

McKenzie Garden Club Holds June Meeting



Members of the McKenzie Garden Club and their guests enjoyed a gathering at the McKenzie Church of Christ on June 23, 2023. The group had a photo opportunity on the rear steps of the church. Pictured Front Row (L to R): Deb Simon, Myra Sasser, Linda Crawford and Brenda Smith. Second Row (L to R): Gladys Patterson, Victoria Ard, Sarah Brown and Martha Sue Peters. Third Row (L to R): Mona Batchelor, Donna Hodge, Donna Ward and Beverly Mueller. Back Row (L to R): Marsha French, Carolyn Moore, Judy Davis, Ann Coleman and Robin Bentley.

Gov. Lee Announces Three Months of Grocery Tax Savings Starting August 1

Tennessee Families to Save on State, Local Grocery Sales Tax This August Through October

NASHVILLE — Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee invited Tennessee families to save during the state's three-month grocery tax suspension, starting tomorrow, August 1 through October 31.

This year, Gov. Lee and the General Assembly passed the Tennessee Works Tax Act, the single largest tax cut in Tennessee history, which includes the three-month grocery tax suspension. During the tax holiday, Tennesseans are expected to save an

estimated \$273 million in taxes total.

"In Tennessee, we cut taxes any chance we get because families should keep more of their own hard-earned dollars. Starting Tuesday, we're inviting Tennesseans to take advantage of savings at the grocery store this August through October," said Gov. Lee. "I thank the General Assembly for partnering to deliver three months of savings for Tennessee taxpayers."

The three-month gro-

cery tax holiday starting Tuesday, August 1 through Tuesday, October 31 will give Tennesseans the opportunity to save up to 6.75 percent in state and local option sales tax on food and food ingredients. Tennesseans can learn more about the tax holiday here.

"We're proud to be able to offer three months of tax-free groceries to help hard-working Tennesseans save money," said Department of Revenue Commissioner David Gerregano. "I thank the Governor and General Assembly for their efforts to steward taxpayer dollars responsibly and cut taxes for Tennessee families."



James Greer Band to Play Nights on Broadway

McKenzie's Thursday night summer concert series Nights on Broadway continues August 3 with live music from the James Greer Band. Bring out your lawn chairs, check out the parked food vendors,

dance a little, and shop in downtown McKenzie while enjoying local talent. Depending on the weather, the event might move into McKenzie's Park Theatre. Two Nights on Broadway events remain this

summer. The Cool Daddy Band performs September 7, and the King Beez take the stage September 14 for the summer series' finale. McKenzie's Nights on Broadway is presented by Carroll Bank & Trust.



Pollo Flojo
1 tablespoon parsley
1 tablespoon thyme
1 tablespoon paprika
1 medium brown onion

(or onion flakes)
4-5 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 1/2 cup water
2 teaspoon salt
3-4 medium carrots (or half a small bag baby carrots)
3-4 stalks celery
Add dry ingredients to water. Mix together and pour in crockpot. Add cut up vegetables and chicken to crockpot. Cook for 7

hours on low.
Dumplings: recipe on Bisquick box works great. Place on top of chicken in crockpot last 30 minutes of cooking.

Chicken Crescent Squares
1 (8 oz.) can crescent dinner rolls
3 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons margarine, divided
2 cups chicken, cooked and cubed
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon milk
1 tablespoon chopped pimento
1/4 cup seasoned croutons, crumbled
Separate dinner rolls into 4 rectangles on ungreased cookie sheet; seal perforations. Blend cream cheese and 2 tablespoons melted margarine until smooth. Add chicken, salt and pepper, milk and pimento, mix well. Spoon 1/2 chicken mixture onto center of each rectangle. Pull four corners of dough to center of mixture; seal. Brush tops with 1 tablespoons melted margarine. Sprinkle with crumbled seasoned croutons. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

Judge Brent Bradberry Selected as a Fellow in the Tennessee Bar Foundation

Circuit Court Judge Brent Bradberry was recently elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, an association of 840 attorneys across the state. Invitations to membership, a position of honor, were extended to 27 attorneys by the Board of Trustees. The introduction of new Fellows took place at the annual Fellows' Dinner in Nashville.

The Bar Foundation's purpose is two-fold: to recognize attorneys who have distinguished themselves in the community and the profession and to administer a grant-making program. That project, known by its acronym "IOLTA" (Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts), has awarded grants in excess of \$25,000,000 to law-related, public interest projects throughout Tennessee.

Judge Bradberry obtained a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master of Business Administration at The University of Tennessee at Martin. After twenty years in the



Judge Brent Bradberry and wife, Sarah. Judge Bradberry was recently honored as a Fellow in the Tennessee Bar Foundation. Sarah is the elected Circuit Court Clerk in Carroll County.

furniture industry with Gaines Manufacturing and New Generations Furniture, he earned a Juris Doctorate at the Nashville School of Law. He now

presides as Circuit Judge, Part I, in the 24th Judicial District which is comprised of Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henry counties.

Henry County Hospital to Close Obstetrics Unit

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PARIS (July 28) — After weeks of no response at all, BlueCare finally responded to Henry County Medical Center's request for a higher reimbursement rate. But the response was way less than what Hospital CEO John Tucker said will be enough to keep the obstetrics (OB) unit open.

Tucker noted after waiting 7-1/2 weeks to hear back from BlueCare, the TennCare insurance provider offered only a 25 percent increase for this year and a 10-12 percent increase for next year.

OB unit and the part that Bluecare has played in it.

Susan Jones of Paris, a spokesperson with Northwest Tennessee Cares said, "It was with great sadness that our organization heard of the absurd rate of reimbursement that BlueCare a Blue Cross/Blue Shield program from TennCare, has offered our hospital. BlueCare had an opportunity to make an incredible difference for families, not only in Henry County, but in Benton, Carroll, Weakley and Stewart Counties, but they blew it."

ternity desert. They blew it for people like realtors, builders and plumbers and shop owners, restaurant owners, a wide array of health care workers and others who depend on thriving communities for their success," she said, noting that BlueCare also blew it for retiree recruitment to our area.

Northwest Tennessee Cares is a grassroots organization which has been lobbying the last several weeks to keep the OB open.

BlueCare "blew it for the mothers who will be on the road for at least an hour and a half to use obstetric services equal to what we offer right here at Henry County Medical Center," she said. "They blew it for the employers in the region who are now going to lose hours upon hours of pregnant employees' time as these women make their way to and from their pre-natal visits and deliveries."

Jones said, "BlueCare blew it for Northwest Tennessee economic development....as it will be next to impossible to recruit and retain industries in a ma-

"How about ... the dedicated staff members who consider the HCMC OB unit their home. That's right they blew that too," she said. Northwest Tennessee Cares is staying on the job to help the HCMC administration, board, physicians and staff work in this impossible situation. We are staying on the job for moms and babies. It doesn't have to be like this y'all."

Local realtor Barbara Roberts spoke about the impact that the lack of OB services will have on the regional realty industry and the region itself.

OB Physician Dr. Pam Evans spoke about the negative impact closure of the OB unit will have on our area, as did retired nurse Trisha Reimold and others.

Several people carried signs with messages such as "Save Our OB" and many of those in attendance, including nurses and staff members, were in tears.

Tri-Counties Experience Second Month of Rising Unemployment

TENNESSEE (July 27) — Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties endured another month of increased unemployment rates in June 2023, according to the Tennessee Labor Force's June estimates. The increased rates follow a national trend.

In the U.S., 3.8 percent of the labor force was unemployed in June. This is 0.4 percentage points higher than May's unemployment rate. Tennessee's unemployment rate for June was 3.8 percent, meaning 109,749 people out of a 3,359,776-member labor force were unemployed.

Carroll County's June unemployment rate was 5 percent — a 1.2 percent-

age-point increase from May. 591 members of the 11,713-member labor force in Carroll County were unemployed in June 2023. A year ago, 4.7 percent of Carroll County's labor force was unemployed.

4.3 percent of Henry County's labor force was unemployed this June — a 0.6 percentage-point increase from May 2023. 582 members of the county's 13,528-member labor force were unemployed in June. A year ago, Henry County's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent.

Weakley County's unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in June 2023 — a 0.8 percentage-point increase

from May. 656 members of the county's 14,985-member labor force identified as unemployed in June. Last year, Weakley County's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent.

The unemployment rate increased across all 95 counties in Tennessee. While the unemployment rate is less than 5 percent in 77 counties, it is 5 percent or greater (but less than 10 percent) in the remaining 18 counties.

Williamson County had the lowest unemployment rate in June at 2.8 percent.

Bledsoe County had the highest unemployment rate in June at 6.5 percent.

Agenda for West Carroll Special School District Board of Education

West Carroll Board of Education meets August 3, 6:30 p.m. at West Carroll Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

Approve Resignations from: Susan Barrow, Amanda Brewer, Kimberly Harvey, Ryan Mansfield, Cindi Wilbanks.

Discuss/Approve School Improvement Project Services with Lashlee-Rich Inc. — Mr. Preston Caldwell.

WCSSD Yearly Audit Report — Alexander Thompson Arnold (ATA).

Discuss/Approve 22-23 Budget Amendments — Mr. Preston Caldwell.

Review of Schools Master Schedules — Mrs. Jackie Wester, Dr. Jessica Williams, Mr. Joe Tetleton.

WCSSD Scheduling Dis-

cussion — Mrs. Kelly Weaver.

Discuss / Approve Yearly Board Meeting Dates / Calendar.

Discuss / Approve Bids For New Floor Scrubber WCJSHS — Mr. Mark Wright.

Discuss/Approve (1st Reading) Policy 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics — Mr. Preston Caldwell.

Discuss/Approve (2nd Reading) Policies — Mr. Preston Caldwell.

1.102 Board Members; 1.106 Code of Ethics; 1.400 School Board Meetings; 1.402 Notifications of Meetings; 1.404 Appeals to and Appearances before the board; 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan; 3.304 Threat Assessment Team; 3.205 Security; 4.204 Summer In-

structional Programs; 4.300 Extracurricular Activities; 4.403 Library Materials; 5.106 Application and Employment; 5.119 Employment of Retirees; 5.302 Sick Leave; 5.305 Family Medical Leave; 5.307 Physical Assault Leave; 5.600 Staff Rights and Responsibilities; 6.200 Attendance; 6.202 Home Schools; 6.300 Code of Conduct; 6.309 Zero Tolerance Offenses; 6.319 Alternative Education; 6.4001 Student Surveys, Analysis, and Evaluation; 6.402 Physical Examinations and Immunizations; Public Comment (*Prior Approval Required); Principal Reports; Director of Schools Report. Adjourn.



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Town of Huntingdon’s new fire pumper was present at the new airbase announcement. Firefighters Tim Bennett, Brady Jackson, Brian McCaslin, and Mike Murphy stand alongside the new apparatus.

Air

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welcomed Med-Trans/Hospital Wing to the county. Andy Rice with Hospital Wing said the Carroll County base begins as a daytime-only base until a hanger can be built along with a headquarters for the

staff. Each day, a pilot, flight nurse and flight paramedic will man the Airbus EC130 helicopter stationed at the local hospital. It will start each morning at the Selmer base and fly to Huntingdon, weather permitting. Hospital Wing is the sister company of AirEvac Life-team, said Rice. Hospital Wing has bases in Brownsville, Memphis, Selmer, and Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Each aircraft is equipped with blood, plasma, IVs, ultrasound, and other medical equipment. Flights to Memphis or Nashville can be just over 20 minutes compared to two hours via ground transportation. Subscriptions are available to lessen the cost of air transportation. The air ambulance is part of the emergency network supporting local hospitals and first responders.



Mayor Nina Smothers announced the Huntingdon City Hall will be named Dale R. Kelley Center.

Kelley

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Elliott of Elliott Signs. Mayor Kelley is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carlene Tullos Kelley; two daughters, Amanda (Rick) Wallace of Huntingdon and Meredith (Tommy) Surber of McKenzie; one son, Cliff (Holly) Kelley of Huntingdon; eight grandchildren, Payten Plunk, Jack Surber, Cole Edwards, Eli Surber, Ty Kelley, Tate Surber, Quinn Kelley, and Max Kelley. Mayor Kelley began his career in government service as Carroll County Assessor of Property for four years and then later served as a Carroll County commissioner for five years. He served three terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives. Mayor Kelley served under three Tennessee governors: Commissioner of Employment Security and Commissioner of Transportation under Governor Lamar Alexander, a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission under Governor Don Sundquist, and Senior Advisor and Special

Assistant to Governor Bill Haslam. It was Kelley’s brainchild to a develop a lake in Carroll County for economic development and recreation. In 1984, he took it to legislature and the Beaver Creek Watershed Authority (subsequently amended as Carroll County Watershed Authority) was born. He worked tirelessly from 1984 until present day on the creation and development of the Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake. He also served on the Carroll County Watershed Authority Board as secretary/treasurer. He was the mayor of Huntingdon at the time of his death, a role he held for 30 years. He was past president of the West Tenn. Mayor’s Association. He served on the Tenn. Municipal League Board of Directors, Tenn. Municipal League Risk Management Pool Board, and Tenn. Municipal Bond Fund Board. He was recognized as the 2008 Tommie Goodwin Mayor of the Year Award for the State of Tennessee presented by the Tennessee Municipal League. The Kelley Sports Complex was completed and named for him in 1998. He

led the vision and development of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center, home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre. During the Huntingdon Town Council meeting the board approved the sale of Huntingdon Fire Department’s Pumper 3 as scrap. The Huntingdon Police Department was granted permission to sell certain property to be declared as surplus and sold. Restore Rite Restoration was deeded a small strip of city-designated right of way land between 117 Boundary and 127 Boundary through a quit claim deed. The Utility Department was granted permission to solicit bids for a water line extension from Holmes Mill Road to Eastview Baptist Church. Mayor Smothers announced the city is developing a long-range master plan with the assistance of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce President Brad Hurley. The plan is necessary for some monetary grant opportunities. The long-range planning cycle requires opinion surveys of a sample number of residents.

Electric

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Ryan Drewry, general manager of CCED, drafted a sample policy allowing up to five minutes for each speaker. However, the Board approved a two-minute limit equal to the County Commission’s policy. On a motion by John Austin, the board unanimously approved the following policy. “Carroll County Board of Public Utilities Public Comments Policy for Board Meetings Customers of Carroll County Electric Department may speak and offer comments during a Carroll County Board of Public Utilities board meeting. To request to speak, a customer must call 731-986-8284 before noon the business day prior to the scheduled meeting. Customer name, service address, phone number, and the topic for public comment must be provided. The allotted time for public comment will be a maximum of twenty (20) minutes

with each customer given a two (2) minute allotment of time or a time limit as determined by the board chair. Distribution of customer provided written material is also at the discretion of the board chair. The public comment period will occur before any business is conducted.” In recent years, the Board has had few people request to speak to the Board. In one case, approximately five years ago, the Board denied a request for the McKenzie Industrial Board representatives to speak about an available TVA program that Carroll County Electric was not utilizing. McKenzie was attempting to lure a new industry, which eventually landed in Union City. The requirement for a public comment period is a new state law applicable to many Tennessee governmental boards. Paul Moore of Atwood was welcomed back to the Board. He had previously served as a member. Officers of the Board were re-elected. Lori Nolen was re-elected as chairman, Chris Gurley was re-elect-

ed as secretary and Marty Hurley was re-elected as treasurer. Insurance costs for Workers Compensation, General Liability, Automobile, and Officers and Directors liability increased from \$233,408 to \$259,556 annually. The Board approved the new premiums. Mr. Drewry said a proposed solar array in Trezevant is now undergoing a system impact study, which should be complete in September. The site is proposed by Solar Ranch, a Tennessee-based company headed, in part, by former Governor Phil Bredesen and former Commissioner of Economic and Community Development Matt Kisber. The due diligence is progressing on the purchase of real estate for a new CCED headquarters. Drewry said the land survey is complete. The results of the soil boring are not yet available. Drewry said the expects all preliminary work to be complete by mid-August. The Board also voted to increase the purchasing limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the utility.

Accident

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A patient was extricated and transported after a rollover crash on State Route 22 on Sunday morning.

Anna

...From Front Page

Optometrists are saturated in bigger cities, and patients in smaller towns and communities are left to drive long distances for their annual eye exams. The distance is sometimes a barrier to care, and some patients might skip their annual exams because of the hassle. Dr. Anderson said she wants to help erase those barriers. She emphasized the need for annual exams. “Some patients think there’s nothing wrong with their eyes because they can see well. That’s not necessarily true,” she said. Optometrists can spot tumors, diabetes, high blood pressure, early stroke symptoms, and more from annual dilation. When she receives her license to practice, Dr. Anderson will work with Acuity Eyecare Group, based mainly in Dover at the Dover Eye Clinic and sometimes in Paris at the Harrison Eye Clinic. Dr. Anderson, the daughter of Mark and Malissa Anderson, graduated from McKenzie High School in 2015. She graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in December 2018 with a degree in organismal biology before moving to Memphis to attend the Southern College of Optometry. She graduated from the Southern College of Optometry with Magna Cum Laude and received a Doctor of Optometry in May 2023, and she passed her board exams this summer. While she waits to receive her license, Dr. Anderson works as a tech for Dr. Frances Bynum, O.D., at Northwest Tennessee Eye Clinic in Martin. But her journey to practicing optometry was not always so linear. Dr. Anderson always knew she wanted to work in the medical field. For

a while, she thought she would follow in her mom’s footsteps and become a speech pathologist. She changed her mind after job shadowing her mom, realizing it did not feel right. Dr. Anderson went to Smith & Smith Optometry for her annual eye exam the summer before her senior year of high school, and she began reading posters around the waiting room and exam rooms. She had never thought about pursuing optometry before, and she wanted to learn more. She asked Dr. Mark Smith all of her questions during her eye exam. “So many questions that Dr. Mark was like, ‘Come back and shadow with me,’” said Dr. Anderson. “You know, ‘Come back when I can actually answer your questions a little bit better.’” She job shadowed Dr. Smith one day during the spring of her senior year. That day, her professional life changed. She watched as a little girl received her first pair of glasses and saw her mom clearly for the first time. She saw a patient whose life was saved by optometry when Dr. Smith found a tumor in the back of the patient’s eye. These patients’ stories inspired Dr. Anderson to pursue optometry, but even more elements have helped her stay committed to the profession. “It’s one of your vital senses,” Dr. Anderson said. “The way you take in a space, the way you navigate the world. And the world is just too beautiful a place for you to not have your vision, truly..The patients, they have a passion for their vision, too. Nobody wants to be blind. Nobody wants to lose any vision. So I’m going to try my best to make sure that doesn’t happen or at least slow it down if it is going to happen.” As someone who has worn glasses since she was 10 years old and began wearing contacts at 12 years old, Anderson

knows how to relate to the patients in the exam rooms. But it goes deeper than that. As a teenager, Dr. Anderson discovered she had an autoimmune disease. She went from doctor to doctor, trying to find someone who would listen and find answers. “I know how frustrating it is to not know what’s going on with you and to have doctors tell you that you’re normal. Your tests came back normal, and that’s all they can tell you. I don’t want to do that,” said Dr. Anderson. She wants to be an advocate for her patients, prioritizing listening to their ailments, performing more in-depth exams, or referring them to a primary care doctor if their tests come back normal. During her fourth year at the Southern College of Optometry, she did rotations and externships in West Tennessee. During her first rotation, she worked with the Jackson VA Clinic. During her second rotation, she worked with Dr. Bynum at Northwest Tennessee Eye Clinic in Martin and performed exams on patients of all ages. For her third rotation, she returned to the college and rotated through working at the disease clinic, the contact lens clinic, the surgery clinic, vision therapy, and low vision rehab. Dr. Anderson said she is passionate about vision therapy — teaching children or reminding elderly patients, typically stroke victims, how to use their eyes to focus on different targets. She has a long-term goal to introduce a vision therapist to her practice. Dr. Anderson will provide general eye care services four days a week at the Dover Eye Clinic and one day a week at Harrison Eye Clinic in Paris. She will provide annual eye exams and contact lens exams, give patients glasses and contact lens prescriptions, provide medical and accident care, and refer patients for cataract surgery.

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Cavelier de La Salle

The Journey to the Birth of Memphis

There are few tales as compelling as that of René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, a French explorer whose intrepid spirit led him to forge a path into the uncharted wilderness of North America. Amidst the late 17th century's backdrop of colonial expansion and fierce territorial rivalries, La Salle's vision and determination laid the foundation for one of the earliest European settlements in the Mississippi Valley—the enigmatic Fort Prudhomme. This week's story delves into the remarkable story of La Salle and the founding of Fort Prudhomme, a momentous chapter in the early history of Memphis and west Tennessee.

Born in Rouen, France, in 1643, La Salle was destined to become one of the most influential figures in the exploration of the New World. He arrived in Canada in 1667, driven by a thirst for adventure and wealth. A skilled entrepreneur and visionary, La Salle saw the vast potential of North America and dreamed of establishing a route to Asia through the continent's heartland.

La Salle's expedition took shape in the late 1670s, when he sought sup-

port from France's Governor-General, Louis de Buade, Comte de Frontenac. With the governor's backing, La Salle received a royal charter to explore the Mississippi River, which was believed to offer access to the Pacific Ocean.

In the winter of 1678-1679, La Salle and his dedicated companions began their arduous journey along the Great Lakes, pushing through dense forests and treacherous waterways. Their perseverance paid off when they reached the Illinois River and eventually the Mississippi, becoming the first Europeans to do so.

As La Salle and his men traveled down the Mississippi, they encountered numerous Native American tribes, forming alliances and securing critical support for their ambitious venture. In 1682, La Salle ceremoniously claimed the Mississippi Valley and its surrounding territories for France, naming the region "Louisiana" in honor of King Louis XIV.

Realizing the strategic importance of the Mississippi's juncture with the Wolf River, La Salle decided to establish a fortified trading post to serve as a supply depot and rendezvous point for future expeditions. In early 1682, Fort Prudhomme was born,



Left, de La Salle founding of Ft. Prudhomme lead the to building of Memphis, Tennessee in later years. Right, French explorer René-Robert Cavelier de La Salle died in Texas at the hands of his own men.



likely named after a close associate or an influential figure who supported La Salle's endeavors.

Fort Prudhomme, situated near the confluence of the Mississippi and Wolf Rivers, marked the beginning of what would eventually become the city of Memphis, Tennessee. This trading post was a vital link in the network of French outposts that facilitated exploration and commerce along the Mississippi River.

The founding of Fort Prudhomme was not without its challenges. Harsh weather, conflicts with local tribes, and logistical difficulties tested the resilience of La Salle and his men. However, through shrewd diplomacy and strategic decision-making, La Salle managed to maintain peaceful relations with the indigenous populations, securing the fort's safety and fostering trade.

Flushed with success from the establishment of Fort Prudhomme, La Salle set his sights on more

ambitious goals. In 1682, he returned to France to secure additional funding and support for an expedition to find the mouth of the Mississippi River, with the intent of establishing a French colony there.

Returning to the Americas in 1684 with four ships and approximately 300 colonists, La Salle faced a series of calamities, including the loss of two ships, lack of provisions, and internal dissension among the colonists. Despite these setbacks, La Salle led his beleaguered expedition overland, enduring a grueling journey across the coastal plains of Texas.

In 1687, La Salle's quest for the mouth of the Mississippi met a tragic end. Tensions among his followers reached a breaking point, and some of his men mutinied against him. While attempting to reach the French settlement of Fort St. Louis, La Salle was ambushed and killed by members of his own party near the Trinity River.

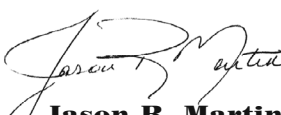
Despite the untimely

and tragic demise of La Salle, his legacy continued to shape the course of history. The efforts of his followers led to the eventual founding of a French settlement in Texas, solidifying France's claim to the region. The establishment of Fort Prudhomme, along with subsequent French missions and settlements, laid the groundwork for the colonization of Louisiana and the Mississippi Valley.

The founding of Fort Prudhomme by René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, stands as a testament to human perseverance, courage, and the unquenchable thirst for exploration. La Salle's ambitious vision and unwavering determination blazed a trail through the heart of North America, paving the way for centuries of European exploration and colonization in the region.

Fort Prudhomme's establishment marked the birth of Memphis and opened up new possibilities for both the Old and New Worlds. Today, the legacy

of La Salle and his daring venture lives on, inspiring generations to embrace the unknown and embrace the spirit of adventure that once forged the foundations of Fort Prudhomme. The tragic end of La Salle's life serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made in the pursuit of knowledge and the courage required to explore the uncharted frontiers of the world.



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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

We Need A More Accurate Scorecard

General George Armstrong Custer peered intently through the early morning mist. He couldn't see any Indians. The Crow scouts insisted they were there, camped on the bank of the Little Bighorn River some fifteen miles away.

It was Sunday, June 25, 1876.

The Crow scouts also insisted it was the largest Indian camp they had ever seen. By far! They warned Custer it was too large to attack. He couldn't win.

You might be surprised that one tribe of Indians were helping Custer track down another. Here's the short version. Crows and the Lakota Sioux had never gotten along. They were natural enemies. In a peace treaty engineered at Fort Laramie by emissaries from "the great white father" in Washington, the Sioux were given the Black Hills in the Dakota Territory.

The Crows were allotted the lands west of the Black Hills in Southern Montana and Northern Wyoming. This area included the valley of the Little Bighorn. The Crows and the Sioux were promised this land "as long as the wind blows and the grass grows."

Apparently this treaty left out what would happen if gold was discovered in the Black Hills. When it was, the Lakota Sioux were forced off the land. They had only one feasible way to go and that was west. They mostly pushed the Crows out and took their land.

The entire situation was fraught with confusion, misgivings, selfish deeds, outright lies and a bonfire of contention before Custer got close enough to see the Indians he was chasing. The army had been charged with finding the "rebellious" groups and forcing them back on their allotted reservations.

Most historians agree Custer had his own agenda. He needed a big victory. Quickly! The Centennial Exposition celebrating 100 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence was going on in Philadelphia. All the big wigs were there.

Custer could make a triumphant entrance....

1876 was an election year. And Custer was well aware that winning "war heroes" fared well in presidential elections. Washington, Jackson, Harrison, Taylor, and Grant were noted examples.

And George Armstrong Custer was an ambitious man.

He didn't have time to wait for a smaller Indian camp. He didn't have time to reconnoiter properly and understand what he was up against. The enemy was in front of him and he moved.

History does recount that not all the Crow scouts followed Custer into battle. Several did. It spoke to the age-old question of loyalty versus self-preservation. And it added a bit more intrigue as to where everyone stood in this fight.

Custer divided his 12 companies of the Seventh Cavalry into three groups. Probably not a good military strategy when vastly outnumbered by an enemy force. He didn't offer any pre-fight powwow before attacking, which would make one question if he was following orders to "force" them back on the reservation....or just trying to defeat as many Indians as he could.

He sent three companies to block any escape to the south. He ordered Major Reno to cross the river and attack directly into the camp.

Custer took the five remaining companies (approximately 210 men) and rode parallel to the camp to

stop any escape in that direction, as he looked for an opening to attack. The Lakota Sioux, joined by some Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho had other plans. They attacked Custer! In overwhelming numbers! It was the greatest victory for the Indians in their fight for survival in the American West.

I have often wondered as the afternoon battle quickly came to an end if any of the soldiers' dying thoughts were that Custer graduated last in his class at West Point.

As for Custer's political aspirations, it was the end of the beginning. Sadly, for the Indians, it was the beginning of the end. Public sentiment was appalled by the outcome. And the military might of the United States got serious about chasing down all the Indians and "fixing" the problem.

It is interesting to note that three tribes actively fought against Custer, but all the tribes were held responsible. Actual facts didn't seem to matter much.

14 years later, at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, it was all over with the execution of a group of Indians that were not a threat to anyone. Talk about an egregious and inglorious ending!

The bottom line was NO-BODY WON in this deal.

Sometimes, in any era, it's hard to tell the good players from the bad ones without a scorecard.

I watched maybe fifteen minutes of the evening news on one of the major TV networks last night. And halfway into the rhetoric, finger pointing and the high shrill voices of unreason, I thought of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

I hope and pray it is not an omen....

Respectfully,
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McKenzie Garden Club July Meeting

MCKENZIE (July 28) — The McKenzie Garden Club met aboard the church bus at the McKenzie Church of Christ on July 28 for an abbreviated meeting. Hostesses Ann Coleman and Janie Moore provided delicious sack lunches in preparation for the group's trip to Paris, Tenn. to tour Mr. Jimmy Williams' gardens.

Thirteen members answered the roll call. The June meeting's minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. It was noted that the club meeting minutes did not appear in the McKenzie Banner in May or in June.

The Sunshine Committee chair reported on cards sent in July, and the Telephone Committee chair was thanked for notifying the members of the upcoming meeting.

The Civic and Conservation Committee reported that the Habitat House would be dedicated on August 6, but shrubs, plants, etc. would not be planted until fall.

Following the committee reports, lovely vases of Surprise Lilies were presented to the members celebrating birthdays in July. Members sang Happy Birthday before the meeting officially closed with the reading of the Collect.

As the bus prepared to leave for the trip to Paris, the members were delighted to learn that visitor Marie Lozinsky expressed her desire to become a Garden Club member.

At their destination, club member Brenda Smith introduced the members to Mr. Jimmy Williams. Mr. Jimmy is a second-generation contributor to the Paris newspaper, writing gardening articles. The garden at his home is 49 years old, and Jimmy adds to it and enhances it every year. He explained that when he first began, soil improvement was critical. He tilled in filter media (finely crushed gravel) and peat moss before he began planting. He recommended feeding regu-

larly with a mixture of two tablespoons bat guano in one gallon of water. Jimmy began the tour by pointing out some of the damage caused by the extreme cold spell experienced this past winter, with the temperature plummeting one evening from 70 to -6 degrees. His expertise, however, brought the gardens back to their lush beauty.

Jimmy gallantly led the ladies from one shady area to the next while he shared his wealth of knowledge and regaled them with amusing stories. He generously answered all of their gardening questions and made both plant and product recommendations. At the end of the tour, Jimmy invited the ladies back for subsequent seasons so they could enjoy the garden's beauty again in its various stages. The bus trip home gave the members time and opportunity to reflect and chat about their own gardens and future plans for them.

Leadership Carroll County Accepting Applications

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting 2023 Adult Leadership Carroll County class applications. Leadership Carroll County (LCC) consists of nine sessions and a community service project. "Class members will find the sessions to be informative, educational, and fun," said Natalie Porter, Chair of the LCC program. "The goal of the Leadership Carroll County program is to provide our participants with information about the life and work of Carroll County and to identify the issues, challenges, and opportunities that our country will face in the coming years."

The sessions include information on health care, government operations, education, county demographics, economic development, agriculture, professional development, and much more.

Sessions dates: Session 1 — August 17, 2023; Session 2— August 31; Session 3 — September 14; Session 4 — September 28; Session 5 — October 5; Session 6 — October 19; Session 7 — November 2; Session 8 — November 16; Session 9 — Plus one date in 2024 All sessions are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce has operated leadership programs since 1990. Approximately 967 individuals have gone

through both the Adult and Youth Leadership programs.

The leadership sessions are an excellent opportunity to network with class members and presenters.

The deadline for the application is August 15, 2023. The tuition for participating in the program is \$300. Tuition includes all program costs and meals associated with the sessions. Tuition is payable upon confirmation of acceptance into the program.

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Obituaries



HARLON HUGH MILLER
1951 — 2023

BUENA VISTA — Mr. Harlon Hugh Miller, 72, of Buena Vista, Tenn., died Saturday, July 29, 2023, at his home.

Graveside funeral services were Monday, July 31, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Miller was born February 2, 1951, in Huntingdon, Tenn. He was a retired maintenance worker for the Henry I. Seigel Company, a truck driver, farmer, and was a member of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rena (Chandler) Miller.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vicki (Ellis) Miller, one daughter, April Ann Qualls (Timothy) and one son, Amon A. Miller (Alicia) all of Buena Vista, two sisters, Becky Melton of Buena Vista and Nellie Bailey (Scotty) of Huntingdon. He also leaves four grandchildren, Graden Kyle Miller, Emma Mae Qualls, Allis Miller, USMC Gavin Johnson and one great grandson, Harlon Ford.

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WILLIAM SHERRILL SMITH
1943 — 2023

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for William Sherrill Smith were Friday, July 28, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Trezevant Church of Christ, with burial at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mr. Smith, 80, died Sunday, July 23, 2023, at his residence. He is a member of Trezevant Church of Christ, an avid fisherman and a factory worker, working at ACCO Milan and retiring from Orscheln, Moberly, MO. He was born in rural Carroll County on May 16, 1943 to William Andrew and Etta Virginia Manns Smith.

He is survived by his son William Bradley (Deanna) Smith of Huntingdon, two sisters Patsy (Frank) Burns of Nashville and Pam (Jerry) Swearingen of Gatlinburg and two grandchildren Ashley Smith and Parker Smith.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 57 years, Wanda Sauls Smith, a son, Jason D Smith, a sister, Joyce Ann Smith Newbill, and a brother, Bobby Smith.

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NOAH MICHAEL MASON
1986 — 2023

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Noah Michael Mason were Friday, July 28, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with interment in the family cemetery.

The family received friends on Thursday, July 27, 2023, 5-8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until service time.

Pallbearers were Shay Barksdale, Chance Jackson, Dustin Austin, Allen Conger, Andrew Guerrero, Justin Dacus, Ryan Emerson, David Salonic and honorary pallbearers were Riley Crafton, Wyatt Mason, Aiden Mason, Barrett Barksdale and AJ Guerrero.

Mr. Mason, 37, died Friday, July 21, 2023, at his residence. He worked as a technician for TDOT. He was born in Mesa, Arizona, on June 27, 1986, to Christopher and Annette Contreras Mason.

He is survived by his mother, Annette Mason, a daughter, Stella Mason, two sons, Riley Crafton and Wyatt Mason, two sisters, Danielle (Michael) Case and Christine (Shay) Barksdale and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Christopher Allen Mason.

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DONALD CALDERARO
1951 — 2023

GLEASON — A memorial service for Donald Joseph Calderaro, 72, is Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Tumbling Creek Baptist Church near Gleason with Brother Gene Price officiating. It was Mr. Calderaro's wishes to be cremated.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 5, 2023, 1 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m.

Mr. Calderaro, a retired police officer for the Chicago Police Department, died Thursday, July 27, 2023, at his residence. He was born on March 21, 1951, in Chicago, Illinois, to Dominic and Leonette Nadeas Calderaro. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police and a member of Tumbling Creek Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte DeRossett Calderaro of Gleason, a daughter, Anne Marie (Ryan) Melton of Jackson, Tenn., two sons, Christopher Calderaro of Chicago, Michael (Heather) Calderaro of Clarksville, Tenn., ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society in memory of Mr. Calderaro.

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

BOB MILLER
1944 — 2023

PARIS — Robert John "Bob" Miller, 79, of Paris, Tenn., died July 26, 2023, at Tri-Star Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

He was born June 23, 1944, in Chattanooga, Tenn., to the late Harry L. Miller, Jr. and the late Mary Sue Milburn Miller.

Bob purchased the Ed Covington Chevrolet, Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealership in Paris, Tenn.

Following his years as an automobile dealer, he opened Bob Miller Insurance Agency in Paris in 1983 and retired in 2010.

Bob was married to Linda Wilson Miller on June 11, 2005, and she survives in Paris, where they recently celebrated 18 years of marriage.

Besides his wife Linda, he is also survived by two daughters, Lessly Miller Williams of Paris, Tenn., and Kimberly Miller of Nashville, Tenn.; one son, Rush L. (Julie) Miller of Franklin, Tenn., one stepson, Chad (Sabrena) Wilson of Jackson; three grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, sisters.

Ridgeway Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA HODGES JETER
1924 — 2023

GLEASON — Services for Virginia Hodges Jeter, 98, formerly of Gleason, Tenn., were Monday July 31, 2023, at Gleason First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery in Gleason, Tenn.

Visitation was Monday at 11 a.m. until time of her funeral service.

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Three children survive Mrs. Jeter, Robert (Rita) Jeter of Gleason, Tenn., Jere Jeter of Franklin, TN, and Gail (Kerry) Campbell of Nashville, Tenn. She is also survived by three siblings, Charles Hodges of Huntingdon, Tenn., Susan Allen and Janis Featherstone, both of Christmaville, Tenn. Mrs. Jeter leaves behind seven grandchildren. She also leaves behind 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack W. Jeter, parents, Roy Rosco and Tenne Aileen Hodges, and seven siblings, Martha Nell Poyner, Mary Jane Higgs, Margaret Ann Calvert, Bettye Faye Bell, John Robert Hodges, Tommy Hodges, and Roy Lee Hodges.

Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

VICKI MARIE CROUSE
1960 — 2023

LAVINIA — Mrs. Vicki Marie Crouse, 63, of Lavinia, Tenn., died Saturday, July 29, 2023, at the Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Funeral services are Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Daniel Spencer officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Cedar Grove, Tenn.

Mrs. Crouse was born July 27, 1960, in Chicago Height, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Washington James Adair, Jr., husband, Shane Crouse, grandson, Lucifer Lee Autrey, brother, Georgie Adair, sister, Janie Degener.

She is survived by two daughters, Kelly Crouse, Aimee Chandler (Spencer), both of Lavinia, two sons, Timothy Bey (Lisa) of Por-

tage, Indiana, Ricky Bey (Jessica) of Chesterton, Indiana, her mother, Rebecca McMinn (Kenneth) of Lavinia, one sister, Glenda Degener (Mike) of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and one brother, Jeffrey Adair (Tammy) of Milan. She also leaves six grandchildren, Samantha, Emery, Elliott, Angel Marie, Archibald, Lazarus, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

DR. THOMAS GILBERT
1931 — 2023

Dr. Thomas Graves Gilbert, Jr., DDS, 91, of Rapi-dan, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Novant Health UVA Culpeper Hospital. He was born September 19, 1931 in McKenzie, Tenn. to the late Thomas Graves Gilbert, Sr. and Lottie Gilbert.

He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, University of

Tennessee in Martin, and University of Tennessee in Memphis. Dr. Gilbert practiced dentistry in Culpeper, Virginia for over 40 years before retiring. Thomas liked gardening and loved his dogs. He enjoyed genealogy and wrote two books on his family's descendants. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Charlottesville Chapter, the Sons & Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers, and his ancestor was Benjamin Harrison. He was also an ancestor to the McKenzie family, founders of the City of McKenzie, Tenn.

He is survived by his friend and caregiver, Kevin Ayers; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Thomas is preceded in death by three sister, Lanier Mabry, Kathryn Varnell, and Jeane Tucker.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpepper, www.foundandsons.com.

Card of Thanks

The family of Barbara Joyce Cooper would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Our family truly appreciates the visits, food, flowers, donations, cards, and kind words.

Thank you to Rev. Thomas Taylor for the beautiful funeral service

and Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home for their services.

We are grateful for the support of the community and many tributes to Barbara that have been expressed to the family.

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LARRY MORGAN DANCE PARTY
The McKenzie Senior Center hosts the Larry Morgan Dance Party Saturday, August 5 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$6.

EAGLE WING MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION MEETING
The Eagle Wing Motorcycle Association (EWMA) is organizing a new chapter in McKenzie and meets August 13 at 2 p.m. at the McKenzie Senior Citizen's Center. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.
An EWMA representative will attend to answer any questions.

SOUTHERN FRIED NUPTIALS
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GREATER ENON CHURCH HYPE NIGHT
The Greater Enon Church promises H.Y.P.E. (Helping You Pursue Eternity) Night on Saturday, September 3, will not be "the usual church experience." Beginning at 6 p.m., people of all ages are encouraged to attend and bring a friend to the special service at Greater Enon Church at 313 Walnut Ave., McKenzie.
The theme is "I'm R.E.T.R.O.: Removing Everything That Represents Obstacles."

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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.

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.

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,

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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 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 TEA AND SOUTHERN PICKIN'S FESTIVAL
McKenzie's annual Sweet Tea and Southern Pickin's Festival is August 25-26.

McKenzie Middle Girls Soccer Team, Schedule Announced

MCKENZIE — McKenzie Middle School's inaugural girls soccer team was revealed in late July, almost a month before the team's first game.
In June, Coach Karlene Brown campaigned to the McKenzie Special School District's school board to start the team, after gathering 36 signatures from interested middle school girls. Coach Brown is McKenzie High School's Rebels and Lady Rebels soccer head coach, assisted by Jeremy Bilger.
She alerted the school board that, before this year, the middle school had a male-dominated co-ed team that competed in the spring against primarily boys soccer teams. The school board unanimously voted in favor of adding the team, and tryouts were July 18.
"Despite facing numerous challenges throughout a lengthy process, we finally have a MMS Girl's Soccer team," Coach Brown said in a Facebook post on July

20. She extended thanks to assistant coaches Mary Davis, Allie Chappell, and Josefina Batton; Jeremy Bilger, McKenzie Middle School Principal Dorethea Royle, Superintendent Justin Barden, and the McKenzie School Board.
Members of the 2023 McKenzie Middle School Lady Rebels soccer team are Bella Sass, Kallie Hudgins, Lilli Simmons, Kaylyn Ozment, Kaydynce Barksdale, Stephanie Padilla, Addison Courtney, Addyson Lee, Autumn Haywood, Janyla Piro, MaKayla Dabbs, Claire Kee, Ava Graham, Sophie Dameron, Megan Cowan, Ellie Doede, Kallie O'Rourke, Abby Carroll, Mahelet Rivera, and Lauren Burlison.
The girls' season starts at home against Medina on Monday, August 21 at 6 p.m. August 24 is at Lexington at 5:30 p.m. September 5 is a home game against Inman at 5 p.m. September 7 is a home game against Huntingdon at 5:30 p.m. September 11 is at Milan at 5:30 p.m. September 14 is at Henry County at 5:30 p.m. October 3 is at Inman at 5 p.m. October 5 is Eighth Grade Night and a home game against Martin at 5 p.m.
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Sept. 8	@ McEwen *	Oct. 26	West Carroll * Sr
Sept. 15	@ Scotts Hill		Game time is 7 p.m.
Sept. 22	@ HR-Bruceton *		* Denotes Region Game
Sept. 29	@ Perry Co. *		HC Homecoming Sr Senior Night

Huntingdon High School 2023 Football Schedule

Aug. 18	@ McKenzie	Oct. 6	@ Jackson (JCM) *
Aug. 25	BYE	Oct. 13	Gibson Co. *
Sept. 1	Adamsville * HC	Oct. 20	@ Camden *
Sept. 8	@ Columbia Acad.	Oct. 27	Peabody * Sr
Sept. 15	Crockett Co.		Game time is 7 p.m.
Sept. 22	@ Milan *		* Denotes Region Game
Sept. 29	Riverside *		HC Homecoming Sr Senior Night

Middle School Football Jamboree is Saturday

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, Hunting-

don 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.

PRESEASON FOOTBALL

Rebels Take on Bobcats

It was 1A versus 3A. McKenzie made the 80-mile ride to McNairy County to open the 2023 preseason. The Rebels are fielding an almost completely new squad from last year's 15-0 State Championship team.
The scrimmage consisted of each possession being 10 total plays. McKenzie's offensive line provided sophomore Timmy Arline sufficient running room, and he ran for 82 yards. Rebel junior quarterback Tate Surber also added 20 yards to the ground attack. Colt Norden ran hard for 16 yards on four carries, and a Rebel touchdown.
Defensively, McKenzie was able to hold McNairy to only a couple big plays. With many new faces on the defensive side of the field, the Rebels held McNairy to 77 yards on 28 attempts.
The scrimmage ended for the first teams in

a 21-7 McKenzie win. Junior varsity followed with McKenzie again coming out on top 6-0. Offensively, McKenzie churned out 98 yards on the ground with Cole Brown and Matteo Campbell heading up the ground attack.
McKenzie's score came on a 35 yard run by Brown. The Rebels' offensive and defensive lines played well as McKenzie netted 128 yards of offense while holding the Bobcats to seven yards.
This Friday, McKenzie will scrimmage the 4A Lexington Tigers at 6 p.m. at Randy Thomas Field.
Game stats:
McKenzie rushing: 24 attempts, 118 yards, one touchdown.
McKenzie passing: 10 of 16 for 158 yards, two touchdowns.
Total offense: 276 yards
McKenzie, 168 yards McNairy.

Bethel/Eastside FCE July Meeting

Twelve members were present for July's Bethel/Eastside Family and Community Education (FCE) Club meeting in the home of Mary and Pennye Mays.
Vice President Pennye Mays conducted the call to order, followed by the thought for the day: "Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures," by Jackson Brown, Jr.
Sue Smith gave the devotion, reading the poem, "How great the yield from a fertile field."
The club creed was read in unison, and then the meeting began. Roll call was answered with, "What is your favorite summer food?"
The June meeting's minutes were read and accepted.
In old business, club members decided against

setting up a table at the Heritage Festival. After a vote, not enough interest was shown to have a workshop on the decoupage bowl.
In new business, 4-H offered to help teach a cooking class July 24-28. Sue Smith gave an educational program on preserving food: Be sure to label and date it! She discussed the differences of canning and freezing and asked club members about their preferences. She advised to look at the vinegar used for canning and make sure it is at least 5%, as some is now sold as 4%. Books published before 1994 may be out of date on some of the new recommendations.
Danita Laman is August's hostess.

Henry County Football Jamboree

Henry County Patriots are hosting its annual football jamboree featuring eight teams on Friday, August 11.
West Carroll, Henry County, Dresden, and McKenzie are the local teams participating.
Four games, one-hour apart, make up the jamboree.
At 6 p.m., Stewart County plays West Carroll.
Camden Central and Dresden play at 7 p.m.
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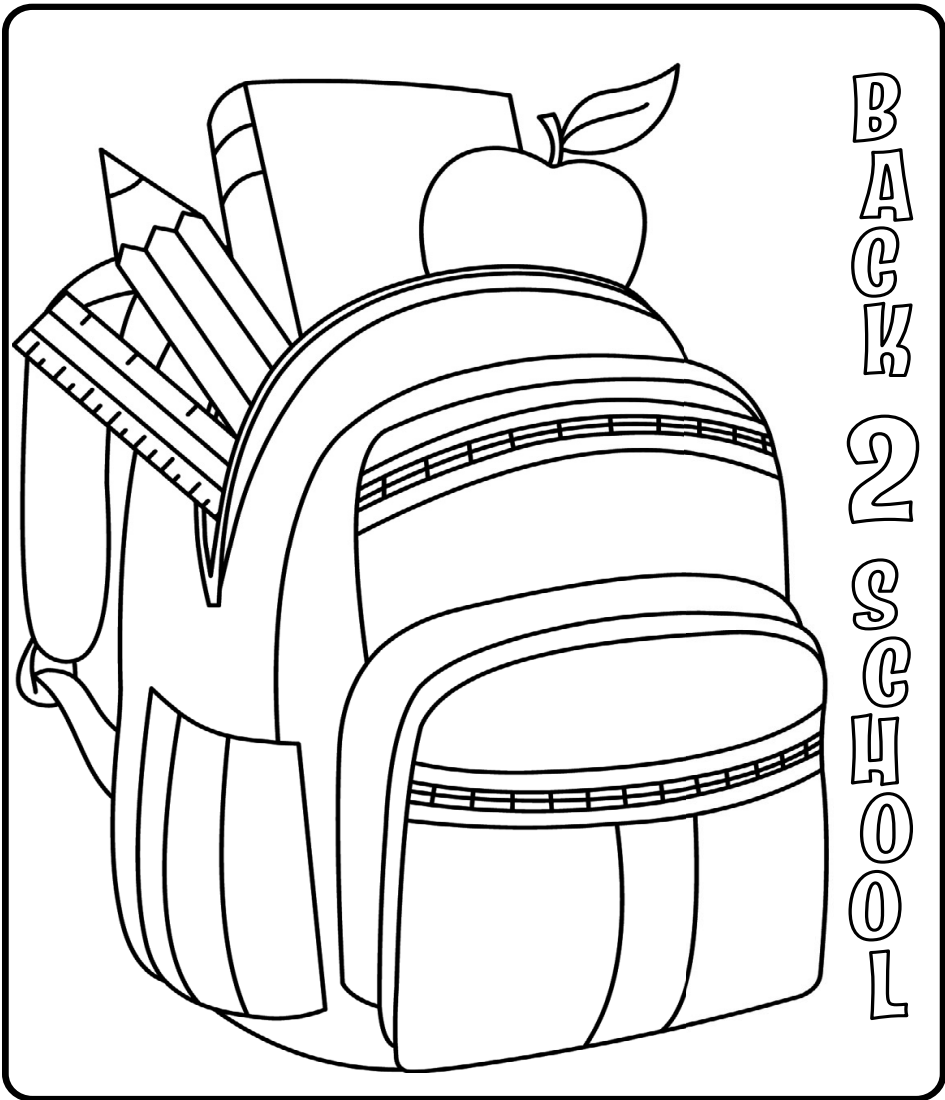
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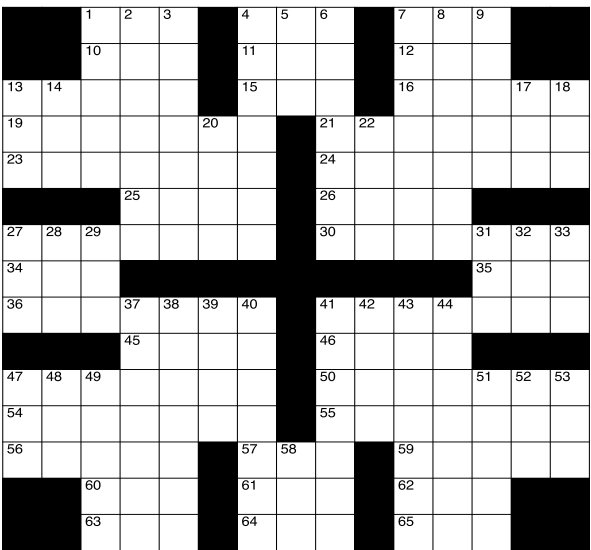
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Indicates tire pressure
- 4. Request
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. Scandinavian god of battle
- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. It's good to take them
- 21. Noble-governed territory
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Card game resembling rummy
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Left
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. S. American plant
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Offense
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Makes unhappy
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Medical instrument
- 55. Promote
- 56. A beloved carb
- 57. Tag the base runner to get him out
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Plant of the nettle family
- 2. Fit to be sold



- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Patella
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Lists of course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV network
- 14. They ___
- 17. Cooking hardware
- 18. U.S. Army title
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- 27. Former French coin
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi
- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Woeful
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Tasks which should be done
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships unload cargo
- 44. Singer
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Southwest Scotland town
- 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

Week 31

See solution in next week's edition.

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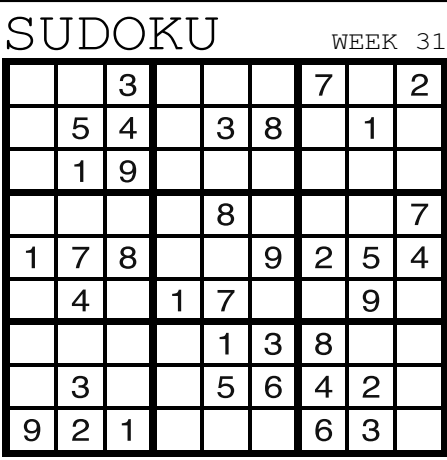
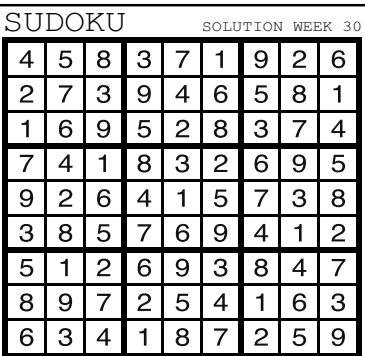
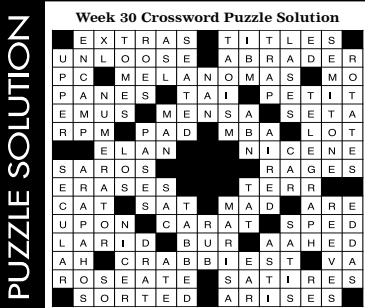
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The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Robert Anthony, Hurt Street, Trezevant, guilty, Failure to Appear, two days jail.

Jamie Lynn Carter, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, guilty, Evading Arrest, \$750 fine, probation; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest or Search; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs - Cocaine .5 grams or less.

Timothy Gene Chappel, Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Failure to Appear, 10 days jail.

James Dylan Cox, Brooks Road, Atwood, pre-trial diversion, Resist Stop, Arrest, or Search, \$100 fine, probation.

Steven E. Crawford, Main Street, Trezevant, guilty, Probation Violation, 12 days jail, probation extended.

Kenneth Steven Curtwright, Maple Avenue, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion Resist Stop, Arrest or Search, alcohol and drug assessment required; dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Ginger Garrison, Clearview Avenue, Trezevant, guilty, Criminal Impersonation, six months jail suspended to 11 days, probation.

Andrea Montgomery, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, guilty, Public Intoxication, \$500 fine, 19 days jail, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Toni Gail Pearson, Highway 219, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation; guilty, Failure to Carry Drivers License, probation extended nine months; dismissed, probation violation.

Kimberly Michele Phillips, Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, six months probation plus must get valid license; dismissed, speeding.

Brandon James Shirk, Mill Creek Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, Driving While

Suspended, \$100 fine, supervised probation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Speeding.

Herbert Strayhorn, Maple Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$500 fine, probation, 14 days jail; dismissed, Tampering with Evidence; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Logan Winberry, McCullough Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Resist Stop, Arrest, or Search, guilty, Driving While License Canceled; six months probation, \$100 fine.

The following cases were dismissed.

Caleb Bryce Doede, Briker Creek Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Domestic Assault

Brianna Howard, Randle Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Schedule II Drugs-Meth.; dismissed, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

James Rowe Hudson, Highway 114, Bruceton, dismissed, Schedule II Drugs; dismissed, Schedule III Drugs.

McKenzie Police Reports

Roy was arrested for Driving on Suspended License-Fourth Offense, Possession of Meth and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Hicks was charged with Possession of Meth and Tampering with Evidence.

DUI — Fernando Suarez, 38, Church Street, Atwood, was charged with DUI - First Offense and Driving on a Suspended License after a traffic stop on July 25.

Officer Sean Beck made the stop because of a tail-light violation and determined the driver was impaired through a series of field sobriety tests.

Suarez was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Violation of Order of Protection, Driving on Revoked — Brianna A. Howard, 32, Randle Street, McKenzie and Dale Maurice Teague, 36, Randle Street, McKenzie were charged in a single incident on July 25.

Officer Sean Beck

charged Teague with Driving on a Revoked License after the officer witnessed him driving. As the officer turned around to engage with Teague, the officer found Teague walking and his car parked at the corner of Hamilton and Maple.

Howard was charged with Violation of Order of Protection after she was found to be in the same vehicle with Teague despite a restraining order between she and Teague.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Larence, 30, Memphis, was charged with Criminal Trespass and Public Intoxication on July 31.

Officer Darren Davis was dispatched to Pocket's Convenience Store, where Lawrence was banned from the store. He was also disruptive and intoxicated, according to the report. Lawrence was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

Stephen Nicholas Priddy to John Everett Williams, II.

Jerry Adkisson et al to Joshua Wolfe.

Jerry Adkisson et al to Henrietta Hillsman.

Shoaf Investment Partnership to HHV Partnership.

Paul and Erica Rawls to Oliver Blake Grocsh adn Morgan Webb.

Darrell Ridgely to William Michael Lovelace.

Timothy Clifton to Jeffery and Case Vestal.

Espey Gin Company to Roger and Angie Martin.

Piatt Jr. Family Trust to Chris and Sheryl Miller.

Tim and Karen Pritchard to Chris and Sheryl Miller.

Frank and Christy McGinnis to Paul and Andrea Reynolds.

Cynthia and Cynthia Hall to Raymond Cheetham.

Blaine Pierce et al to Jason Dickson.

Robert Backus et al to Christina Herroitt.

Mark and Patricia Dillahunty to Clayton and Patricia Glenn.

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Brian and Jennifer Wallace to Joseph and Brooke Skoog.

John Wright to Wendy Hilliard.

Tosh Farms to Gilberto Garcia and Mireya Esparza.

Tosh Farms to Adan Garcia.

James and Alonna Tosh to Melissa Oswalt et al.

Joel and Teresa Washburn to Stacy Kee Arnold.

Charro Keenan to Thomas Keenan.

Tanya ARond to Mary Manna and Frank Salvatore.

Robert and Burton Edwards to Katherin Stewart and George Tillman.

Steven and Peggy Hopper to Issac Clayton et al.

Brian Webb to Betty Bell and Roy Raymond, Jr.

Peter Bartlette to Thomas and Sherri Olson.

Aubrey Chamberlain and

Nathan Ray to Hugo Hernandez et al.

Robert Hughes to Rami Adusaada.

Daniel Connell to Marty and Heidi Moore.

Joe Ann Smith to Williard Pierce.

Nathan Chamberlain to Kenneth Ross and others.

Kristy Kalinowski to Joshua and Samantha Tucker.

Samuel Kinzer to Paulietta Reeves.

Wallace and Lawanda Taylor to Daniel and Danila Castelan.

Peggy Yarbrow to Eddie Bolton.

Stacy Foutch West and Joe David West to Brian Wallace.

Bobby and Barbara Caudill to Slade Little and Elizabeth Lynn Riley.

Bradley Anderson to Shirley M. Martin.

Tammy Stringer et al to Rhonda Collins.

Tony Kent Woods to Diebold Enterprises.

Kimberly Dillahunty to Barry Dillahunty.

Ronald Coker to Pamela Coker.

Marriage License

Alden Bennett Strickland, 22, Huntingdon to Maggie-Belle Logan, 19, Huntingdon.

Marci Lynn Thompson, 34, Cedar Grove to Jerry Ray Maness, 29, Cedar Grove.

Donna Sue Selph, 63, Huntingdon to Larry Thomas Townsend, 65, Huntingdon.

Charles Neil Prestwood II, 27, McKenzie to Julia Diane Towne, 30, McKenzie.

Clayton Kerley Pinson, 22, Huntingdon to Leigh Abigail Sanders, 21, Bruceton.

Ashlyn Nicole Moss, 24, Johnson City to Cedric Leon Green, Jr, 32, Johnson City.

Niaha Sheila Gallen, 19, Weymouth, Mass., to Michael Ethan Foster, 21., Atwood.

Matthew Dean Adams, 52, Milan to Jacqueline Webster, 52, Milan.

We do the legwork to keep you informed.

The McKenzie Banner, 731.352.3323

City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 307 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12M, Group F, Parcel 21).

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

In accordance with section 13-203 of THE CITY OF MCKENZIE SLUM CLEARANCE ORDINANCE, a hearing has been set for 2 p.m., August 28, 2023, at McKenzie City Hall located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN. The owner and interested parties will have the opportunity to answer this complaint. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the Administrative Hearing Officers.

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

Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SURFACE MINE

H. C. Spinks Clay Company, Inc., of P. O. Box 820, Paris, TN, 38242, 731-642-5414, has made application to the State of Tennessee, Division of Water Pollution Control, for a permit to mine Ball Clay in Weakley County. The proposed permit of 20.12 acres is located in USGS Pillowville Quadrangle, Spring Creek watershed, and is drained by unnamed dry tributaries. Any interested parties may contact the Other Minerals Program, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921-6538, within thirty (30) days of this publication.

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City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 344 Park Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12F, Group G, Parcel 11).

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

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NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 362 Forrest Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12L, Group E, Parcel 32).

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Dereck Colt Seavers and Amber Nichole Seavers executed a Deed of Trust to First American Title, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp, a Corporation, on June 30, 2015 and recorded on July 2, 2015 in Book 643, Page 796, Instrument No. 160626, and having been modified by Agreement recorded in Book 723, Page 1128, Instrument No. 196107, in the Office of the Register of Carroll County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on August 24, 2023, at 12:00 PM at 99 Court Square, Suite 103, Huntingdon, TN 38344 at the Carroll County Courthouse, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Carroll County, TN:

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the West margin of Highway 22 (this margin being 30 feet from center) and Kenny Smith's Southeast corner; thence South 66 degrees 00 minutes West for 487.7 feet along Smith's South line to an iron pin on the West edge of a ditch; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East for 206 feet along ditch and Larry Ridley's East line to a stake; thence North 66 degrees 30 minutes East for 167 feet along Pentecost's North line to an iron pin; thence North 33 degrees 30 minutes West for 100 feet along Pentecost's West line to an iron pin; thence North 66 degrees 00 minutes East 440 feet along Pentecost's North line to a power pole on West margin of Highway 22; thence North 33 degrees 30 minutes West for 100 feet along margin to the point of beginning, containing 1.48 acres. Magnetic bearings 4/10/79.

The above description is the same as in the previous Deed of record.

For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 370, page 729, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Map 17, Parcel 60.00, Assessor of Property's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Street Address: 395 Old McKenzie Road, McKenzie TN 38201
Parcel Number: 04-017-017-060.00
Current Owner: Dereck Colt Seavers and Amber Nichole Seavers
Other Interested Party(ies): Miller and Steeno P.C, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and UHG I LLC

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; any deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust. The undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time. This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
Office: 404-474-7149 Fax: 404-745-8121
MTG File No.: TN2023-00069

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 25, 2006, executed by CHARLIE JOHNSON, JR. conveying certain real property therein described to TAYLOR RELY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee recorded October 27, 2006, in Deed Book 555, Page 648; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to American Equity Funding, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **August 31, 2023** at 3 p.m. at the Front Steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT AN ELECTRIC WIRE POST ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF CLARK STREET AT ELVIS HUTCH'S NORTHEAST CORNER; THENCE SOUTH WITH HUTCH'S EAST LINE 133 FEET TO A STAKE HUTCH'S LINE; SAME BEING THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF OTIS JORDAN; THENCE EAST 93 FEET WITH JORDAN TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH WITH JORDAN'S WEST LINE 133 FEET TO A STAKE ON THE MARGIN OF CLARK STREET; THENCE WEST WITH THE SOUTH MARGIN OF CLARK'S STREET 93 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. INCLUDED IN THE DESCRIPTION BUT TO BE HEREBY EXCLUDED FROM THE CONVEYANCE IS THE FOLLOWING: DEED BOOK 332, PAGE 421, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE, A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO EARLINE TAYLOR HUTCH, DATED AUGUST 23, 2006.

Parcel ID: 073L-C-010.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **222 CLARK ST, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): CHARLIE JOHNSON, JR.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (TN)

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

In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Book 19, Page 151. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
1661 International Drive, Suite 400, Memphis, TN 38120
rslaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401

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Kiddie Korner Hosts Grand Opening

Kiddie Korner held its grand opening ceremony on Friday, July 28 at its location at 15078 Highland Drive, McKenzie. Misty Moon and Katey Holder are the owners of the clothing store, offering newborn to 14-16 children's clothes and maternity clothes. Mayor Ryan Griffin and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup assisted with the ribbon cutting. Family and friends joined in the ceremony.

Store hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.



Miss Bethel University Volunteer Kameshia Moxley, Miss Tipton County Volunteer Gracelyn Eaves and Miss Fall Fest Volunteer Emma Martin competed in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant July 26-29. Photo submitted by Jess Martin

Local Miss Tennessee Volunteer Journeys Conclude With Preliminary, Top 10 Wins

BY LINDSEY SUMMERS
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JACKSON (July 29) — After a week of events and competitions, the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant culminated on Saturday, July 29, with the crowning of Miss Lane College Volunteer Jada Brown as the 2024 Miss Tennessee Volunteer. Several women represented Carroll County in the pageant and made their own impacts on the competition.

McKenzie native Emma Martin was Miss Fall Fest Volunteer, Bethel University student Gracelyn Eaves was Miss Tipton County Volunteer, and Bethel University alum Kameshia Moxley was Miss Bethel University Volunteer.

The pageant consisted of 36 contestants, broken into three groups. Each group competed in talent, swimsuit, and evening wear rounds on rotating nights.

Wednesday night, Gracelyn Eaves was the Lifestyle & Fitness preliminary winner. Thursday night, Emma Martin and Kameshia Moxley were members of the first four-way tie in Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant history in the Lifestyle & Fitness preliminary round.

Saturday night, the women walked the stage one last time before judges made the first round of cuts, announcing the top 16. Then the top 12. Then the top 10. The judges announced the final five contestants before finally crowning Miss Lane College, Jada Brown.

Gracelyn Eaves made the top ten contestants, and Emma Martin made the top twelve.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer preliminary pageant season begins in August. Miss Paris Volunteer is September 2, Miss UT Martin Volunteer is September 10, Miss Iris Festival and Miss Weakley County are October 28, and Miss Bethel University and Miss Carroll County Volunteer are November 18. Dates and titles are subject to change, and more dates are to be announced. The next Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant is July 24-27, 2024 at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.



Banner Donates Championship Photos for MHS

The McKenzie Banner gifted 8-foot x 4-foot photos of the 2022 champion football team and 2023 champion Lady Rebels basketball team to McKenzie High School Principal Kelly Spivey.

The photos include the championship trophy and a roster of all the players that is a separate board.

It will accompany the 2022 photo of the Lady Rebels basketball championship and be hung on the wall of the MHS Gymnasium.

The photos were made by Joel Washburn, the print was designed by Brittany Martin and printed by Jason Martin at The McKenzie Banner. Jason Martin and Joel Washburn of The McKenzie Banner are pictured presenting the prints to Mr. Spivey.

Rotary Clubs Hears About Crove Media



Sam Hutson, owner of Crove Media and Crove Food, was the program on Tuesday, July 25 for the McKenzie Rotary Club. Hutson explained his journey from the railroad to working in multimedia before finding his true passion in the food industry. Pictured (L to R) are McKenzie Rotary Vice-President Christy Williams, Hutson and McKenzie President Jason R. Martin. The McKenzie Rotary Club meets every Tuesday noon at McKenzie Station Bar and Grill.



McKenzie Valve & Machining employees Michael Trevathan, Nick Allen, Rick Nash, Chris Gibbs, and Kelsey Little are pictured with some of the donated school supplies. Over the summer, the industry gathered about 160 backpacks full of supplies. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie Valve Aids Local Schools with Supply Drive

BY LINDSEY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE — This summer, McKenzie Valve & Machining established a goal to help the local community. The industry teamed with the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce to collect and distribute school supplies for schools across the county, with an initial plan to provide 20 backpacks full of supplies to six schools. By August, the industry received enough donations to exceed that goal and provide supplies to seven local school systems: McKenzie, Huntingdon, West Carroll, Bruceton, Clarksburg, Henry, Gleason and Dresden.

The industry created a donation list based on local schools' supply lists, taking note of general supplies needed at all schools across all grades. All donations were then packed into backpacks, which will be distributed to each school during the first week of classes. Each backpack contains two folders, one pack of loose leaf paper, a composition notebook, a pencil pouch, a pack of pencils, glue sticks, crayons, markers, highlighters, Expo dry erase markers, one pack of disinfecting wipes, and a box of Kleenex tissues.

The industry initially wanted to have a smaller drive, donating only to McKenzie schools. Plant manager Jimmy McClain, who has two children in Henry County schools, suggested reaching out to the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and trying to reach as many local schools as possible.

"This was really a community effort," said Kelsey Little, an employee with McKenzie Valve & Machining. "We were overwhelmed by the support and help we received from Chamber members."

Some days, McKenzie Chamber members would be seen dropping off school supplies in truck loads. Employees at McKenzie Valve & Machining also contributed to the cause, donating either supplies or money to purchase supplies.

Many of the industry's employees have children enrolled in local school systems, which encouraged them to really reach out and help.

Chris Gibbs, a McKenzie Valve & Machining employee, has two children attending McKenzie schools. "We're really looking forward to serving the community in any way we can," said Gibbs.

Once schools receive the supplies, each school's administration will distribute the supplies as necessary. Most of the donated supplies will go to elementary schools, but some leftover miscellaneous supplies will go to middle and high schools.

This is the industry's first back-to-school supply drive. McKenzie Valve & Machining, which manufactures and supplies railroad tank car parts, opened in 1997 and is located at McKenzie's South Industrial Park.

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