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Inside this issue of The McKenzie Banner is a survey to determine what news and information the readers desire in the weekly newspaper.

"Help us better serve you," said Joel Washburn, publisher of The McKenzie Banner. "Information gathered from the survey will help the staff determine what is important to you, the reader," said Washburn.

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Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory. — George S. Patton



McKenzie, McLemoresville to Host Fourth of July Events



Fireworks, food, entertainment, and parades will highlight the Fourth of July in McKenzie and McLemoresville.

MCKENZIE

This year's Freedom Festival in McKenzie begins at 6 p.m. with a parade along Stonewall Street, leading to the more events at City Park, along Como Street.

The parade begins at First Baptist Church with participant registration at 5:15 p.m. It commences at the church, travels north on Stonewall, and turns on Anderson Drive and enters City Park.

Opening Ceremonies at the park will begin with the posting of colors by McKenzie Cub Scout Troop #78, a welcome by Mayor Jill Holland, and a prayer by Pastor Wilma Pearson.

Veronica Davis will perform the National Anthem, and will continue performing until Coopertheband takes the stage.

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Carroll County Chamber of Commerce



Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley proclaims Thursday, June 25 as Preferred Compounding Day in the city. Plant Manager Michael Magno accepts on behalf of the company. *(Photo by Joel Washburn)*

Preferred Compounding Adds 40 Jobs

HUNTINGDON (June 25) — Before a gathering of business leaders, community supporters, state representatives, and local elected officials, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce President Brad Hurley, Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelly, and State of Tennessee Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Business Development's Jamie Stitt expressed appreciation to Preferred Compounding for adding 40 new employee positions to its Huntingdon plant.

The expansion of 40 employees increases the plant's employee number to 90.

During opening statements, Hurley requested Huntingdon Plant Manager Michael Magno to extend the Chamber's thanks to the plant's 40 employees.

He said, "If any of you in attendance have had the privilege of touring Preferred Compounding's Huntingdon Plant like I have, you have also recognized the commitment and dedication of the workers employed there. Their hard work has led the way for this expansion. "

Hurley continued, "I also want to thank State Senator John Stevens for assisting in this effort. I can truly say that the State worked effectively and efficiently in assisting Preferred Compounding's expansion

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Carroll South Relay for Life Draws Big Crowd



Cancer survivors release their victory balloons.

$80,168.91 Raised at Event

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HUNTINGDON (June 26) — Strong thunderstorms and torrential rains failed to diminish the enthusiasm of the large crowd gathered inside the Carroll County Civic Center for Carroll South's 16 annual Relay For Life event.

The event began at 4:00 p.m. with entertainment and Survivor Registration.

Entertainers included Carl Byars and Max Bybee; 2015 100.9 Farmerican Idol winner Melissa Jackson from South Fulton; and the highly-animated and talented Tennessee Blues Brothers Band from Medina featuring Elwood (Alan Bradbury)

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Unemployment Declines in Carroll

NASHVILLE (June 25) — The unemployment rate in Carroll County declined slightly in May as compared to April.

According to data released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the unemployment rate for May was 9.4 percent, reflecting a change of -0.7-percent. In April, Carroll County's rate was 8.0-percent with a change of 0.7-percent.

Of Carroll County's labor force of 12,550, 11,460 are employed and 1,090 are unemployed.

However, Unemployment Ratio Data confirms unemployment decreases in Carroll is being driven more by an exodus of available adult workforce rather than job growth.

In June 2009, Carroll County's available adult job force was 14,380. In January, 2015, the county's available adult job force shrunk to 12,410, reflecting the departure or retirement of 1,970 adult workers from the county. It also reflects those

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McKenzie School Board Approves Budget, Extends Director's Contract

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MCKENZIE (June 25) — Members of the Board of Education extended the contract of Lynn Watkins, director of schools, to June 30, 2019 and approved next year's budget during a meeting last Thursday.



Watkins

A tax rate of $1.277 per $100 assessed value on real property is the new certified tax rate after the 2014-15 reappraisal of property in Carroll County. That rate is effective July 1, 2015. That's down from the current rate $1.32 per $100, however, the new rate is estimated to generate an equal amount of tax revenue. The approved rate represents no increase in taxes.

Lynn Watkins, director of schools, said MSSD's average daily membership declined by 40 students by the end of the school year ending in May 2015. The BEP funding associated with the loss of those students is approximately $170,000 or

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Carroll County Electric Department

Board Approves $95,516 Bad Debt Write-Off

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HUNTINGDON (June 25) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Carroll County Electrical Board, board members, at the recommendation of CCED General Manager Danny Brawner, approved writing-off $95,516.20 in bad debts.

Following the vote, Brawner said, "The largest bad debt amount was $17,195 owed by Bill Sills Sportswear. Compared to the 39 million dollars CCED took in last year, the write-off amount is relatively small."

At the recommendation of Brawner, the board approved upgrading the lineman protective clothing purchase to six pairs of pants, six shirts, and six tee shirts.

Brawner said, "The total cost for the fireproof clothing items that we are purchasing through Macks of Atwood is $824. We will not have to purchase these items but once every two years. I will wait until all of these items come in before I order the coats and coveralls."

Brawner commended outgoing board member Paul Moore of Atwood for his service.

Moore replied, "I have enjoyed every minute of my time with this board. I will treasure the friendships I've made and the time I spent here. I served two terms and part of a vacated term, and enjoyed the experience."



Out-going board member Paul Moore and CCED General Manager Danny Brawner.

Prior to adjournment, Brawner read a card from West Tennessee Public Utility Manager Brent Dillahunty expressing his company's gratitude for the cookout with CCED Board members and employees last month.

Brawner added, "I can't wait until next year's get-together. We had a great day of fun and fellowship. I'm proud to say the CCED came in first in the corn hole competition. Both company's split the expense and paid out about $750 each. The money was well spent."

In final business, the board approved the minutes for the May meeting along with the vouchers for May.

The next board meeting was set for Friday, July 17 at the board office.

Trezevant Finalizes Water/Sewer Rate Adjustment

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TREZEVANT (June 23) — The board of mayor and aldermen for the Town of Trezevant held a special called meeting Tuesday to address two important issues. Mayor Dennis Mitchell and Alderman Debbie Rogers were absent, but a quorum was reached with the remaining aldermen. The board finalized an ordinance to bring the separated water and sewer departments into financial compliance, and approved a bid to demolish the Scrivner property.

The second reading of the ordinance to adjust water and sewer rates to comply with new requirements passed unanimously among present members. To appropriately allocate funds to each department, a portion of the rates needed to be transferred from sewer to water, essentially raising water rates and reducing sewer rates. The amount of the overall rate will remain unchanged, but, as water is taxed differently, customers will see a slight increase in their bills. A minimum bill will be $0.59 higher, and the rate on usage will increase by $0.03 per 1,000 gallons, from $1.85 to $1.88. The ordinance became effective upon passage.

The board also approved a $3,900 bid from Howell Farm Dozer in Jackson to demolish and haul away the structures on the Scrivner property. The company had extended their bid until the end of this month to give the town time to secure full funding for the project.

The meeting adjourned after fifteen minutes.

Two McKenzians Collide in Huntingdon

Huntingdon Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident on Friday afternoon on State Route 22 North.

According to reports, Genie Goodrum was traveling north on State Route 22 near the intersection of the entrance of the Carroll County Shooting Complex when she lost control of her passenger car, crossed the median, and struck the southbound Tahoe driven by Scott Arnold of McKenzie.

Witnesses said Goodrum's car landed on the hood of the Tahoe, which then erupted in flames. Arnold was headed to a gun show and had several rounds of ammunition, which ignited during the fire. Both drivers walked away from their totaled vehicles.

Huntingdon Police Department and Huntingdon Fire Department responded to the accident. No investigative report was available on Monday.

The southbound lane of State Route 22 was closed for approximately one hour.

HRBSSD

2015-16 Budget, $1.4786 Certified Tax Rate Highlights Agenda

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (June 29) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District, Director of Schools David Duncan informed board members that the school's budget for the 2015-16 school year was the same as last year's except for a two-percent pay raise for teachers and support staff.

Duncan said, "The General Purpose, Federal Funds, Cafeteria budgets are pretty much the same. The tax rate from the county assessor's office set by the Tennessee Comptroller is $1.4786 per $100 of assessed property value. "

The overall tax rate is decreasing. However, some property owners will experience an increase in their taxes while others will experience a decrease in taxes. Agricultural lands were appraised at a higher value with the state's reappraisal and those property owners will probably see an increase in their tax liability.

The passage of the certified tax rate is expected to generate an equal amount of revenue as last year.

Duncan noted that due to teacher input, incentive bonuses of $300 would be awarded to level 3 or higher teachers for missing two days or less per school year.

In teacher-related business, Duncan informed the board of teacher resignations and employments.

He said, "I would like to acknowledge the employment of Heather Sowell, Middle School English; Tracey McArthur, Middle School Math, Rachel Newman, Middle School English, Chris Rich, Middle School Social Studies, A.J. Overstreet, fourth grade, Julie Finley, second grade, and certified teacher Julie Kelley, Teacher Assistant for elementary school for the 2015-16 school year."

He continued, "I would also like to acknowledge the resignations of Connie Griggs, Angie Howell, Marsha Lance, and the request by Cathy Butler for a one-year leave of absence. Mrs. Griggs, who was employed by the school system for 15 years, is taking a job in Lewis County. Mrs. Howell resigned last week after teaching in this school system for 15 years. Marsha Lance is leaving our school system after teaching here one year to take a teaching job at Milan. We thank each of them for their service, and welcome our new teachers."

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Middle School Principal Joe Norval informed school board members of two new additions to the high school handbook.

He said, "We are restoring our time-for-time learning lab for student's grades 6-12. After a student is absent beyond the fifth day, he must make up work. We are re-instituting one learning lab per week on Wednesday's for make-up work. A student can only make up four days per class. The 10th day of absence will result in that student's failing the class."

HRBSSD Board Chairman Brad Hurley responded, "Will these rulings be handled on a case-by-case basis should there be extenuating circumstances? What if a student is involved in a wreck or has a prolonged illness? What if they have to travel in order to receive an award of distinction?"

Norval replied, "Yes, they will. But, truthfully, Time-for-Time learning lab is not for those types of students. It is designed to make students that are prone to missing school accountable."

Norval said that the second addition would be the consequences to students relative to In school Suspension (ISS).

He said, "Two or more days of ISS will result in negation of a student's privilege to participate in school-day events like field trips, athletic competitions, and school club trips. ISS will not impact night time school activities."

New CES Principal Deborah Martin said that she had the current Elementary School handbook's type enlarged so that it would be easier to read.

She added, "We have added a school-wide Open House event for August 3 to allow parents to meet new faculty and tour the school. We have also changed the Parent / Teacher Conference date from March to February. In addition, we have changed the time for parents to pick up Kindergarten students to the first bus load. That will ease some of the problems associated with parents picking up Kindergarten students at the same time the high school was letting out."

In final business, the board approved the following consent agenda:

Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2015 school board meeting

Next school board meeting August 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the employment of the aforementioned teachers

Approval of the Teacher Handbook for 2015-16 school year

Approval of the membership dues to the Tennessee System for Equity for the 2015-16 school year

Approval of Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold, C.P.A., as school system and school activity funds auditor for the 2015-16 school year at a one-year fee of $1,400

Approval of the Director's membership in TOSS.





Same Sex Marriage Legal in All States

A ruling by the United States Supreme Court on Friday, June 26 allowed same-sex marriages in all states. The ruling effective changed the Constitution of Tennessee that stated marriage is defined as a union of one man and one woman.

Darlene Kirk, county clerk of Carroll County, said she has not issued any marriage licenses to same-sex couples as of Monday. However, the law requires her office personnel to issue the marriage licenses if requested. Kirk said the office has received many calls concerning the court ruling.

Kirk and County Mayor Kenny McBride both quit performing marriage ceremonies in April. In an interview with The Banner, both said the increasing workload was the reason for stopping. Mayor Dale Kelley, a multi-decade public servant, said he has performed only one wedding many years ago and does not plan to perform weddings.

County commissioners, city mayors, and other public officials, in addition to clergy can perform weddings. Many members of the clergy have indicated they will not perform same-sex marriages based on religious reasons.

Declines

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who are no longer seeking employment.

Carroll remains in the top 10 counties in unemployment, ranked 89th of 95 counties.

Six West Tennessee counties including Obion (93rd-8.9) Haywood (92nd-8.8), Lauderdale (90th-8.7) Carroll (89th-8.7), McNairy (87th-8.5), and Decatur (86th–8.4) joined the East Tennessee counties of Hancock (95th-9.9), Scott (94th-9.1), Clay (91st-8.8) and the Middle Tennessee county of Houston (88th-8.5) as the top 10 counties with the highest unemployment rate in the state.

Henry County unemployment rate in May is 7.4 percent, reflecting a change of -0.8-percent. In April, Henry County's rate was 6.1-percent, with a change of 0.5-percent.

Of Henry County's available labor force of 14,060, 13,130 are employed and 930 are unemployed.

Weakley County recorded a 7.9 percent unemployment level in May, reflecting a change of -0.5-percent. In April, Weakley County's rate was 6.4-percent, with a change of 1.0-percent.

Of Weakley County's available work force of 15,910, 14,740 are employed and 1,170 are unemployed.

In May, the unemployment rate is less than 5.0-percent in 10 counties. The rate is 5.0-percent or greater but less than 10.0-percent in 85 counties. No county in the state experienced a rate of 10-percent of higher.

Tennessee's unemployment rate for May was 6.5 percent. In the U.S., the rate was 6.3 percent.

July 4th

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Many vendors will prepare food, including barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs, bologna, fried pies, and funnel cake. Homemade ice cream, frozen lemonade, and snow cones are also expected to be offered.

Kids are invited to enjoy a waterslide. A $3.00 bracelet allows for hours of fun.

During the evening, the winner of the Patriotic Yard of the Month and the Most Patriotic Window will be announced along with the winners of the parade.

The evening concludes with fireworks at the park at approximately 9:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair to sit in or a blanket to sit on the ground.

Handicapped parking is available at the top of Liberty Lane behind the softball field. All vehicles must be out of the park by 4:30 p.m. Park transportation will run from 5:30 until the park is cleared.

The Freedom Festival is a family event.

MCLEMORESVILLE

Fourth of July events in McLemoresville will begin with music by the West Carroll Jammers on the porch of the Carroll County Museum from 2-4 p.m.

Parade entries will line up at McLemoresville Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m. and the procession will begin at approximately 5:30. Following the parade will be a cakewalk and then music from The Right Combination in front of the Activity Building until dark, when there will be a fireworks show.

The hamburger stand will open at 5:00 p.m. and remain open throughout the events.

MSSD

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the equivalent of 3.8 teachers' salaries. In the previous year, MSSD lost 20 students. The ending census was 1,320 students for 2014-15. The State of Tennessee will retain its current level of funding despite the drop in enrollment. That is a one-year maintenance program, said Watkins.

The $11,156,834 budget includes a two-percent increase in the local share of certified staff's pay, and a $1,000 bonus in November for all personnel. The local two-percent raise is expected to cost the local school system $111,000.

The school also anticipates an increase in costs of $108,000 for Internet connectivity, a non-recurring expense, because of a successful lawsuit by AT&T against the Internet consortium, which MSSD was one of many members.

Three teachers retired at the end of the 2014-15 year. Twenty-seven of the remaining teachers have 20- or more years experience.

Watkins said the school would not have an student resource officer, at least at the beginning of the 2015-16 year, because of a shortage in manpower at the McKenzie Police Department. Former SRO Nick Lowe was assigned administrative duties within the department and will not return as the SRO. Watkins hopes to add an SRO later in the year. The school and the city shared in the cost of the SRO. Lowe will continue to assign officers for sporting events at the school, said Watkins.

Last school year, the system was hit hard with unplanned maintenance and replacement of heat and air conditioning units on the roof of McKenzie Elementary School. A $1 million replacement roof on the McKenzie Middle School also pulled resources from the school's reserve funds.

The good news is the significant portion of MSSD's debt service will be retired in seven years when McKenzie High School is paid in full. That indebtedness, $5,860,200 and its payment schedule represents 55 cents of the new tax rate.

In the director's report, Watkins provided the following information:

Resignations accepted: Melody McClain, MMS 5th Grade Science; Sherry Smith, Education Assistant; Alyssa Hassell – First Grade Teacher; Jennifer Champion Daniel – MHS Chemistry/Physics Teacher; Paula Doster – MHS Math Teacher.

The following were employed: Kevan King – Technology Assistant; Billie Jo Hardwick – Middle School Teacher; Chelsea Brown – Elementary Teacher; Madison Rush – Elementary Teacher; Jeff Presson – High School Math.

Certified personnel, who are expected to return:

McKenzie Elementary School – Beckie Smith, Amy Cooper, Alisa Fesmire, Anita Burden, Betsy Campbell, Amanda Oakley, Brandy Turman, Marica Webb, Mary Spivey, Lesley White, Tiffany Smith, Christian French, Beth Sisson, Hannah Haywood, Tonya Brown, Beverly Duncan, Kelly Simmons, Jana Stafford, Lorrie Brown, Amy Wilkes, Courtney Kee, Gina Pate, Jill Warren, Allison Winston, Joanna Turner, Renee Hobson, Malissa Anderson, Dotty Clements, Carol Nanney, Jill Wilson, Megan Taylor, Kristi Brown, Chris Wall, Courtney Creasy Kee, Lauren Moore, Josie Brown, Jennifer Medford, Alex Hayes, Derrinda Thomas, Cathy Edlin, Kristina Collins.

McKenzie Middle School – Lori Robertson, Rebecca Jones, Sherrie Austin, Sarah Page, Haley Glapa, Kim Smith, George Ognibene, Jennifer Nelson, Jill Renfro, Vera Shipp, Amanda Morris, Josephine Wright, Rikke Curtis, Roxie Walker, Josh Kee, Janet Esch, Zach Renfro, Veda Haney, Ty Riggings, Jennifer Travis, Gretchen Boucher, Lesley Davidson, Paul Carroll, April Laws, Traci Lunn, Joseph Baumgartel, Donna Lacey, Bess Toombs, Helen Winchester.

McKenzie High School – Sheila Ridley, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Clint Kee, John Wilkins, Jennifer Yates, Jackie Carr, Mallory Fowler, Sarah Bradberry, Denise Sam, Annette French, Jo Elam, Beth Bailey, Kelly Spivey, Kevin Gallimore, Wade Comer, Susan Dyer, Jeannine Lowe, Keith Breeden, Mona Batchelor, Randy Thomas, Dan Ridley, Erika Cole, Jennifer Ognibene, Larry J. Smith, Lindsey Parham, Anna Holland, Mary Walker, Zach Tippitt, Lisa Weaver.

Central Office – Stan George, Angie Hollowell, Dianne Anderson, Ladona Herrin, Rita Brandon, and Mary Colling.

Food Service – Susan Baker, Kathy Barcroft, Hiawatha Bell, Lorra Boaz, Cindy Coleman, Jo Ann Cooper, Carol Crocker, Roberta Fann, Rosemary Fowler, Kay Gant, Tryna George, Marie Hatcher, Laura Martin, Cindy McDaniel, Michelle Norden, Becky Riggs, Kim Ross, and Brenda Smith.

Elementary School Education Assistants – Jennifer Warren, Melodie Marr, Carol Hill, and Cythnia Creyssels.

Middle School Education Assistants – Gina King and Tammy Maxwell

High School Education Assistants – Mellissa Chandler, Renee Brown, Charro Keenan, and Amanda Tucker.



Preferred Compounding announces expansion of workforce. Huntingdon city, county, Chamber, state, and Preferred Compounding representatives participated. ***(Photo by Joel Washburn)***

Jobs

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effort. I also want to commend the State Department of Economic Community Development, Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley, the Huntingdon Town Council, and the Huntingdon Industrial Development Board for their diligence in making this possible."

Stitt thanked Senator Stevens for helping to create a pro-active business climate and for promoting changes to workforce environment allowing for companies to succeed.

Huntingdon Mayor Kelley praised Preferred Compounding Vice-President of Manufacturing Andrew Chan and Huntingdon Plant Manager Magno for leading the Huntingdon plant's expansion.

He continued, "This announcement today recognizes the good leadership and quality work force at Preferred Compounding's Huntingdon Plant and Huntingdon and Carroll County's accommodating business climate."

Kelley commended the Huntingdon Town Council and Huntingdon Industrial Development Board for possessing the resolve to push the area's business initiatives forward.

He added, "The laying of the infrastructure for future growth has been occurring in Huntingdon and Carroll County for some time now. Our small little town is the home of the acclaimed Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center and the Carroll County 1,000-Acre Recreational Lake that is located nearby. Our area is experiencing great growth in businesses and industry. Truly, the future is bright for Huntingdon and Carroll County."

Addressing attendees, Preferred Compounding Vice-President of Manufacturing Chan said, "I want to thank Mayor Kelley, the Town of Huntingdon, and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce President Brad Hurley in assisting us with the approving of plans for our growth. I also want to thank the Huntingdon Plant leadership and our great employees. The employees are fully engaged and supportive of all the efforts we are utilizing to grow. We have the smallest turnover of employees in Huntingdon than in any plant, and this workforcew is by far the best we have of all five plants."

He concluded, "The Huntingdon Plant sits in a prime location with major automotive plants located within a four-hour radius. We are excited about the future of this plant."

Kelley concluded by presenting the Key to the City of Huntingdon to Preferred Compounding Vice President Chan.

In addition to Huntingdon's Black Elastomeric Compounding facility, Preferred Compounding has plants located in Barberton, Ohio (headquarters, primary sales office), Fruithurst, Alabama, Tallapoosa, Georgia, and San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Preferred Compounding supplies proprietary and custom mixed rubber compounds to customers including molders, extruders, mixers and others in the rubber goods market. Primary industries served are automotive, construction, power generation and roll goods.



Above, 2015 Carroll South honorary co-chairs Web Maddox and Virginia Parrish. Below, The Tennessee Blues Brothers unleash their high-energy show.

Relay

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and Jake (Mike Murphee).

A reception for survivors and supporters followed from 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

During sponsor's recognition at 6:45 p.m., Dr. Lee Butler of Platinum sponsor Huntingdon Animal Clinic, thanked fellow sponsors for donating $27,000 to the fight against cancer.

Following invocation and the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner, honorary co-chairs Virginia Parrish and Web Maddox shared their heartfelt story with attendees.

As Carl Byars stood by her for support, Virginia began, "I am thankful to tell you all that I am 87 years old and will turn 88 on August 20. I have been thyroid cancer-free for 28 years. I hope that those of you that are battling with cancer can see through me that there is always hope. I must tell you all that I never doubted that I would be alright. I was praying, as were so many of my loved ones and friends. God heard our prayers."

She said her journey into the battle with cancer began when she discovered two bumps in her throat during self-examination,

She added, "From there, doctors determined that I had thyroid cancer. After my surgery, one of the doctors told me that my discovering the cancer early allowed it to be removed before it developed into something worse."

Virginia concluded, "Since that time, a mammogram discovered a node in my breast that turned out to be cancerous. I had the node removed and took 33 chemotherapy treatments. I urge everyone to have mammograms on a regular basis. Early detection can make a huge difference in the outcome. I want to conclude by encouraging all of you fighting cancer to always look for the open window. Know that God is with us. Never give up."

Web Maddox began his speech by emotionally thanking his wife, children, siblings and friends for their heartfelt prayers and tenacious support.

He said, "I cannot even begin to express my sincere thanks to my angel-wife, my children, and the countless loved ones for all of their love, prayers, and dedication to me during this battle."

He continued, "On October 13, 2013, I was informed that I had colon cancer. On November 8, 2013, Dr. Joe Sturdivant of Memphis removed a portion of my colon. He told me after the surgery that he was almost certain that he had removed all of the cancer, but that there still might be one cell that might be out there somewhere.On October 14, 2014, a CTA scan revealed that cancer in my colon had spread to my liver. Because of the size of the tumor, surgery was not an option. My doctor told me that an average person with this type of cancer would only live about 2 and 1/2 to 3 years. My daughter, Rachel, immediately spoke up and said, 'Dad, he said average-you are not average."

The crowd responded with applause.

Web said that a regiment of intravenous and oral chemotherapy has reduced his tumor by 25-percent.

He added, "I will continue to take the medicine until the cancer is gone."

He concluded, "Please see your doctor if you experience any signs of cancer. The earlier you catch cancer, the better your chances are. To my friends with cancer, I want to say this; someday, cancer may take our physical abilities and even our lives, but it will never take our hearts and souls. We have hope from our friends, family, doctors, and the Lord God. New drugs are being created every day. They may not be available in time to save us, but they may save our children. Legendary basketball coach Jim Valvano, in a speech near the end of his fight with cancer, implored people to never give up. That is what I leave you with tonight-never give up."

As the storm abated, Parrish and Maddox led cancer survivors on a victory lap around the interior of the Civic Center. The large group then exited the building and released their colorful balloons en masse into the evening sky.

Outside, teams sold hamburgers, fish, tenderloin, hot fudge cakes, cotton candy, taco salad, cheese fries, nachos, sweet tea and other food items.

A Luminary Ceremony was held at 10:00 p.m. and the fight back ceremony closed the event at midnight.

In all, the Friday night event raised $80,168.91.

All money raised at Relay For Life events goes toward funding many services.

The American Cancer Society is the largest non-profit, non-governmental funder of cancer research in the United States.



Editor's VIEWPOINT

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Colonel Reb painted on the wall of a structure at Mulberry Park.

Colonel Reb is Welcome in McKenzie

Colonel Reb, the McKenzie Rebels' mascot, was in the spotlight during a recent WBBJ-TV (Jackson) visit to McKenzie to pose the question of whether the southern gentlemen should be removed. The station was following the nation's knee-jerk reaction and a spate of removal of many things southern following the fatal shootings in a traditionally black church in South Carolina.

The question WBBJ-TV posed was vetted within the community about six years ago. When associates of Ole Miss told McKenzie Special School District it was using the trademarked mascot without proper authority, the school quietly began to remove Colonel Reb. Members of the McKenzie Special School District stepped in, discovered a small annual licensing fee would grant the school permission to use the licensed image, and paid that fee. That license is limited to the school's use only and not outside vendors that might produce and resell the image. During that multi-week conversation on the future of Colonel Reb at MSSD, not a single individual came to the School Board meeting to complain about the mascot.

Colonel Reb has been at McKenzie since 1943 when Coach Flip McGlocklin convinced the school to abandon the Yellowjackets in favor of the Rebels.

A mural on the lone structure in Mulberry Park depicts both Colonel Reb and the Bethel University Wildcat. In the predominately African-American neighborhood, members of a community group decided they wanted Colonel Reb painted by an African-American artist.

In May, I attended a Rural Development Conference in Murfreesboro. During a session on "Take Back Your Community's Message," a program to encourage rural communities to generate positive messaging, I told the audience about the problem McKenzie has with TV journalists "parachuting" into our town and interviewing people who rarely represent the culture or sentiment of the community.

Why choose McKenzie for a story on the mascot? There are other school mascots and corporate emblems – similar to Colonel Reb – that might also be offensive.

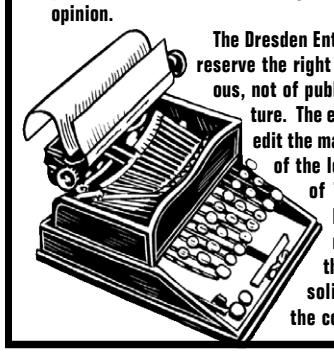
WBBJ was caught up in the national reaction to a mentally disturbed racist white man in South Carolina who unwittingly was the catalyst to remove many things southern. The TV station attempted to create a controversy where none exists by asking such a rhetorical question in McKenzie.

If the comments on the WBBJ-TV's Facebook page are any indication, it is obvious the people of McKenzie, current and past residents, are happy with Colonel Reb. But, that's a subject already vetted.

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Hunker Down with Kes

A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever

Buddy Wiggleton got me whipped twice in the same day! And I didn't do nothing! I can't remember all the details, it's been near 'bout sixty years, but he was picking on his sister. I was an innocent bystander. Honesty compels me to report that Mr. Wiggleton had admonished us to stop a couple of times. OK, maybe it was three warnings…

I was accidently tossing a small pebble in the general direction of Peggy Jo when Mr. Wiggleton grabbed Buddy's arm and began whipping him like there wasn't going to be no tomorrow! My mouth was still open in semi-disbelief when he dropped Buddy and reached for me!

I ran all the way home. Breathlessly, I began to give Daddy the facts relating to the unfair and inhumane treatment I had received at the hands of- Dad didn't wait till I could get to the innocent bystander part. He pounded my little backside till his arm gave out! "Son," his reasoning was as knowing as it was brief, "Joe Wiggleton wouldn't whip anyone without good cause."

I don't remember a day of my life without Buddy Wiggleton.

He'd come over when we were kids, walk right in the back door, sit down at the kitchen table, lean forward to see he had my undivided attention and say, "Heber"- Buddy was one of only two people allowed to use my first name- "where are we going today?"

We, of course, had no place to go. But give us just a minute and we'd be down at the big ditch throwing dirt clods at bullfrogs; or racing each other out the Como Road; or bicycling over to the baseball field beside the Pajama Factory.

Buddy was the gentlest person I've ever known. You can't imagine how easygoing and friendly. Oh, he could get mad. I've seen him red-faced and hopping up and down over a close play at second that didn't go his way. I've moved back to give him room if a two-foot putt stopped right on the edge of the cup. He could get rip roaring, stomping mad alright… but he was never angry. There is a world of difference you know. And it is a quality that only the great ones among us possess.

His grin lit up not only his face, but everyone else's that was lucky enough to be in his presence.

He was standing next to me in the elementary school bathroom when I kicked at a paper football and sent my new loafer flying into the janitor's soap bucket at the far end of the room. "Well," he broke the silence as my shoe slid under the suds, "that ought to be worth three points."

We rode side by side to St. Louis when the Little League fathers took us to a Cardinals' Game. We ate imitation Red Bird Vienna sausages out of the same can. We poured peanuts down our Pepsis on the front steps of every grocery store in town. We didn't care for Macbeth, diagramming sentences or the main crops of third world nations… together!

He was pitching for the Rebels one night. I was catching. Buddy couldn't throw hard, but he had a great curve ball, kinda over the top, really broke down and away from right-handed hitters. He called me out to the mound about the fourth inning, laid his arm around my shoulder and leaned in. The grin couldn't hide that he was a tad miffed. "Heber, don't throw the ball back to me harder than I'm throwing it to home plate, it makes me look bad."

Buddy was born with the uncanny ability to make you feel good. He leaned in, toward you, when he had something to say to you. He leaned in close when you were telling him something like it was the most important thing in his life. Buddy engaged you in conversation. It was not a nod and a wink and let's move on to something more important. He genuinely liked and cared about all the people filtering through his universe. It is another outstanding quality that few possess.

He and Lana hauled our furniture to Florida when we bought our first house. They were there when our son was born. And I can't count the number of late night Rook games, the meals… and the laughter. Let me tell you, nobody on God's green earth laughed better than Buddy Wiggleton!

Just a few years ago I drove to McKenzie to show him my new putter. "I paid 259 bucks for this thing, Bud, it's a good one. We need to go try it out."

"Kes, I've got a girl on the golf team. This putter would be perfect for her. She doesn't have any money. Would you sell it to her for 100 dollars?"

"Are you kidding me? You want me to sell my brand new, never used- a putter that I don't want to sell- at a 159 dollar loss no less, to a person whom I've never met!"

Buddy leaned in really close, laid a hand on my shoulder and said, "Think how good you will feel."

I stood up to speak at the funeral, looked at Lana, Scotty and Jamie and knew there were no words that could help. My heart broke right in two for all of us. A light has gone out that nobody in this world can replace.

A beautiful young lady, with silent tears still clinging to her face, put her hand on my arm as I mingled with some old classmates after the service, "I'm the girl that got the putter."

It made me feel good.

Respectfully,
Heber

Road Trip! By Paula Watkins

We pulled up in the church parking lot and joined all the other Seekers waiting to board the church vans for our day trip to the Loveless Café. Please note that senior citizens place travel, food and love in the order I have listed. We love to travel to a destination that includes a good noon meal (dinner we used to call it), and then we can become the most loving people in the world. While we waited for everyone to show up, we discussed important issues we would deal with on this trip- such as, "I left one of my hearing aids at home. It's the ear I can't hear out of anyway, so it will not matter." Or, one passenger shared, "I cannot find my glasses!" I asked if she could manage without them, knowing I would have had to cancel all my plans for fried green tomatoes. "Yes, I can see, but I just know I will have a headache at the end of the day." After meet and greet, we gathered to hear from our fearless leader about what we can expect, or what she fervently prays will transpire during the day.

I have witnessed our elementary students waiting in line to board a bus for a field trip. Enthusiasm was oozing from every one of those sweet little young'uns. They gladly jumped upon the steps and went down the aisle of the bus without any trouble. Not so with us'uns! The first question Ms. Martha asked this group of twenty-five was, "Does anyone have trouble stepping up the steps of the van? If you do have trouble, you will need to ride in the newest van." Twenty hands went up for a fourteen-seat van. We did find out that each van had a step stool to serve as an extra step to shorten the distance from the last step to the pavement- you just needed to get your bifocals focused. Personally, that stool looked mighty risky to me. I was counting on my spouse eating enough dinner to be loving enough to hold his sweet hand out to help me with that last step, thus avoiding the Rubbermaid stool. And if you think you can still walk gracefully down the aisle of a bus or van, just try it- those of you who are searching for the fountain of youth!

We all trooped out to board the designated van, and begin a memorable day- if our memory holds out for a few more years. Watching as we organized two vans and a car made me have the greatest respect for bus drivers. I am one of those folks who silently say, "Let's go, let's go!" with little regard as to maintenance, directions, etc. If the key will turn, I am ready! And we were ready! Not thirty minutes out of McKenzie, and we were whispering, "How much farther?" If you had to go the bathroom, you were out of luck. The fearless drivers just kept right on rolling. Twisting in the seats was allowed to accommodate those of us with bum knees or stiff hips. Debby announced that she had a fun activity if anyone was interested. "Huh?" we said. "What'd she say?" We looked at each other as if we were lost as geese since most of us couldn't hear what she was saying. It was decided we really didn't need any extra fun things since we would begin to laugh and have to ask to stop at the rest area. So, we decided we would look at the menu and plan our meal. That was a mistake since we planned our meal one hour before arrival. "What did I say I wanted to try?" I asked when we arrived. We do well these days to remember the last thirty minutes of our day!

We didn't have the enthusiasm of those little school children when they reach the end of their journey. They whoop and yell, and just cannot wait to get off of that bus. "Here we are!" someone announced. "Oh lord! I am not sure I can straighten up!" "I sure hope the bathroom is handy." Don said our reservations were for 11:30, so we had seven minutes to find a bathroom. Seven minutes for a line of women who had not complained once about needing to stop?! And to beat that announcement, we were directed to use a one-seater!

Good food was enjoyed by all, and above all, fellowship with this group of folks was a memory which will forever be etched in our minds. Or as I said, as long as we can remember! To you and yours- enjoy your families and your friends!

Looking Back From Our Archives…

10 YEARS AGO– Carroll County Sherriff's deputies shot and killed a man at his home between McLemoresville and Trezevant. When officers responded to a domestic disturbance call, 72-year-old Charlie Bigham fired at them from the front yard. Bigham was struck by return fire and died at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon. He had fired shots at two relatives, one of which sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

*It was announced that Tennessee students attending the University of Tennessee at Martin in the next term would see a tuition increase of $171 per semester, or 9.7 percent. The jump took the total cost, including fees, for a full-time, in-state student to $2,246.50 per semester. The increase was offset for many by a $300 increase in the base amount for lottery scholarships.

*The machine tool technology class at the Tennessee Technology Center at McKenzie honored Tennessee National Guard Company A/230th Engineer Battalion with an engraved steel medallion weighing 50 pounds and measuring several feet across. Instructor James Tucker said that the medallion took 20 hours to mill.

20 YEARS AGO– Local government officials and citizens, including The McKenzie Banner, received letters of a threatening nature. The content varied from letter to letter, but most warned of bombings at government and non-government buildings. The letters were marked as from "Americans Against Corrupt Government Nationwide".

*Dr. Clinton Buck, former Dean of Students and Administration at Bethel College and longtime McKenzie resident, was elected Moderator of the 165th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, held in Nashville. The position is the highest elected post in the denomination.

*Cindi Ferguson, a Registered Technician/Certified Contact Lens Examiner at Spivey Eye Clinic, was elected as the first female president of the McKenzie Lions Club, three years after the club began accepting female members.

50 YEARS AGO– The Carroll County Board of Education officially adopted a freedom-of-choice plan, allowing for students in areas not part of a special school district to attend the school of their parents' choosing.

*Project Head Start officially launched in McKenzie and across the country. Mayor Y.D. Moore officiated a ceremony at the high school gymnasium to celebrate the program and honor the many businessmen, doctors, lawyers, housewives, teachers, nurses, and volunteers who made Head Start possible.

*Lt. Gene Hale graduated third out of his class of 57 from the Tennessee Military Academy at McGhee Tyson Air Base in Alcoa, Tenn. He was assigned to duty with the Milan Unit of the Tennessee National Guard.

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OBITUARIES



JAMES PAUL BAXTER
1931-2015

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for James Paul Baxter, 84, were Monday, June 29, 2015 at McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Brother Malcolm Norton and Reverend Garrett Burns officiating. Interment followed at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mr. Baxter, retired from Martin Marietta, died Friday, June 26, 2015 at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tenn. He was born on June 7, 1931 in Trezevant to John William and Mary Edna Neal Baxter. He was an Elder at the McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and had formerly served as an Elder at Trezevant Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he is a member of Trezevant's Farmers and Merchants Bank Board of Directors, former owner of B & B Trading Post in Trezevant, former member of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, serving as chairman and was a Heritage Award recipient, he was a member of the Trezevant Ministerial Alliance active with the Trezevant Food Bank, a US Army Korean War veteran and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 55 years, Bonnie Sue Allen Baxter and a brother, Billy Wray Baxter of Union City, Tenn.

Survivors include three sons: James William (Tammy) Baxter of Gallatin, Tenn., Jeffrey Ray (Susie) Baxter of Columbia, Tenn., Jackie Lynn (Cindy) Baxter of Spring Hill, Tenn., five grandchildren: John William Baxter of East Ridge, Tenn, Jessica Baxter Weaver of Columbia, Tenn., Jillian Rebecca Baxter of Columbia, Tenn., Jackson O'Brien Baxter of Spring Hill, Tenn., Wesley Allen Baxter of Spring Hill, Tenn., two sisters: Betty Lou Dorris of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Elizabeth Jane Spellings of Huntingdon, Tenn.

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

INA BELL WILLIAMS
1929-2015

BUENA VISTA — Mrs. Ina Bell Williams, 85, of Buena Vista, Tennessee, died Friday, June 26, 2015 at the St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were Monday, June 29, 2015 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment followed in McAuley Cemetery. Brother Roger Cooper officiated.

Mrs. Williams was born September 18, 1929, in Carroll County, Tennessee, to the late Ruben R. McMackins and Jurrah Bell (Rogers) McMackins. She was a retired seamstress for Henry I. Siegel. She was preceded in death by her husband, C. B. Williams, a daughter, Elizabeth Kelly, two sons, John Williams and Ben Williams.

She is survived by four grandchildren: Evan Kelly, Kimberly Kelly, Emily Kelly, Rachel Williams and one brother, Gene Robert McMackins

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

CLARA VIRGINIA GEARIN
1928-2015

GLEASON — Services for Virginia Gearin, 86 of Gleason, were Tuesday, June 30, 2015, the Gleason First Baptist Church.

She was a retired nurse.

She preceded in death by her husband George Nathan Gearin, and is survived by two sons, Tim (Kathy) Gearin of Gleason and Gene (Sandra) Gearin of McKenzie, daughters, Bonnie (Carl) Arrington of Martin, Pat Russell of Antioch, Tenn., Debbie (Bill) Duncan of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Mary Jane (Frank) Manna of Port St. Lucie, Florida, nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

RONALD LYNN BOYD
1957-2015

Ronald Lynn Boyd, 58, of Bruceton, died Saturday, June 27, 2015 at St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Boyd was born May 5, 1957 in Huntingdon to the late Howard Leon and Maude Lauuna Smith Boyd. He was an engineer for CSX Railroad, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotives and the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School Quarterback Club. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Linda Allen and Sandra Boyd, and two brothers, Sammy Eubank and Leon Boyd, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Janet Young Boyd; a daughter, Julie (Joey) Nunnery of New Johnsonville; a son, Jeremy (Brandy) Boyd of Bruceton; two sisters, Betty Cary of Huntingdon and Gail Walden of Camden; two brothers, Landon Eubank of McKenzie and Johnny Boyd of Dyer; a sister-in-law, Patricia Eubank of Huntingdon; a brother-in-law, Jeff Young of Bruceton; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 30 in the chapel of Bruceton Funeral Home. Interment followed at Prospect Cemetery in Hollow Rock.

The Glorious Second By Clayburn Peeples

In the midst of the brouhaha over all things Civil War we are currently enduring, it struck me that we've really had two civil wars in America. The one we know about (1861 to 1865) and the other, our war for independence.

Most people either never learn, or have forgotten, that not all the American colonists were patriots, not by a long shot. Nearly 20 percent of them, about half a million, were Loyalists, and many of those Loyalists fought with British units. Benjamin Franklin's son William was a fierce Loyalist. The American war for independence was clearly a civil war as well.

But we don't study history anymore, and even when we did, we didn't pay too much attention to the Revolutionary War, which is a real shame, because there is a direct line from some of the struggles back then to the problems of today. History has volumes to teach anyone who wishes to learn.

And what a good week to start! You know what special day comes this week, right? Of course, the day the Second Continental Congress declared our independence from England, July 2, 1776.

The war had been going on more than a year when the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, in June of 1776. Richard Henry Lee, a delegate from Virginia, proposed, on June 7, that the 13 colonies declare themselves independent of Britain.

The debate over his proposal was fierce, and the delegates knew that the country was not united in its view on independence, so on June 11, they postponed voting and appointed a five-man committee to draft a formal statement to justify leaving the British Empire. The committee of five, which included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, went to work, and later in June they had a first draft.

Congress reconvened on July 1, and the following day their resolution of independence was adopted by 12 of the colonies, New York not voting. The next day, some minor changes were made, and revision of the document continued through the late afternoon of July 4. That's when it was formally adopted.

Most historians think that on that date it was signed only by two of the 56 signatories, John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, and Secretary Charles Thompson.

Then, two weeks later, on July 19, New York, the only colony that had not voted for independence on July 2, cast its vote, and thus, it was unanimous.

Congress then ordered a fancy "engrossed" copy of the Declaration to be signed by every member. On August 2 this copy was presented to the Congress, and those present on that date signed it. Others added their names as they arrived on later dates, and one didn't sign until the following year.

The next year the committee that printed the official Congressional Journal placed the Declaration, the one signed by everyone on August 2, under the date, July 4, 1776, and thus, that date, and not the 2nd, was cemented into history.

At least that's the order in which many historians think things happened. Others aren't so sure. Both Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson claimed, later in their lives, that they remembered signing the Declaration on July 4. So did John Adams, who was so angry the rest of his life that July 2 wasn't considered the nation's birthday that he refused to make speeches on the Fourth of July in protest.

Not much happened with the Declaration for the remainder of the war, and when the Constitutional Convention met in 1787 to draft our constitution, it was referred to only twice during the proceedings.

But early in the 1800s, the first political parties in America evolved, and one of them, known as the Democratic-Republican Party, was promoting Thomas Jefferson as its standard bearer. What better way to do that than to emphasize the Declaration's importance and remind voters that he authored it.

And from that time forward, we have considered the Declaration of Independence to be the holy writ of our freedom, and we have forgotten all the names associated with it except that of Jefferson.

Ironically, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, 50 years after that fateful Fourth of July of 1776. Surely, thought people, that means the 4th is truly ordained. Then, when James Monroe died on July 4, 1831, they were sure.

And celebrations of the day, by then called Independence Day, became common as the years wore on. In 1870, Congress made July 4 an unpaid holiday for federal employees, and in 1941, it became a full federal holiday, celebrated every year with parades and fireworks and feasting.

And sometimes amidst the festivities, we even take the time to ponder how absolutely incredible it was that this country came about at all, and how grateful we should all be to the heroes who gave us this nation and those who have maintained it, defended it and built it up, and how miraculous it is that it endured and prospered and how profoundly grateful we should be to be Americans.

And it wouldn't be a bad idea to let our kids know that too.

The Library Lines

By Nikki Cunningham

The Library is very excited to be hosting a Teen Space Summer Program on July 8th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Diane Bell and Heather Baker who both have extensive backgrounds in science and aerospace will be here to introduce teens to NASA and space travel. This event is for teens ages 12-18; pizza and door prizes will be given, so don't miss it!

We will be having our final Summer Reading Program and Back-to-School Bash on July 29th starting at 10:00 am. Reading logs will need to be turned in before 10:00 am on this date in order for children who have read 20 or more books to be entered in the gift card drawing. The Library is offering Fine Forgiveness for patrons who bring in school supplies on or before July 28, 2015. A list of school supply items along with the amount of fine forgiveness for each item can be picked up at the library's circulation desk or found on the library's Facebook page. Donations from those without fines are also welcomed.

The Library has several new titles available including Kiss me by New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery, The Melody Lingers On by Mary Higgins Clark,

Ever After by Jude Deveraux, and The English Spy by New York Times bestselling author Daniel Silva. There are two new children's titles available, The Sound of Life and Everything by Krista Van Dolzer and Dear Hank Williams by National Book award-winning author Kimberly Willis Holt, as well as a new title by local author and World War II veteran Michael Freeland, Homeplace: finding poetry in our everyday life.

The Library was presented with a very generous $1,000 donation made by Little General to benefit the library's Summer Reading Program. We, at the Library, feel fortunate to have the support of local businesses such as Little General. The Library appreciates Alysia Shear for her donation to the library.

McKenzie Memorial Library News

McKenzie Memorial Library ended its Summer Reading Program on Tuesday June 23rd with an outstanding program given by our 'Hero's' McKenzie's Ambulance Service. Justin Cook is the Director of the McKenzie Ambulance Service and a Paramedic, he started the program and introduced his fellow employees, Murphy Norris and Justin Stambaugh. Murphy is an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Justin Stambaugh is a Paramedic for the ambulance service. They delighted the children and adults with questions and answers, safety tips and a tour of the ambulances that they brought to the Library. One of the first questions they ask the children: what happens when you call 911? Several answers were given but Justin told the audience to give them your address and impressed the importance of knowing your address for help to arrive. He explained that if you don't know your address to look outside and give a description of where you are and what is around you to help them find your location. We learned that the Emergency medical technicians and paramedics respond to emergencies from someone who may be having a heart attack in their home to multi-vehicle accidents on the highway. They provide first-line medical or emergency care for sick and injured people at the scene, which may be in the person's home, at an accident site or other places and while they are being transported to the hospital for care. They typically operate in teams with one person serving as an emergency vehicle operator while the other continues to provide life-saving emergency care to the patient en route to a medical facility. Due to the advancement of technology and wi-fi accessibility – all information is sent to the hospital prior to arrival. The Ambulance is now like a mobile hospital and the paramedics and advanced emergency medical technicians are skilled emergency responders. They work with other health care professionals including nurses and physicians as well as firefighters and police officers. The children really enjoyed the ambulance tours, getting their blood pressure taken and a few EKG's and several of them would have stayed all day with them if they had the chance. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff of 'Hero's' at our service.

We will have a wrap up on our Summer Reading program in the next two weeks.

The McKenzie Library Board will have a monthly Library Board Meeting on Thursday July 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Library.

The Library will be closed on Friday July 3rd in observance of July 4th! Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

See you next week,
Jean Melton



Swiss Steak

¼ cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1-1/2 to 2 pounds beef round steak, trimmed
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped onion
½ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 cup water
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tablespoon steak sauce

Combine the flour, salt and pepper. Cut steak into serving size pieces; dredge in the flour mixture. In a skillet, brown steak in oil. Drain and place in a 2-1/2 quart casserole dish. Top with celery, onion and mushrooms. Combine water, garlic and steak sauce; pour over vegetables. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 hours or until the meat is tender. Yield 6 servings

Mom's Potato Pancakes

4 cups shredded peeled potatoes (about 4 large)
1 egg, lightly beaten
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Vegetable oil

Rinse potatoes in cold water; drain well. Place in a large bowl. Add egg, flour, onion, salt and pepper; mix well. In a skillet, heat ¼ inch of oil over medium heat. Drop batter by 1/3 cupful's into hot oil. Flatten to form a pancake. Fry until golden brown; turn and brown the other side. Drain on paper towels. Serve immediately. Yield 6 servings.

Creamy Coleslaw

3 to 4 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup shredded carrots
1 cup thinly sliced green pepper
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
¼ cup lemon juice
1 to 2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon salt

In a large salad bowl, toss cabbage, carrots, and green pepper. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour over the cabbage mixture and toss to coat. Chill for at least 2-3 hours. Yield 6-8 servings.

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THE McKenzie, Tennessee BANNER

Weakley Henry Carroll

2015 Reader Survey

It is important for every business to know what customers think about a product in order to improve that product. It is necessary that we know what you as our reader want from your community newspaper.

We've given a lot of thought to each question and do not want to take up too much of your time. However, your feedback will determine how we proceed with our coverage of area events, cities, the special editions we publish and our policies.

If we discover that you're really not interested in some topics, we may cut back on coverage of those topics and devote that time to covering the news you want to read.

This survey contains 46 questions and should take between 5 to 15 minutes to complete.

We appreciate your contribution to the results of this survey. To show our gratitude, we are giving each participant a one (1) month free trial subscription to The McKenzie Banner.

It is important to use the contact information area (at the end of this survey) to list an address and e-mail where the newspaper can be sent. Please provide a valid phone number so that we can contact you if we have any problems setting up your free trial.

Thank you for your time.

1. What news do you read?

- ☐ Sports Coverage
- ☐ Local Government News
- ☐ Obituaries & Church News
- ☐ Opinion & Editorial
- ☐ Event Coverage
- ☐ Calendar
- ☐ School News
- ☐ People News
- ☐ Society News
- ☐ Public Records
- ☐ Business News
- ☐ Human Interest Stories & Features
- ☐ Classifieds & Job Openings
- ☐ Advertisements & Inserts

2. Which topics would you like to see more in The Banner? *Please rate each topic.*

	A Lot More Coverage	More Coverage	The Same, No Change.	Less Coverage	No Coverage
Sports	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Local Government	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Obituaries	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Church News	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Opinion & Editorial	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Event Coverage	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Calendar	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
School News	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
People News	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Society News	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Public Records	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Business News	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Human Interest Stories & Features	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Classifieds & Job Openings	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

DID YOU KNOW? The Banner publishes most news about area events, birth announcements, obituaries, reunions, church news, and other non-profits - free of charge. * Some exclusions apply. If you have news, call us at 731-352-3323 or e-mail us at banner@mckenziebanner.com.

3. Which cities do you want to read about in The Banner? *Circle all that apply.*

McKenzie	Trezevant
Huntingdon	McLemoresville
Gleason	Atwood
Paris	Hollow Rock-Bruceton
Henry (city)	Clarksburg

Other (please specify) _____

4. Which sports/activities are you interested in reading about in The Banner? *Circle all that apply.*

Football	Golf	Bowling
Baseball	Tennis	Marching Band
Softball	Hockey	Dance
Basketball	Soccer	Art
Track	Fishing	Music
Trap Shooting	Disc Golf	Theatre

Other (please specify) _____

5. What sources do you use to find out about local news? *Please circle all that apply.*

Newspaper	Websites	Social Media
Radio	Mobile Apps	Other *(please specify)*
TV	Word of Mouth	_____

6. Which newspapers do you read? *Circle Choices*

The McKenzie Banner	The Camden Chronicle
Carroll County News-Leader	(Savannah) Courier
Dresden Enterprise	The Lexington Progress
The Jackson Sun	The Tennessean
The Paris Post-Intelligencer	The Leaf Chronicle
Weakley County Press	The Commercial Appeal
(Milan) Mirror-Exchange	Other (please specify)
Union City Daily Messenger	_____

Please take a moment and think about The McKenzie Banner. Remember some of the stories you've read, your experiences with our staff, events we have covered and ways we have helped you as our customer. *Please rate us below.*

7. Overall, how would you rate The Banner as a business? *(10-Best / 1-Worst)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8. How would you rate The Banner as a news media source? *(10-Best / 1-Worst)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9. How would you rate The Banner on customer service? *(10-Best / 1-Worst)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

10. How likely is it that you would recommend The Banner to a friend or colleague? *(10-Very Likely / 0-Not Likely)*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11. What changes would The Banner have to make for you to give it a higher rating?

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12. How do you read the newspaper?

- ❍ I read the printed newspaper. (print edition)
- ❍ I read the online newspaper. (e-edition)
- ❍ I read both. (print and e-edition)

13. Do you subscribe to The Banner? **Yes No**

DID YOU KNOW? By subscribing to the print edition of this newspaper, you can get the online edition (e-edition) for free? You'll have a chance at the end of this survey to give us information to get your e-edition started. All we need is to verify your print edition status and then an e-mail address to use as your login.

14. If you are a current subscriber, how likely are you to renew your subscription when it comes due?

- ❍ I will certainly renew.
- ❍ I will likely renew.
- ❍ I am not sure.
- ❍ It's not likely.
- ❍ I am not going to renew.
- ❍ I've already let it expire.

If you've already let it expire, why? _____

15. How many people read your copy of the paper besides you?

- ❍ No one
- ❍ 1-3 people
- ❍ 4-6 people
- ❍ 6-10 people
- ❍ More than 10 people

16. How long do you keep each week's edition?

- ❍ I discard it as soon as I've finished reading.
- ❍ I keep it until the next one comes out. (1 week)
- ❍ I keep it about 2 weeks.
- ❍ I keep it about 3 weeks.
- ❍ I keep it for a month or longer.

17. Do you buy The Banner from a machine/newsstand? *(Single copy, not a subscription)* **Yes No**

18. If yes, how often do you buy the newspaper from a machine/newsstand?

- ❍ Once A Week
- ❍ Once A Month
- ❍ Rarely
- ❍ Twice A Month
- ❍ Occasionally

19. How many years have you been reading The McKenzie Banner?

- ❍ I'm new to it, less than 1 year.
- ❍ Longer than 1 year, but less than 3 years.
- ❍ Longer than 3 years, but less than 6 years.
- ❍ 6 to 10 years.
- ❍ Over 10 years.
- ❍ All my life. I can't remember when I started reading it.
- ❍ I'm not sure.

20. How often do you visit mckenziebanner.com?

- ❍ Once a day
- ❍ 2-3 times per week
- ❍ Once a week
- ❍ A few times per month
- ❍ Once a month
- ❍ Rarely
- ❍ Never

21. On average, how many hours do you spend on www.mckenziebanner.com?

- ❍ Less than 1 hour per visit.
- ❍ Between 2-4 hours per visit.
- ❍ 5 or more hours per visit.
- ❍ I am constantly on mckenziebanner.com.
- ❍ I never visit mckenziebanner.com.

22. What platform or device do you use to read the newspaper online?

- ❍ Desktop Computer
- ❍ Laptop Computer
- ❍ iPad
- ❍ Other tablet
- ❍ iPhone
- ❍ Other Smart Phone
- ❍ Kindle or E-Reader
- ❍ Other (please specify)

23-25. Please take a moment and tell us what you LIKE / DISLIKE about using the online newspaper or e-edition. Are you experiencing any problems reading the online newspaper?

For example, do you like the page flip animation or are the pages slow to load?

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26. What could we do to improve the online newspaper or e-edition?

_____

_____

27. Which social media sites do you use?

Facebook	LinkedIn	Digg
Twitter	Reddit	Yelp
Instagram	StumbleUpon	Vimeo
Pinterest	Flickr	Others Not Listed
Google+	Tumblr.	(please specify)
YouTube	Blogger	_____
Myspace	Foursquare	_____

28. How often do you log into social media networks *(e.g. Facebook, Google+, etc.)***?**

- ❍ Less than a few times a month
- ❍ A few times a month
- ❍ A few times a week
- ❍ About once a day
- ❍ More than once a day

29. On average, how many hours do you spend on social media websites?

- ❍ Less than 1 hour per visit.
- ❍ Between 2-4 hours per visit.
- ❍ 5 or more hours per visit.
- ❍ I am constantly on social media sites.
- ❍ I don't use social media websites.

30. I "Like" or "Follow" The McKenzie Banner on...

- ❍ Facebook
- ❍ Twitter
- ❍ Both Twitter and Facebook
- ❍ Neither

The West Tennessee Advertiser (WTNAD) is a weekly online publication that features all the advertisements from The McKenzie Banner and Dresden Enterprise newspapers with news stories. Advertisements include local small businesses, products, services, job openings, events, and more. The goal of the WTNAD is to inform readers and give advertisers more bang for their buck by targeting The Banner's 3,600+ social media fans in addition to The Banner's 5,000 print circulation and The Enterprise's 4,000+ print circulation. The WTNAD is a free publication. If you're interested in being notified when a new WTNAD is live, please tell us at the end of this survey.

31-33. Please take a moment and tell us what you LIKE and DISLIKE about using The West Tennessee Advertiser (WTNAD). Are you experiencing any problems reading WTNAD?

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34. What could we do to improve The West Tennessee Advertiser?

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DID YOU KNOW? The Banner reaches a larger audience today than just five years ago? Studies have consistently shown that community newspapers remain strong despite the decline reported by larger, urban papers. Community newspapers tell the stories that you won't find anywhere else - about local people and events.

The McKenzie Banner releases many special editions throughout the year: Graduation, Christmas, Football, Business Directory, Best of Carroll County, and more. Please take a moment to provide feedback on these sections.

35. Please rate each special edition.

	I don't like it.	It's ok.	It's good.	Love it!	Never Read It.
Business Card Directory	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Home, Lawn & Garden	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Graduation	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Carroll County Fair Book	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Football "Gridiron Guide"	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Best of Carroll County Contest	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Medical Guide	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Christmas Greetings	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

36. What new special editions would you be interested in?

- ☐ All About Pets
- ☐ Coupon Book
- ☐ Focus On Education
- ☐ Breast Cancer Awareness
- ☐ Over 50 Lifestyle
- ☐ Holiday Gift Guide
- ☐ Employment Guide
- ☐ Other (please specify below)

37. If The Banner assembled a team of volunteer citizen journalists, would you be interested in participating?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

DID YOU KNOW? The McKenzie Banner is the only locally owned news media company in Carroll County.

38. Many community newspapers have increased newsstand rates to $1 per copy. The Banner's current newsstand rate is 75 cents. It was last increased over 10 years ago. Would you be willing to pay $1 for this newspaper? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

39. What city do you currently live in?

_____

40. What city do you currently work in?

_____

41. What city did you buy your last car in?

_____

42. In which cities do you shop for goods and services?

_____

43. What is your gender? **Male Female**

44. What is your age?

17 or younger 18-20 21-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 or older

45. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- ❍ Less than high school degree
- ❍ High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)
- ❍ Some college but no degree
- ❍ Associate degree
- ❍ Bachelor degree
- ❍ Graduate degree

46. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

- ❍ Employed, working full-time
- ❍ Employed, working part-time
- ❍ Not employed, looking for work
- ❍ Not employed, NOT looking for work
- ❍ Retired
- ❍ Disabled, not able to work

We appreciate your contribution to the results of this survey. To show our gratitude, we are giving each participant a one (1) month free trial subscription to The McKenzie Banner.

Mail or deliver this survey to: The McKenzie Banner, 3 Banner Row, McKenzie, TN 38201 DEADLINE August 1, 2015

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Bullettown Draws Crowd For Nights on Broadway



McKENZIE (June 27)– Milan-based band Bullettown drew a large crowd for this month's Nights on Broadway event. The group's eclectic set, several food vendors, and the refreshingly fair weather kept Broadway packed well after dark. Join the fun at next month's Nights on Broadway event!



Le Bonheur Hospital Mobile Unit.

Northwest Tennessee Head Start

Le Bonheur Mobile Unit Provides Free Check-ups

MCKENZIE (June 23) From 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Le Bonheur Hospital of Memphis' Mobile Unit personnel performed free check-ups to community children at the Northwest Tennessee Head Start facility located at 938 West Walnut.

McKenzie and Huntingdon Head Start Coordinator Jennifer Vinson said that she appreciated Le Bonheur Hospital's willingness to perform free health check-ups to community children.

Assisting Vinson were Holly Allen, Head Start Community Outreach Coordinator, and Ann May Fields, TennCare Kids Outreach Coordinator.

Carroll County Election Commission

Billy Smith Elected Chairman

HUNTINGDON (June 25)– During the Carroll County Election Commission's reorganization meeting, Chairman protem Billy Smith, via motion of commission member Ron Reiter and second by newly-certified member Brent Bradberry, was unanimously elected as board chairman.

At the motion of commission member Nellie Hale and second by Reiter, Mike Corrado was unanimously re-elected as secretary.

Following the vote, Chairman Smith said, "I want to thank all of you for your vote of approval. I want to say that I will try my best to make sure that everyone can voice their opinion at all times. We have always worked well together in the past, and I want to do my part to see that we continue to do so. All of your opinions matter to me."

Chairman Smith informed commission members that newly-elected Administrator of Elections Peggy Hamlett was not present because she was attending a training meeting in Nashville.

Commission member Nellie Hale asked outgoing Administrator of Elections Vince Taylor if Hamlett had spent much time with him in the office learning her new role.

He replied, "She has spent a half day with me so far, but is planning to come by the office tomorrow. I'll be able to show her a lot of job-related information then."

He added, "The training meeting she is attending tonight is important because she is receiving information that will help her to pass her state certification test."

Hale asked, "Is there anyone from the state that would come down to help her prepare pre-election forms and such prior to the next election cycle?"

Taylor replied, "She will have access to numerous resources from the state and be able to call on fellow administrators of election in surrounding counties.

Smith asked if every county in the state used the same voting system technologies.

Taylor said, "No. Our machine is different than Weakley County's. There are three different machine vendors available, and machine usage varies from county to county."

Upon Smith's advising commission members that the minimum length of a board meeting is 30 minutes, Secretary Corrado distributed 30 new voter registration forms for the commissioners to verify for content accuracy.

He said, "It is part of our responsibility to double-check our Administrator of Elections' new registration forms to make sure that all voter applicant information is correct and confirm that the form is valid. We are required to meet quarterly to check registration forms."

The next meeting of Carroll County Election Commission is Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m.



Reorganized Carroll County Election Commission: Secretary Michael Corrado, Chairman Billy Smith, and members Ron Reiter, Brent Bradberry, and Nellie Hale.

Bethel University

Graduate Randle Accepted to AMDA

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (New York City) / AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts (Los Angeles) is pleased to announce the Joshua D. Randle has been accepted for the 2015 / 2016 academic year. Admission to AMDA is extremely competitive; our students come from all over the globe and are selected from auditions held in more than 35 cities throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, Argentina, Brazil, Israel and South Korea.



The full-time enrollment at the two AMDA locations is approximately 1,300 students.

AMDA was founded in 1964 as a premier performing arts conservatory.

Joshua D. Randle, a Nashville native, is a graduate of Bethel University with a Bachelors of Arts emphasis in Vocal Performance and a Master's Degree in Education with emphasis on music education. He was a student in the Renaissance program vocal and theatre.

He is blessed with the drive to do whatever Gods wants him to do with what God been blessed with.

He is the son of Rose Randle of Birmingham, Alabama.

Joshua Randle can be contacted at (615) 509-0119 or by email at jrandle56@bethelu.edu

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Left, the young ladies were introduced to the kitchen and how to prepare a meal. They were instructed on safety and hygiene in their first course. Right, Dianne Carter teaches a group of girls some basic sewing techniques.

Youth Enriched in Church-Related Training



A group of youngsters prepare for a visit to the McKenzie Fire Department.

MCKENZIE (June 24)– Obion River District Baptist Association in McKenzie is the home base of fun summer activities for youth throughout the region.

Ruby Hillsman heads the project that teaches traditional skills to youth, pre-school aged, 7 to 11 years, and 12 and up.

Youngsters come to have fun and learn twice weekly in an enrichment program that continues through July 24.

Learning activities include: sewing, cooking, gardening, carpentry, fishing, art, baseball clinic, basketball clinics, furniture mending, cosmetology, painting, nursing, archery, self-defense, how to act in school, manners, how to meet people, how to dress for success, and lots of Bible study.

Mayor Jill Holland was one of the first guest speakers to address the youth. She told the gathering about the various job functions of a rural city mayor. Holland said the city has various departments with specific job functions. A splash pad will be added next to the McKenzie Depot in 2016. Holland said the city is attempting to add special events and fun activities for its citizens.

Following the mayor's presentation, some of the youth toured McKenzie Fire Department on Wednesday. Others went to Mulberry Park to plant a garden.

American Legion Post 151 Honors Boys State Delegates



Pictured are American Legion members and Boys State Delegates (l to r): front row Frank Bost, Gavin Knight, Chase Birdwell, Jakob Keen, and George Norman; back row Joe Bost, Charlie Wachsmutch (Adjutant), Phil Williams (Sergeant-at-Arms), Paul Archie (Chaplain), Mickey Keen, and Lex Suite (Post Commander).

TREZEVANT (June 25)– American Legion Post 151 of Trezevant held its regular meeting Thursday and took the opportunity to honor the four Boys State Delegates from West Carroll High School.

Three of the honorees were present at the gathering at the community center: Jakob Keen, Chase Birdwell, and Gavin Knight. Collin Hudgins was unable to attend. Those gathered were treated to a delicious meal prior to the meeting, and then Post Commander Lex Suite and Adjutant Charlie Wachsmutch presented each delegate with a certificate and a medal.

The honorees each thanked Post 151 for their sponsorship. Keen expressed that he met new people and made new friends, learning things that he would carry with him the rest of his life. Wright echoed those thoughts, adding that he was glad to meet Tennessee government leaders. Birdwell was also pleased to learn about state government, saying he would remember the experience for the rest of his life. Wright earned a spot as a state representative at Boys State, and Keen served as the fire chief.

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Bethel University Gym ~ McKenzie, TN

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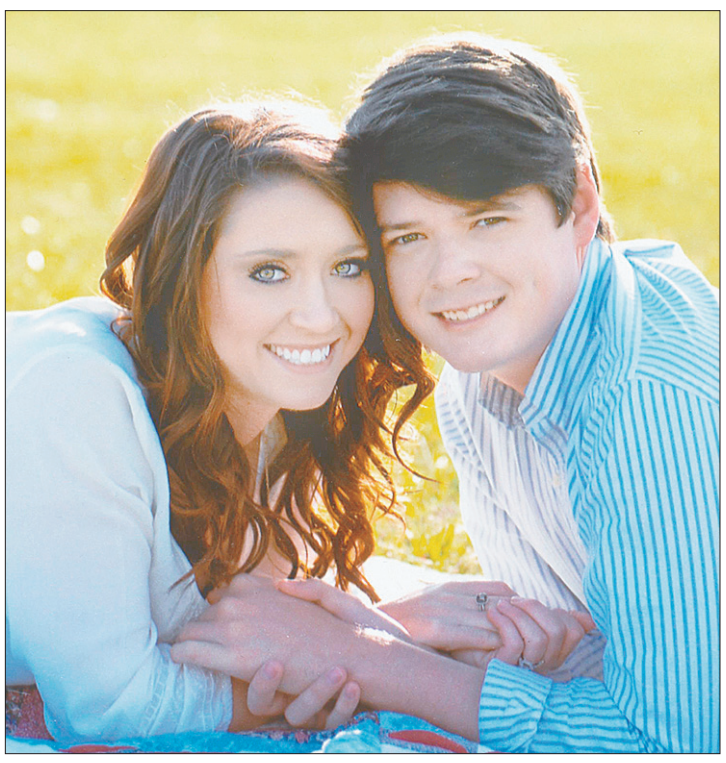
To register for this FREE camp, call the HCMC Find Line at 731-644-3463 or online at www.hcmc-tn.org. *Registration for the camp will end on Wednesday, July 9, 2015*

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Johnson, Hopper to Wed

Rick and Becky Johnson of Bean Station, Tenn. and Jeff and Bonita Hopper of McKenzie, together with their families, would like to announce the engagement of their children, Hannah Brooke Johnson and Derek Justin Hopper.

They will be wed July 6, 2015 in Tamarindo, Costa Rica. Receptions will follow on July 18 in Morristown, Tenn. and on July 25 in Paris.

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❶ Tournament Champions Decatur County (l to r): front row Landon Vaughn, Cade Roach, Colt Brooks, Asher Creasey, Levi Byrd, and Montgomery Hughes; second row Conner Jowers, Hayden Maxwell, Ridge Thompson, Jon Parker Graves, Jack Cupples, and Peyton Lomax; and coaches Shawn Cupples, John Maxwell, Jon Graves, and Jerrod Lomax.
❷ Tournament Runner-Up McKenzie (l to r): front row Dylan Barton, Kason Brown, Nolan Fawcett, Ace Brown, and Malaki Harris; second row Ripken Thompson, Aiden Mason, Avery Brown, Taylon Strayhorn, Cole Brown, and Cooper Davidson; and coaches Chad Brown, Blake Fawcett, Beau Brown, and Jonathan Davidson.
❸ McKenzie's Nolan Fawcett throws to Avery Brown for the out at first in a Saturday elimination game.
❹ Dresden's Beau Pinkston fields an infield grounder and tosses to first for the out during a Saturday elimination game.
❺ Bruceton's Michael Frederick smashes a triple in a second-round game on Saturday.
❻ Huntingdon's Nick Smith takes a long final stride to reach safely in a second-round game on Saturday.







McKenzie Hosts District T-Ball Tournament

Decatur County Tops McKenzie in Championship

McKENZIE (June 18-22) — McKenzie City Park was the site of a 2015 T-Ball District Tournament for Cal Ripken Baseball's Southeast Division. Seven area teams, comprised of the all-stars for each local league, competed in a double-elimination bracket beginning Thursday. Young sluggers battled through the weekend until Decatur County won a tight contest Monday evening over the hometown McKenzie team to claim the championship.

The tournament kicked off Thursday with Huntingdon beating Gleason, Decatur County topping McKenzie, and Milan defeating Dresden.

Friday's torrential rains doomed the second round to delay, but an early start on Saturday put the event back on track. Bruceton's first game was a victory over Huntingdon. Decatur County then topped Milan, followed by an elimination game won by McKenzie over Dresden. Milan eliminated Gleason, then McKenzie handed Huntingdon its second loss to wrap up the day.

Sunday afternoon action began with Decatur County giving Bruceton its first loss and securing a spot in the final. McKenzie then put out Milan and Bruceton, respectively to advance to the final.

Having one loss, McKenzie would need to beat the undefeated Decatur County team twice on Monday evening to claim the crown. Game one was high-scoring and close throughout, but Decatur County pulled out the win to secure the championship and remain undefeated in the tournament.

CORRECTION

The 2015 Bethel University Football schedule previously published in the Banner listed five home games. In actuality, Bethel plays four home games this season.

2015 Bethel University Football Schedule

8/29	@ Missouri Baptist	6:00 p.m.
9/5	OPEN	
9/10	@ UTM	6:30 p.m.
9/19	Pikeville	1:30 p.m.
9/26	@ KY Christian	12:30 p.m.
10/3	@ Cumberlands (KY)	12:30 p.m.
10/10	Union College	1:30 p.m.
10/17	Campbellsville Homecoming	1:30 p.m.
10/24	@ Faulkner	1:30 p.m.
10/31	@ Cumberland U	12:00 p.m.
11/7	Lindsey Wilson	1:30 p.m.
11/14	@ Reinhardt	11:00 a.m.

Wildcat Slugger Matheny Hosts Baseball Camp

McKENZIE (June 25) — Bethel Wildcat slugger Reed Matheny, along with his father Rick Matheny and Rebel baseball parent Raymond Eaton, hosted the first of several one-day skill camps to be held this summer. The camp was held Thursday at McKenzie City Park.

Matheny holds multiple records at the University School of Jackson and was drafted by the Washington Nationals as a catcher, but sustained an injury before being signed. Now a first baseman for Bethel University, he gives batting instruction to local players and wanted to help develop more young talent with a series of camps.

Nine players ages 13 and older honed fundamentals with the instructors, including batting, fielding, catching and pitching.

The McKenzie Homerun Club sponsored and provided advertising for the event.



Participants in Thursday's 13 and up one-day baseball camp (l to r): kneeling are Zach Edge, Nathan Eaton, Evan Jarrett, and Tanner Townes; standing are Reed Matheny, Alex Rummage, Thomas Stallion, Zach Jarrett, Hunter Stafford, Cameron Rawls, and Raymond Eaton.

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Carroll County General Sessions

Two defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury last week in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

They included:

•Terrance Darnell Kilpatrick of 985 High Street, Hollow Rock, who is charged with domestic assault, aggravated assault, a schedule VI drug violation, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Christopher Patey of 8925 Highway 436 McKenzie, who is charged with promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine, possession/casual exchange of meth, possession of a schedule VI drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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The following defendants entered guilty pleas and received sentences, fines, or court orders:

•Amanda N. Bullington of 19885 Main Street East, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to probation violation, simple possession/casual exchange, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was ordered to serve 90 days and fined $250.

•Sophia M. Burton of Henderson, who pled guilty to public intoxication. She was fined $50.

•Reginald Cozart of 175 Church Street, McLemoresville, who pled guilty to DUI (first offense). He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail (suspended), placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, fined $350, ordered not to drive for one year, and his license was taken away for one year.

•Mortensen F. Donald of 635 Ross Road, McKenzie, who pled guilty to theft of merchandise. He was placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days and ordered to pay full restitution.

•Lacinda Ann Lashlee of 108 Spruce Street, Bruceton, who pled guilty to public intoxication. Lashlee was fined $50.

•Richard Neal Hereth of 236 Clover Street, Bruceton, who pled guilty to probation violation and failure to appear. He was ordered to serve 30 days.

•Julia A. Houseman of Camden, who pled guilty to writing worthless checks. She was placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, ordered to pay full restitution, ordered to attend check-writing school, and ordered to have no contact with Little General of Huntingdon.

•Jamison Anthony Johnson of 97 Walnut Circle, McKenzie, who pled guilty to failure to appear, domestic assault, and driving on a cancelled license. He was placed on supervised probation for two terms of 11 months and 19 days and one term of six months, fined $100, ordered to attend anger management classes, and ordered to have no contact with the victim.

•Gabriel Austin Swaidner of 5250 Highway 70, Cedar Grove, who pled guilty to DUI (first offense). He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail (suspended), placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, fined $350, ordered not to drive for one year, and his license was taken away for one year.

•Michael T. Evans of Camden, who pled guilty to driving on a revoked license and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed on supervised probation for two terms of 11 months and 29 days and fined $800.

•Christie Marie Fuzzell of Gleason, who pled guilty to probation violation. She was ordered to serve 30 days in jail.

•Melissa Ann Hopper of 249 Walnut Circle, McKenzie, who pled guilty to writing worthless checks. She was placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, ordered to pay full restitution, and given a no-contact order.

•Richard Shaun McCutchen of Trenton, who pled guilty to a driver's license violation. He was placed on unsupervised probation for 28 days.

•Elton G. Merriweather of Medina, who pled guilty to stalking and evading arrest. He was placed on supervised probation for two terms of 11 months and 29 days, fined $100, and given a no-contact order.

•Jason Jeffery Moody of Parsons, who pled guilty to theft up to $500 and failure to appear. He was placed on supervised probation for two terms of 11 months and 23 days, fined $150, ordered to pay full restitution, and ordered to have no contact with Wal-Mart.

•Justin B. Parker of 153 Elizabeth Circle, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to probation violation. He was ordered to serve 30 days.

•Manuel Jack Phillips of 450 Rosa Lane, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to domestic assault. He was placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, ordered to pay full restitution, given a no-contact order, and order to undergo an alcohol and drug assessment.

•Leland Shane Pyburn of Big Sandy, who pled guilty to driving on a revoked license and theft up to $500. He was placed on unsupervised probation for one term of 10 months and 29 days and another term of 11 months and 19 days, ordered to serve 30 days, fined $250, ordered to pay full restitution, and ordered to have no contact with Wal-Mart.

•Stephanie Nicole Smith of 10830 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. She was placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days and fined $450.

•Tabra Smith of 10830 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to simple possession/casual exchange. She was fined $250.

•Brittney Vinyard of 90 Arsenal Lane, Lavinia, who pled guilty to domestic assault. She was placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 25 days, ordered to serve four day in jail, fined $250, and ordered to file proof of anger management.

•Priest Weathers of 20060 Main Street, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to probation violation. He was ordered to serve 100 days.

Area Marriage Licenses

•Ryan Blake Willis, 27, of McKenzie to Shirley Leann Taylor King, 27, of McKenzie.

•Joshua David Crocker, 20, of McKenzie to Courtney Dee Sawyers, 19, of McKenzie.

•Fred James Hatler, 26, McKenzie to Robyn Marie Winkler, 31, of McKenzie.

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Town of Hollow Rock

FY 2015-16 Budget First Reading Approved

HOLLOW ROCK (June 23) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hollow Rock, board members approved the first reading of the 2015-16 municipal budget and certified tax rate of $1.2889 for $100 of assessed property.

Also approved in the 2015-16 budget was the Mayor's proposal 50-cent-per-hour salary increase for the town's three full-time employees.

He added, "There has not been a pay increase in employee salaries since 2005 except for the 30-cent-per-hour raise in 2011 for Pam Gallimore upon her promotion to Town Clerk after Vivian Grooms retired from that position. The salary increase was figured to add $100 to the full-time employee's monthly income."

Runions said that the State Board of Equalization's calculated certified tax rate of $1.2889 vs. $1.23 per $100 of assessed property for the town was done to match the amount of property taxes brought in the previous year.

He added, "The certified tax rate is not an increase in taxes even though it looks like it. This figure is based on an overall lower assessment of property in Hollow Rock."

Prior to the vote, Hollow Rock Mayor Tim Runions commended City Recorder Gallimore, Public Service Director Kenny Chandler, and Police Chief Danny Emerson for their dedicated service to the town and for vigilantly controlling fund spending.

He said, "I am proud of the hard work that is provided by our town employees. I am also proud of their concerted efforts to limit spending. It is because of their diligence that we are able to present a budget for 2015-16 where all of our account fund revenue projections once again exceed fund expenditures."

Runions noted that General Fund revenues of $249,041 exceeded expenditures of $246,954 by $2,087 despite the town's receiving less-than-anticipated state-shared taxes from gasoline, TVA, and sales tax.

Runions proposed to move the clerk's salary for half the budgeted year into the Enterprise Fund as in years past and that Tennessee Municipal League (TML) had increased its insurance cost for town from the previous year.

He noted that Water Fund revenues of $186,925 exceeded expenditures of $186,838 by $87.

Runions said that the Water Fund Budget reflects an increase of $1 per residential and business account to compensate for the three-percent increase in the amount paid to Republic Services via the five-year plan approved in July 2013.

He added that the increase would put less of a burden on citizens to generate funds than to raise taxes or water rates.

The Water Fund paid the final payment of the $50,000 Phase One Capital Outlay Note from 2004 in 2014, saving the fund $6,000.

The town's Solid Waste Budget revenues of $70,760 exceed expenditures of $70,302 by $458; Drug Fund revenues of $3,600 exceeded expenditures of $3,300 by 300; and Volunteer Fire Department Budget revenues of $6,000 exceeded expenditures of $5,700 by $300.

In Fire Department-related business, Runions provided board members with a copy of a letter sent by State of Tennessee Comptroller Office Director of State and Local Finance Sandra Thompson constituting approval for the town to issue notes via Resolution R2015-02A to purchase a fully-equipped, low-mileage (23,000 miles) Mack fire truck for $8,000 from the Town of Noonan, Wisconsin.

Alderman and Hollow Rock Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bobby Brotherton said that the remarkable deal would not have been possible without the assistance of former Wisconsin resident and current Hollow Rock businessman Jack Van Goethem.

He said, "Jack set the whole thing up for us. He deserves full credit for our town's receiving this near-new firefighting engine for only $8,000. The engine is equipped with everything we would need to fight a fire right now. The equipment that came with the engine at no additional cost is worth well over the $8,000 we are paying for the entire package. "

Van Goethem is the owner of Jack's Welding located downtown Hollow Rock at the former City Hall building.

McKenzie Police Department Reports

DUI/ implied consent / open container- According to a report filed by MPD patrolman Trey Boucher, the officer, while traveling South on Highland Avenue, observed a Jeep Cherokee traveling below the speed limit at around 30 mph. Upon following the vehicle, the officer observed the Jeep swerve line to line before crossing the right line. The vehicle then turned onto Highway 22 before turning onto Heather Drive and almost running into a field before stopping and parking in the wrong direction on the side of the road. The officer, upon approaching the driver, identified as Jeremy C. Chandler, 42, Sydnor Road, McKenzie, smelled a strong odor of alcohol on the person. The report also noted that Chandler's speech was slurred. After admitting to have drunk four beers before driving, Chandler reportedly performed poorly on field sobriety tests before being arrested for the listed charges.

Simple assault / disorderly conduct-According to a report filed by MPD patrolman Andy Weaver, the officer, along with fellow Patrolman Lorrie Mulligan, responded to a call regarding a fight at McKenzie Elementary School. Upon arrival, the officer observed Blake A. Michael, 19, Enon Church Road, McKenzie, in a highly agitated state and being held to the ground by relatives. After taking control of the situation, the officer handcuffed Michael for his protection and the protection of others. Witnesses on the scene said Michael became angry when a player stole the ball from him during the game and he wrestled the player to the ground. When Michael's relatives arrived on the scene in response to a call about the incident, Michael reported struck his uncle in the face several times before being wrestled to the ground. Michael was then charged with the listed offenses and transported without incident to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on suspended / revoked license / financial responsibility-According to a report filed by MPD patrolman Adam Bailey, the officer, while patrolling South on Highland Avenue South near Hospital Drive, observed a 2002 Dodge Durango attempt to stop before rear-ending a vehicle. Neither vehicle sustained damage. However, a driver license check of the Durango driver revealed that Amber Leasha Russell, 27, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was driving on revoked for failing to satisfy court fees in Henry County.

Vandalism-According to a report filed by MPD patrolman Trey Boucher, Franchesca J. Johnson, 23, Forrest Avenue, McKenzie, stated that at around 7:25 p.m. on June 25, Randle D. Arnold, 21, McWeeny Avenue, McKenzie, came to her residence and threw a bundle of power cords at her door, causing $40 in damage to the screen door. The report noted that although Arnold admitted to throwing the power cords, he stated that the screen door had already been damaged. Witnesses at the scene stated that the screen door was not damaged prior to the incident. Arnold was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for the listed offenses.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Theft

•A firearm was recently reported as being stolen from a Huntingdon residence.

Steve Pope told officers on June 26 that some time during the past couple of months, someone took a .22-caliber nine-shot revolver from his residence at 1175 Goodrum Road. The pistol was valued at $300.

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Domestic Assault

•An Atwood man was arrested June 23 following a domestic incident at his residence.

Deputy Mike Taylor charged Garry Greer, 56, of 1315 Jax Road with domestic assault, resisting arrest, and violation of bond. According to Taylor's report, officers responded to a call about a disturbance at Taylor's home. Greer and his father, Leon Greer, were in the carport yelling at each other when officers arrived at the scene. Leon Greer told officers that his son had come into his bedroom yelling and charging at him, and he and his son scuffled before officers arrived. According to Taylor, Garry Greer had a previous court order prohibiting violent contact with family members. Taylor also reported that when officers tried to take Greer into custody, he resisted to the point that officers had to use a taser gun to subdue him.

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Theft

•The Sheriff's Department is looking into the recent theft of cash from a parked vehicle at a McKenzie residence.

Amanda Epperson told officers on June 24 that someone took $229 in cash from her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway at 54 Dr. Barnes Lane. She said that theft occurred some time between 8:30 p.m. on June 23 and 7 a.m. on June 24.

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Driving Violations

•A Lavinia man was arrested June 22 for allegedly driving drunk on an ATV.

Deputy T.J. Herndon charged Michael Taylor, 49, with driving on a revoked license for a DUI (fifth offense), possession of drug paraphernalia, driving an off-road vehicle on a highway, and failure to wear a crash helmet. According to Herndon's report, he was issuing a warning citation to a driver on Spring Creek Road, when Taylor rode by on a three-wheel ATV. Herndon reported that he pursued Taylor because he had prior knowledge that Taylor's license was revoked, but Taylor turned onto a field path and headed toward his residence. Herndon caught up with Taylor at his home and placed him under arrest. Officers seized Taylor's three-wheeler.

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Huntingdon Police Department Reports

Attempted Sex Crime

•A Davidson County man was arrested June 16 for allegedly attempting to have sexual relations with a minor.

Investigator Joey Hedge charged James S. Longworth of Nashville with the attempt to commit aggravated statutory rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to Hedge's report, he was patrolling on Cotham Drive when he noticed a vehicle parked at the old trailer park. As Hedge was pulling in behind the vehicle, Longworth got out of the driver's side and spoke with Hedge, saying he was there to meet with a friend. Hedge noticed that Longworth seemed to be trying to keep Hedge from noticing the person in the passenger's seat. When Hedge looked in the vehicle, he found a local 15-year-old male sitting in the passenger's seat. Longworth told Hedge that he had met the teen on a website and had driven to Huntingdon with the intention of having sex with him if he was of legal age. While searching Longworth, Hedge found a number of sex-related items, along with a quantity of beer.

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Assault/Resisting Arrest

•A Huntingdon man was arrested June 18 after he allegedly struck his mother at a Huntingdon residence.

Sgt. Rick Crossno charged Dennie E. Jessee with domestic assault and resisting arrest. According to Crossno's report, officers responded to a domestic call at 126 Oak Hill and spoke with Jessee's mother, Sandra Jessee. She told officers that her son hit her in the face. Officers observed a visible red mark on her cheek. Crossno reported that when officers tried to take Dennie Jessee into custody, he became uncooperative and combative, and even started slamming his head on a vehicle and on the side glass of a patrol car.

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Public Intoxication/Drugs

•A Huntingdon man and a Chester County woman were arrested June 20 after officers found them allegedly walking around in an intoxicated state in downtown Huntingdon.

Patrolman Seneca Butcher charged Kristopher D. Laman of 550 White Oak Road and Sophia M. Burton of Henderson with public intoxication. Laman was additionally charged with possession of a legend drug, possession of a schedule VI drug, possession of schedule II drug, and introduction of drugs into a penal facility. According to Butcher's report, officers responded to a call from Mallards Restaurant about a woman stumbling around outside, falling down, and nearly being hit by a car. Officers found Laman and Burton sitting in a vehicle across the street from Mallard's. Butcher reported that both Laman and Burton were unsteady on their feet and seemed to be confused about what was going on and where they were. While searching Burton, officers found a small amount of marijuana, and around 15 prescription-level pills. After the two were transported to the Carroll County Jail, officers found a small bag of methamphetamine in Laman's possession. Note: Laman was also arrested on June 23 during a traffic stop in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Sgt. Brad Allen charged Laman with DUI (second offense), driving on a revoked license, and violation of the implied consent law.

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DUI/Drugs

•A Madison County woman was arrested during a June 19 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Investigator Joey Hedge charged Connie J. Brandon of Jackson with DUI (first offense) and possession of a schedule II drug (three counts). Hedge reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by Brandon after observing the vehicle weave across the centerline several times. According to Hedge, Brandon had slurred speech, glassy eyes, was unsteady on her feet, and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. Brandon refused to take a blood-alcohol test, but she did agree to let Hedge search her vehicle. While conducting that search, Hedge found a pill bottle with three different kinds of pills in it in Brandon's purse.

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Theft

•The HPD is investigating the recent theft of a wallet and cash from a vehicle.

Sophia M. Burton of Henderson told officers on June 22 that her leopard print wallet containing $800 in cash was taken from her vehicle while she was in Huntingdon on June 20.

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DUI

•A Davidson County man was arrested during a June 17 traffic stop for allegedly driving in an intoxicated state.

Patrolman Michael Krause charged Keemer L. Jordan of Nashville with DUI (first offense), driving on a revoked license, and violation of the implied consent law. Krause reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by Jordan after observing the vehicle repeatedly swerve over into the emergency lane. According to Krause, Jordan smelled strongly of alcohol, his eyes were bloodshot, his speech was slurred, and he seemed to be confused. When asked to take field sobriety tests, Jordan said he had recently been injured and was taking prescription medication. Jordan told Krause he had been drinking but kept changing the number of drinks he had consumed. Inside Jordan's vehicle, Krause found an empty cup that smelled of alcohol and a wet spot on the floorboard where a beverage had been spilled.

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Evading Arrest

•A Huntingdon man was arrested June 18 after allegedly fleeing from police during an attempted traffic stop.

Sgt. Brad Allen charged Lloyd J. Sawyer of 638 Tate Loop Road with evading arrest and driving on a suspended license (second offense). Allen reported that he attempted to pull over a blue Chevrolet Corsica driven by Sawyer because he had prior knowledge that Sawyer's license was suspended. According to Allen, Sawyer did not stop when Allen activated his blue lights but sped away until Allen lost sight of the vehicle at the Huntingdon city limits on West Main Street. Sawyer was later found and arrested by officers at his residence.

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Disorderly Conduct

•A Huntingdon man was arrested June 20 on multiple charges during a domestic incident at his residence.

Patrolman Brian Bennett charged Timmie R. Taylor of 356 Cotham Drive with disorderly conduct, public intoxication, simple possession of a schedule VI drug, and simple possession of a schedule II drug. According to Bennett's report, officers responded to Taylor's residence after receiving a call about a fight in progress. Another resident told officers that he wanted Taylor to leave, but after starting to leave, Taylor decided he didn't want to go. Officers noted that Taylor smelled of alcohol and his eyes were bloodshot. At one point, Taylor began to scream and curse very loudly, according to Bennett, and continued to do so after officers repeatedly asked him to stop. Taylor continued to act in a belligerent manner after he had been arrested, refusing to get in a patrol car and banging his head on a patrol car window. An officer sprayed Taylor with a chemical agent in an attempt to subdue him. Officers found a small bag of marijuana and a prescription-level pill in a bag belonging to Taylor.

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Shoplifting

•A McKenzie man and woman were arrested June 14 after they allegedly stole an item from a local department store.

Patrolman Drake Whitworth charged Markel T. Allen and Madison B. Henson, both of 1774 Highway 22, with theft under $500. According to Whitworth's report, officers made contact with Allen and Henson at the Murphy Oil gas station after being alerted by Wal-Mart security that the two had taken part in a shoplifting. Allen admitted to taking an adapter from Wal-Mart in Huntingdon without paying for it. Video surveillance showed Allen and Henson working together to steal the adapter. Video surveillance at Wal-Mart in Paris showed the two returning the item at that store in exchange for a gift card.

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Reckless Driving/Drugs

•A Huntingdon man was arrested during a June 16 traffic stop on Lexington Street.

Patrolman Seneca Butcher charged Timothy B. Park of 120 Bridgeman Street with reckless driving and possession of a schedule II drug. Butcher reported that he pulled over a truck driven by Park after receiving information that Park was driving recklessly and had almost struck an off-duty officer. Park told officers that he was on his way home from work and was very tired and having a hard time staying awake at the wheel. According to Butcher, Park had a difficult time keeping his balance during field sobriety tests. After getting Park's permission to search his vehicle, officers found a prescription-level pill in a cigarette box.

Property Transfers

•Warren Calvin Jr. and Sandra Jane Hartz to Hartz Family Irrevocable Trust in District 9.

•Mac A. and Linda K. Douglas to Patrick Joseph and Rosann Marie Langowski in District 21.

•Harold E. Gaither to Jeremy Ryan and Shelby McQuesten in District 11.

•David Earl Wortham to Tracy Wortham in District 15.

•Bonnie Sue Brink to Graydon Chandler Peeples and others in District 11.

•John H. and Mary Suzanne Ward to Paul L. Ward Jr. in District 12.

•Thomas H. and Dian L. Edwards to Benjamin Thomas Edwards in District 4.

•Wayne and Frankie Thomas to James and Donna Sue Bays in Districts 6 and 7.

•Mark E. Cary and others to Carroll Bank & Trust Company in District 11.

•Russell B. Cole and Donna D. Thompson to Joseph M. and Jessica R. Bennett.

•Jessie Dwayne Parker to Jessie Dwayne Parker in District 18.

•Bobby Foster and others to the State of Tennessee.

•Vickie Jane Bennett and others to Carolyn Ivie and others in District 4.

•Dolores Faye Kerns to Asia Ricketts in District 11.

•Nathan Brockman to Nathan Brockman in District 2.

•Peggy and J.C. Farmer Jr. to Gail Hicks in District 11.

•William Hunt and others to Tamara Hollowell in District 4.

•Stacey Porter Perry to Linus L. Perry in District 11.

•Marc Brown to Walter A. and Glynda Finley Rich in District 4.

•Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to Jessica Lesley and others.

•Janice Gilliam to Richard T. and Kayla D. Holmes in District 3.

•Stewart and Sarah Lawrence to Christopher and Julie Finley in District 16.

•W.M. Pendergrass Jr. to Jeffrey Lynn Pendergrass.

•W.M. Pendergrass Jr. to Jeffrey Lynn and John Bradley Pendergrass.

•Larry Gene II and Patti Ballard to David M. Taylor in District 13.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2015PE130

ESTATE OF: SARAH ELIZABETH PINKLEY, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **24TH** day of **JUNE, 2015** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **SARAH ELIZABETH PINKLEY** deceased, who died **APRIL 30TH, 2015,** 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 forever be 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 of 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.

This 24TH day of JUNE, 2015.
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NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, LINDA WILLIAMS as Executrix of the Estate of OTIS BATEMAN is the owner and holder of the following real estate Deed of Trust securing an indebtedness therein mentioned encumbering certain real property hereinafter described located in the 3rd Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, said Deed of Trust being recorded in Trust Deed Book 506, Page 749, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, the grantors, MARK A. GRINNELL and LOUISE S. MEGAW, having executed said instrument August 23, 2000; and

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and LINDA WILLIAMS, as Executrix of the Estate of OTIS BATEMAN; as beneficiary and due holder, have authorized and instructed me as their duly authorized representative to foreclose said Deed of Trust by advertisement and at public sale in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor;

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed of Trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, said Deed of Trust will be foreclosed and the property secured thereby and hereinafter described sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the east door of the Courthouse in the city of Huntingdon, in said County, at 9:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of July, 2015, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under and secured by said Deed of Trust and said property being further described as follows.

BEGINNING at a stake in the south margin of the gravel road: same being 628 feet east of Inez Adams' northeast corner; runs thence south 9 degrees 217 feet to a stake; thence north 88 degrees 30 minutes east 170 feet to a stake; thence north 6 degrees east 217 feet to a stake in the south margin of the aforesaid gravel road; thence south 88 degrees 15 minutes west with the south margin of said road 229 feet to the point of beginning, containing 42,628 square feet, according to survey of D. W. Barger, a Registered Surveyor, on June 30, 1975, on which lot is situated a frame residence and mobile home.

This description taken from previous Deed of record.

The above property is shown on Tax Map 14, Parcels 20.01, in the Office of the Assessor of Property, Carroll County, Tennessee.

The address of the property to be foreclosed is: 2915 Shady Grove, McKenzie, Carroll County, Tennessee.

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CARROLL COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

	Actual FY 2013-2014	Estimated 2014-2015	Estimated 2015-2016
GENERAL FUND			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	$ 7,705,881	$ 8,472,299	$ 8,325,218
State of Tennessee	2,101,969	1,895,444	$ 2,722,635
Federal Government	479,888	275,065	521,406
Other Sources	387,742	69,184	65,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	$ 10,675,480	$ 10,711,992	$ 11,634,259
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	$ 4,848,645	$ 4,983,535	$ 5,460,585
Other Costs	$ 5,462,370	$ 5,523,224	$ 6,164,796
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	$ 10,311,015	$ 10,506,759	$ 11,625,381
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance, July 1	$ 2,947,155	$ 3,311,620	$ 3,516,853
Estimated Ending Fund Balance, June 30	$ 3,311,620	$ 3,516,853	$ 3,525,731
Number of Employees	217	217	217
SOLID WASTE FUND			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	$ 1,621.595	$ 1,715,720	$ 1,789,175
State of Tennessee	66,982	74,118	$ 66,100
Federal Government	-	-	-
Other Sources	27,966	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	$ 1,716,543	$ 1,789,838	$ 1,855,275
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	$ 260,385	$ 267,654	$ 281,749
Other Costs	$ 1,368,946	$ 1,308,285	$ 1,343,441
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	$ 1,629,331	$ 1,575,939	$ 1,625,190
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance, July 1	$ 188,363	$ 275,575	$ 489,474
Estimated Ending Fund Balance, June 30	$ 275,575	$ 489,474	$ 719,559
Number of Employees	8	8	8
HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS FUND			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	$ 847,229	$ 864,025	$ 869,486
State of Tennessee	2,145,766	2,438,920	$ 2,106,000
Federal Government	-	238,789	25,768
Other Sources	174,351	101,000	1,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	$ 3,167,346	$ 3,642,734	$ 3,002,254
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	$ 894,597	$ 830,110	$ 904,630
Other Costs	$ 2,462,701	$ 2,769,723	$ 2,478,351
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	$ 3,357,298	$ 3,599,833	$ 3,382,981
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance, July 1	$ 580,362	$ 390,410	$ 433,311
Estimated Ending Fund Balance, June 30	$ 390,410	$ 433,311	$ 52,584
Number of Employees	40	40	40
GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	$ 848,387	$ 793,255	$ 810,830
State of Tennessee	2,109,829	2,072,232	$ 2,100,885
Federal Government	11,307	16,874	13,000
Other Sources	15,355	8,500	10,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	$ 2,984,878	$ 2,890,861	$ 2,934,715
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	$ 1,430,160	$ 1,396,904	$ 1,368,464
Other Costs	$ 1,463,294	$ 1,617,884	$ 1,781,310
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	$ 2,893,454	$ 3,014,788	$ 3,149,774
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance, July 1	$ 4,324,035	$ 4,415,459	$ 4,291,532
Estimated Ending Fund Balance, June 30	$ 4,415,459	$ 4,291,532	$ 4,076,473
Number of Employees	37	37	42
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	$ 610,854	$ 603,804	$ 627,295
State of Tennessee	754,741	793,156	830,000
Federal Government	-	-	-
Other Sources	-	9,140	-
Total Estimated Revenues and other Sources	$ 1,365,595	$ 1,406,100	$ 1,457,295
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	$ 648,726	$ 664,403	$ 715,728
Other Costs	$ 565,430	$ 617,677	$ 780,861
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	$ 1,214,156	$ 1,282,080	$ 1,496,589
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance, July 1	$ 1,483,476	$ 1,634,915	$ 1,758,935
Estimated Ending Fund Balance, June 30	$ 1,634,915	$ 1,758,935	$ 1,719,641
Number of Employees	53	53	53
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	$ 632,554	$ 665,391	$ 644,007
State of Tennessee	-	-	-
Federal Government	-	-	-
Other Sources	39,153	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	$ 671,707	$ 665,391	$ 644,007
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Costs	$ 590,841	$ 592,968	$ 643,028
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	$ 590,841	$ 592.968	$ 643,028
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance, July 1	$ 1,166,312	$ 1,247,178	$ 1,319,601
Estimated Ending Fund Balance, June 30	$ 1,247,178	$ 1,319,601	$ 1,320,580

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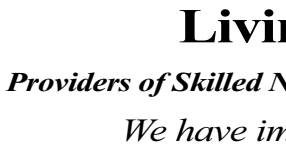
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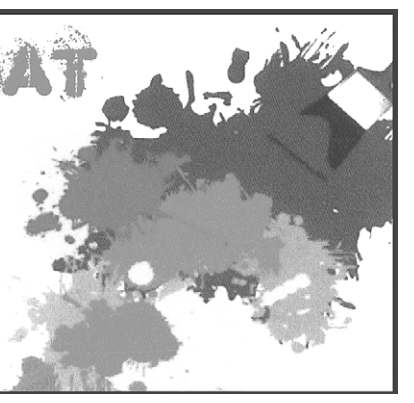
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COMMODITY FOOD TO BE DISTRIBUTED

The Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council announced today that U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed to eligible area residents on July 15th and July 16th.

The food will be distributed at the Carroll County Community Action Center at 13355 West Paris Street in Huntingdon, Tennessee. Distribution will be between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If your last name begins with M-Z you will come on Wednesday, July 15th. If your last name begins with A-L you will come on Thursday, July 16th.

Everyone picking up commodities must have an orange card. No more than three cards per car.

Eligibility is based on total household income not in excess of the state established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the appropriate household size. Also, anyone receiving aid from one of the following programs is eligible for USDA commodities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps), Families First, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or documented residence in public housing.

For more information on the Commodity Food Program, Contact Amber Gilmer, County Service Manager, at 209-4458, or go by Northwest

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FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A monthly caregiver support group open to persons caring for family members meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 16 McTyeire St., McKenzie. This is an opportunity to share and learn from other people facing the ongoing challenges and frustrations of giving care. It's an hour each month when you can get practical answers and support from people who know exactly what you are going through. If you know someone who would be interested in joining this group, please pass the word on to them.

TREZEVANT ADD-A-DISH MEAL

A community add-a-dish meal is each third Wednesday, noon at the Trezevant Community Center.

CARROLL COUNTY AARP MEETS EVERY THIRD MONDAY

The AARP Carroll County Chapter meets every third Monday at noon, except in September, at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon for an add-a-dish meal. Please bring non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

FREE PERISHABLE FOOD GIVEAWAY

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MCKENZIE NIGHTS ON BROADWAY TO FEATURE MONTHLY EVENTS

The city of McKenzie recently announced a change in its concert series for the summer of 2015. Nights on Broadway is replacing the every Saturday event to the last Saturday of each month, to provide an extended period of musical talent. The excitement began Saturday, May 30, 2015 and continues through the end of September.

2015 LADY REBEL BASKETBALL CAMP

The McKenzie Lady Rebel Basketball Team is hosting an individual skill camp for girls who will be entering the first through eighth grade.

The camp is at McKenzie High School beginning Monday, July 20th and ending Friday, July 24th. Camp hours are 9:00 a.m.-13:30 p.m.

The camp fee is $50. Registration forms are available from Lady Rebel players or at the MHS front office.

Questions or additional information is available by calling MHS girls' basketball Coach Lance McAllister at 731-352-2133.

REVIVAL AT CALEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Caledonia Missionary Baptist Church will have its revival Sunday, July 12 through Friday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Bro. Jim Holt, pastor, will be helped by Bro. Robert Simmons. The church is on Highway 140, one mile from Republic Builders. Everyone is invited to attend. Please pray for the congregation and the lost if you are unable to attend.

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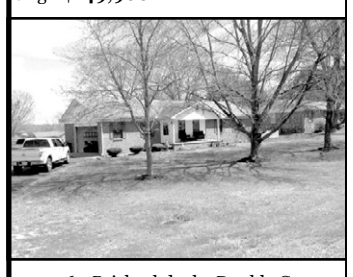
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Matt Stowe Elected to Support Prosecutors Statewide

District Attorney General Matt Stowe of Henry County was elected last week to the Executive Committee of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference at its annual meeting. As District Attorney for the 24th Judicial District, General Stowe serves Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henry counties.

As a member of the Executive Committee, General Stowe will participate in oversight of the Conference administration, including budgeting, accounting, payroll, personnel and property management for all District Attorneys' offices throughout the state. Other Conference tasks include training for new and experienced Assistant District Attorneys General, Criminal Investigators, and Victim Witness Coordinators, and advising the Tennessee General Assembly on improvement in the criminal justice system.

"General Stowe will bring many assets in coordinating the efforts of all District Attorneys General against criminal activity in the state," said Executive Director William C. Whitesell Jr. "We are fortunate to have leaders like Matt Stowe who are committed to finding solutions to difficult problems."

General Stowe is a 1996 graduate of Harvard Law School. He went on to work for United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. General Stowe served as Deputy Solicitor General of Texas from 2004 to 2006. After three years in private practice, he returned to West Tennessee, where he worked for Judge John Everett Williams on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.

"The DAs Conference has made great strides in enhanced training, administrative efficiency and serving victims of crime. I look forward to even greater advances while serving in this role," said General Stowe.

District Attorneys Improve Financial Operations

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference achieved one of its best financial operations for fiscal year 2014 as noted in the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's recently released annual Review of Funds report. The greatest improvement was in administrative practices of Judicial District Drug Task Forces.

"This is one of the best annual reports we have issued on Tennessee's Judicial Districts," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "I would like to compliment the District Attorneys General Conference for its efforts to improve financial operations by offering training and education on these important issues."

Auditors listed only three findings and recommendations on the report, compared to 20 findings in FY 2012. Judicial District Drug Task Forces operate in 26 of the 31 judicial districts. The operations of the offices of the District Attorneys General and the Judicial District Drug Task Forces are audited annually by the Comptroller's Office. This year's audit found no flaws in the 24th Judicial District, which covers Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, and Henry counties.

"I'm especially proud of the improvement the report shows in the accounting practices of the 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force in light of some of the historical problems we have experienced," said District Attorney General Matthew Stowe. "The Comptroller has given us what amounts to a clean bill of health for the last fiscal year, and I intend to see that things stay that way."

The Review of Funds report can be viewed at http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/repository/CA/2014/DAG2014.pdf.

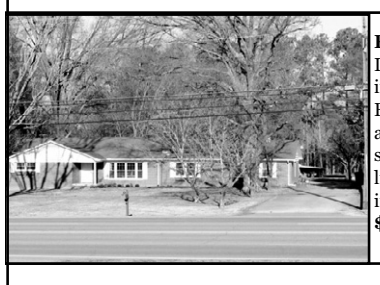
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Former Wildcat Alex Matlock To Coach in Colorado

By Kenneth Coker
Dresden Enterprise Sports Editor



Former Greenfield Assistant Coach Alex Matlock.
Photo by Kenneth Coker

Go west young man.

It is an old cliché, but it fits with Hollow Rock-Bruceton product Alex Matlock.

Matlock, who served one year as an assistant football and softball coach at Greenfield while also teaching kindergarten at Sharon, is headed to Colorado for the next step in his young coaching career.

Matlock resigned his coaching and teaching posts locally at the end of the school year to accept a job as an assistant coach at Montrose High School in Montroose, Colorado.

"My ultimate goal is to have the opportunity to coach in college football and possibly make it to Division I," Matlock said. "This job is a great opportunity to take the next step in my coaching career. It is something I had to jump on. I have been in West Tennessee my whole life. Taking this job gives me the opportunity to build new relationships and make new connections. However, it was the hardest decision I ever had to make. I hated to leave all the great people at Greenfield at Sharon.

"At the end of the day, though, it came down to what is best for me and my career as a football coach."

Matlock – who won the Mr. Football Lineman of the Year award after senior season at the high school level – graduated from Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central in 2008 and went on to play college football at Bethel University.

Matlock's connections at Bethel ultimately led to him being suggested to become an assistant coach at Montroose.

Current MHS Jim Scarry coached former Bethel football coach Dino Kaklis in high school.

It was through Kaklis that Matlock learned of the job opening.

According to Matlock, Montroose is a school of 800-1,000 students – much larger than anything he has ever experienced.

"It is going to be a culture shock," Matlock conceded. "I think I have prepared myself for it mentally, but it is not going to be the same. I won't find an administration and co-workers anywhere like I had here at Sharon. I am going to go from being the only kindergarten teacher at Sharon to a school where there are at least 800 students in high school alone. Instead of coaching a team of 25, we will have anywhere from 50 to 75 players on the varsity team and that isn't counting the freshmen and junior varsity squads."

That said, it isn't the first time in which Matlock has struck out on his own.

After the conclusion of a decorated college career (four-year starter and All-Mid-South Conference), Matlock played with both the Utah Blaze and the New Orleans Voodoo of the Arena Football League.

In the pros, college and high school, Matlock starred at numerous positions, logging time at tight end, fullback, halfback and left tackle.

Matlock believes the diversity of the positions he has played will pay dividends at the high school coaching level.

"I had to understand the offense as a whole from every single position," Matlock said. "I had to know what the wide receivers were doing when I was at tight end and what the linemen were doing when I was a fullback.

"Playing so many positions has given me a true grasp of what defenses are doing and how to read coverages. I believe I have enough time at each position to know the techniques needed in order to be successful."

However, Matlock confided he would miss Greenfield and all its football staff – especially the junior high – had allowed him to do.

"They gave me independences at Greenfield that coaches don't usually get when they are starting out," Matlock said. "A lot of first-time coaches are given simple duties like being a spotter. Right away, they included me at Greenfield and gave me a lot of responsibilities. In softball, Hal (Blackman) asked me what I wanted to do. It was great to find out my identity. Everyone was so welcoming. They treated me like I had been there my whole life. I'm walking away from Greenfield and Sharon with friendships that you don't expect to make after only being in a location for one year."

Bethel Bass Team Qualifies For National Championship

(Courtesy Bethel SID)

HUNTERSVILLE, NC — The Bethel Bass Team qualified three teams for the Bass Masters National Championship during the Bass Masters Eastern Regional event held on Lake Norman near Huntersville, North Carolina recently.

Chelsey and Kristopher Queen of Bethel University finished second in the event, bringing in 40-11 over the course of three days. The Bethel Wildcat brother/sister team came in with a second place finish in the tournament, just 1 pound 11 ounces behind the winning team from Western Carolina University.

"I'm excited we're going to the national championship," Chelsey said.

The Queens are the first brother-sister team to ever qualify for the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship. The Queens' total weight of fifteen bass was a whopping 40 pounds 11 ounces.

Rounding out the qualifiers for the Bethel Bass Cats for a chance to fish in the 2015 Bass Masters National Championship were also the teams of Brian Pahl and John Garrett as well as Senior teammates Dillon McGee and Ben Freeman. As the Bethel Bass Team continues to break records both regionally and nationally, it is important to note that John Garrett and K J Queen are the first Bethel freshmen to ever qualify to fish in a national championship for the Bethel Bass Team. John and sophomore teammate Brian Phal qualified for both the 2015 Bass Masters national championship and the 2016 FLW national championship on back to back weekends

"Our young team has proven over and over that they can continue the tradition and legacy set forth by our Bethel Bass Team alumni and are continuing to break and set records and standards for our program here at Bethel," said Head Coach Garry Mason. "We are so very proud of each of our Bethel Bass team members and are extremely excited that we have qualified three teams for the Nationals.

The three teams will represent Bethel University at the Bass Masters Collegiate National Championship July 9-12 in Stevens Point WI.

Annual Wildcat Basketball 7-10 Camp Concludes

MCKENZIE (June 24) — Coach Jeff Britt and his staff concluded the Annual Wildcat Individual 7-10 year old boys' basketball camp at Bethel's Crisp Arena.

One on one instruction along with team concepts highlighted the fun during the week. Some of the past and present Wildcat players served as instructors along with Coach Britt and his staff.

Camp Winners: Owen Crocker- Bruceton (Free Throw), Jordan Willis-Huntingdon (Rockets 3-on-3 champs) Thatcher Crews-Clarksburg (Rockets 3-on-3 champs) Greyson Anderson-Huntingdon (Tennessee 5-on-5 Champs).

Will Essary- McKenzie (Tennessee 5-on-5 Champs), Bryant Haynes-McKenzie (Tennessee 5-on-5 Champs), Seth Green-Paris (Tennessee 5-on-5 Champs), Zack Aird-McKenzie (Hot Shot Champ & 3-on-3 Champs), and Tristian Hunt-Dyersburg (Tennessee 5-on-5 Champs).

Each camper received a camp T-shirt, an instruction book, certificate, and a camp basketball

Coach Britt commented on the camp. "I think everyone had a great time. This was an active and fun group to have and we feel they learned some things to help them enjoy the game even more. We enjoyed having each one of these players on our campus and look forward to seeing them at our games this next season."

Central's Hilburn Signs With Bethel Bow Cats

MCKENZIE (June 26) — Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School graduate Blayke Hilburn signed with the Bethel University Archery program.

The daughter of David and Teresa Cawthon of Bruceton, she will major in Criminal Justice.

Blayke enters Bethel as a sophomore after attending the University of Memphis for one year.

She learned how to shoot after hours of practice with her grandfather. Her goals have been to learn as much as she could from his teachings and develop her skills to make him proud.

She feels her biggest strength is her tenacity.

Bethel Coach Kenny Louden said, "I am very pleased Blayke has decided to continue her education with us at Bethel. She is a hard worker and will be a great asset to our program. I look forward to working with her the next three years."



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Left, First team freshman Audrie Washburn of McKenzie. Right, First Team freshman Olivia Lowry of Hollow Rock-Bruceton.

All-West Tennessee Softball First Team

Area Prep Players Honored

Several area prep softball players were recently honored with Jackson Sun All-West Tennessee first, second and honorable mention honors.

Leading the First Team were Carroll County freshmen sensations Audrie Washburn of McKenzie and Olivia Lowry of Hollow Rock-Bruceton.

Area First Team selections: Audrie Washburn-McKenzie, freshman, pitching: 16 wins, 57 E.R., 168 strikeouts, 2.56 ERA, batting: .500 avg., 8 doubles, 21 RBI, 37 runs; Olivia Lowry-Hollow Rock-Bruceton, freshman, shortstop-.574 avg., 26 stolen bases, 24 runs; Kaitlin Pigue-West Carroll, sophomore, first base-.500 avg., 14 doubles, 36 RBI, 22 runs; Cheyenne Childress-Huntingdon, sophomore, third base, .527 avg., 15 doubles, 30 RBI, 40 runs; Sara Florence-Camden, junior, third base / pitcher, .470 avg., 7 HR, 11 doubles, 36 RBI; Camden, senior, pitching: 11-4, 135 Ks, 1.90 ERA, batting: .361, 12 RBI.

Area Second Team selections: Beth Barcroft-McKenzie, senior, catcher second base, .377 avg., 16 RBI, 20 runs; Tiffani Hughey-Hollow Rock-Bruceton, sophomore, third base, .444 avg., 3 HR, 20 RBI; Sara-Beth Hayes-Huntingdon, junior, Pitcher: 20-9, 151 strikeouts, 1.64 ERA, hitting: .348 avg., 8 doubles; Lydia Hayes-Huntingdon, senior, centerfield,.404 avg., 14 doubles, 30 RBI; Micayla Hart-West Carroll, freshman, shortstop, .397 avg., 7 RBI, 19 runs; Alie Randolph-Dresden, senior, first base, .412 avg., 7 doubles, 29 RBI, 24 runs.

Area Honorable Mention selections: McKenzie – Holly Potts and Carla Craddock; Huntingdon – Morgan Fuller and Carson Ensley; West Carroll – Kristen Bradley, Sadie Martin, and Meagan DeLaney; Dresden – Carrie Hatchel, Sam Seat, Grace Finch, and Kayla Hayes, and Millie Bryant; Camden – Sebyn Brockman, Hannah Prince, and Hannah Sampson.

Bethel Bowling Signs Bartlett Standout

MCKENZIE (June 22) — Marcus Payne signed with the Bethel University Bowling squad.

The son of Maurice and Brenda Payne of Memphis, Marcus plans on majoring in Business Administration.

During his prep-career, Payne was a four-year member of the Bartlett High School Bowling team. He bowled a 300 game in the sectionals to reach the TSSAA State Tournament.

He is transferring to Bethel from the University of Memphis where he maintained a 3.0 grade point average.

He feels his biggest strength is his high energy.

Bethel Coach Clay Boyd commented, "We are very excited to have Marcus as a part of Bethel University. He will bring a lot of excitement and energy to our bowling program and university."





Left, First Team Rebel James Stephens. Right, First Team Mustang Brandon Baker.

All-West Tennessee Baseball

Rebel Stephens, Mustang Baker Selected First Team

Several area prep baseball players were honored by the Jackson Sun as first, second, and honorable mention All-West Tennessee Team selections.

Concluding brilliant prep careers, Rebel pitching ace James Stephens and Mustang mounds man Brandon Baker garnered first team honors.

Area First Team Selections: James Stephens: McKenzie, senior, pitcher, 6-1, 1.21 ERA, 78 strikeouts; Brandon Baker-Huntingdon, senior, P/3B, pitcher: 8-2, 79 strikeouts, 1.59 ERA, Hitting: .330 avg., 6 doubles, 25 RBI.

Area Second Team Selections: Noah Lowrance-McKenzie, senior, centerfielder / pitcher, .392 avg., 6 doubles, 17 RBI, 22 runs; Zach Dodson-Huntingdon, sophomore, pitcher / shortstop, 10 ER, 64 strikeouts, 1.30 ERA; Hitting: .333 avg., 11 RBI; Drake Jennette-Camden, sophomore, catcher / second base, .363 avg, 22 RBI, 9 doubles; Caleb Rushing-Camden, senior, third base, .384, 31 RBI, 11 2B, 7 HR.

Honorable Mention West Carroll – Dalton Weaver and Casey Bush; McKenzie – Noah McEwen, Brandon Baucum, Chase Kelley, and Jack Surber; Hollow Rock-Bruceton – Logan Belew and Grant Davis; Huntingdon – Josh Furr, Ben Clifft, Kade Pearson, and Elijah Wilkerson; Camden – Wes Blow, Trent Riley, and Cody Fry.

Lady Wildcat Softball Inks AP Transfer

(Courtesy Bethel SID)

MCKENZIE — Austin Peay State University outfielder Dominique Todd recently inked with the Bethel University Lady Wildcat Softball program. She is the daughter of James Todd and Stephanie Mudd of Clarksville, Tennessee and will major in Chemistry at Bethel. She is also the step daughter of the late Nathan Mudd.

Dominique played her prep career at Clarksville Northeast High School. She was named to the all-district team for the final three season of her high school career, and was named district defensive MVP runner- up as a senior. Her senior year stats included a .471 batting average with 19 stolen bases. She also completed her prep-career with a .483 on base percentage and a .548 slugging percentage.

Todd feels her strengths are her speed, her ability to react to any situation, and the ability to be not only a team player but a team leader.

The in-coming sophomore was being recruited by several NCAA Division 1 schools including Western Kentucky University, Tennessee Tech University, and Ball State.

Bethel Coach Larry Geraldi said, "Anytime you can get a player from a Division 1 program like Austin Peay you are adding strength to your team. Dominique is a player who had a tremendous high school career. She will add much needed speed to our team along with her slapping and defensive abilities. We look forward to Dominique achievements in the classroom and on the field."



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Dr. Beddies and his wife, Cati, enjoy spending time together outdoors. Dr. Beddies likes to hunt, fish and play golf in his spare time.

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