. Through soil con- servation programs and the introduction of new farming techniques, the TVA worked to improve agricultural practices in West Tennessee. Farmers benefited from increased productivity, access to ir- rigation, and better land management, leading to enhanced yields and eco- nomic stability for rural communities.

The TVA recognized the importance of envi- ronmental stewardship and embraced measures to conserve the natural beauty of West Tennes- see. Alongside the dams, the TVA developed vast reservoirs that not only provided hydroelectric power but also became recreational havens. En- compassing lakes such as Kentucky Lake and Pickwick Lake, these res- ervoirs offered opportuni- ties for boating, fishing, camping, and tourism, thus contributing to the region’s economy and quality of life.

TVA worked diligent- ly to restore and protect the region’s forests, wild- life habitats, and wet- lands. Initiatives such as reforestation, wildlife management, and water quality improvement pro- grams helped preserve the unique ecosystem of West Tennessee.

In addition to its eco- nomic and environmental contributions, the TVA has also prioritized com- munity development and social initiatives in West Tennessee. The agency has invested in education- al programs, healthcare facilities, and infrastruc- ture projects that have en- hanced the quality of life for residents. The TVA’s commitment to commu- nity involvement and public participation has fostered a sense of ownership and pride among West Ten- nesseans.

Through partnerships with local governments, businesses, and nonprofits, the TVA has support-



Electricity for All - TVA Pamphlet, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1934. Courte- sy Library of Congress

ed initiatives to address social challenges, pro- mote job training, and improve access to essen- tial services. The agency has played a vital role in nurturing entrepreneur- ship and small businesses, empowering individuals to become self-sufficient and contribute to the local economy.

Furthermore, the TVA has consistently worked towards fostering inclu- sive economic growth and equitable opportu- nities. By engaging with disadvantaged communi- ties and minority-owned businesses, the TVA has sought to bridge the gaps and create a more inclu- sive society.

As West Tennessee looks to the future, the TVA remains committed to its core mission of sus- tainable development. The agency continues to in- vest in renewable energy sources, modernize infra- structure, and implement innovative technologies to reduce its environmental footprint. The TVA’s for- ward-thinking approach ensures that West Tennes- see remains at the fore- front of clean energy pro- duction, attracting new industries and promoting a greener economy.

The Tennessee Valley Authority’s impact on West Tennessee has been profound and enduring. From its inception as a beacon of hope during the Great Depression to its role in spurring eco- nomic growth, providing electricity, protecting the environment, and sup- porting community de- velopment, the TVA has been instrumental in transforming the region. Its legacy is a testament to the power of public in- frastructure, visionary planning, and a commit- ment to the well-being of the community. As West Tennessee continues to evolve, the TVA’s ongoing efforts will undoubtedly shape the region’s future, fostering sustainable de- velopment, prosperity, and a better quality of life for all who call this remark- able area home.



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Obituaries



BARBARA JOYCE COOPER
1939 — 2023

MCKENZIE — Services for Barbara Joyce Cooper, 84, are Friday, July 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Reverend Thomas Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday, July 21, 2023, from 12 Noon until 1 p.m.

Mrs. Cooper, Executive Director of the McKenzie Housing Authority, died Saturday, July 15, 2023, at her residence surrounded by family.

She was born on April 1, 1939, in McKenzie, Tennessee, to John David and Lalah Meadows Sneed. She was a member of Greater Enon Baptist Church; she graduated from Webb High School in McKenzie, Tenn., and attended Tennessee A&I in Nashville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Michael Corey Cooper, who died September 2, 2007, two sisters, Alice Scott and Jetra Marvella Sneed Copeland, and two brothers, John Lewis Sneed, and James Henry Sneed.

Survivors include her

husband of 49 years, Harry Finley Cooper of McKenzie, two daughters, Shirley Howard of McKenzie and Dav-eeda Mason of Henderson, Nevada, two sisters, Ella Louise Haynes of Henry, Tenn., and Paulene Webb of Goodlettsville, Tenn., four grandchildren, Michael Austin Finley Cooper, Joshua Sneed Mason, Jillian Danielle Mason, and Alexandra Paige Gray, six great-grandchildren, Cori Madison Di- enye, Jacob Anthony Giv- ens, Olivia Camilla Mason, Naya Galilea Mason, Grace Callie Givens, and Maleah Danielle Mason.

Pallbearers who will serve are: Joshua Mason, Michael Austin Finley Cooper, Phil Givens, Glover Gray, Jesse Townes and Michael Hughes. +

DR. CHUCK BURKS
1952 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Rev. Dr. Chuck Burks, 71, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Monday, July 10, 2023, at his home.

Memorial services were Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Huntingdon Church of God of Prophecy with Bishop E.C. McKinley officiating.

Rev. Burks was born March 30, 1952, in Long Beach, California to Bobby Lee and Evelyn Lee (Gos- nell) Burks. He was an environmental control specialist for Johnson Controls and a member of Huntingdon Church of God of Prophecy. He was also a retired part-time sheriff deputy from the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and served for some years as bailiff in Car- roll County Court

He is survived by his wife, Ragene Burks, a daughter, Sarah Marie Burks, a son, Michael Lee Burks, all of Huntingdon, a son, Aaron Ray Burks of Sunland, Cal- ifornia, his parents, Bobby and Evelyn Burks of Palm

Desert, California, a broth- er, Don Ray Burks (Sue) of Santa Ana, California, a sis- ter, Michelle Vester (Alan) of Placentia, California, and six grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.



CORENE ELIZABETH BENNETT
1922 — 2023

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Corene Elizabeth Bennett were Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Huntingdon. The family received friends on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the funeral home, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, 12 p.m. until the service time at the church. Interment was at Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett, 100, died Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at AHC McKenzie.

She was born in McKenzie on September 22, 1922, to Elzie and Mattie Hall Wood- ard. She worked at ITT in Milan and was a homemaker. She was a Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Huntingdon member, where she taught Sunday school and played the piano and organ.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Marvin) Newman of McKenzie, Jim- my (Peggy) Bennett, Caro- lyn Seavers, Donald (Vickie) Bennett and Angela (Britt) Jackson, thirteen grand-

children Nina (Jeff) Owen, Amanda (John) Oakley, Carey (Heather) Newman, Joseph (Stefanie) Newman, Randall Bennett, Brian (Hol- ly) Bennett, Sarah Morris, Terri (Joe) Norvell, Bryce Jackson, Chace Jackson, Jennifer (Chris) Stewart, Jill (Matt) Connell, Julie (Brandon) Sims, twenty nine great grandchildren Rachel (Damon) Hardy, Mark (Lauren) Newman, Zach (Riley) Newman, Maggie Owen, Claire Owen, Laura (Nathan) Couch, Aaron (KaLeighn) Oakley, Cam- eron Oakley, Libby Oak- ley, Will Newman, Andrew Newman, Henry Newman, Juliet Newman, Graham Newman, Austin (Niki) Bennett, Luke Bennett, Lil- ly Bennett, Rhett Morris, Porter Morris, Dereck (Am- ber) Seavers, Kyle (Kelsey) Seavers, Delaina (Brandon) Merrell, Kayla (Matthew) Chandler, Ainsley Stewart, Ian Stewart, Andrew Con- nell, Aubrey Connell, Halle Sims and Cameron Sims and twelve great-great grand- children Ava Newman, Mad- die Hardy, Nori Newman, Mary Drew Couch, Matti Bennett, Andi Bennett, Kendall Seavers, Graham Seavers, Maci Seavers, Kase Seavers, Avery Grace Chan- dler and Tucker Chandler.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Max Bennett, a daughter, Judith Anne Bennett, three grandchildren, Rusty New- man, Ronald Seavers and Matt Bennett, one great-grandson, Sam Owen, and a sister, Lou- ise Woodard Rich.

If you need further as- sistance please call Brum- mitt-McKenzie Funeral Home731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmcken- ziefuneralhome.com. +

SUSAN HOUSE
1958 — 2023

CEDAR GROVE — Miss Susan House, 64, Cedar

Grove, Tennessee, died Wednesday July 12, 2023, at Jackson Madison General Hospital.

Graveside services were Monday, July 17, 2023, at Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Cross- roads.

Miss House was born Sep- tember 29, 1958, to the late Bruce Franklin House and Gloria Cole Mulholland.

She is survived by two brothers, Bruce House Jr., and his wife, Minnie Sue of Cedar Grove, Tennessee and Ronald House of Mor- gantown, West Virginia; and one sister, Jean Ames of Saginaw, Michigan.

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

BILLIE FAYE BROADWAY
1937 — 2023

JACKSON — Mrs. Bil- lie Faye Broadway, 85, of Jackson, Tennessee, died Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Darrell Mealer officiating the service. Interment fol- lowed in the Hickory Flat Cemetery.

Mrs. Billie Faye Broadway was born August 17, 1937, to the late Sherman and Mil- dred Boyd. She worked as a caretaker for home health. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Johnny Raymond Carter, and a son, Johnny Gale Carter.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Billy Gene Broadway, two daugh- ters, Susan Thompson (hus- band Alan) of Milan, Teresa Mealer (husband Darrell) of San Bernadino, California, three sons, Billy Raymond Carter, William Carter (wife Christie) both of McKenzie, Gary Lee Carter (wife Jes- sica) of Jackson, one broth-

er,Sherman Boyd of Hollow Rock. She also leaves behind several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

MARK ANTHONY SUMMERS
1969 — 2023

GLEASON — Funeral Services for Mark Anthony Summers are Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Tumbling Creek Baptist Church, Gleason.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday, at the church 10 a.m. until service time. In- terment is at Hopewell Cem- etery. Brother Gene Price is the officiant, and Hunter Summers, Mike Summers, Taylor Summers, Chase Ramey, Alec Akin, Wade Chandler, Lee Chandler, Wy- att Chandler and Richard Pritchett are pallbearers.

Mr. Summers, 54, died Sat- urday, July 8, 2023, at his resi- dence. He is a graduate of Gleason High School Class of 1987, a former member of McKenzie Bass Club, a heavy equipment operator and a member of Tumbling Creek Baptist Church.

He was born in Par- is, Tenn., on February 21, 1969, to Robert and Linda Upchurch Summers.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Blakemore Summers, daughter, Brooke Chan- dler, son, Hunter Summers, parents Robert and Linda Summers all of Gleason, a sister, Reb Pritchett of McK- enzie, brother, Mike (Mi- chele) Summers of Byhalia, Miss., and two grandsons, Wade Chandler and Wyatt Chandler.

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MMS Dress Code Updates

MCKENZIE — As parents and students prepare for back-to-school shopping, it is important to know what students are allowed to wear in the classroom. McKenzie Middle School made minor updates to the dress code for the 2023-24 school year, allowing compression pants to be worn if the bottom is completely covered.

Dress codes are developed with the intent to provide a learning environment in which student dress is not a distraction. McKenzie Middle School administra- tion encourages neat, clean, and appropriate dress at school. The following dress code policy applies to all school-related activities held on school premises.

Clothing must complete- ly cover all areas of the torso from the collarbone

to three-inches above the knee. Sleeves must cover the shoulders with the armpit concealed. Absolutely no undergarments should be visible from the collarbone to the top of the kneecap.

Students may not wear clothes with holes above the knee that are not covered underneath.

Students will not wear sagging pants.

Students will not be al- lowed to wear clothing ad- vertising drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, controlled sub- stances, violence, sex, sui- cide, satanic worship, cults, skulls and crossbones, or a glorification of death.

Leggings, yoga pants or any other compression pants can only be worn if the bottom is completely covered.

Haircuts, hairstyles, or

hair color that is to the point of causing a distrac- tion is not allowed.

No pajamas or sleepwear is allowed unless it is part of a dress-up day. No blan- kets are allowed.

Caps, hats, hoods, ban- danas, chains, dark glasses, picks and combs are not allowed.

Visible body piercings to the point of causing a dis- traction are not allowed.

McKenzie Middle School administration reserves the right to require students to change clothing that vi- olates the intention of the dress code or is deemed a distraction to others.

Tennessee's traditional back-to-school sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers is the last full weekend of July (July 28-30).

MHS Electronic Device Policy Updates

MCKENZIE — Students who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk, reads McKenzie High School's Electronic Devices Policy. Administration made a few changes to the policy for the 2023-24 school year, adding more leniency to device usage while still protecting students from inappropriate use.

Electronic Device Policy

Students may use elec- tronic devices in classes for instructional purposes only when directed to by the classroom teacher and only in the manner described by the teacher.

Students may use elec- tronic devices during ac- tivity period in the gym, back lobby, cafeteria, and in the hallways between classes.

Earphone devices can be worn in hallways if they are limited to only in one ear.

Each classroom teacher will have their own elec- tronic device rules for their classrooms.

Any use of electronic devices leading to the dis- ruption of the instruction- al/educational processes and distracting from the school day will be deemed as inappropriate use.

Inappropriate uses of electronic devices may in- clude but are not limited to: playing music or other sounds without head- phones, using both sides of an earphone device in the hallway, using the electronic device contrary to the intended purpose of the faculty member, placing/receiving calls or texting during instruc- tional time, etc.

The device. A student cannot pick up a device for another student.

First offense results in a warning. Second offense results in a 30-minute deten- tion. Third offense results in an hour detention. Fourth offense and beyond results in a day of in-school suspen- sion (ISS) for each offense.

More extreme inappro- priate uses of technology (using technology in mali- cious ways through videos/ pictures, malicious calls, or social media posts) result in stricter disciplinary actions. Infractions that may, at the administration's discretion, result in out-of-school sus-

pension (OSS) or alternative school placement include but are not limited to taking photos or videos where pri- vacy is a reasonable expecta- tion (restroom/locker room); capturing still photos, vid- eos, and audio of students/ faculty without consent; tak- ing, storing, transferring, viewing, or sharing obscene, pornographic, lewd, inap- propriate, unauthorized, or otherwise illegal images or photos; attempting to ac- cess unauthorized entry into computers/hacking; etc.

If the electronic device is used to violate any other school rules, the appropriate discipline will follow.

MMS Electronic Device Policy

MCKENZIE — Technology is an ever-growing distrac- tion, and schools must devel- op electronic device policies in an attempt to keep class- rooms distraction-free. As the 2023-24 school year creeps up on families, it is important to know each school's policy regarding technology and electronic devices.

This year, McKenzie Mid- dle School administration allows students to carry cell phones into school, but the phone must not be visible until after 3 p.m.

The electronic device pol-

icy requires that personal communication devices — including cellphones, smart watches, and iPods — must be turned off and kept in a backpack, purse or similar carry-all from the time stu- dents arrive on campus until students exit the building after 3 p.m.

Use of cameras on person- al communication devices is strictly prohibited on school property or at school func- tions unless authorized by school staff or administra- tion until after 3 p.m.

All communication with

parents or guardians while students are in school must go through the office.

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Grape Salad

8 oz. sour cream
8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
Red and green seedless grapes
Pecans
Brown sugar
Mix sour cream, cream cheese and sugar togeth- er. Wash grapes and add to dressing. Add pecans. Place in bowl and sprinkle with brown sugar.

Wedding Ring Salad

1 (6 oz.) pkg lemon gelatin
1 pound Green Grapes
1 (11 oz.) can Mandarin oranges, drained
1 cup pecans chopped
2 medium cantaloupes, peeled
2 cups hot water
Juice drained from orang- es plus enough water to make

1cup liquid

Dissolve gelatin in hot wa- ter; cool. Add juice-water mix- ture. Cool until gelatin mix- ture thickens. Add grapes, oranges and nuts. Remove stem ends of cantaloupes; carefully scoop out seeds. Fill cavity with gelatin mixture. Let set 12 to 24 hours or until congealed. Slice cantaloupe into 1/2 to 3/4 inch circles to serve. Makes 8-10 servings.

Heavenly Hash

8 oz. cream cheese
12 oz. cool whip
1 small pkg orange jello
1 cup or more miniature marshmallows
1 can mandarin oranges
Softened cream cheese, add cool whip, and beat until smooth. Add jello, mixing well. Add remaining ingre- dients, stir until mixed. Chill.

Apple Salad

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pine- apple
2/3 cup sugar
8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chopped apple
1 small pkg lemon Jello

1 cup cool whip

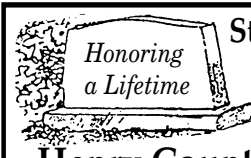
Mix sugar and undrained pineapple; boil 3 minutes. Add dry jello and cream cheese. Cool mixture for a few minutes. Add apples and pecans, stir in cool whip. Chill at least 1 hour before serving.

Corn Salad

2 cans shoe peg corn, drained
2 tablespoons mayonnaise or miracle whip
1 tomato, chopped
2 teaspoons sugar
Green onions to taste (op- tional)
Mix all together and let chill.

5-Cup Salad

1 can crushed pineapple, drained
16 oz. sour cream
1 small bag marshmallows
1 cup crushed pecans
Mandarin oranges, optional
Drain crushed pineapple. In large bowl, use spatula and stir together pineapple and sour cream. Add marshmal- lows and pecans to desired consistency. May also add mandarin oranges if desired.



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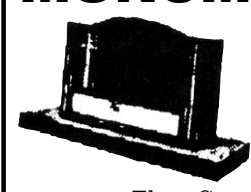
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OF EVENTS

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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.

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McKENZIE
INDUSTRIAL BOARD
TO MEET

The McKenzie Industrial Board meets Thursday, July 20, 6 p.m. at the Railway Workspace, 9 Broadway Street, McKenzie.

HUNTINGDON BOARD
OF EDUCATION
MEETS JULY 19

The Huntingdon Board of Education meets Wednesday, July 19 at 5 p.m. The meeting is at the Huntingdon Central Office located at 585 High St, Huntingdon.

WEBB SCHOOL
BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Webb High School Alumni Association hosts a BBQ fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at the historic Webb High School, to raise money for its marketing department. BBQ plates are \$10 and include BBQ, baked beans, potato salad, and slaw provided by the Webb Alumni Association.

To purchase BBQ plate tickets, call Kim Bell at (731) 697-5468.

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 spread-

ing 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.

OWEN FAMILY
SINGING JULY 29

The Owen Family will sing Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m. at Marlboro Baptist Church, 25165 Hwy 114, North of Bruceton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

McKENZIE CITY
COUNCIL MEETS
MONTHLY

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

BINGO WITH
CARROLL COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY

Play Bingo with the Carroll County Humane Society on Friday, July 21, 6-9 p.m. at the Carroll Band and Trust Community Room in Huntingdon. Fun for the family with prizes, concessions and a grand prize. For more info, phone 731-358-1019.

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.

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THURSDAYS

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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.

CARROLL COUNTY
SCHOOLS START

All public schools in Carroll County start on August 1.

CARROLL COUNTY
FAIR IS AUGUST 9-12

The Carroll County Fair is August 9-12 at the Fairgrounds, Mustang Drive, Huntingdon. Beauty revues are Saturday, August 5 and Saturday, August 12. No other details are available.

BETHEL UNIVERSITY
BEGINS CLASSES ON
AUGUST 14

Bethel University students begin classes on the McKenzie campus on August 14. The Freshman Orientation begins the week of August 10.

McKENZIE SWEET
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PICKIN'S FESTIVAL

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Carroll County Fair Beauty Revues

HUNTINGDON — The dates and times are set for the 2023 Carroll County Fair Beauty Reviews. The events are separated over two Saturdays for specific age groups. Saturday, August 5 at the Carroll County Civic Center, the pageants begin at 1 p.m. Little Miss Carroll Coun-

ty Fair (age 4-6) is 1 p.m.; Little Miss Fairest of the Fair (7-9) is 1:30; Junior Miss Fairest of the Fair (10-12) is 2 p.m.; Teen Miss Fairest of the Fair (13-15) is 3 p.m. and Fairest of the Fair (16-20) is 3:30. On Saturday, August 12, the younger children participate. Boys and girls (under

6 months) is 8:30 a.m. Boys and girls ages (6-under 11 months) 9:30 a.m.; Boys and girls (1 year to 23 months) 11 a.m. and Tiny Mr. and Miss Carroll County (ages 2-33) is noon. All participants must be Carroll County residents or be a students at one of Carroll County's schools.

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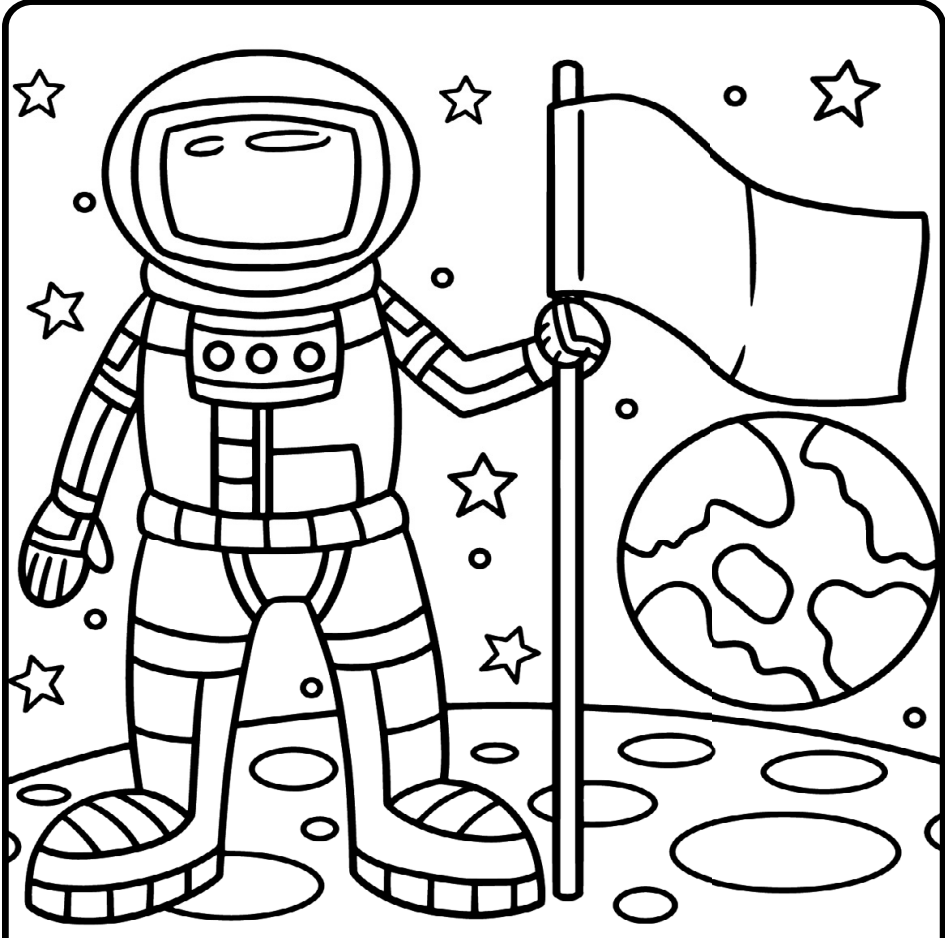


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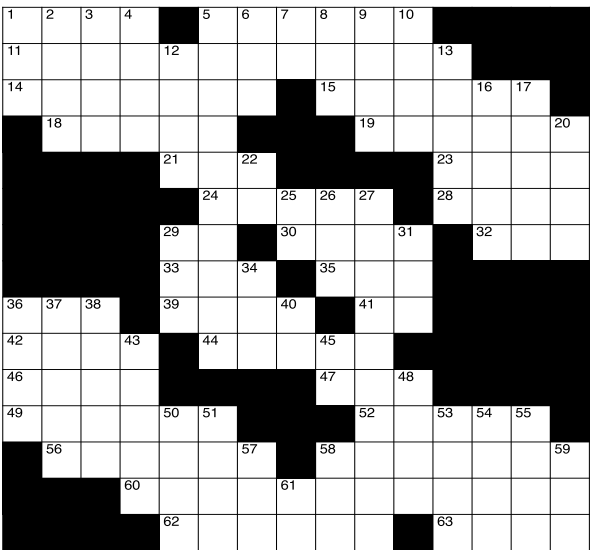
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Commoner
5. Tea leaf
11. They save you a table
14. Submissions
15. Secretly revealed
18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
19. Unreal
21. No seats available
23. Bangladeshi currency
24. Leaders
28. Famed garden
29. Denotes past
30. Not living
32. Midway between south and southeast
33. Small island (British)
35. Woman (French)
36. Wife
39. Two-toed sloth
41. Blood group
42. Soaks
44. Bju-Mandara language of Cameroon
46. Japanese prefecture
47. Place to be during a rock concert
49. Fully grown humans
52. Emaciation
56. Sparkling
58. Fruits you peel
60. Derived from a noun
62. Popular items to grill
63. Port in Yemen

CLUES DOWN

1. Before
2. Actress Dunham
3. This (Spanish)
4. Director Peter
5. Dominant



6. English artists' society (abbr.)
7. NY Giants legend
8. It's in the ground
9. No No No
10. Pesky insect
12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
13. Kids love to do it
16. Good Gosh!
17. Fakes
20. A citizen of Denmark
22. Mystic syllable
25. Commercial
26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
27. Helpers
29. Water (French)
31. Young woman

34. Red-brown sea bream
36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
37. Comprehends
38. Walk with confidence
40. Home of the Flyers
43. Appetizer
45. News organization
48. Source of the Nile
50. A way to march
51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
53. Egyptian bull-god
54. Children's author Blyton
55. Baseball pitching stat
57. Rude young person
58. Table napkin
59. Monetary unit in Asia
61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

Week 29

See solution in next week's edition.

Moon Landing Word Search

U S A P O S W S Q S H A R E L E V E N S A O I
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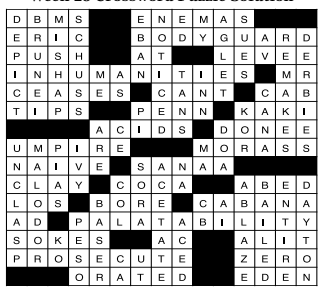
HISTORY

• **1903:** THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY SHIPS ITS FIRST AUTOMOBILE.

• **1940:** DENMARK LEAVES THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

• **1997:** TO CELEBRATE ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY, THE FULLY RESTORED USS CONSTITUTION SETS SAIL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 116 YEARS.

Week 28 Crossword Puzzle Solution



SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 28

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

SUDOKU WEEK 29

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See solution in next week's edition.

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Samuel Newman Rye, 55, of Trezevant was arrested for Misuse of 911 on July 6 and arrested for Filing a False Report on July 7.

Johnathan Lee Pierpoint, 37, of Bruceton was charged with Public Intoxication and Assault on July 7.

Julie A. Neal, 47, of McKenzie was cited into court for Dogs at Large on July 7.

On July 7, officers responded to a call for shots fired near the intersection of Highway 423 and Highway 77. The caller advised

he heard six or seven gunshots but was unsure of the vehicle or direction it was headed. Officers arrived and located a few gun casings, a 45mm casing, and five 9mm casings. It is unknown at this time who fired the shots.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (July 12) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on Wednesday, July 12.

The following cases were bound to the Carroll County Circuit Court Grand Jury.

Richard Allen Ballew, Newsome Street, McKenzie, bound over to the Grand Jury on a charge of Schedule II Drugs; Meth.

Jaren Seon Rainey, Deacon Court, High Point, North Carolina, bound over on a charge of DUI-First Offense.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Denise M. Barger, Skyway Circle, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, not to drive for one year, supervised probation.

Jamie Barker, Main Street, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Tobacco Sales to a Minor, 30 days unsupervised probation; must complete vape class at Carroll Co. Court.

Latahsa Burrough, Old Jackson Road, Trenton, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; \$150 fine, probation.

Olvin Flores, Baylor Street, Fort Worth, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, not to drive for one year, DUI School, nine days jail - time served.

Michael R. Hampton, Hollowell Road, Buena Vista, guilty, Probation Violation; 10 days sentence, probation extended eight months.

Stacy Lynn Hinson, Bright Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation,

11/29 sentence.

Maurice Lawrence, Coleman, Road, Memphis, guilty, Criminal Trespass, 11 day sentence, no contact with retailer, unsupervised probation.

Adrine Leshun McClerkin, Elaine Street, Atwood, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$1000 fine, six months probation; dismissed, Meth-Casual Exchange; dismissed, Stop at All Stop Signs.

Stephen Milton, Enterprise St. Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 sentence, credit for completing long-term rehab.

Fabian Hernandez Morales, Estates Drive, Green Forest Arkansas, guilty, Speeding, Driving Without License.

Logan Matthew Reimer, Tennessee Street, McKenzie, guilty, sale of Tobacco Products to underage customer. 30-day unsupervised probation, must attend vape class at Carroll Co. Court.

Christopher L. Riley, Linden Street, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Tobacco Sales to a Minor, 30 days supervised probation, attend vape class.

Javion Rivers, Shiloh Road, Clarksville, pre-trial diversion, Underage Driving While Impaired, time served, alcohol and drug evaluation, probation.

Daquon Robinson, High Street, Huntingdon, judicial diversion, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1000 fine, 11/29 sentence suspended to time served, forfeit interest in money seized; dismissed, Possession Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Aliyah Naira Rosa Sanchez, College Street, Gleason, pre-trial diversion, Tobacco Sales to Minor, 30 days unsupervised probation, must attend vape class.

Floyd Sellers, Old Reagan Road, Sardis, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, restitution to retailer, no contact with retailer, supervised probation; dismissed, Burglary-Auto-Attempt.

Zhiya Ameshel Teague, Elm Street, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Tobacco Sales to Minors, 30 days supervised probation, must attend vape class.

Alex Travelstead, Powell Lake Road, Trenton, guilty, vandalism, 11/29 sentence, \$1,500 restitution to Carroll County Jail, unsupervised probation.

Rebecca June Widau-Alten, David Street, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Tobacco Sales to Minor; 30 days unsupervised probation, must complete vape class at Carroll County Juvenile Court.

Ily Darrell Williams, Clyde Road, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 sentence suspended to 48 hours, DUI School, supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed.

Erin Gateley, Blackwell Road, Darden, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Baryon Johnson, Wildersville Road, dismissed, Schedule II Drugs; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Jackson Turner Smith, Old Pisgah Road, Bruce-ton, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Spectator Unsportsmanlike Conduct Could Get School Fined, Sanctioned

TENNESSEE (July 13) — The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) Council added language allowing the association to fine a school a minimum of \$250 when it has a fan ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct during a contest. The new rule also includes the possibility of other non-monetary disciplinary action, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the entire athletic program.

The new language concerning unsportsmanlike conduct includes:

Student Athletes Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct in Any Sport by Student-Athletes

(Section 8. G.) For substitutes leaving the bench area during an incident, the school will be fined a minimum of \$250.00. The school will be required to submit a report and video tape if available. All

schools are instructed to inform individuals taping to continue taping all incidents. In addition, other non-monetary disciplinary action may occur, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the sport in which the incident occurred.

Fans Coming Onto the Field or Floor

A. The school will be required to submit a report and video tape if available. All schools are instructed to inform individuals taping to continue taping all incidents.

B. For substitutes leaving the bench area during an incident, the school will be fined a minimum of \$250.00. In addition, other non-monetary disciplinary action may occur, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the sport in which the incident occurred.

C. For fans coming onto the field or floor during an incident, the school

will be fined a minimum of \$250.00. In addition, other non-monetary disciplinary action may occur, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the entire athletic program.

Section 9. Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Fans

A. For fans coming onto the field or floor during an incident, the school will be fined a minimum of \$250.00. In addition, other non-monetary disciplinary action may occur, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the entire athletic program.

B. For fans ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct during a contest, the school will be fined a minimum of \$250.00. In addition, other non-monetary disciplinary action may occur, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the entire athletic program.

2023 Youth Football Signups

MCKENZIE — It’s almost football time in McKenzie, which means youth football registration is just around the corner. Flag and tackle football signups are at the McKenzie Farmers Market on July 29, August 3, and August 5.

McKenzie Youth Football welcomes incoming

kindergartners through sixth graders for the 2023 season. Teams are broken into kindergarten through second grade (flag football), third grade through fourth grade (flag football), and fifth through sixth grade (tackle football).

Flag football fees are \$60, and tackle football

fees are \$80. An additional \$20 administration fee will be added to any late signups. Once jerseys are ordered, the league will not accept any additional players.

Registration July 9 is from 9 a.m. until noon. August 3 registration is from 6-8 p.m. August 5 registration is from 9 a.m. until noon.

Middle School Football Jamboree is August 5

MCKENZIE — The 2023 middle school football season kicks off Saturday, August 5 with the McKenzie Middle School Football Jamboree at Randy Thomas Stadium. Beginning at 4 p.m., local middle school teams will compete using half of the football field, allowing for two games to play simultaneously. The games are broken into two 18-minute halves with hydration breaks.

Admission is \$5 at the gate and \$4 in advance. Concessions are available.

The jamboree is composed of five total quarters.

In quarter one, Huntingdon faces Inman on one side of the field, and Gibson County faces Stewart County on the other side.

In the second quarter, Martin’s junior varsity faces Lexington’s junior varsity, and Waverly faces Dresden.

In the third quarter, Martin’s varsity team faces Lexington’s varsity team, and West Carroll faces Camden.

In quarter four, Decatur County faces Murray, and Milan’s junior varsity faces McKenzie’s junior varsity.

In the fifth and final quarter, Greenfield faces Henderson North, and McKenzie’s varsity team faces Milan’s varsity team.

McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Assault — April Lynn Gocal, 37, Park Circle, McKenzie was charged with Aggravated Assault, Resisting Arrest, and Assault on July 16.

Officer Matthew Cunningham responded to Park Street after a woman said she was a victim to Gocal, who claimed the victim stole her cat. Cunningham’s report indicates the suspect yelled at the victim and then accelerated her vehicle as she drove toward the victim. Gocal said she drove by the victim’s house and feared for the safety of her children in the vehicle because she heard the victim say to go get a gun.

The report indicates Gocal was arrested for Aggravated Assault, Assault and Resisting Arrest.

Driving on a Suspended License — Odell Aundra Holder, 49, 5th Avenue, Huntingdon, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of the Light Law, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Driving an Unregistered Vehicle after a traffic stop on July 16.

Officer Darren Davis stooped the vehicle for one inoperable headlight and taillights. A check of his license revealed the suspended status. He was cited into General Sessions Court.

DUI — Gregory Brian Jespersion, 32, Campbell Avenue, Pratt, West Virginia, was charged with Driving Under the Influence on July 16.

Officer Darren Davis stopped Jespersion’s vehicle after it ran off the roadway and nearly crashed before turning on State Route 22.

Field sobriety checks revealed the status of DUI. He was transported to Baptist Hospital-Huntingdon for a blood-alcohol test and then to Carroll County Jail.

DUI — Calvin E. Palmer, 58, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was charged with DUI-First Offense, Resisting Arrest, and Evading Arrest after a traffic stop on July 9.

Officer Sean Beck initiated a traffic stop on a Ford Mustang with no tag lights. He followed the vehicle which eventually turned into Palmer’s driveway. A field sobriety test resulted in a DUI charge. Palmer reportedly argued with the officer concerning the legitimacy of the traffic stop and then resisted arrest.

Aggravated Criminal Trespass — Trinity Gordon Maynard, 47, Hinkledale Road, McKenzie, was charged with Aggravated Criminal Trespassing and Assault after an incident on July 17.

Sergeant Cody Coleman responded to a suspicious person call on Reynolds Street.

The victim stated Maynard would not leave the property, went through her garbage, and assaulted her. Maynard reportedly had a screwdriver in his hand.

He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

Billy Daniel Cooper and others to Eric Martin, Sr., in District 16.

Jordan and Jessica Goodman to Eric Martin Sr. in District 16.

Robert and Janice Wolfe to James Boyle in District 11.

Deborah K. Glatz to Leonard J. Glatz.

Jesse Miner to John and Kristi Yoder in District 11.

Kenneth W. Allen to Al-

len 848, LLC.

Nadine Josey to Nadine Josey in District 17.

Sherrie Dianne Garey to Sherrie Dianne Garey in District 1.

Cindy Pruitt to Silo Holdings, LLC in District 4.

Christopher Edlin to Zachary Jones in District 22.

Justin Taylor and Ashley Coulter to Tammy and John Fultz in District 16.

David Thomas Presson

to Richard D. Smith in District 4.

Justin Stoltzfus to Mark Ridings in District 16.

Gracie Palmer to Bradley Douglas and others in District 11.

Carolyn Chandler to Andrew Howell in District 2.

Jeffrey and Donna Flannery to Andrew King and others in District 7.

Joshua Boyd to Richard and Lisa Ballinger in District 2.

Heather Michelle Knockaert to Joe and Cindy McGregor in District 21.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Chrystal Gentry, 31, of Cedar Grove was charged with Possession of Schedule VI, Possession of Schedule II and Drug Paraphernalia on July 5.

David A. Beaman, 31, of Leavenworth, Kansas was charged with Possession of

Schedule VI, Possession of Schedule II and Drug Paraphernalia on July 5.

Travis Ledsinger, 43, of Jackson was charged with Light Law Violation, Lack of Proof of Insurance, and Failure to Change Address on July 5.

NOTICE TO BID

West Carroll Special School District will be accepting sealed bids for a **Tomcat PRO V2 28" floor scrubber** and a **3 Tomcat Nano Edge DC battery powered floor scrubbers**.

Bids must be sealed and labeled **"Floor Scrubber."** Submit all questions to Mark Wright, Maintenance Director at 731-662-4200. Sealed Bids for the Floor Scrubbers will be accepted until July 27 at 2 p.m. and turned into the West Carroll Special School District Office at 1415 Hwy 77, Atwood, Tennessee. The Sealed Bids will be opened on August 3 at 6 p.m. during the West Carroll School Board meeting located at West Carroll Jr/Sr High School, 760 Hwy 77, Atwood, Tennessee.

West Carroll Special School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive all irregularities in the receipt/handling of bids.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2023PA149

ESTATE OF: PHILLIP COLEMAN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the **13TH** day of **JULY, 2023** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **PHILLIP COLEMAN** deceased, who died **MAY 25TH, 2023**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 13TH day of JULY, 2023.
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KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2023PA140

ESTATE OF: ANN MARTIN ADAMS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the **5TH** day of **JULY, 2023** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **ANN MARTIN ADAMS** deceased, who died **APRIL 23RD, 2023**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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Raymond James Financial Services now accepts clients at 1966 Cedar Street. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Raymond James Office Moves to Cedar Street

MCKENZIE — McKenzie residents may have already noticed that Raymond James Financial Services has found a new home at 1966 Cedar Street.

Raymond James has been an affiliate of Carroll Bank & Trust since 1997 when Mike Cary, President and CEO of Carroll Bank & Trust, returned home to start the brokerage division of Carroll Bank & Trust. Matt Merrick, CFP® has worked as a financial advisor at Raymond James, through Carroll Bank & Trust, since 2007. Matt has always had an office inside Carroll Bank & Trust and split his time between Huntingdon and McKenzie. When Mike and Matt noticed the building for sale, they saw it as an opportunity to have a more central location with better visibility for the Raymond James office.

"I am very thankful for Carroll Bank & Trust's support and being willing to open this new office," Matt said.

Since opening the new building's doors in January of 2023, Matt said there has already been an influx of new customers.

The new building has one office, a conference room, and a lobby. Upon entry, clients walk into the lobby where Branch Operations Professional Sheri Singleton will greet them. She is responsible for implementing investment solutions designed



Financial advisor Matt Merrick and branch operations professional Sheri Singleton have years of experience at Raymond James and are excited to serve the community in the new office building. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

by clients and the financial advisor. Sheri also assists clients with service issues and is responsible for all transactional operations.

In a consultation, Matt will discuss and customize investment strategies based on a client's individual financial goals. Whether a client is saving money for college or retirement, he will offer the best course of action as they invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities and CDs. Matt's main objective is to take the stress out of investing and help clients reach their financial goals.

Matt is a McKenzie High School graduate. He graduated from the University

of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in Economics-Finance. Matt is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®), meaning he has met extensive training and experience requirements in the areas of financial planning, taxes, insurance, estate planning, and retirement saving. He and his wife, Jessica, have three young children McCoy, Maggie Nell and Tuck.

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Lunn Joins Bethel Broadcast Team

MCKENZIE — Bethel Associate Athletic Director of Communications/Sports Information Director Dave McCulley announced popular McKenzie radio broadcaster Craig Lunn is joining the Wildcat broadcast team. Lunn will be the color analyst for Bethel football this fall and selected games during the basketball season.

Lunn is the director of Dual Enrollment at Bethel University. He hails from White House, Tennessee, and attended Bethel College as his alma mater where he was a 3-year member of the Bethel baseball team. He graduated with a BS in Physical Education (1997), and an MBA (2012). During high school football and basketball season, he is the voice of the McKenzie Rebels on WHDM radio 98.9, providing play-by-play commentary. Throughout his broadcasting career, his favorite memory is calling the 2023 1A Tennessee football state championship and the 2022 and 2023 1A girls' basketball state championships for McKenzie.

In his personal life, Craig has been happily married to his wife, Traci for 29 years. They have three children: Mitchell, 26, Emily, 23, and Carleigh, 13. When he's not working or



Craig Lunn

broadcasting games, Craig enjoys officiating baseball and softball games.

Bethel Athletics and Worthy Road Studios, a leader in sports streaming, recently announced a partnership for coverage of Bethel athletic events beginning this fall.

Under the newly announced partnership, Worthy Road Studios will stream all home football games and selected home basketball games.

The agreement will feature upgraded production. Features, such as slow-motion instant replays and different camera angles, will be included.

Worthy Road Studios also produces live broadcasts of the Jackson Rockabilly Baseball team, Union University, Trenton Peabody, Jackson Christian,

University School of Jackson and Trinity Christian Academy sporting events. The Ballgame Blitz, the best source for West Tennessee, is all produced by Worthy Road Studios.

Be sure to like and follow Worthy Road Studios, the Ballgame Blitz on Facebook and subscribe to Worthy Road Studios YOUTUBE Channel.

The Ballgame Blitz is also on Twitter so that you can follow the sports broadcasts there as well.

Bethel games will also be available with audio coverage again this year on WEIO, 100.9 and www.thefarmradio.com

Other games and sports will be carried on the Wildcat streaming service at: <https://bethelathletics.com/watch>

McCulley commented, "We are thrilled to have Craig join us. He does outstanding work and area fans appreciate and enjoy his talents. Craig prepares and delivers excellence in all he does. I look forward to working with him in the booth this fall."

McCulley added, "This is one of several additions to our team this year. Along with several excellent returners, we plan to add several new faces in our coverage of other fall and spring sports."

Yancy Freeman Confirmed As UT Martin Chancellor

KNOXVILLE (July 14) — The University of Tennessee at Martin has a new chancellor after a special meeting of the UT Board of Trustees held Friday morning.

Trustees approved UT System President Randy Boyd's recommendation that Yancy Freeman be appointed as the next chancellor of UT Martin. Freeman's appointment is effective Aug. 9, 2023. He replaces Keith Carver, who moved to senior vice chancellor/senior vice president of the UT Institute of Agriculture earlier in the year.

"Dr. Freeman is the right person at the right time to lead UT Martin. His student-centric focus is just what UT Martin needs, and I believe he will be enthusiastically welcomed by all students," UT System President Randy Boyd said. "Dr. Freeman has proven to be a great listener, collaborator and team builder, and with the leadership already in place, I think the sky is the limit!"

Freeman has served at UT Chattanooga for the past 25



Yancy Freeman is new UTM Chancellor.

years in various admissions, recruitment and enrollment roles. A first-generation college graduate, Freeman completed an undergraduate degree in political science, a master's degree in public administration, and a doctorate in learning and leadership from UT Chattanooga. He serves on the boards of the Public Education Foundation in Chattanooga, The River City Company, and Chattanooga 2.0. Freeman

was named a 2018 Top 30 Influential Leader in Chattanooga by City Scope Magazine, and he holds active memberships within several honor societies including Golden Key, Alpha Society and Phi Eta Sigma. Freeman is a 2020 graduate of the UT System's Executive Leadership Institute.

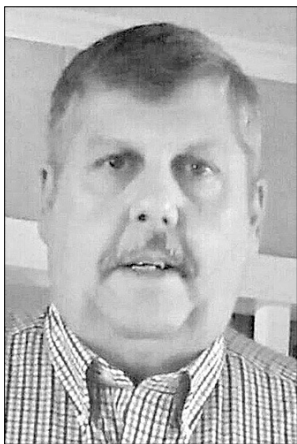
The UT Martin chancellor is the chief executive officer of the campus and serves on the UT System leadership team, reporting directly to the UT System president. The chancellor's primary responsibilities are to promote academic excellence, and to provide leadership and administration of the Martin campus. The chancellor is also expected to provide visionary leadership in strategic initiatives to enhance the standing of the University, budget planning and accountability, shared governance, enhancement of diversity and resources, engagement of the University with the wider community and other elements of administrative policy.

Bruceton, Vale Methodist Churches Welcome New Pastor

Bruceton's First United Methodist Church and New Hope Methodist Church of Vale extend a heartfelt welcome to their new pastor, Brother James Ellington, a certified lay minister from Jackson, Tenn. Preaching full time since 2019, Brother James served as pastor of Lester's Chapel Methodist Church and Mount Carmen United Methodist Church, both of Jackson, and the Montezuma United Methodist Church of Henderson.

"I look very forward to making many new friendships as I serve as pastor at both the First United Methodist Church of Bruceton and New Hope Methodist Church in Vale," says Brother James. "I am in much favor of church growth. I will strive to accomplish this by starting with visibility, availability and service within the community, especially in visiting the homebound, sick and those in the hospital."

Brother James says he proudly lives by the slogan. "God is good all the time and



Brother James Ellington

all the time God is good" and the United Methodist Church slogan, "Open hearts, open minds, open doors."

Brother James has over ten years of various ministerial classes and training. He is pursuing studies to become a Licensed Local Pastor, a clergyman who has completed licensing school and has been appointed by the Bishop in a

local ministry of the United Methodist Church. He credits much of his training and knowledge to Dr. Joe Thornton, his mentor, inspiration and friend since 2008.

A native of Bells and graduate from Bells High School, Brother James was baptized at Walnut Hill Baptist Church in 1972. He moved to Jackson in 1995 where he resides with his wife, Teresa, of 39 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. Brother James has been a member of Lester's Chapel since 2008. He is a retiree of 46-1/2 years from West Rock (the world's largest cardboard manufacturer) in Humboldt.

Everyone is invited to hear Brother James preach at 9:30 a.m. at New Hope Methodist Church in Vale and at 11 a.m. at Bruceton's First United Methodist Church. On behalf of these church families welcome Brother James, with prayers that the friends made in our community will be treasured as much as those left behind.

Unemployment Rates Rise in Tri-Counties

TENNESSEE — Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties followed a national trend of increased unemployment rates in May 2023. Tennessee Labor Force Estimates report small percentage increases in the three counties and the United States, but Tennessee's overall employment rate remained unchanged from April 2023.

In the U.S., 3.7 percent of the labor force was unemployed in May. This is 0.3 percentage points higher than April's unemployment rate. Tennessee's unemployment rate for May was 3.3 percent, meaning 109,749 people out of a 3,359,776-member labor force were unemployed.

Carroll County's May unemployment rate was 3.8 percent — a 0.8 percentage-point increase from April. 447 members of the 11,658-member labor force in Carroll County were unemployed in May 2023. A year ago, 3.7 percent of Carroll County's labor force was unemployed.

3.7 percent of Henry County's labor force was unemployed this May — a 0.7 percentage-point increase from April 2023. 501 members of the 13,436-member labor force in Henry County were unemployed in May. A year ago, Henry County's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent.

Weakley County's unemployment rate raised by

an entire percentage point in May 2023, with 3.6 percent (546 people) of the 15,306-member labor force identifying as unemployed. In May 2022, the unemployment rate was 3.2 percent.

Across Tennessee, the unemployment rate increased in 94 counties and decreased in one. All 95 counties have unemployment rates less than 10 percent, with 93 counties having rates less than 5 percent.

Moore County had the lowest unemployment rate in May at 2.4 percent.

Bledsoe County had the highest unemployment rate in May at 5.3 percent.

The Oak Ridge Boys to Perform at Heritage Festival

HUNTINGDON — Oom Pah Pah, Oom Pah Pah, Mau Mau. While these words might not make much sense on their own, audiences sing right along when they're placed deep within a song by The Oak Ridge Boys. West Tennessee fans are in for a very special event — The Oak Ridge Boys will perform a free concert during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 23 on the court square.

The Oak Ridge Boys have sold more than 41 million records and are synonymous with "America, apple pie, baseball, and country music." In 1981, their double-platinum single, "Elvira," set the Pop charts on fire and paved the way for three more Pop-charted singles, "Bobbie Sue," "American Made, and "So Fine."

Registering multiple gold, platinum, and double-platinum singles and albums, The Oak Ridge Boys have charted more than 30 albums, including Deliver, Fancy Free, and 17th Avenue Revival.

The Oak Ridge Boys are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame (2015 Inductees), the Grand Ole Opry (since 2011), and the Gospel Music Hall of Fame (2000 Inductees). They also received the Academy of Country Music Pioneer Award for



Lifetime Achievement.

The executive director of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, Angela DeMaris, says this year's Heritage Festival is one to be remembered. "Being the first festival after celebrating our Bicentennial of Huntingdon last year, we knew that we had to do something big in order to start off the next 200 years! Luckily, with the support of the Tennessee Arts Commission we were able to draw a major artist to our

annual event celebrating our heritage, which is something the Town of Huntingdon is known for."

Festival organizers plan to have a full day of fun events for all ages and hope that everyone comes out to enjoy this free live music festival.

For more information about the Huntingdon Heritage Festival's free event like them on Facebook, visit DixiePAC.net or call Huntingdon's City Hall at 731.986.2900.

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Above, The Board of Directors of the McKenzie Rotary: Joe Neumair - Treasurer; Christy Williams - Vice President; Jason R. Martin - President; Armand Hebert - Service Project Chair; Joel Washburn - Secretary; and Ed Perkins - Chairman of the Moore Trust Fund. Below, Attending the installation banquet for the McKenzie Rotary Club were members of the District 6760 governors delegation. Past District Governor Ed Perkins, Past District Governor Glen Vanderford; District Governor Eddie Allred; and District Governor-Nominee Darrell Ailshie.



McKenzie Rotary Club Welcomes New Officers

Jason R. Martin, manager of Tri-County Publishing / The McKenzie Banner, is the new president of the Rotary Club of McKenzie. Martin was installed by District 6760 Governor Eddie Allred at a banquet on June 27 at Home-town Hangout.

Other officers include Christy Williams, Vice President; Joel Washburn, Secretary; Joe Neumair, Treasurer; Clark Brown, Chairman of the Rotary Foundation; and Ed Perkins, Chairman of the Moore Trust Fund.

During the awards presentation, Ed Perkins was honored as the Oscar Owen Rotarian of the Year and Spiros Roditis as the Ed Perkins Humanitarian of the Year.

The outgoing president of the club, Kathy Ham, was unable to attend due to family health issues but provided remarks about the 2022-23 Rotary Year. In her remarks, she thanked the club members for their hard work and dedication along with words of encouragement to Martin for his upcoming year.

In his inaugural address to the club, Martin bragged about the history of the McKenzie Rotary Club. He remarked on how only a club like McKenzie could attract two past district governors, a current governor, and district governor-nominee to attend an installation banquet. He added two other governors planned on attending but had to cancel last minute due to other district obligations. Rotary District 6760 extends from middle to west Tennessee.

Martin added that he had five goals for the year, "The first is to strengthen the foundation of our Rotary club, focusing on two critical aspects: retention and communication. The second is to respect the cornerstone of Rotary through the four foundational principles—service, fellowship, diversity, and integrity. The third objective is membership growth as it is crucial for the continued impact and success of our club. The fourth goal is to foster meaningful growth by ensuring that our new members feel valued, supported, and empowered to contribute meaningfully. And last-



Above, Award recipients were Spiros Roditis - Humanitarian of the Year and Ed Perkins - Rotarian of the Year. Below, President Jason R. Martin presents the presidents plaque to Immediate Past-president Kathy Ham.



ly, achieve Club of the Year recognition from the district - by excelling in our service projects, enhancing fellowship, embracing diversity, maintaining integrity, and showcasing our collective achievements, we will position our club as an exemplary model of Rotary excellence."

The club hosts fundraisers, including the annual charity auction. All the funds are distributed in the community as part of the club's Four Areas of Local Service - Affirming the Work of Rotary International, Building Relationships in McKenzie, Committed to Academic Excellence, and Dedicated to Our Youth.

The Club hosts the annual academic honors banquets at McKenzie schools, sells tickets at school football games, provides scholarships to Bethel University and other institutions of higher learning, and sponsors high school students to Rotary Youth Leadership training. Additionally, the Club with McKenzie High School's Interact Club worked to provide care packages to international students at Bethel during finals week.

The McKenzie Rotary Club meets each Tuesday noon at McKenzie Station Bar and Grill.



The Clayhill Motorsports Park team is working diligently to repair the 3/8 mile racetrack in Atwood before the July 27 Test and Tune.

Racing is Back at Clayhill

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Clayhill Motorsports Park has new owners, and they're returning racing to the famed Atwood track. In a press release, a spokesperson says the new racetrack (formerly known as the Atwood Speedway, then Clayhill, LLC.) returns with a new name, new owners, and a new purpose. The race track opens to the public for the first time in over two years on July 27 with a Thursday night "Test & Tune," the first of many races under the new owners. August 5 is the first official race date.

Elite Automotive, Inc., based in Bakersfield, California, acquired the new track from former owner Phil Colwell on June 2. The owners wasted no time repairing the track, starting as soon as June 5. The owners, along with local people and businesses, have helped get the grounds back under control, doing tractor work, groundwork, bush hogging, and tree trimming.

"We have had a tremendous amount of interest from local people, and they have donated their time, their equipment, their labor just because they're excited to see racing come back," a Clayhill Motorsports Park spokesperson said. "We're forever thankful for that."

Clayhill's former owner primarily used the space for events like truck meets, biker rallies, and the Tri-County Fair. The new owners' priority is to make Clayhill Motorsports Park a racing destination again, but they are still open to hosting other events. The new name implies the idea of a multi-purpose facility.

Clayhill's new owners come from a racing family. Their son, Riley Clem, races in the IMCA Mod Lites, a nationally sanctioned class, and has raced across the southeastern portion of the United States, including Clarksville, Tennessee, and Paducah, Kentucky. Clem said he will be the first person in line to test the track before it opens to the public.

Only the pits are open in the Thursday night Test

& Tune on July 27. Drivers can come out, test their cars, and get a feel of the race track. The owners will also have a private friends and family test run the week before to check for improvements, as it will be the track's first race in over two years.

August 5 is Clayhill Motorsports Park's first official race night. The next races are August 25-26. A spokesperson for the race track said the August 25 race is a "No Fender Friday" promotion, where none of the race cars will have fenders on them. Races include USCS sprint cars, mini sprints, open-wheel modified dirt cars, and Mod Lite dirt cars. August 26 includes more local classes with sprint car, 602 Late Model, street stock, factory stock, and Hummer class races.

"This area is rich in racing," said a spokesperson for Clayhill Motorsports Park. When Dale Nelson owned the race track, 150 cars competed per night. Once Clayhill's race track closed, many racers dispersed and began competing in Camden, Lexington, Clarksville, and eastern Arkansas. The new owners have no interest in taking business from these tracks, but they know drivers are still local.

"We're not in the business to put anyone out of business," a spokesperson assured. For this reason, Clayhill Motorsports Park owners have been mindful when making their inaugural season's schedule. Most of the 2023 scheduled dates fall when one or more local tracks are not running.

In addition to the three August dates, Clayhill Motorsports Park will host races two weekends in September and two weekends in October. The track's 2024 season will be a full racing program, hosting races about three weekends per month, April through October. The owners also plan special promotion nights throughout next year's season.

Ticket costs will vary based on the racing event. Regular weekly shows will cost between \$10 and \$15, but special events like sprint car shows will increase ticket costs. The

team is also looking into providing family ticket packs and family combo packs at the concession stand. Children aged 12 and under will get in free.

"We realize that the race track is a place for families to go together," said a spokesperson. "We all grew up at the race track with our families, and it was a family thing for us as well. So we want to focus on making this good, fun family entertainment that everybody can enjoy."

If the facility sells alcohol, the stands will be separated between family and others.

The owners plan many facility improvements over the winter when this first racing season ends. Future renovations will include a new scoreboard, facility upgrades, lighting upgrades, and more.

"I would say when we open the doors next year, this will probably be the nicest facility in Tennessee to race on," said a spokesperson. He said no other facility has 26 sky-box suites with heating and air conditioning and concierge service from the concession stands. The facility's maximum capacity is 4,500 spectators, and the new owners want to focus on improving customer experience. "We're going to do a lot of things differently."

Clayhill Motorsports Park's operations team has decades of experience in promoting and hosting local and national events, and they will make sure races are prompt and end before midnight. The entire team at Clayhill Motorsports Park wants to provide customers with the best possible experience.

The owners, their son Riley, their daughter Ashlee and son-in-law Kevin Wageman, and their two grandchildren will be present at the track as often as possible.

The family-run race track is excited to welcome racing fans back into Carroll County with Clayhill Motorsports Park, located at 1315 Rimmer Road, Atwood, Tennessee.

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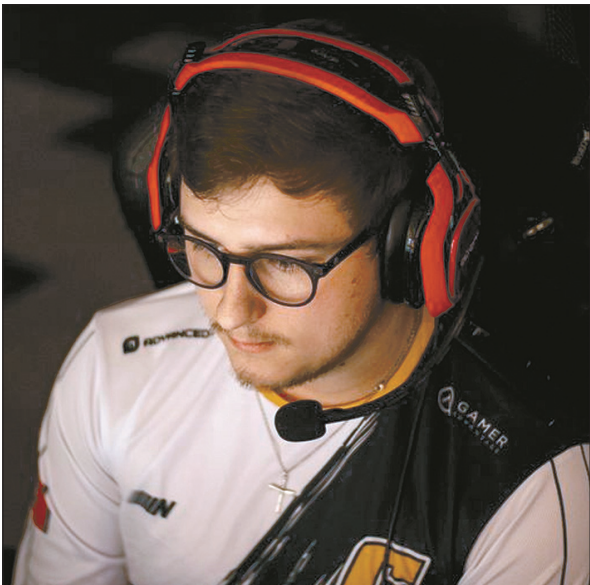
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Hopper Retires from Williams Furniture After 42 Years

McKENZIE (July 11) — Williams Furniture celebrated an employee's milestone retirement last Tuesday, July 11. Peggy Hopper announced her well-deserved retirement after a 42-year long career at Williams Furniture in McKenzie. Williams Furni-

ture owner Phil Williams threw a Hawaiian-themed retirement party for Hopper on Tuesday afternoon, complete with tropical leis and a cake congratulating Hopper on her retirement. "Peggy has been a great help to us for all these years," said Williams.



Daffron Makes Second Team In Call of Duty, Club Baseball

CHATTANOOGA — Chase Daffron, a 2019 McKenzie High School graduate, put the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) on the map recently by being named one of the best collegiate players in both Call of Duty and club baseball.

Daffron (whose player name is "Redchase") was selected second-team All-Conference in College Call of Duty's Southeast region, a fan-voted honor. The distinction means he is one of the top eight College Call of Duty Varsity League players in the Southeast region of the U.S. The region has 48 total teams.

There are three other regions (Northeast, Midwest and West) with similar numbers of teams. Daffron's selection makes him one of the 32 best collegiate Call of Duty players out of more than 1,500 players across the U.S. and Canada.

Daffron initially received a \$6,000 E-Sports scholarship to play Call of Duty at Concord University in West Virginia. He attended the private university and played on their Call of Duty team for two years before accepting a full-ride scholarship offer from UTC to play on their Call of Duty e-sports team.

Alex Davis, another 2019 McKenzie High School graduate, plays on UTC's Call of Duty team alongside Daffron.

In high school, Daffron was the McKenzie Rebels' starting pitcher. He joined UTC's club baseball team to pitch during the 2023 spring season.

During UTC's club baseball 2023 spring season, Daffron pitched in 25.1 innings in five games. He pitched 13 hits, 11 runs, 8 earned runs, 14 walks, and 31 strikeouts.

After only one season, Daffron was named the first starting pitcher on the NCBA South Atlantic Second Team All-Region.

Daffron is a junior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, majoring in business analytics and minoring in computer science. He plans to graduate in December 2024.

Leadership Tennessee Names Mayor Joseph Butler to Class

NASHVILLE (July 7) — Leadership Tennessee, a collective with a mission to foster non-partisan dialogue on issues of state importance, has named Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler to its 2023-2024 Signature Program Class X (class number 10).

The cohort includes representatives from 14 Tennessee counties with diverse professional experience in business, government, education and nonprofit sectors.

Over the course of 10 months, the cohort will visit all corners of the state, analyzing challenges that Tennessee faces and will work together to identify the best solutions and opportunities. The statewide study will result in concrete plans to continue dialogue and actions addressing the most serious issues uncovered.

"Leadership Tennessee is a program that I have admired for years," Mayor Joseph Butler, Class X Member. "I am incredibly honored to join this great group of individuals, and it excites me to work with a group of my peers with a collective mission of tackling the most pressing challenges Tennessee faces. I truly believe, with this group in place, we can make a transformative impact for the betterment of our state, including my home — Carroll County."



began 10 years ago, and every year, we face new and challenging issues. I'm confident in the diverse makeup of this class and know that these are the right individuals to create meaningful change across the state."

Previous classes have been able to facilitate numerous community engagement sessions across the state. Since Leadership Tennessee's founding, more than 500 members have graduated through both the Signature Program and Leadership Tennessee NEXT, which is dedicated to emerging leaders.

The cohort's work begins in August and runs through June 2024.

ABOUT LEADERSHIP TENNESSEE

Leadership Tennessee was founded in 2013 as an initiative of the College of Leadership and Public Service at Lipscomb University, and in 2021, it launched as an independent 501(c)(3). The program fosters collaborative, non-partisan dialogue on issues of state importance, connecting a network of diverse leaders and engaged citizens. Citizens with demonstrated community and professional leadership from every region of the state bring their diverse backgrounds and experiences to an in-depth exploration of the complex issues facing Tennessee, with a focus on how leaders can collaborate to effectively address those issues.

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