



McKenzie City Florist Hosts Grand Reopening

McKenzie City Florist and More held its grand reopening on Friday, September 15. The business relocated to Broadway Street, next to McKenzie Memorial Library. Michele Jarrett is the owner and is excited about the new location. She offers floral services, gifts, and a coffee bar.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Michele and her late husband, David, purchased City Florist from Violet Patterson in 2018. Store associates include Matt and Kim Chapman, Jocelyn Romines and Miranda Green.

The ribbon cutting was hosted by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce. Michele's 16-month old grandson, Reed, had the honor of cutting the ribbon.



McKenzie Band Earns First At Marching Competition

McKenzie Marching Rebels competed in the South Gibson Marching Invitational held Saturday. A total of 19 bands competed. McKenzie placed first in Band in Class A competition, third place in field commander, and first place in color guard.

Holland

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shall determine the debt amount owed, if any, pursuant to § 6-51-204(a) within 30 days. The de-annexation of the property becomes operative 90 days after receipt of the petition by the municipality.”

The Hollands’ submitted a petition for de-annexation on August 21. According to their attorney, the core reasoning behind the family’s decision falls at the city’s failure to follow through with the original plan of service. When the property was annexed in 2002 during the administration of Walter Winchester, the City of McKenzie was to provide water hydrants and maintain the roadway. Those two items were never rectified over the 20-year period. He noted the closest hydrant was located at the corner of Smith Street.

Nancy Holland, matriarch of Holland Farms, stated she worried if her house ever caught fire there would be nothing left [referring to a lack of hydrants]. Former Mayor Jill Holland, who lives on the property, did not address the plan of service during her twelve years in office.

Resolution 23-005 to authorize the donation of the 1989 yellow pumper truck to the Carroll County Fire Department stirred some discussion. With a vote of 3-2, the Council voted to donate the truck. Councilperson Josefina Batton stated she was against donating the truck as whatever money could be earned from the resale should be applied to the note of the new pumper. She added that McKenzie should put “McKenzie first and let Carroll County worry about Carroll County.”

Councilman Alexander said if that pumper truck could save one home in Carroll County then the donation was worth far more than a proposed price tag of \$10,000.

Voting in favor of the donation were Councilmen Alexander, Charles Pruneau and Jessie Townes. Voting against the resolution were Councilpersons Batton and



A map depicting the boundaries of Holland Farms.

Bobby Young.

The rezoning of Forrest Ave. Mobile Home Park came up for discussion for a third time with Ordinance 554 to amend the official zoning map. This would rezone parcels 008.00, 009.00, and 009.01, Group D, Map 011 to R4 to R3. The difference between the previous discussion made by the board included parcel 010.02, which the owners requested to remain unchanged. The ordinance was approved and will go into effect following the second reading in October.

The much-needed repair of the telemetry system for the City’s water tanks was approved. The estimated cost is \$32,500.

The Council approved Resolution 23-004 to authorize the issuance of interest-bearing Police Department capital outlay notes, Series 2023. The resolution changed the financing of the new police vehicles away from Enterprise to a capital outlay note with a lower interest rate saving the City a considerable amount of money.

The City concurred with the State of Tennessee to an equalized property tax rates for tax year 2023.

On the second reading, Ordinance 561 was approved to amend the official zoning map of McKenzie to rezone tax parcels 00901, 011.01 and 11.02 Group H located on Highland Drive/Hamilton Street from R2 to B2. This

is property adjacent to the new Walgreens.

The following ordinances dealing with International Codes were approved on the second reading: Ordinance 555 to adopt the 2018 International Residential Code; Ordinance 556 to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code; Ordinance 557 to adopt the 2018 International Mechanical Code; Ordinance 558 to adopt the 2018 International Plumbing Code; and Ordinance 560 to adopt the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code.

At the end of the meeting during Council Comments, Councilperson Batton commented that she felt she did not have adequate time to review the agenda. Mayor Ryan Griffin responded that she was given the same amount of time as the rest of the council members. She also noted that she did not like the pace of the meeting and the calls for a motion as it did not provide enough time to sort through the provided documents. Mayor Griffin stated he was following Robert’s Rules of Order. She continued to imply that the mayor was acting unprofessional and at that time he called for a point of order to end the debate.

The next meeting of the McKenzie City Council is October 12 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.



Above, Brent Dillahunt, general manager, talks about the future of West Tennessee Public Utility District. Below Left, Madison Endres, marketing manager, spoke about safety of natural gas. Below Right, Blake Bargerty, service department manager, spoke about WTPU’s service department.



West Tennessee Public Utility District Celebrates 70 Years

McKENZIE (September 12) — Representatives of West Tennessee Public Utility District held its annual luncheon to inform local governmental leaders about its growth, mission, safety standards, and how gas is affordable and clean.

The West Tennessee Public Utility District (WTPUD) was established in July 1953 and in January 1956, the first gas was sold to 231 initial customers. Today, WTPUD serves the community by providing natural gas to over 17,000 customers in Carroll, Benton, and Weakley counties, plus portions of Henry and Henderson counties.

The company now has 1,330 miles of pipeline with 70 employees - all based at the headquarters in Huntingdon. WTPUD has almost doubled its footprint in the last five years.

It is served by two major pipelines with taps in Scotts Hill and Gleason.

Within the last year, the department added 61 miles of new service lines and extends to the Kentucky line in

Weakley County.

Of the 31 natural gas companies in West Tennessee, WTPU is one of three that offers full service to its customers.

It has on-call service crews around the clock.

Speakers at the event at Bethel University were Jacob Allen, engineer; Blake Bargerty, Service Department Manager; Madison Endres, Marketing Manager; Jason Fryer, Tennessee 811; and Brent Dillahunt, General Manager.

Bargerty said the company is ready to provide service to the customers including extension of lines, installing gas appliances in homes or providing the hookup of services.

Endres said she works with the public and schools on public awareness. The three R’s are recognize, respect, and respond. Natural gas has a stench smell added. It smells like dirty diapers, Endres said she tells fourth graders. If one smells the rotten egg smell, he or she should immediately leave the

vacinity and call WTPU.

Jason Fryer said Tennessee 811 is available to contact to locate underground utility lines. Call before you dig. Contractors are required to phone 811 before they use extrication machinery.

Brent Dillahunt said natural gas comes from the ground and is part of the oil and gas industry. It can be piped throughout the United States and has a 92 percent efficiency. While the government is pushing for more use of electricity, the transmission of electricity has a loss of efficiency when transmitted over large spans.

He noted TVA is decommissioning many of its coal-fired plants and replacing those with natural gas-powered lines, limiting the available inventory of natural gas for other purposes.

Natural gas is an American product and has remained stable in price for almost 10 years. America’s energy independence is important for the U.S.

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County Commission Adjust Budgets Due to Grants

HUNTINGDON (September 11) — The Carroll County Commission met Monday night with an agenda focused on amendments to the 2023-24 Budget.

Resolution 6-03-2023 was approved making appropriations to the various funds, departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of Carroll County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The resolution adjusted a \$500,000 transfer clerical error caught by the comptroller. The issue was addressed and funds had already been figured into the county budget.

Resolution 9-01-2023 amended the General Fund Budget for Local Government Insurance Pool Funds by \$15,000 by transferring funds from insurance recovery to liability claims. Resolution 9-02-2023 amended the General Fund Budget for the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability Grant by \$8,000 by transferring funds from the aging program to the senior assistance program.

Resolution 9-03-2023 amended the General Fund Budget for the Violent Crime Intervention Fund Grant to \$72,000 in the form of a grant. Resolution 9-04-2023 approved the amended Prevention Coalition Budget in the General Fund Budget to \$127,401. The program is funded under a grant contract with the State and through other grants to address and reduce problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, illegal or prescription drugs, and other dangerous substances.

Resolution 9-05-2023 adopted the policy for the use of the Intercept TEK84 Body Scanner by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Resolution 9-06-2023 recognized the retirement of K-9 Unit Saba and the transfer of ownership to Deputy Chance Townes.

Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler was elected Chairman of the Carroll County Legislative Body. Darrell Ridgely was elected Chairman Pro Tempore of

the Carroll County Legislative Body and the current committees of the Carroll County Legislative Body were approved.

During the citizens' forum, Michelle Sanders addressed the legislative body asking them to consider paying her a small stipend as she has been maintaining the ladies' restroom at the complex since the death of the custodian, Mike Thomas. No motion or additional acknowledgment was made by the commission.

The following were elected notaries: Carly Elizabeth Biggs, Aileen David, Jacquelyn Poole and Tiffany Sellers.

Commissioners not present were Manual Crossno, John Austin, Barry Murphy and Lin Smith.

The next meeting of the Carroll County Commission is October 9 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex in Huntingdon.

McKenzie Chamber and Industrial Board to Host Manufacturing Week

MCKENZIE — McKenzie Industrial Board and the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, along with participating manufacturers in McKenzie, are celebrating Manufacturing Week.

As part of the celebration, four industries are hosting local tours of the local operations.

Profile Metal Forming, Haven Steel, McKenzie Valve and Machining, and Pottery Direct are provided tours to a limited number of persons on Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10.

McKenzie Industrial Board and McKenzie Chamber of Commerce are honoring local industries during the week.

Space is limited to 20 persons per tour. To participate, RSVP by contacting the Industrial Board at 731-352-2004.

The event is co-sponsored by Chamber premium sponsors: Cachengo, Centennial Bank, Allegion, Haven Steel Products and McKenzie Valve and Machining.

McKenzie Adds Emergency Alert System

MCKENZIE — The City of McKenzie, Tennessee has a new emergency alert system to warn area residents of certain dangers and severe weather.

Mayor Ryan Griffin said the Everbridge alert system is used for mass notification of severe weather, missing persons, active shooters, hazardous material spills, etc.

You may register for notifications at <https://member.everbridge.net/311715841441968/new>.

The City of Milan is one of the area municipalities using the system. Griffin said the system costs the city \$2,500.

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Fire

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received its new 2023 Pierce pumper.

McKenzie Fire Chief said the donated truck is fully operational with a current certification of the pump's operational capacity.

Along with the truck, the city is donating a diesel generator, and hard suction hoses.

The truck has 10 passenger seats including the driver.

Amanda Sneed, Chief, Carroll County Fire Department, said three or four rural fire brigades need pumpers at this time. One of the county's pumpers in the fire at the Hico

Fire Department near McKenzie. That building suffered a lightning strike.

The county purchased used three fire apparatuses with American Rescue Plan funds. One went to Cedar Grove, Huntingdon — District 1, and Hico, which was destroyed by fire. A New York fire department donated one pumper that was placed at McLemoresville.

Festival

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music and entertainment acts on two stages.

The Oak Ridge Boys have one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of Country hits and a Number One Pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades. Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring four decades of charted singles, and 50 years of tradition, to a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere. And each remains as enthusiastic about the process as they have ever been.

"When I go on stage, I get the same feeling I had the first time I sang with The Oak Ridge Boys," says lead singer Duane Allen. "This is the only job I've ever wanted to have."

"Like everyone else in the group," adds bass singer extraordinaire, Richard Sterban, "I was a fan of the Oaks before I became a member. I'm still a fan of the group today. Being in The Oak Ridge Boys is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

The two, along with tenor Joe Bonsall and baritone William Lee Golden, comprise one of Country's

truly legendary acts. Their string of hits includes the Country-Pop chart-topper Elvira, as well as Bobbie Sue, Dream On, Thank God For Kids, American Made, I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes, Fancy Free, Gonna Take A Lot Of River and many others. In 2009, they covered a White Stripes song, receiving accolades from Rock reviewers. In 2011, they rerecorded a thirtieth anniversary version of Elvira for a Cracker Barrel Old Country Store project.

The group has scored 12 gold, three platinum, and one double platinum album—plus one double platinum single—and had more than a dozen national Number One singles and over 30 Top Ten hits.

Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award — Marge Tucker.

Pioneer Family Award — Billy Dillahunt Family.

The children's stage, sponsored by the Huntingdon Animal Clinic, will feature family entertainment from:

11 a.m. — Disney Dance Party.

11:30 a.m. — Animal Exhibit from Paris State Landing Park.

12 p.m. — Animal Exhibit from Paris State Landing Park.

12:30 p.m. — Magic by Ray Moore.

1 p.m. — Disney Dance Party.

1:30 p.m. — Carroll County Library Story Time.

The Carroll Bank & Trust Bandstand Stage will host a variety of live music acts from 11:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Alyssa Scott and Ian Bennett — 11:15 a.m.-Noon.

24 Seven Band — 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Oak Ridge Boys — 2-3:30 p.m.

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A diverse group of storytellers are scheduled to entertain from a wide range of experiences and backgrounds during the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Storytelling entertains by communicating traditions, sharing moral positions and values, telling experiences which are common to all, and illustrating challenging concepts in a simple manner. All participants in this

event are local people who are sharing their tales with their neighbors and friends in a spirit of community.

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Comer

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Since his time at the helm, in twenty-three seasons the Rebels made TSSAA playoffs 19 times.

"The community has supported me over the years. Hopefully, we can keep going to win another 100."

The Rebels football program has made the championship round three times in school history. 2007 Class 1A Team Runner-Up (13-2), 2021 Class 1A Team Runner-Up (14-1), and 2022 Class 1A Team Champions (15-0), all of which were under Comer's watch.

Born in Parsons, Tennessee, Comer, like most boys in the area, grew up focused on sports and the outdoors.

"We played football or baseball about every day. We hunted and fished or just about anything outdoors; we did it all."

He continued playing football and baseball in high school for the Riverside Pan-

thers. The team earned bragging rights in the 1986 season when they beat Lexington for the first time in 25 years. They fell one game short of making the playoffs, Comer reflected, "Back then, only two teams went to the playoffs. We got knocked out of our last game with Jackson Southside. We got beat seven to six in overtime; we went for two and failed to get it."

While at Union University, he served as a volunteer assistant coach under Jerry Hayes, his former head coach at Riverside. After graduating in 1996, Comer was offered a position at McKenzie. The following season Bill Koen was brought in to lead the Rebels, and Comer was promoted to defensive coordinator. He says, "He (Koen) helped me a lot; Coach Thomas helped me out tremendously."

When Koen retired at the end of the 1999 season, Comer applied for and received the head coaching job. In his inaugural season, the Rebels were 11-2. The following season, 2001, saw the team finishing the regular season undefeated, region champions,

a semi-final playoff appearance and a victory over the Huntingdon Mustangs. The win over Huntingdon was the first victory against the cross-county rival since 1973; breaking a 28-year streak.

Comer doesn't claim the wins are the end all be all to his career. It's about his players.

"Watching the kids grow up, accomplishing goals they set for themselves, grow and mature and get to be young men, that's the fun part for me. They come in as freshmen, acting silly, and then you watch them grow up and develop into seniors...You get attached to all the kids in school, but when you spend as much time with them as we do, you can really get attached to them and hate to see them go, they become like extended family, so to speak."

At the start of the 2023 season, Comer was the winningest football coach in McKenzie's history and also has the longest tenure as the head coach. Unofficially, he is in the top ten of active Tennessee coaches with the most wins.

Water

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"These infrastructure improvements will greatly benefit our communities," Darby said. "Not only will these projects address existing needs, but they will also ensure we are better prepared for the future. I appreciate TDEC's continued partnership, and look forward to the positive results these investments will have."

Grant recipients include:

City of Greenfield: \$1.48 million to develop an asset management plan and address critical needs. Projects include improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system along with bank stabilization of the sewer system.

City of McKenzie: \$1.42 million to develop an asset management plan and address critical water loss needs. The project will replace aged pump stations with new pumps and piping. New zone meters will also be installed to monitor fluctuations and significantly reduce water loss.

City of Puryear: \$1.07 million to develop an asset management plan and address excessive infiltration and inflow. Projects include replacement of aged water meters and discharge equipment throughout the system along with upgrades to the treatment plant. Additionally, 3,000 linear feet of piping in the collection system will also be replaced.

Tennessee received \$3.7 billion from the ARP, and the state's Financial Stim-

ulus Accountability Group dedicated \$1.35 billion of those funds to TDEC to support water projects in communities throughout the state. Of the \$1.35 billion, approximately \$1 billion was

designated for non-competitive formula-based grants offered to counties and eligible cities. The remaining funds will go to state-initiated projects and competitive grants.

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Above Left, Portrait of Andrew Jackson by Charles Peal. Above Right, A sketch of a young Andrew Jackson standing up to a British officer who demanded the boy shine his boots. Below, John Donelson co-founded Fort Nashborough, in 1780. This eventually developed as the city of Nashville, Tennessee.



Andrew Jackson

The Early Years (1767-1789)

Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States, was born on March 15, 1767, in the Waxhaws region, which straddled the border between North and South Carolina. His life unfolded during a tumultuous period in American history, marked by revolutionary fervor, westward expansion, and the shaping of a new nation.

Jackson's parents, Andrew Jackson Sr. and Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson, were Scots-Irish immigrants who had settled in the Waxhaws region. Tragically, his father died just three weeks before he was born, in a logging accident, leaving Elizabeth to raise their three children on her own. Growing up in the rough frontier environment, young Andrew faced adversity from an early age, as the area was prone to violence and lawlessness.

In his youth, Jackson received limited formal education. His mother thought he might become a minister and paid to have him schooled by a local clergyman. He learned to read, write, work with numbers, and was exposed to Greek and Latin, but he was too strong-willed and hot-tempered for the ministry. His

intellect and indomitable spirit would serve him well throughout his life.

By the time Andrew Jackson reached adolescence, the tensions between the American colonies and the British Crown had reached a boiling point. The year 1776 marked a turning point in his life and in the broader course of American history. At just 9 years old, Jackson's experiences during the American Revolution left an indelible mark on his character and his views.

Older brother Hugh served with Colonel William Richardson Davie, dying from heat exhaustion after the Battle of Stono Ferry in June 1779. After anti-British sentiment intensified following the Waxhaws Massacre on May 29, 1780, Elizabeth encouraged Andrew and Robert to participate in militia drills. They served as couriers and scouts, and participated with Davie in the Battle of Hanging Rock on August 6, 1780.

Andrew and Robert were captured in April 1781 when the British occupied the home of a relative. Andrew was struck by a British officer for refusing to polish the officer's boots. Robert also refused and was struck a blow on the head.

The brothers were taken to a prison camp in Camden, where they were mal-



nourished and contracted smallpox. This event etched a deep hatred for the British into Jackson's psyche, which would later resurface during his presidency.

In late spring, the brothers were released to their mother in an exchange. Robert died two days after arriving home. Once Andrew recovered, Elizabeth volunteered to nurse American prisoners of war housed in British prison ships in the Charleston harbor. She contracted cholera and died shortly thereafter. These tragic events further shaped his fierce commitment to the cause of American independence.

After the American Revolutionary War, Jackson worked as a saddler, briefly returned to school, and taught reading and writing to children. In 1784, he left the Waxhaws region for Salisbury, North Carolina, where he studied law under attorney Spruce Macay. He completed his training under John Stokes and was admitted to the North Carolina bar in September 1787.

Shortly thereafter, his friend John McNairy helped him get appointed as a prosecuting attorney in the Western District of North Carolina, which would later become the state of Tennessee. While traveling to assume his new position, Jackson stopped in Jonesborough. While there, he bought his first slave, a woman who was around his age.

Jackson began his new career in the frontier town of Nashville in 1788. He also fought his first duel at this time, accusing another lawyer, Waightstill Avery, of impugning his character. The dispute between Jackson and Avery arose from a legal matter.

Jackson had been appointed to serve as a pub-

lic prosecutor and one of the cases he was handling involved land ownership. In the course of the trial, Jackson accused Avery of unfairly profiting from a land deal. This accusation led to a heated exchange of words in court, which ultimately escalated into a personal feud between the two men.

Jackson, known for his fiery temper, challenged Avery to a duel to defend his honor and settle the matter. The duel took place on May 30, 1788, just outside of Nashville. Both men stood facing each other, armed with pistols. At the signal to fire, Jackson and Avery simultaneously aimed and fired their pistols. Fortunately for both, neither shot found its mark. It is said that Jackson's shot struck a button on Avery's coat, while Avery's shot sailed harmlessly past Jackson.

Following the exchange of gunfire, the seconds intervened to try to resolve the dispute peacefully. Cooler heads prevailed, and the seconds managed to negotiate a truce between Jackson and Avery.

Jackson quickly moved up in social status.

He became a protégé of William Blount, one of the most powerful men in the territory. Jackson was appointed attorney general in 1791 and judge advocate for the militia the following year. He also got involved in land speculation, eventually forming a partnership with fellow lawyer John Overton. Their partnership mainly dealt with claims made under a "land grab" act of 1783 that opened Cherokee and Chickasaw territory to North Carolina's white residents.

While boarding at the home of Rachel Stockly Donelson, the widow of John Donelson, Jackson be-



came acquainted with their daughter, Rachel Donelson Robards.

The Donelson family was part of a group of settlers journeying down the Tennessee River from Fort Patrick Henry (modern-day Kingsport, Tennessee) to the Cumberland River in what is now Middle Tennessee. This journey, known as the Donelson Expedition or Donelson's Flotilla, took place in 1779.

The Donelson Expedition successfully reached the Cumberland River, and the settlers established Fort Nashborough (later known as Nashville) on the banks of the river in 1780. John Donelson played a key role in the establishment of this frontier fort. Donelson was chosen as one of the leaders of the early settlers in Nashville due to his experience and leadership qualities. He helped defend the fort against Native Amer-

ican attacks and contributed to the survival and growth of the settlement.

The younger Rachel was in an unhappy marriage with Captain Lewis Robards, and the two were separated by 1789. After the separation, Jackson and Rachel became romantically involved.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

We Didn't Have Any Neighbors!

Friends come over today, take one cursory look at my lawnmower and make the same comment, "Did that thing come over on the Mayflower?"

That just galls me to no end! I pooch out my bottom lip. How I mow my yard is not any of their business.... And sure, I see and smell the black smoke rolling out of what is left of the tailpipe; I see the oil spots underneath the mower wherever I park it; I know the seat is torn and worn; I know better than anybody the steering is as loose as a long legged goose; and the rear end bagger has more holes in it than a stop sign across the street from a South Georgia NRA Conference Center.

Before I can think of something intelligent to say, one of them will glance over where they THINK

a cup holder ought'a be. I can't yell because my lip is so far out in front of my face I have rendered myself speechless.

Who in their right mind would be drinking out of a cup that was tied to a working lawnmower in the first place! Surely, any sane person would realize the ever present grass clippings, dust, human sweat and gas and oil fumes floating around them would inevitably find their way into any drink warming in a cup holder, no matter how CONVENIENTLY it was placed!

I've had that lawnmower for 27 years. The Snapper folks hadn't thought to put a cup on their rear engine riding mowers that far back. Thank goodness!

The battery quit on me in 1999, so I have to use the pull crank. I started

smelling the gas in 2007. My bagger started dropping about half of what it was gathering in around 2020. I figured it was just adding mulch back into the soil.

And I need to cut my friends a little slack. They have no idea of my lawn care history. Daddy demanded we do it "right" out at the end of Stonewall Street when we were kids. If we (mostly Leon) complained about all the work, Dad had a quick answer, "The yard doesn't have to look perfect, but we are absolutely, positively not going to be an embarrassment to our neighbors!"

The closest place to us was Mr. Brooks' house. And he couldn't see our yard unless he walked halfway across his cotton patch!

Our very first lawnmower had no motor at

all. It was an old fashioned wooden handle reel model that MIGHT HAVE come over on the Mayflower! The person pushing the mower supplied all the power. And with the thick Bermuda, wild Bahia and lots of tough Johnson weeds mixed in our yard, it could be a difficult chore.

Leon, as the oldest brother, was put in charge. I can see you shaking your heads already. Leon didn't like any kind of labor. But he near 'bout drew the line on yard work!

He was 12, plenty big enough to cut the grass. I was seven. Dave was six. We (mostly Leon) would always let it get a week past good mowing size. We were supposed to take turns. Leon sat in the shade of the mimosa tree while me and David took the first two shifts.

We couldn't get the mower going fast enough to cut a single blade of grass. He made us push it together. We kept bumping into each other and still failed to make much progress. We tried to get him to help, but he said he was thinking.

He first tried to sharpen the reels. That didn't help. He oiled the wheels, thinking it would cut down on the friction. He adjusted the cutting height. He raised the handle. He lowered the handle. It quickly became apparent there was no correlation between handle position and ease of cutting.

He got a couple of lengths of rope out from under the house that Dad used to pull stalled cars out of ditches. He tied one rope around my neck and tied it to the front rail of the mower. He did the same

thing to David Mark.

He lined us up out front, took a hold of the handle and yelled, "Mush!"

People, we went to cutting grass. He "geed" and "hawed" us from one side of that yard to the other....

Leon said we were "triple teaming" the yard. David thought that depended on which end was a'looking at the mower. I don't remember how many times we repeated this cutting method, but I do know that scar on my neck didn't dissipate till I was in the seventh grade!

This ain't my first grass cutting rodeo.

I've got a mower today that is self-propelled. It still works. And it is paid for. I wish our government was so blessed.....

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E911 BOARD TO MEET SEPTEMBER 19

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5 p.m. The meeting is at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon in the training room (this is the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in the training room at the jail).

FASHION SHOW OCTOBER 7

It's time for Shivani's Third Annual Fashion Show with live entertainment, vendors, door prizes, and food trucks. Garments designed by Shivani with two special guests. The event is on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Carroll County Civic Center, 201 Mustang Drive (Fairgrounds Rd), Huntingdon, TN 38344. Vendors open at noon and the fashion show starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 admission at the door. Kids 5 and under admission is free. For more information, contact Shavonya Porter 731-207-2479.

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 731-364-4841.

EVERETT'S CHAPEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Everett's Chapel Cemetery Association will meet Sunday, October 1, at 2 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church for their annual meeting. The church is located at 1185 Union Church Road, McKenzie. Anyone with family members buried in the cemetery is invited to attend.

FREE HAMBURGER, HOTDOG SUPPER AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

McKenzie church of Christ is hosting a free hamburger and hotdog supper at their building on Highland Drive, McKenzie on Thursday, September 21, 5 to 7:30 p.m. (or until the food is gone).

Dining-in is available or drive-through if you want to pick it up and leave. The menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, dessert and a drink (for dine-in only). The meal is free to all who are hungry or in need of Christian fellowship. All you have to do is come by. Everyone is welcome. If you have ques-

tions, please call 731-352-2106 or 731-695-6575.

VFW DANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30

McKenzie VFW Post 4939, Cherrywood Avenue is hosting a dance on September 30, 7 to 11 p.m. with the live band Tippy Gypsy. The cover charge is \$10. It is open to the public. For more information, call 731-352-9976.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE

Join us for bargains galore at our fall yard sale on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23 from 8-12 both days.

The cut-off date for donating your gently used or new items is September 19. We cannot accept mattresses, items that are broken or non-working or items that are dirty. All items must be in a condition that you would buy yourself. Thanks for understanding!

We are looking for someone to pick up all our left-over yard sale items and make a reasonable donation for those items. Let us know if interested and please let anyone know that might be interested.

RUBY RED CHRISTMAS GALA

Mark your calendars now for our Ruby Red Christmas Gala to be held on Saturday, December 2nd at The Venue at Waddell Place in McKenzie. We will send more info later but wanted you to know the date.

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Please don't miss the chance to come and celebrate the 170th Anniversary of Union Primitive Baptist Church and worship our Lord and Savior in Spirit and Truth.

Elder Ben Cordes, Pastor of Lexington Primitive Baptist Church in Lexington, KY is our invited minister for the celebration. He will be feeding the flock on Friday Night 09/22/23 with worship beginning at 7 p.m. and supper at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday 09/23/23 we will begin worship at 10:30 a.m., lunch to follow, and worship

continuing at 1:30 p.m. The weekend concludes on Sunday 09/24/23 with worship service led by our Pastor, Elder Ed Long, at 10:30 a.m. and lunch following.

If you are unable to attend, please lift us up in prayer that God be glorified and His people are fed. We are so blessed and thankful for being able to continue for 170 years in His vineyard here in West Tennessee. Peace and Love! -Bro. Ed

OAK RIDGE BOYS IN HUNTINGDON

The Oak Ridge Boys will perform a free concert during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival on Saturday morning, September 23 in downtown.

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.

HUNTINGDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Huntingdon Board of Education meets Wednesday, September 20 at 5 p.m. at the Central Office, 585 High Street, Huntingdon. Individuals wishing to address the board on an agenda item must notify the director by 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

SMALLTOWN CRUISERS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB

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 731-444-1801 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.

McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

Obituaries

CHRISTINE DICKSON 1942 — 2023

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Christine Dickson were Monday, September 18, 2023, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mrs. Dickson, 81, died at her residence on Thursday, September 14, 2023. She was a homemaker, an Independent Mary Kay Consultant and a member of Grace Baptist Church. She was born in Trezevant on May 26, 1942 to Thomas and Rosa Powell Cobb.

She is survived by her daughter, Tracy (James) Chandler of McKenzie, a twin sister, Jolene (Jim) Cox of Trezevant, two grandchildren, JJ (Olivia) Chandler and Kelsey Chandler, and one great-grandson, Knox Chandler.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, James "Butch" Dickson and sister, Maxine Allen.

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MALCOLM PENDERGRASS, JR. 1943 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — William Malcolm Pendergrass, Jr., died September 15, 2023.

He was born June 16, 1943, in Huntingdon, Tenn., to Malcolm Pendergrass, Sr. and Lucille Milam Pendergrass.

He was a beloved football coach and cherished socialite who touched the lives of many in communities across the state of Tennessee and beyond.

Malcolm grew up in Huntingdon, Tenn., and completed his bachelor's degree in education at the University of Tennessee at Martin and his master's degrees in both English and History at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Throughout his 40-plus-year career in education and athletics, he coached various sports and taught many subjects, but his dedication to the sport of football and subjects of English literature and history was unwavering.

He served as a football coach for several decades, imparting athletic skills and valuable life lessons to countless young athletes. He began his coaching career in Atlanta, Georgia as an assistant coach at Towers High School. He held other assistant football coaching positions at Harri-man High School in Harri-man, Tenn. and Huntingdon High School in Huntingdon. He then had a successful stint as head coach at Harri-man High School before relocating back to Huntingdon. He spent the last several years of his career at

West Carroll High School in Atwood, Tenn., where he served as the catalyst that resurrected War Eagle football. Inheriting a program in its 6-year existence that had never won a game, he led them to many wins and spearheaded the construction of a stadium and field-house, neither of which existed before his arrival. He had a love of books, poetry, history, and writing. He was known in the classroom for his dramatic readings, engaging lectures and high expectations. He retired as an assistant principal and athletic director.

Malcolm Pendergrass, Jr. is survived by his two sons, Brad (Laura) Pendergrass of Atlanta, Georgia, Jeff (Mallory) Pendergrass of Huntingdon, and his uncle Ross (Jean) Pendergrass of Huntingdon.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 5-8 p.m. at The Tea Room in Huntingdon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Huntingdon Beautification Committee, Carroll County Library, or other charitable organizations of your choice. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

JOSEPH MATTHEW SELLERS 1991 — 2023

McKENZIE — A memorial service for Joseph Matthew Sellers, 32, was Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. The family received friends Friday at 11 a.m. until service time. The family chose cremation.

Mr. Sellers, a self-employed mechanic, died Monday, September 11, 2023, in McKenzie. He was born in McKenzie on March 4, 1991, to Randal Sellers and Susan Glossom Sellers White.

He is survived by his wife, Madison Crocker of McKenzie, three children, Macie Faith Sellers of Henderson, Bentley Matthew Sellers and Wyatt Matthew Seller, both of McKenzie, his mother, Susan of Paris, father, Randal of McKenzie, brother, Jonathan Farmer of Bruceton, sister, Cheyenne Sellers Starr (Dakota) of McKenzie and grandmother, Shelba Herring of Warren, Arkansas.

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JIMMY SEGRAVES 1961 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Jimmy Segraves, 61, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday September 12, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were Saturday September 16, 2023, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Mr. Segraves was born November 16, 1961, to the late Everett Segraves and Elizabeth Ann Morgan. He was preceded in death by one brother, Daryl Segraves; one daughter, Maggie Smith; one granddaughter, Mattison Palmer.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Krutz of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one son, Seth (Caitlyn) Segraves of Memphis, Tennessee; one brother Chuck (Sheila) Segraves of Bruceton, Tennessee, children, Lydia Smith, Joseph Smith, Abigail Smith, Benjamin Smith, Elijah Smith and Tizzy Smith; and grandchildren. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

KAIYA HOLDER 1993 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Kaiya Holder, 29, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Saturday, September 16, 2023, in Lexington, Tennessee.

The family will receive friends in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Friday, 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Holder was born December 1, 1993, in McKenzie, Tennessee.

He is survived by his mother, Jennifer Holder of Huntingdon, his special companion and mother of his children, Taylor McNeal, two sons, Makell Holder and Khyza Holder, all of Lexington, his extra mom, Priscilla Taylor of Huntingdon, two sisters, Jessica Govan of Jackson, Jasmine Govan of Nashville, two brothers, Jiles Melton, and Jullian "Bam" Melton, both of Huntingdon.

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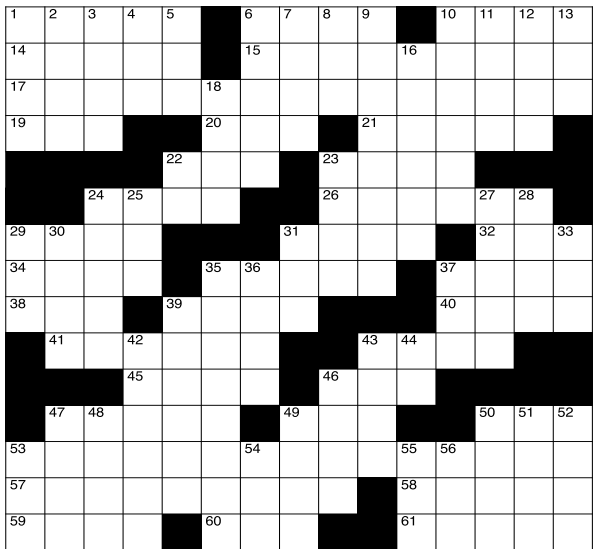
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of cat
- 6. Weaponry
- 10. Western Christian Church service
- 14. Significant eruption of pustules
- 15. Baltic nation
- 17. Start of American holiday season
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Maintains possession of
- 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
- 22. Mountain pass
- 23. Vestments
- 24. Type of dish
- 26. Escaped quickly
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Wings
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Touches lightly
- 35. Stood back from
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Popular winter activity
- 39. Type of amine
- 40. Small freshwater duck
- 41. Filled with love
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Vetch
- 46. Swiss river
- 47. Describes a sound
- 49. Sign language
- 50. Hair product
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Quality of being imaginary
- 58. Far-right German party
- 59. Drove
- 60. Former French coin of low value
- 61. Hard, durable timbers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body art
- 2. Middle East military title
- 3. Actor Pitt
- 4. Container
- 5. Speak incessantly
- 6. Relating to algae



- 7. Jacob ____, journalist
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 9. Boat's cargo
- 10. Most wise
- 11. Within
- 12. Chinese industrial city
- 13. Scotland's longest river
- 16. Not capable
- 18. Footwear
- 22. Savings account
- 23. Capable
- 24. Vaccine developer
- 25. Tax collector
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Native religion in China
- 29. Promotional materials
- 30. A shot in a film production
- 31. Afflict in mind or body
- 33. A passage with access only at one end

- 35. Breathing devices
- 36. Employ for wages
- 37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
- 39. Popular Boston song
- 42. Made amends
- 43. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 44. Atomic #18
- 46. With fireplace residue
- 47. Unleavened combread
- 48. Draw out
- 49. Southwestern Alaska island
- 50. Where the Pyramids are
- 51. People of Nigeria
- 52. Smaller quantity
- 53. Destroy the inside of
- 54. City
- 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
- 56. No (Scottish)

Week 38

See solution in next week's edition.

Fall Begins Word Search

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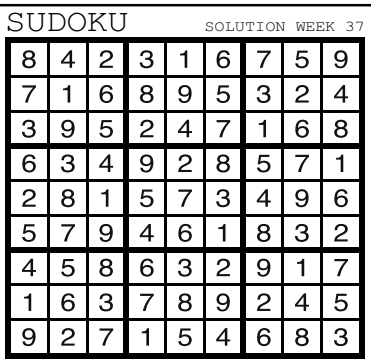
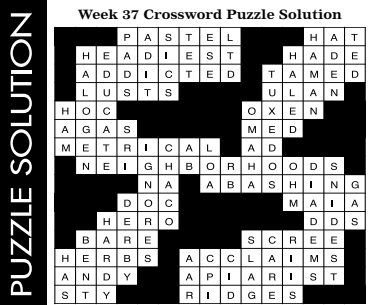
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| Bonfire | Corn | Frost | Pumpkins | Soup |
| Change | Cozy | Harvest | Quilt | Spice |
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| Cocoa | Farmers Market | Leaves | Scarf | Weather |

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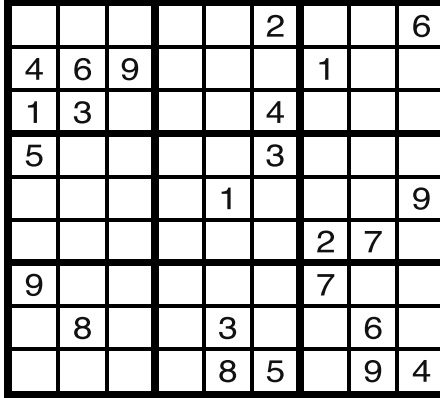


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Carroll County Sheriff's Department

Harassment — On August 28, the victim of harassment phoned Carroll County Sheriff's Department in regards to Joseph Samuel Anderson, 37, calling and texting her when she had asked him to stop. Deputy James M. Boaz advised Anderson to quit contacting the victim. On September 7, Deputy Boaz spoke to the victim again where she stated that Mr. Anderson had not stopped texting and trying to call her. She then sent proof to the deputy by showing text messages and phone calls that were time stamped through e-mail. Mr.

Anderson was then charged with harassment.

Resisting Arrest/Driving on Suspended — On September 9, Deputy Hamilton observed a motorcycle with expired tags traveling Harris Road in McKenzie who also failed to stop at the stop sign. The deputy then stopped the motorcycle at the intersection of Thompson Rd and Highway 436. The driver Westley Dale White, 41, stated he didn't need a drivers license to give the deputy because he was traveling, and he also wouldn't give his name or date of birth

because of an active warrant out of Carroll County.

The deputy asked White to get off the motorcycle which he said he was not getting off. After a brief struggle of White resisting arrest, Deputy Hamilton placed him under arrest and found that White was in possession of a Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun. White was charged with Failure to obey traffic control device, failure to exhibit drivers license, resisting arrest, driving on suspended, expired registration, and financial responsibility.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Quentin Selby Trimm, 32, of Huntingdon, was charged with theft of merchandise under \$1,000. On August 30, Trimm willingly took several items from Walmart without paying. The value of the items was \$50.25.

Tara D. Neal, 34, of Hollow Rock, was charged with simple possession/casual exchange, unlawful drug paraphernalia, and manufacture, sell, and deliver on August 28. A search

warrant was issued for a home on Broad St. The room she was in had two meth pipes, a set of digital scales, and a mirror with crystal-like residue on it which tested positive for methamphetamine. There was also a small piece of a hand-rolled cigarette containing marijuana. The defendant was then arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Al-Basim T Wrazz Napier, 34, was charged on be-

ing a fugitive from justice on September 11. Officer Roberts observed a gray Toyota Camry driving 57 mph in a 35-mph zone when he initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Officer Roberts notified dispatch of the individual and they informed him that the defendant was wanted out of Kentucky for a parole violation. The defendant was then arrested and held without bond to be transported to Kentucky.

McKenzie Police Reports

Domestic Assault — Dennis N. Jordan, Jr., 46, Hamilton Street, McKenzie was charged with Domestic Assault on September 13. Officer Darren Davis responded to a call from a woman who said that she and Jordan were in a residence when he punched her in the left side of her neck. She had left the residence to make the call. Officers went to a residence and spoke with Jordan, which resulted in the arrest. While transporting Jordan to Carroll County Jail, the officer noticed Jordan place a baggie in his mouth. Jordan claimed it was Benadryl. He was additionally charged with tampering with evidence.

Burglary — Arden Wayne

Christian of Hollow Rock reported the theft of his prescription medicines from his parked car at a local industry. Officer Austin Jones filed the report on September 11. Christian said he noticed the medicines were missing along with his handgun.

Theft of Gasoline — James R. Carter, 45, Anark Road, Huntingdon, was charged with Theft after he pumped fuel at Pocket's Convenience Store and did not pay. Officer Jeremiah Brooks filed the report indicating the incident happened on September 12. The store's surveillance video recorded the incident. Huntingdon Police Department went to the suspect's home. A witness inside the automobile at the time gave

a written statement concerning the theft. Carter was cited into General Sessions Court.

Assault — Jason T. Connell, 41, Trenton was charged with Assault after he was waiting in line at a convenience store's cash register, shoved another patron and then reportedly had a verbal argument. Officer Austin Jones went to the store, viewed the surveillance video, and positively identified the assailant. Gibson County Sheriff's Department assisted in locating Connell, who reported to McKenzie Police Department and was cited into court.

Theft — A McKenzie woman was the victim of an online ruse. Officer Jeremiah Brooks took the report from the lady who had responded to an ad on Facebook from a supposedly local man selling English bulldogs. She had paid \$400 and then was asked to pay \$180 for a veterinary bill. That's when she suspected the transaction was fraudulent. Officer Brooks talked to the man who was reportedly selling the puppies. His Facebook page had been hacked. He proved to officers that he was not involved.

Warrant Service — Brent Wright, 32, Oxford Street, Martin, was arrested after McKenzie officers responded to a Florida Street resident and served a Failure to Appear warrant out of Weakley County.

City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held August 28, 2023: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 344 Park Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 11, Group G, of Tax Map 12F.

This cause came to be heard on August 28, 2023, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of August 28, 2023, was codes officer Jim Seaton on behalf of the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White, Fire Chief Brian Tucker, Mayor Ryan Griffin, and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup. Codes Consultant Jim Pillow was also in attendance. Property Owner Daniel Grisham was also in attendance. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have sixty days (60) days from September 19, 2023, to pull the proper permits and repair or demolish the structure. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2023PA177

ESTATE OF: DORIS DEAN THOMAS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of DORIS DEAN THOMAS deceased, who died JUNE 13TH, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

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Robert Eugen and Patricia Sue Wright to Michelle Kimberly Walters in District 15.

The King Family Trust to Dennis and Gina Bush in District 7.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (September 13) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on Wednesday, September 13.

Jonathan Sullivan was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court on charges of Aggravated Burglary and Aggravated Stalking.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Clinton Dale Mann, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Probation Violation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Open Container.

Channing O. Davis, pre-trial diversion, Failure to Appear.

James David Taylor, guilty, Driving While Revoked.

Andrea Denise Cresse, guilty, Driving While Revoked.

Benjamin Jordan, guilty, Criminal Trespass; dismissed, Aggravated Robbery.

Daniel S. Johnsonius, guilty, Probation Violation.

Jonathan Lee Pierpoint,

guilty, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search; guilty, Assault; dismissed, Child Abuse/Neglect; dismissed, Public Intoxication; dismissed, Assault of First Responder.

Sean Legg, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Mindy Dill, guilty, Disorderly Conduct.

Brandon Dee Swafford, guilty, Cruelty to Animals; guilty, Domestic Assault; dismissed, Vandalism.

Toni Craig Bennett, guilty, Escape.

Rick Loosier, guilty, Probation Violation.

Michelle Ramos, pre-trial diversion, Retailer Sale of Alcohol to Minor.

Michael Lee Fowler, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Richard Osborne, guilty, Interference with Emergency Calls; guilty, Domestic Assault; dismissed, Aggravated Assault; dismissed, False Imprisonment.

Dike Winbush, guilty, Shoplifting.

Bryanna Roberson, guilty, Domestic Assault; guilty, Prohibited Weapons - Knuckles; dismissed, Drug

Paraphernalia; dismissed, Aggravated Assault; dismissed, Simple Possession.

Tosha M. Stubblefield, guilty, Probation Violation.

Zacary James Fortune, guilty, Probation Violation.

Jacob Hinson, guilty, Driving While License Revoked - Second or Subsequent Offense.

The following cases were dismissed.

Mitchell Clark, dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Jonathan Wayne Shackelford, dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Christian Myles, dismissed, Light Law Violation; dismissed, Possession of Firearm with Intent to Go Armed- Dangerous Felon; dismissed, Possession of Schedule VI Drugs.

Cecil Ray Ward, dismissed, Speeding, Financial Responsibility, Driving While Suspended.

Joan Martin, dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession.

Sean Legg, dismissed, Failure to Appear.



Above, McKenzie's Jacion Townes takes the hand off and looks up field. Below Left, Cooper Davidson (#12) launches the passes to an open Kason Brown (#7). Below Right, Huntingdon's K'Shun Carter struggles to make the endzone.



Huntingdon Middle School Mustangs Quiet the Rebels

HUNTINGDON (September 14) — The McKenzie Middle School Rebels traveled to Paul Ward Stadium Thursday night for a county matchup with the Huntingdon Middle School Mustangs. With a 20-0 shut-out of the Rebels, Huntingdon remains undefeated at 5-0 for the season.

Both teams dominated defensively until midway through the second quarter when Huntingdon's Hayes Eubanks scampered for a 58-yard touchdown run. After a failed two-point conversion, the Mustangs led the Rebels 6-0. The second score of the night came when Eubanks

connected with Mustang Keimonte Strayhorn for a 43-yard touchdown pass. Again the two-point conversion failed, and Huntingdon led 12-0.

The final score of the matchup came with less than eight minutes in the game when HMS gained 63 yards in five plays that culminated with a 52-yard touchdown run by Ayden Woods. K'Shun Carter added two points with the conversion for a Huntingdon 20-0 win.

City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held August 28, 2023: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 362 Forrest Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 32, Group E, of Tax Map 12L.

This cause came to be heard on August 28, 2023, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of August 28, 2023, was codes officer Jim Seaton on behalf of the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White, Fire Chief Brian Tucker, Mayor Ryan Griffin, and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup. Codes Consultant Jim Pillow was also in attendance. No one appeared on behalf of the property owner, Brandy Edna Frazier. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have sixty days (60) days from September 19, 2023, to pull the proper permits and repair or demolish the structure. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

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City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held August 28, 2023: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 307 Linden Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 21, Group F, of Tax Map 12M.

This cause came to be heard on August 28, 2023, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of August 28, 2023, was codes officer Jim Seaton on behalf of the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White, Fire Chief Brian Tucker, Mayor Ryan Griffin, and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup. Codes Consultant Jim Pillow was also in attendance. Micki Hall, daughter of property owners Joseph P. Jordan and Nellie Jordan was also in attendance. Ms. Hall stated that both of her parents were deceased. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have ninety days (90) days from September 19, 2023, to pull the proper permits and repair or demolish the structure. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

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Huntingdon Posts Win Over Crockett County

BY KATHY BUSH
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HUNTINGDON (September 15) — Friday night marked the first meeting between the Huntingdon Mustangs (Class 2-A) and the Crockett County Cavaliers (Class 4-A). The Cavaliers arrived at Paul Ward Stadium with an undefeated season record that quickly appeared in danger as the Mustangs took control defensively and limited Crockett County's scoring efforts to only one touchdown for the night. Offensively, the Mustangs found the end zone five times and Greyson Anderson posted a perfect five for five on extra point attempts. The home field win against the non-region opponent gave Huntingdon a 3-1 record for the season.

After a scoreless first quarter for both teams, Huntingdon marched 56 yards on their opening drive of the second quarter for their first score of the game. With 11:12 remaining in the second quarter, Huntingdon's Ashton Hutcherson found the end zone with a 23-yard run. Anderson scored the extra point for a 7-0 Mustang lead.

On the first play of their next possession, Crockett County fumbled the ball and Huntingdon's Broox Bennett recovered to give the Mustangs first down on the Cavalier's 21-yard line. Brady Warbritton took the hand-off and sprinted for his first touchdown of the evening. Anderson added the extra point to give the Mustangs a 14-0 lead with 10:52 remaining in the first half.

With their next possession, the Cavaliers scored their only points of the evening when Caden Greenhill found the end zone on a 17-yard run to finish an 85-yard, 10-play drive. A successful Crockett County extra point brought the score to 14-7 with 6:47 remaining in the first half. Huntingdon responded by pounding away against the Cavalier defense with a succession of running plays that consistently gained yardage and brought them to the Cavalier 20-yard line at which point the Mustangs fumbled to give Crockett County another possession. Huntingdon's Tyreek Hutch returned the ball to the home team two plays later with an interception that gave the ball to the Mustangs on the Cavalier 12-yard line. Quarterback Gray Eubanks completed a 10-yard pass to CJ Pelonero to give the Mustangs first and goal at the 2-yard line. Eubanks found the end zone one play later with 33.8 seconds remaining in the first half. Huntingdon took a 21-7 lead into the halftime locker room after a third Anderson extra point.



Top, Huntingdon's Tayshawn Rivers pushes his way into the endzone after catching a Gray Eubanks pass. Above, Huntingdon's Gray Eubanks drops back to fire a pass downfield. Below, Huntingdon's Ashton Hutcherson moves the ball forward against the Cavaliers. Photos By Kathy Bush/The Banner



Crockett County had possession to start the second half, but after a quick three and out, Huntingdon started their next drive at their own 44-yard line. With a series of eight running plays, Huntingdon plowed through the Cavalier defense to score their fourth touchdown of the night on a 22-yard touchdown pass to Warbritton. Anderson scored his fourth extra point of the night to broaden Huntingdon's lead to 28-7 with 6:32 remaining in the third quarter.

A series of penalties and incomplete passes plagued the Cavaliers for the remainder of the second half. Huntingdon scored their final points of the night when Eubanks connected with Tayshawn Rivers for a 15-yard touchdown pass with 6:36 remaining in the game. Mustang kicker Anderson scored his fifth extra point of the night to give Huntingdon their 35-7 final score over the Cavaliers.

Huntingdon gained 263 yards on 47 rushing plays, and were 3 of 4 passing for 47 yards, for a total of 310 offensive yards. Crockett County rushed for only 92 yards with 28 attempts and were 9 of 16 for 149 passing yards. For the Mustangs, Hutcherson led the offense with 115 yards on 12 carries.

This Friday, the Mustangs (1-0 in region play and 3-1 for the season) will travel to Milan for a key region match-up with the undefeated Bulldogs scheduled for 7 p.m.

McKenzie Rebels Rout Scotts Hill Lions

Comer Picks Up 200th Career Win

REAGAN (September 15) — The McKenzie Rebels improved their record Friday night to 4-1 with the non-region road win at Scotts Hill. McKenzie handled Scotts Hill with ease as they picked up the 43-13 victory.

The Rebels dominated on both sides of the ball. McKenzie had 357 yards compared to Scotts Hill's 152. In passing yards the Rebels accumulated 192 yards to the Lions 184 yards, most of which came off of two big plays. In rushing yards, McKenzie had 165 yards with the defense stymieing Scotts Hill to -32 yards.

Leading in tackles were Drew Chappell and Dustin Hatley with three each. Hatley had two sacks on the night.

It did not take the Rebels long to score on their first possession. Starting at mid-field Tate Surber completed three consecutive passes picking up first downs on each; catches were made by Stafford Roditis, Jacobi Melton and Ace Fisher. On first-and-goal from the seven, on a play-action pass, Surber threw a strike to Cole Brown for the touchdown. Surber called his own number for the two-point conversion as McKenzie led 8-0 at the 10:35 mark.

McKenzie scored on its second possession. Starting at the Lions' 36-yard line, in two plays the Rebels were up another touchdown. Surber and Brown teamed for 16



Freshman Jacobi Melton had two touchdowns Friday night against Scotts Hill. He returned a kick-off back from 65 yards and caught a 20-yard pass for touchdown. File photo

yards followed by a 20-yard pitch-and-catch from Surber to Melton for the TD. Roditis tackled on the PAT as McKenzie led 15-0 with 6:50 remaining in the first quarter. On their third offensive possession, the Rebels fumbled away the ball, and the Lions would capitalize. On fourth-and-five, Noah Clayton caught a 47-yard pass from Kyle Carter. Jorge Elias added the PAT, cutting the Rebel lead 15-7 with 1:10 left in the first quarter.

McKenzie chewed up nearly half the second quarter in its next offensive possession. On third-and-goal from the Scotts Hill four-yard line, Surber crossed the goal line for six points. Roditis' first PAT attempt was no good but the Lions were called for offsides. The second attempt was good as the Rebels were up 21-7 with 6:09 to play in the opening

half. Scotts Hill went three-and-out on its next possession, and the Rebels took over at their 42-yard line. Penalties attempted to stall the McKenzie drive but the Rebels were able to score on second-and-fifteen from the 32. Brady Brewer caught the TD pass for Surber squeezing just inside the pylon. The Rebels elected to go for two as Surber teamed with Roditis, McKenzie was up 29-7 at the half.

The Lions went three-and-out to open the second half. McKenzie had a pass picked off on the next drive. Scotts Hill from their 30-yard line picked up the 70-yard touchdown with a pass from Carter to Malachi Johnson. Elias' extra point was no good. Rebels led 29-13.

It only took a matter of seconds for McKenzie to respond. On the kickoff, the Lions bunted a squib kick fielded by Melton, who returned the kick 65 yards for the touchdown. Roditis added the PAT as the Rebels increased the lead 36-13 with 9:40 remaining in the third quarter.

The last points of the night came at the 9:45 mark of the fourth quarter. On second-and-goal from the seven-yard line, Timmy Arline picked up the last touchdown and Roditis hit the final PAT. The final score from Reagan was 43-13.

The Rebels' record improved to 4-1 on the season. Next Friday night, McKenzie continues on its five-game road series at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central (1-4). This region 6-1A game kicks off at 7 p.m.

Gleason Junior High Homecoming 2023



Gleason Junior High held its 2013 football homecoming on Thursday, September 14. Pictured are the queen and her court. (L to R) Eighth Grade Representative — Emili Tillman; Flower Girl — Fallon Kames; Queen — Addison Aeschbacher; Crown Bearer — Ellison Orr; Seventh Grade Representative — Karlie Wilson; and Sixth Grade Representative — Kinley Baumgartel. Photo by Gary Owens



Left, Gleason's #2 Aiden Legens scores a touchdown. Right, A giant American flag was displayed in mid-field in pre-game activities of the Gleason-Greenfield game. Photos by Gary Owens



Gleason, Greenfield Unite to Support Grady Stafford

GLEASON (September 15) — In-county sports rivals, but kindred spirits with small town values of love

and concern came together to support one of Gleason's citizens, Grady Stafford, who sustained a significant

injury over the Labor Day weekend.

Stafford Strong! was the theme at the Gleason-Green-

field football game on Friday. A giant flag, sponsored by Woodmen Life, was displayed mid-field as the National

Anthem was played. Members of the community wore blue in honor of Grady and fund-raising activities were

directed to Grady. Prayers were offered up for Grady.

In the football contest, Gleason prevailed 52-27.

West Carroll Defeats Houston County

ERIN, Tenn. (September 15) — West Carroll War Eagles defeated the Houston County Fighting Irish by a score of 21-14.

Jayden Milton led scoring with two touchdowns and one two-point conversion. Daelon Drasal had one TD and Jose Martinez booting on point-after for a total of 21 points. Milton had 253 yards rushing and Drasal had 60 yards.

Quarterback Zach Fowler was six of 15 pass attempts for a total of 75 yards. Fowler also had a total of 68 yards

rushing.

The team had 357 total net offense compared to 163 for Houston County. West Carroll also had 13 penalties for 128 yards compared to the Fight-

ing Irish with 6 for 27 yards.

Next Friday, West Carroll has a bye date and returns to action on September 29 with McEwen at Atwood.

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