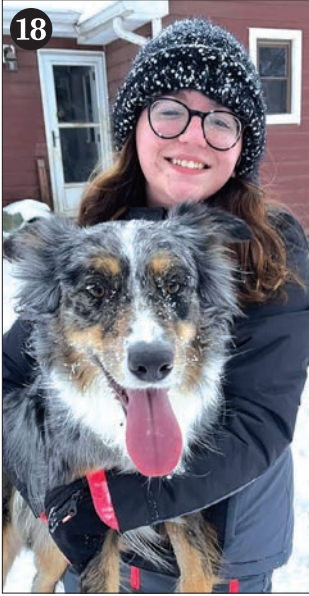




1. Even dotsons enjoy snow, submitted by Heather Anderson, McKenzie. 2. Connor Ezell, submitted by Hayley Ezell, Huntingdon. 3. Emersyn and Wrigley, submitted by Heather Jarboe, McKenzie. 4. Brayden Hamilton is ready to play, photo by Cassandra Hamilton. 5. Kaci Kate McCaig (age 5) kindergarten. 6. Dawson Millsap looks very excited, by Jordyn Milsap. 7. Coming Soon, Ice Cold Milk, submitted by Shunna Toombs. 8. Graeme and Sloane submitted by Melissa Brown, McKenzie. 9. Snow covered cabin, by Russell Bush, Huntingdon. 10. Pictured (L to R): Landon Hudgins, Sydney Bosley, Hannah Pinson, Cooper Pinson, Leland Cox, submitted by Wendy Pinson, Christmasset. 11. Jaylin and Cohen Webb, submitted by Shunna Toombs. 12. Friends at play, by Jamie Brown, McKenzie. 13. The path less traveled, submitted by Joanne Webb, Trezevant. 14. Little man is out inner tubing, submitted by Kayla Brasfield. 15. Grandkids on the loose, submitted by Monica Heath, McKenzie. 16. There's so much snow that polar bears are out, submitted by Hunter Mayberry, Atwood. 17. Bethel's Wildcat is frozen solid, photo by Amanda Fortune. 18. Loving the snow and the dog, submitted by Jessica Roberson. 19. Lake Halford, submitted by Leslie Nixon-Hunt. 20. A snowy country scene, submitted by Heidi Crider.



Snow

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of 7 and wind chill as low as -6. The forecast for Tuesday is a high of 20 degrees and low of 4 degrees with a wind chill as low as -5.

The bitterly cold conditions are hazardous to life; people, pets and plants need to be protected. Leave water faucets dripping to avoid freezing pipes and use a heated blanket to conserve energy use at night. Turn thermostats to 68 degrees at bedtime. Keep air circulating by setting your ceiling fan to clockwise. These small steps can help reduce energy consumption and

lower utility bills during this peak demand period and beyond.

Tuesday and Wednesday are expected to put a higher demand on the power grid, and TVA has requested that residents reduce non-essential electricity usage.

Rolling blackouts are not on the table right now, and residents can help avoid these measures by reducing their consumption of electricity.

TVA said, "TVA has invested in the energy system by adding 1,500 megawatts of new generation in the last six months to ensure the system is ready for the winter and beyond."

Freezing temperatures are expected to dominate the

next six days of the forecast. Wednesday may reach 34 degrees with a chance of sun; but there is a 67% chance of snow on Thursday. Things won't start to warm up until Monday, January 22 when the projected high is 40 degrees. So unless you have to get out for work or supplies, please stay home and stay safe.

Still, the area didn't waste this opportunity to get in some fun and family time during the closings.

The Banner requested that its social media followers send their snow photos to be featured in the newspaper and the response was overwhelming. Thank you for sharing your snow day fun with us and the readers.



Department of Education Releases Letter Grades for Public Schools

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Department of Education released the 2022-23 School Letter Grades to provide a snapshot of how each school in the state is doing in meeting the state's expectations for learning, including student achievement and academic growth measures for all schools, as well as a measure of college and career readiness just for

high schools.

School Letter Grades are available via a public dashboard on the state's education department website.

"School letter grades will provide Tennessee families with a clear rating system that gives them a snapshot of how their child's school is performing," said Lizzette Reynolds, Commissioner of Education. "No matter what

your school's letter grade is, everyone can play a role in supporting the success of our students and the success of our schools by engaging with your local school communities and joining the conversation."

Several factors determine school letter grades for each school, including student achievement, academic growth, growth of the highest need students, and a measure of college and career readiness just for high schools. School letter grades will also be visible in the fully refreshed State Report Card in early 2024.

Area schools' grades are as follows:

McKenzie — Elementary, B; Middle, C; and High School, B. Enrollment 1,195.

Huntingdon — Primary, B; Middle, C; and High School, C. Enrollment, 1,291.

Clarksburg — Pre-K-12, C. Enrollment 296

Hollow Rock-Bruce-ton — Elementary, C; Jr/High C. Enrollment, 599.

West Carroll — Primary (no letter grade issued), Elementary, C; Jr./High School, D. Enrollment 799

Gleason — Pre-K-12, C. No enrollment listed.

Grades can be found at <https://tdepublicschools.ondemand.sas.com/grades>.

Ryan French Promoted to THP Sergeant

Ryan French of McKenzie is the new sergeant over Henderson County. The McKenzie native and current resident will lead the team of THP officers in that county.

Sergeant French, a 2007 graduate of McKenzie High School, started his law enforcement career at the Paris Police Department in 2012 and joined the THP in February 2015 when he was stationed at the Haywood County scales along Interstate 40.

Colonel Matt Perry recently pinned the sergeant strips on French as family looked on.

French is married to wife, Carissa and they have two children, Faith Lynn and Lainey French. He is the son of Ricky French and Patricia Coleman.

French has many certifications including Level 1 FMCSA, certified, district grenadier, FEMA incident 100-800 certified, mobile field force operations, IACP drug recognition expert, 20/20 eye movement expert, advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement, instructor development training, tactical medical school, field training officer, CPR instructor, CMV instructor, district recruiter, basic photography class. He also received MADD - Mothers Against Drunk Drivers - awards for DUI enforcement.



Above, Colonel Matt Perry pinned the insignia on French's uniform to signify the promotion to sergeant. Below, THP Sergeant Ryan French, wife, Carissa, and daughters, Faith Lynn and Lainey.



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Left, Tom Legins, Vice President of RaeKar Waste Management, explains the fee schedule between RaeKar and the City of McKenzie. Center, Bobby Stewart, General Manager of Republic Services, responds to questions from Council members. Right, Republic Services Sales Representative Gerry Burke addresses the McKenzie City Council. Photos by Jason R. Martin/The Banner

Council

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Carol Armpriest and Josefi-na Batton voted to move to RaeKar Waste Management. Mayor Ryan Griffin broke the 2-2 tie voting in favor of RaeKar. Not present for the meeting were Councilpersons Tom Alexander and Charles Pruneau.

Before the regular meeting, a workshop was held to allow members of the Council and representatives from Republic, Gerry Burke and Bobby Stewart, and RaeKar, Tommy Legins and Bobby Goode, to discuss the proposed bids.

Throughout the contract, Republic's bid increased by increments. The initial year price per unit per month was \$11.43 with a fixed 5% annual increase for years two through five. By year five, customers would pay \$13.89 a month. The average cost over the five years is \$12.63 a month.

RaeKar's five-year proposal was a locked fee for the 60-month term at \$13.26 per cart per month.

The Council's main questions revolved around customer service. Republic's area general manager, Stewart, fielded most of the questions regarding local complaints. He stated that he felt the company was doing a good job, especially in working with City's employees. What was later discussed was a lack of communication from Republic to the City which included an email thread that took three months to be resolved. It was also noted Republic requested City employees to not share the direct phone number with customers, only making it more difficult for customers to receive answers or solutions to problems.

When asked about customer satisfaction scores, Stewart later stated that Republic had a 90% satisfaction score nationwide but could not provide a percentage score at the local level. He did say they had a net

promoter score of 50 which he felt was excellent.

Legins stated RaeKar has not conducted a survey but according to their website, they had a 95% approval rating with one negative comment from a customer online. He added other municipalities like Greenfield, Dresden and Martin were happy with their service. Customers will also receive new carts by July 1.

In other portions of the discussion and contract, RaeKar pledged to have a dedicated truck and employee in McKenzie. They are going to use the transfer station owned by Republic in McKenzie on Highway 22. Legins said the McKenzie service would be headquartered out of the Martin office and residents along with new customers could call the office directly about the service.

The trucks operated by RaeKar use 3rd Eye Cam, a seven-camera system that, according to the company's website, constantly monitors the driver as well as the environment to ensure the safe operation of their vehicle. An example provided by RaeKar for using the cameras is to provide customer service representatives an explanation as to why a customer's garbage was picked up.

Republic stated they would be updating their fleet which would include electric-powered trucks. According to the representatives, McKenzie would have been one of the first municipalities in the area to receive the trucks. During Burke's presentation, he stated Republic was partnering with BP Fuels to begin using the gases produced at the landfills to be used as an energy source. They added that the Union City location where McKenzie's current garage goes will be one of those landfills.

Both companies promised to be active in the community by showing support to their customers. While Republic did not state what they have financially commented to the McKenzie it was noted by Mayor Griffin they were

a \$750 sponsor for the Sweet Tea Festival. RaeKar sponsored the charter bus used by the McKenzie football team to attend the state championship game in Chattanooga. Legins added that RaeKar will offer a scholarship to McKenzie students like they do in other cities.

Concerns were expressed about the continued use of the transfer station. Republic did not give a definite answer as to if the transfer station would remain open. It does seem doubtful the station would close. Currently, RaeKar along with Republic, which is contracted by Carroll County, and other local governments use the transfer station.

In other business, Police Chief Ryan White commended the work of his drug task force officer who was awarded Rookie of the Year. From March to December 2023, 1725 fentanyl pills, 1837 grams of meth, 2096 grams of marijuana, 10 grams of cocaine and \$43,576.69 cash have been confiscated. In all likelihood, the 2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget will include an additional narcotics officer for the department.

Chief White added he plans to work with his SROs on reinstating the DARE program in the McKenzie School System. Mayor Griffin said he would like to see the City install license plate readers to aid in the efforts to help with drug trafficking.

In department reports, Fire Chief Brian Tucker said the department responded to 46 calls in December. Of those calls 27 were medical and two were structure fires. Chief Tucker also noted the department's receipt of new air packs and his plan to apply for a grant for additional packs.

Jim Seaton of City Codes stated numerous violations have been corrected. Two properties located on Forrest Avenue were also demolished and removed.

The next meeting of the McKenzie City Council is February 8 at 6 p.m. at the McKenzie City Hall.

Additional Grants Force County Budget Adjustments

HUNTINGDON (January 8) — The Carroll County Commission met Monday, January 8 with a light agenda. Renee Meyers, Carroll County's Veterans Service Officer spoke to the Commission about the Carroll County Veterans Coalition. Myers stated that she was soliciting money from the legislative body but wanted buy-in and support for the organization. Coalition's mission is to reduce isolation and increase mental health support for veterans and their families in Carroll County.

The most encompassing item was Resolution 1-04-2024 which had nine amendments to the General Fund Budget and Highway Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Highway Department Budget was adjusted \$500,000. The funds were in the original budget as a transfer in line item. The amendment reflects the funds being decreased from the fund balance and in increasing the expenditures.

The county's ARPA Funds were adjusted due to an invoicing issue. The election pollbooks were originally budgeted for FY23. There were issues with Harp Enterprise's invoicing. Harp Enterprises sent correct invoice for \$45,410.

The Sheriff's Department received a \$25,892.80 grant for Mental Health Transportation. The revenue was received and re- cepted in October 2022 in the amount of \$25,892.80. At the time, the Sheriff's Office couldn't locate a van to purchase. They have recently purchased a transport van. Thus the needed adjustment to the budget.

A second amendment was made on the Sheriff's budget for \$134,604. This amendment was to correct computer figures to match the updated version of the Sheriff's budget after the SRO grant was received and additional line item was created for 170-G for SRO Grant line item. Overtime funds need to be increased to match the budget amount, with the remaining balance to fund balance.

The County Library received a \$4,920 grant. The grant is to go towards the purchase two new computers and updating scanners and a receipt printer. The local match will come from the Library Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,640.

The Circuit Court Clerk received a grant from the Supreme Court of Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Court Security Grant Program for \$120,539.99. These funds are to be used for bulletproof glass, security door, keyless entry for doors associated with access to courtroom conference rooms, rotating doors where the judges preside for easier escape, lock system for basement doors where cleaning supplies are stored, outside fencing around HVAC, metal



Renee Meyers, Carroll County's Veterans Service Officer spoke to the Commission about the Carroll County Veterans Coalition.

detector and hand-held wands for main entrance to courthouse (\$103,598), Courthouse camera system (\$15,343.59) and heavy duty courthouse security signs (\$1,598.40).

The seventh item was accepting a \$11,428.67 grant for Carroll Academy through the Non-Public School Security Grant. This would provide \$8,508.67 towards upgrading surveillance equipment, \$2,400.00 to offset the cost of a new SRO, \$390.00 for handheld metal detectors, and \$130 for two-way radios.

A third amendment was made on the Sheriff's budget with a \$32,782.67 for a motor vehicle, transferring \$8,500 from liability claims to Sheriff Department's motor vehicles; transferring \$13,130 from the insurance pool to Sheriff Department's motor vehicles; and \$11,152.67 was moved from the fund balance to the Sheriff Department's motor vehicles to replace funds used to replace a totaled vehicle.

The last amendment was in the amount of \$28,398.28 as reimbursement received from Local Government P&C Fund.

In other business, the Commission reappointed Keith Priestley and Nichole Lawrence to the Carroll County Industrial Development Board.

They authorized the submittal of an application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for the Small Cities Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Rural Fire Committee and Budget Committee wishes to apply for the grant in an amount not to exceed \$420,000 to implement improvements with a local commitment match at 15% of the project cost, with the match rate being determined by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The funds would purchase emergency protective and fire prevention equipment for the county's rural fire departments.

The last resolution was Resolution 1-03-2024 – authorizing the submittal of an application to the

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for Connected Community Facilities (CCF) Program. The grant would go to the Civic Center for renovations, upgrades and to modernize the campus. The amount requested would not exceed \$2,000,000 with a local commitment funds match of 10%.

Members of the Carroll County Civic Center Committee, members expressed their desire to see numerous renovations and improvements to the facility. Among the improvement requests were a digital road sign along Highway 70, a conference/ board room, construction of a pavilion, restroom facilities, parking lot resurfacing and making sure the facility meets ADA compliance.

The grant would offset numerous costs expected from the proposed renovations. The estimated cost to resurface the grounds is \$300,000. New signage would cost the county approximately \$50,000. With the possibility of a \$2 million grant, the goals of the committee and Civic Center Director Natalie McMasters could bring improvements to fruition. With the current fiscal year budget, the county would need to pull possibly \$24,000 from reserves or apply the debt to available funds from the county's remaining American Recovery Plan Act funds.

The \$30 million grant coming from Tennessee's Economic and Community Development states the purpose of the grant "aims to construct and improve digital access through the creation of buildings or rehabilitation of existing facilities. The goal of this program is to enable digital workforce development, virtual health monitoring, virtual education, and broadband access – all within one building for the community."

The Commission meets in the conference room on the second Monday of every month, except February, July and December, at the County Complex in Huntingdon at 7 p.m.



Webb

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Currently, McKenzie's Depot along with the old Cumberland Presbyterian Church are on the registry. Other local places on the list include the Court Theatre and Long Rock Methodist Episcopal Church in Huntingdon, the Leach Fire Lookout Tower in Cedar Grove, the Hillsman House in Trezevant, the Dr. Robert W. Brandy House and the First Christian Church in Gleason, the Grove School and Robert E. Lee School in Paris.

According to the nomination form, the description of Webb School states, "The Webb School building sits on 15.1 acres and was constructed in 1958 in the Modern Movement style...The Webb School was moved to this property in 1937 after their other school building in town burned down in 1936. The 1937 building was later torn down due to deterioration and the nominated was constructed in 1958. The current school gained historical significance from 1958-1966, when it served as a school for local African American students, grades one through twelve. This school was also the only high school for African American students in

Carroll County. The school was later desegregated in 1966, however the building continues to be maintained in its current historic state and is used for a variety of community needs.

"The Webb School retains its integrity and ability to communicate its historical significance as a center for education within the local African American community. The school retains its integrity of location and setting, as the building remains on its historic property from its period of significance and the area continues to be surrounded by residential buildings in a historically African American neighborhood. There have been some alterations to the overall design, materials, and workmanship of the school, including the demolition of the gymnasium in the 1970s due to deterioration, and the addition of ductwork and covering of some windows in the 1980s. Additional changes to the school grounds include the removal of the school agricultural building, dormitory, and cafeteria in the 1960s. However, with the exception of the gym, these other buildings were not attached to the Webb School, and the exterior of the building retains its signature horizontally oriented awning windows, brick siding, flat roof, and original fenestration. Interior changes

took place in the late 1970s, which included new floors, paint, and updated classroom doors. However, these interior changes had minimal impact on the integrity of the school, as it retains its original hallway, office, and classroom configuration. As a result, the Webb School also retains its integrity of association and feeling."

The meeting will be held at the Tennessee Historical Commission at 2941 Lebanon Pike, Nashville at 9 a.m. and virtually via WebEx. The Tennessee State Review Board meets three times a year to review nominations. They generally meet in January, May, and September. The board is composed of professionals in architecture, history and archaeology. The board reviews each nomination and votes on whether to approve the nomination.

If approved, the Commission staff then submits nominations to the National Park Service. The National Park Service has final say on whether a property is listed, rejected or returned revisions.

When properties are successfully listed, property owners will receive a notification from the Tennessee Historical Commission. The property owners or directors may then choose to commemorate the listing with a plaque.

Voucher

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The proposed Act is to provide vouchers for home-schooled and private school students. The Act proposes to provide 20,000 scholarships in the 2024-25 year and add more in the following year.

Members of the McKenzie Board were not pleased with the uncertainty of the proposed legislation, which would allow state funding to be used for tuition, tutoring, textbooks and other educational resources outside the current public schools. The money follows the student, so, any student who transfers to home schooling or private schools, their education would be funded by limited public funding.

"Our board obviously is wanting to protect traditional public education, and there, again, is a lot of questions revolving around this act that we are not sure right now," said McKenzie Special School District's Director of Schools Justin Barden, told WBBJ-TV.

The State is also looking for ways to stop taking federal money, which could greatly affect local public school systems.

In a unanimous vote, the Board chose to oppose Governor Lee's proposed legislation to provide vouchers. The local resolution

reads:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR LEE'S EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, Article X.I Section 12, states that the Tennessee legislature "shall provide for the maintenance, support, and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools;" and WHEREAS, the fulfillment of this constitutional guarantee is heavily reliant upon adequate state funding, which is vital for equipping schools with the necessary resources to serve the various needs of Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education is charged with governing the school district so that all students, regardless of background, needs, or ability, receive the best possible educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and WHEREAS, McKenzie Special School District is an educational community that serves a student population of over 1,200 students, with approximately 56% of our students qualifying for free and/or reduced status (i.e. economically disadvantaged backgrounds); and

WHEREAS, McKenzie Special School District offers an array of specialized programs including special

education services, career and technical education training aligned with local workforce needs, and other programs that are invaluable for meeting both individual student needs and the Tennessee Constitution's requirement of a free and public education; and WHEREAS, McKenzie Special School District is a cornerstone of the local community, not only providing education services to all students regardless of background, need, or ability but also employing nearly 160 staff members;

WHEREAS, McKenzie Special School District is committed to maintaining local control over its schools, ensuring that they are reflective of the community's needs and values; and WHEREAS, Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) threaten the district's ability to maintain the quality of its educational offerings as ESAs would divert state funds to private actors and disrupt local control of education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education hereby expresses its opposition to the Governor's "Education Freedom Act" as well as any other voucher or Education Savings Account legislation due to the detrimental impacts these programs will have on our students, schools, and community.

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Thoughts on Bethel's Presidential Search

Like most jobs, at least high-profile positions, there is usually something that resembles a job search to fill the void. In August Dr. Walter Butler announced his plans to retire on December 31, 2023. It's extremely important to put the right person in the position of President.

I'm probably sticking my nose into something that I shouldn't but as an alumnus, I just feel I need to say a few things. One Dr. Wayne Scott is who I feel should be the next president. Yes, I'm biased about one of the three candidates, and I've expressed my support publicly for Dr. Wayne Scott. I've also heard through the grapevine that many members of the current university staff have openly supported Dr. Scott. If I held a seat on the board, I would definitely pay attention to that major vote of confidence.

I'm going to try and be nice but I don't wholeheartedly understand the rationale behind the board's decision to search for a next president but I'm not on the board either so I don't have a say in the matter. I'm fine with opening up an application process and narrowing down the search to three solid candidates but once again why not let Dr. Scott drive for a little while on an interim basis? If he crashes and burns then don't remove the interim tag and let's find a better candidate.

Let me go on record stating I have nothing against Dr. Bob Watkins; I've met the gentleman and he seems nice enough. Yet, Dr. Butler hired Dr. Wayne Scott as his executive vice president who has served as his right hand for over two years. Dr. Scott has been on the Bethel University campuses, understands the day-to-day operations of the university, and is active in the McKenzie community.

In most places, someone from within the administration normally fills a void on an interim basis. Lord knows the NFL and NCAA operate on an interim basis when a coach moves on. The Board of Trustees felt comfortable enough to allow Dr. Scott to consolidate and liquidate properties and staff that aided in Bethel's restructuring, returning programs back to the McKenzie campus.

Dr. Butler did an excellent job at Bethel University. He not only understood the business aspects of a

university but he also understood the purpose of an institution of higher education. He had a fair and steady hand. Dr. Scott did an excellent job at Freed-Hardeman and was recruited by Dr. Butler to join his staff at Bethel. If the board put their faith in Dr. Butler then you would think the support should be there for Dr. Scott.

I have nothing against the other two candidates. I honestly believe they are good at their current positions and would provide great opportunities for Bethel University if they are selected as our next president.

While I haven't met Dr. Perry Moulds from Belmont. His resume shows that he is an exceptional candidate. From what I've read he is excellent at fundraising and that's always a plus but that's not the main function of a university president.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Dr. Hill. I think he's a fine man but maybe not the right fit for Bethel at this day and time. Dr. Hill has worked in various roles at the university level and has faced numerous challenges. I think his current position as President at the Memphis Theological Seminary is the right fit for him.

I've heard through the grapevine that some of the trustees wanted someone of the Cumberland Presbyterian (CP) denomination to head the school. I will say two of the best presidents Bethel has had were Roy Baker and Walter Butler, neither of which are CP. I don't understand why an individual of a specific denomination would need to head a school. In 1964, the CP seminary moved to Memphis, hence that school should have a Presbyterian at the helm, i.e. Rev. Dr. Hill.

Don't get me wrong, I want a strong Christian to be at the helm of my alma mater. Let's be honest, what difference does the denomination make if the individual is a Christian? John 17:20-21 NIV, Jesus Prays for all believers saying, "20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

No matter who the board chooses, Bethel University will be in good hands but some hands are better suited for different tasks.

Bethel Forevermore!



Above Left, Chet Atkins, Elvis Presley, Gordon Stoker, Ben and Brock Spear: April 14, 1956. Above Right, George Jones and Tammy Wynette kiss producer Billy Sherrill (center). Below, Producer and songwriter Glenn Sutton with wife Lynn Anderson. Sutton produced Anderson's international crossover hit "(I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden."





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Countrypolitan
The Evolution of the Nashville Sound

In the late 1960s and into the early 1980s, the Nashville Sound began to evolve into a much smoother and richer sound. The twangy classic sound was still popular on some fronts but to keep up with the growth of rock n' roll, rhythm and blues, and ever-changing pop sound the Nashville Sound gave birth to what many country music historians or enthusiasts refer to as Countrypolitan.

According to the University of Texas, countrypolitan as a "subgenre signified the crossover between country and pop music. The classic country sound was smoothed out and became heavily influenced by rhythm and blues. Saxophones, electric guitars, and electric bases all emerged in country songs creating more complex sounds while also deviating from the stereotypical country sound."

Two record producers paved the way for evolutionary sound, Chet Atkins (RCA/Victor) and Billy Sherrill (Epic/Columbia Records). For most, Chet Atkins can be called the Godfather of Countrypolitan. As Owen Bradley developed his style with the Nashville Sound, Atkins was hired by RCA to compete not only with Bradley but also sell crossover records. Atkins phased out the steel guitars and fiddles for more strings and a richer sound.

Nashville's Studio B became Atkins' base and by 1968, Atkins had become vice president of RCA's country division. He had brought Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Connie Smith, Bobby Bare, Dolly Parton, Jerry Reed, John Hartford and Charley Pride to the RCA.

In 2010, Atkins was se-

lected for induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame. He died on June 30, 2001, at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, at the age of 77. He was buried at Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens in Nashville.

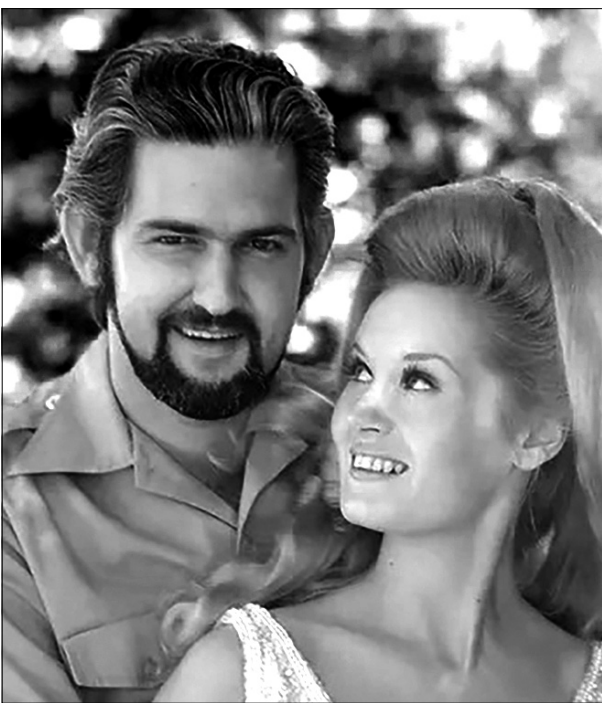
As the sound took on new life in Studio B, Columbia found itself scrambling to compete. Then Billy Sherrill and Glenn Sutton came onto the scene.

In 1962, Sherrill moved to Nashville, where he was hired by Sam Phillips to manage the Nashville studios of Sun Records. When Sun sold its Nashville studio the following year, Sherrill moved to Epic Records.

Sherrill's limited exposure to country music led him to incorporate many elements of pop music, creating his own style of sweeping productions. His key influences were Phil Spector, Don Law, and Chet Atkins. His sound has often been described as a country equivalent to Spector's Wall of Sound. He chose many of his artists' songs, rewriting them in some cases to suit the singer's style.

Sherrill and Sutton found success paired as co-songwriters. Their first taste of success came from recordings of David Houston. Houston's cut their composition "Livin' in a House Full of Love". It reached #3 on the country chart in late 1965, and Houston followed it up with "Almost Persuaded", also written by Sherrill and Sutton, which spent nine weeks at the top of the U.S. country charts in mid-1966. The song won a Grammy for Best Country and Western Song.

I will say on the front end that I am very partial to Billy Sherrill simply because he was the first to sign Tammy Wynette and then he was able to score George Jones. Those two names are enough to call a



career in record production a success but he also had Charlie Rich, Marty Robbins, Ray Charles, Johnny Paycheck, Tanya Tucker, Johnny Cash, Mickey Gilley and David Allan Coe.

By 1975, Sherrill was regarded as "the most reliable hitmaker in Nashville." In 1980, he was appointed Vice President of CBS in Nashville. In 2010, Sherrill was selected for induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Sherrill died after a short illness on August 4, 2015, at the age of 78. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashville within yards of George Jones and Johnny Paycheck.

Sutton may be best known for his personal and professional association with Lynn Anderson, his wife from 1968 to 1977. He produced her Columbia recordings from 1970 to 1976, including her signature hit "(I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden." The album reached number one in 16 countries around the world and was the biggest-selling album by a female country artist from 1970 until 1997.

Sutton has writing credits on some of the biggest hits in the late 1960s and 1970s, "I Don't Wanna Play House," "Take Me to Your World," "Bedtime Story, "Singing My Song," "The Ways to Love a Man," "You're My Man," "Keep Me in Mind," "What a Man My Man Is," "Sing About

Love," "Stay There 'Til I Get There," "To Make Love Sweeter for You," "She Still Comes Around (To Love What's Left of Me)" and "What's Made Milwaukee Famous (Has Made a Loser Out of Me).

The Nashville Sound and Countrypolitan are just two subgenres of country music. The Bakersfield sound and outlaw country were a hugely successful part of country music in the 1970s and up into the late 1980s and remained popular in their own right. Yet, the money was in countrypolitan as it reigned on the pop charts.

When asked what the Nashville Sound was, Chet Atkins put his hand into his pocket, shook his loose change, and said, "That's what it is. It's the sound of money."



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This One Is 32 Years Overdue

I first started running when I said something, or did something, to make Leon mad. He was the older brother. By five years! I couldn't stand and fight. He'd beat the living day-lights out of me!

I'd usually take off towards the woods between our house and Bethel College. There were lots of places to hide in the thick underbrush. Sometimes I'd run down Stonewall Street, hoping Mr. or Mrs. Brooks might be out in their front yard.

If they were inside, I'd have to run all the way past Dr. Caldwell's office. If Leon

caught up with me that far from the house, he didn't have enough breath left in him to do much damage.

It was so easy to get Leon fired up, I ended up having to run a lot as a little boy.

We'd run most every day at recess in elementary school. We'd play "Red Rover" till someone got hurt. Then we chased each other until somebody got tackled too hard. Then we'd select our fastest boy to race against Vicki Fields.

Running was a way of life in our young lives.

It all changed in junior high. And football practice

started. Coach Rogers would line us up at one end of the field and tell us to run to the other end. We balked at that. And thoughtfully asked, "Why?" There was nothing "to run to" at the other end. Nobody was chasing us. We saw no purpose in it.

Basketball practice with Coach Scott was more of the same. We went the first week without touching a basketball. We just ran up the court and back, up the court and back, up the court...

High school was even worse. And college actually had a running coach to

keep us in shape. Listen, I finished basketball and baseball my senior year, and vowed to never run again... unless Leon was closing in on me!

And I kept that promise for years until they raised the price of chewing tobacco to the point where I had to quit the stuff. To fill in the time I wasn't chewing, I started running.

It just seemed like the thing to do at the time. Folks thought it was for my health. I didn't think about that. I just liked the fresh air. I liked being in motion again. I liked that I could ponder on growing up back home or work up a story idea as the miles melted beneath my feet.

And I got one benefit from running that stunned me. And humbled me. And made me appreciate all that is good in life. And this is where this article turns very, very personal. For me!

I tried to run up and down Garrison Avenue. Too much

traffic. I tried the running trail through town. Too busy.

I ended up running out 10th Street to where the county and city had their work facilities. I would cut down Knowles Avenue and circle by the county courthouse. I had three, four, and five-mile tracks laid out.

There was never much traffic, except for the county and city trucks. And I tried to stay out of their way. I had taught some of them. A few of the workers had played football when I was coaching. But there were many of them I did not know at all.

It started the very first week—over three decades ago! They moved over. Oh, some would wave. Or toot the horn. Some would yell, "Hey Coach!" But they all would ease their vehicle to the other lane to give me plenty of room.

If it was raining or wet, they'd be over in the other ditch to make sure they didn't splash any water on me. If there were two vehicles coming in opposite directions, they both would stop until I got safely out of

the way.

I am astounded by their never-ending thoughtfulness and kindness!

I ran the whole route for years. Lately, I have tried to start and finish each run with a mile or two walk before and after to care for my aging legs. My speed makes no difference to these guys, the year makes no difference, the weather is not a factor, how busy they are doesn't deter them one iota... I am treated with the utmost courtesy and respect by every driver out there EVERY DAY that I am out there!

It is way past time to say "thank you" to them. From a most grateful heart. They have no idea how special their "not so small" gesture is.

I feel safe when I'm with you.

You honor an old man. And that doesn't say a thing about me....but it speaks volumes about your character, your goodness, and your very being.

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Obituaries

GILDA MARCOLINI
1937 — 2024

MCKENZIE — Ms. Gilda Raye Marcolini, 87, formerly of Indiana, died January 7, 2024, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab. There are no services scheduled. Ms. Marcolini requested cremation.

Ms. Marcolini is a retired bus driver and aid on the school bus and a member of East Lake Baptist Church, Crown Point, Indiana. She was born in Central City, Ky., on April 29, 1936, to Arthur Moore and Nona Walker Russell.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie (Gary) Cooper of McKenzie, a sister, Fay Vaught of Madisonville, Ky., caregiver and special friend, Louis Rodriguez, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, mother, step-father Noah Russell, daughter Phyllis Gear, son Harold Earle, sisters Edith Howard and Eva Mae Sisk, brother, J.R. Moore and two grandchildren.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

REGINA
HALLIBURTON
1948 — 2024

ATWOOD — Ms. Regina Halliburton, 75, of Atwood, Tenn., died Monday, January 8, 2024, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral Services were Friday, January 12 at Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church with Bishop C.E. Pipkin officiating the service. Interment was at Mount Ararat Cemetery.

Ms. Halliburton was born February 2, 1948, to O.D. Howard and Flossie Mae Roberson. She had retired from the Milan Arsenal and is a member of Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her three brothers, Sherman Howard, Bobby D. Howard, and Leo Howard.

She is survived by two daughters, Shelia Dieringer of Trezevant and Pam Douglas of Cordova, one son, Tim Halliburton of Amarillo, Texas, three sisters, Stella Slates of Louisville, Ky., Jessie Carol Moore of

Atwood and Norma Taylor of St. Louis, Mo., and one brother, John Lee Howard of Milwaukee, Wis., six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

GAYLE KYLE
1947 — 2024

CEDAR GROVE — Mr. Gayle Kyle, 76, of Cedar Grove, Tenn., died Monday, January 8, 2024, at Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 11, 2024, at New Liberty Baptist Church with Bro. Blake Singleton officiating the service. Interment was at New Liberty Cemetery.

Mr. Kyle was born August 8, 1947, in Linden, Tenn., to the late Elmer Lee Kyle and Bessie Lee (Hinson) Kyle. He was a graduate of Clarksburg High School.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Kyle, two sons, Clint (Angie) Kyle of Clarksburg and Slade Kyle of Cordova, a sister, Vivian (Dwayne) Barber of Sulphur Springs Arkansas, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

Inglenook Book Club Minutes

MCKENZIE (January 10) — The Inglenook Book Club held its first meeting of the New Year 2024, on January 10, at 3 p.m. at Lakeside Senior Living Community with 20 members in attendance. President Gail Mack called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Motto were recited by all. Happy Birthday was sang by all to our January birthday gal, Gayron Lyles. President Mack thanked the hostesses, Peggy Chappell and Suzanne Howell for the delicious warm apple cobbler, ice cream, assorted Chex/nut medley and beverages that was served.

Roll call was completed and the reading of the December minutes were read. Motion to accept the minutes was given by Victoria Ard, and seconded motion given by Pedie Pedersen. All were in favor, the motion passed as approved. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the treasurer's report which was also approved as read.

Committee reports were given by Membership Chair, Suzanne Howell, with no changes at the present. Sunshine Chair, Elaine Williams was absent; and Telephone Chair, Victoria Ard was thanked for her graciously calling all members of the meeting date and information needed.

In old business, everyone commented on how nice the Christmas party was that was held on December 13 at Hometown Hangout. It was a fun and enjoyable day. There was no further old business to mention. On new business, President Mack announced Vice President, Shirley Martin distributed the 2024 booklet to everyone; and to make sure all your information is correct. Also with our new books presented for this year, reminder to put your name and passing order # in the book before passing it

on. Book Chair Mary Newman, announced the book passing order and books were circulated.

President Mack called on each member to give a short synopsis of the book being submitted this year. It going to be an exciting year of novels to read: from biographies, history, investigations, love stories, murder crimes, and who done it's... we will all have an awesome venture as we read!

Announcements were that our February 14th meeting at Lakeside will be held at 2:30 pm, rather than 3, as the meeting room will be used later for another activity, and we have to be out earlier than usual. Hostesses for February will be Victoria Ard and Carolyn

Potts. The program will be presented by Genia Sherwood. Reminder to bring boxed crayons for the school donations. The next book passing date is on January 24th.

The Benediction was recited by all, and the meeting adjourned.

Members present were: Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Holomon, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Gayron Lyles, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinnie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Marilynn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, and Donna Ward.

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2 cans ranch style beans, drained
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1 can Rotel
Brown meat and drain. Add all ingredients and simmer for 1/2 to 1 hour.

Ground Beef Casserole
1 pound ground beef
1 teaspoon garlic juice
3 green onions, chopped
2 cans tomato juice
1 (5-6oz.) pkg noodles
Grated cheddar cheese
Brown ground beef and drain. Add both cans of tomato sauce and garlic juice. Simmer for about 25 minutes. Cook the noodles as directed. Make a white sauce with sour cream, cream cheese and onions. In a casserole dish, alternate layers of noodles, ground beef, and sauce. Top with grated cheese. Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

Easy Beef and Broccoli
1 (17oz.) pkg fully cooked beef tips with gravy
1 tablespoon dark sesame oil
1 (16oz.) pkg frozen broccoli
Stir fry vegetable mixture
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
1 clove garlic minced
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/3 cup water
2 cups hot cooked rice
Heat sesame oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add vegetable mixture, ginger, garlic and red pepper; stir fry 2-3 minutes. Stir in beef tips with gravy and water; bring to a boil. Serve over rice.

Snowmobile Soup
1 lb ground beef
1 small onion chopped
5 large potatoes, julienned
Like French fries
10 ¾ oz. can cream of mushroom soup
1 soup can milk
2 lbs. shredded cheddar cheese
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Brown beef in skillet. Stir frequently to break up clumps. When meat is no longer pink, drain off all but 2 tablespoons drippings. Place browned beef in slow cooker. Saute onion in drippings in skillet until softened. Stir onions, potatoes,

soup milk, cheese, salt, and pepper into meat in slow cooker. Cover. Cook on high 3-4 hours, or until potatoes are as soft as you like them.

Cabbage Casserole
1 head cabbage, shredded
1 large onion, chopped
1/2 stick margarine
1/2 pound Velveeta cheese
1 can mushroom soup
Bread crumbs
Cook cabbage in boiling, salted water for 10 minutes. Drain well and place into 9x13 Pyrex dish. Saute onion in margarine until tender; then mix in cheese and mushroom soup. Pour this sauce mixture over cabbage and top with bread crumbs. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes.

Homemade Vegetable Soup
1 lb stewing meat, cut into pieces
1 bay leaf
1 small onion, diced
3 carrots, sliced
2 ribs celery, sliced
2-3 potatoes, diced
14-1/2 oz. can stewed tomatoes, cut up
8-oz. can tomato sauce
¼ cup frozen corn
¼ cup frozen green beans
¼ cup frozen peas
¼ cup chopped cabbage
Salt and pepper to taste
Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Add water to cover ingredients. Cover.

Cook on low 6-8 hours, or until meat and vegetables are as tender as you like them.

Stay in Bed Stew
1 lb chuck stewing meat
1 large onion, chunked
2 potatoes, peeled and diced large
4 carrots, peeled and sliced
10-3/4oz. can tomato soup
½ soup can water
Dash of pepper
½ teaspoon salt
1 bay leaf
1 cup frozen peas
Put all ingredients in slow cooker. Cover. Cook on low 5-6 hours, or until vegetables are as tender as you like them. Add peas ½ hour before serving. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Cheesy Broccoli Soup
1 lb frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
1 lb Velveeta cheese, cubed
10-3/4oz. can cream of celery soup
14-1/2 oz. can chicken or vegetable broth
Dash of pepper
Dash of salt
Combine ingredients in slow cooker. Cover. Cook on low 5-6 hours.

Potato Soup
6-7 potatoes peeled and diced
½ to ¾ stick of butter
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 medium onion, chopped
1 ½ cup milk
1 teaspoon garlic salt
8 oz. cream cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Cook potatoes and onions in enough water to cover, until tender. Add cubes of cream cheese. Remove from heat. Stir until cheese is melted. Add milk, soups, butter and spices. May top with cheese, bacon bits and/or green onions tops.

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CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER CAKEWALK IS SATURDAY

McKenzie Senior Center's bi-monthly cawkewalk is Saturday, January 20 at 6 p.m. at 172 Main Street. Auction starts at 6 p.m. and cawkewalk starts immediately after. The cost is \$5 to participate in every walk all night!

Music is provided by Steve Bomar's Shiloh Road

Duo. Auctioneer is Dave Bates. The music continues after the cawkewalk for those who want to dance!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location - Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in December, February, and July.

MARRIED FOR A PURPOSE

Beech Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Brawners Levee Road, Gleason, is hosting a conference and a catered dinner on February 10, 4 p.m. David and Joy Parkman will conduct

VFW SUPERBOWL PARTY

McKenzie Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4939 is hosting a 2024 SuperBowl Party, February 11. Included is a chili cookoff and a raffle. For more information, phone 731-207-1027.

NWTN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETS JANUARY 26

The Board of Directors of the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council meets Friday, January 26, 10 a.m. at the McKenzie office, 938 C. Walnut Avenue, McKenzie. The meeting is also available through Zoom.

WEST TENNESSEE BONE AND JOINT OPENS IN COUNTY

West Tennessee Bone and Joint and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce are hosting a ribbon cutting on Monday, January 22, 1:30 p.m. at 3493 Veterans Drive, Huntingdon.

McKenzie Rotary Adds a New Member

Paris Downtown Serves as Program

The McKenzie Rotary had an eventful meeting on Tuesday, January 9. The club inducted another new member, LaShonda Williams, and hosted Paris Mayor Kathy Ray and artist Dan Knowles.

Williams, Chairperson of the McKenzie School Board and owner of Lakeway Nutrition, was inducted as the club's first member in 2024. She was co-sponsored by Rev. Dr. Ed Perkins and Armand Hebert.

Mayor Ray and Knowles presented the club information on Back Alley Paris, a beautification project in downtown Paris. Over several phases, the alleys of downtown Paris have become a canvas for the history of Paris, Tennessee. The various alleyways have been painted by local artists Dan Knowles and the late John Monroe. The project began with the phase one alley, next to the downtown fountain plaza at the southwest corner of South Market and West Wood streets, which was completed in 2015. The project is now in its ninth year and continues to grow through various grants and endowments.

Some of the following are part of the collection: The Lady in the Red Dress — This store was originally Howard Dry Goods and later became Howard and Jobe, which was a ladies boutique. The Ring — This painting is a jeweler working on a wedding ring for the couple behind him. Bloody Monday — This window shows a duel that occurred on June 4, 1888. Will Edmunds was shot and killed at the Wright and Edwards Saloon by Kenny Porter, son of Gov. James Porter. The Lady Doctor and Her Brother — This building was near the location of the medical office of the first lady doctor, Henrietta Veltma, in Paris and Henry County.

The McKenzie Rotary Club meets every Tuesday, noon, at the Vera Low Center on the campus of Bethel University.



Above, Rotary President Jason R. Martin (left) and Rev. Dr. Ed Perkins (right) welcomed LaShonda Williams (center) to the McKenzie Rotary Club. Below, Paris Mayor Kathy Ray (left) and artist Dan Knowles (center) along with Rotary Vice President Christy Williams (right) hold a mock up of one of the murals in the Back Alley Paris project.



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Friday, January 19 vs Houston County
Tuesday, January 23 vs Hollow Rock-Bruceton
Friday, January 26 vs McEwen — Homecoming
Monday, January 29, at Decatur County
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Tuesday, February 6 Big Sandy

West Carroll
Tuesday, January 16 at Humboldt
Thursday, January 18 vs Big Sandy
Tuesday, January 23 vs Middleton
Friday, January 26 at Bradford
Monday, January 29 vs Hollow Rock-Bruceton
Tuesday, January 30 vs Halls High
Friday, February 2 vs Humboldt

Gleason
Tuesday, January 16 vs Union City
Friday, January 19 at Lake County
Saturday, January 20 at Clarksburg
Tuesday, January 23 at

Dresden
Friday, January 26 vs Greenfield
Tuesday, January 30 vs South Fulton
Friday, February 2 at Union City
Tuesday, February 2 vs Lake County
Huntingdon
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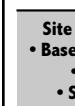
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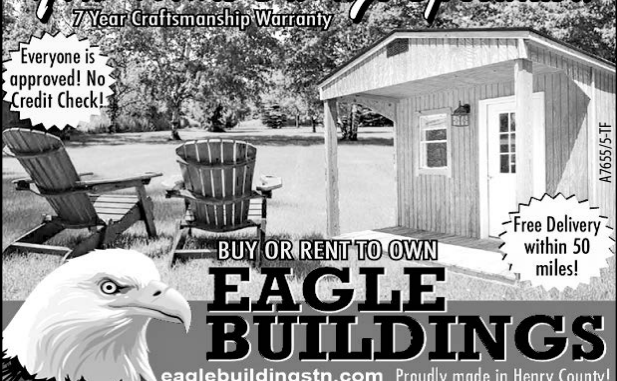
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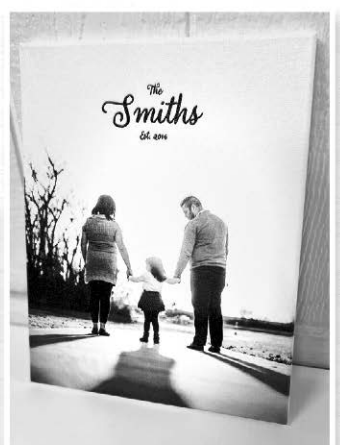
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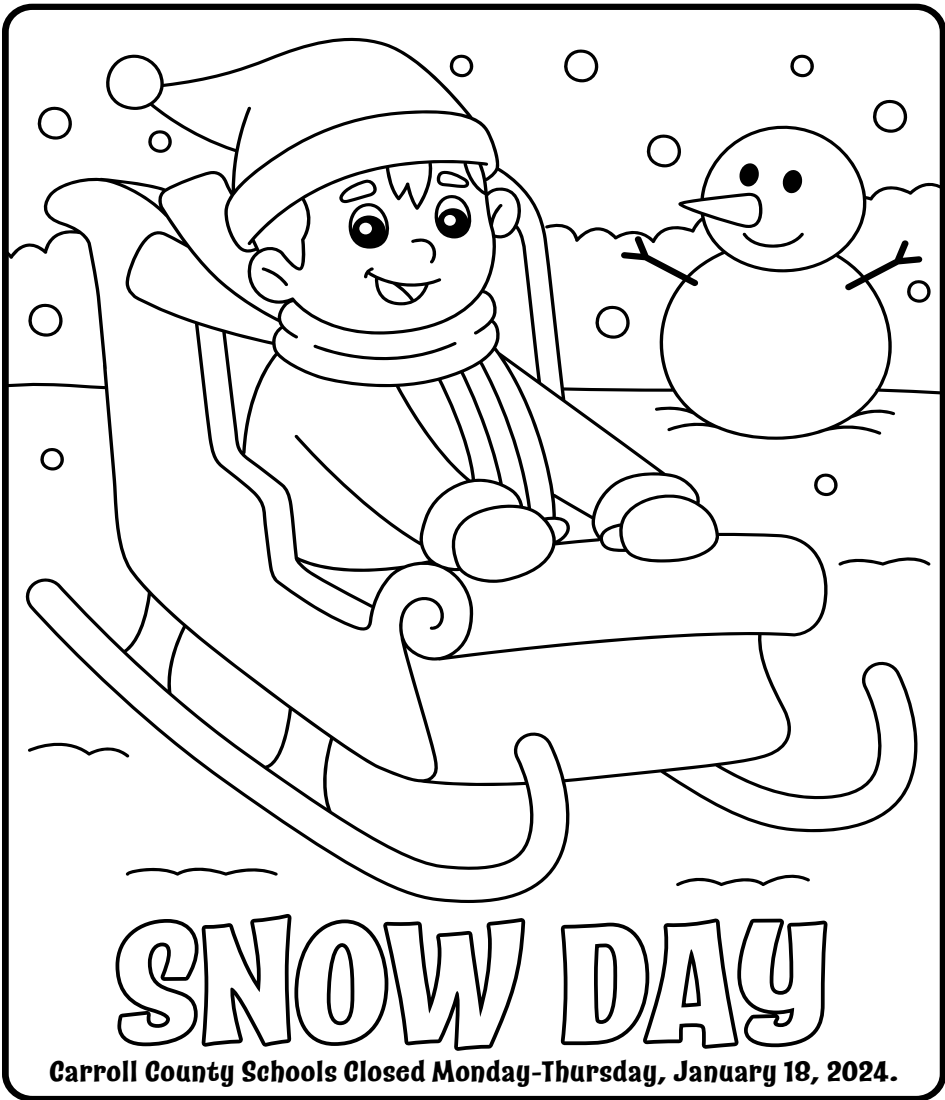
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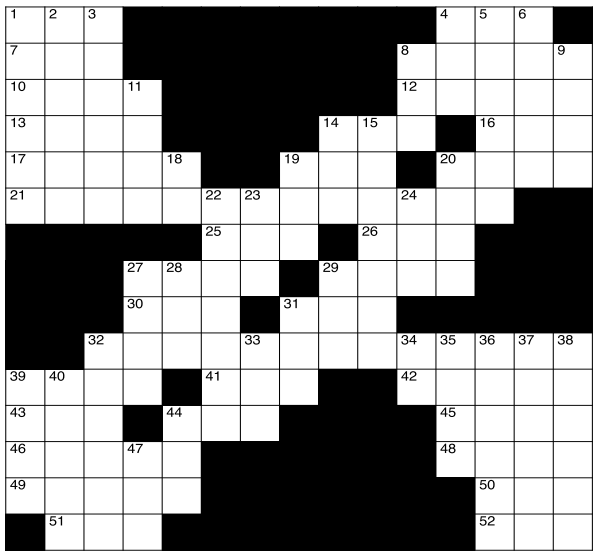
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious community
- 29. Small shrill flute
- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They ___
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 41. Part of the human body
- 42. A progressive grading
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Noise some birds make
- 45. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 46. Portuguese city
- 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
- 49. Resembling old Norse poems
- 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An insane person



- 2. __ Boothe Luce, American author
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- 9. Hostels
- 11. A way to resound
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture
- 24. Clod

- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby __, NHL champ
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- 33. Midway between north and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through
- 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Wood or metal bolt

Week 3

See solution in next week's edition.

Snow Day Word Search

Angels
Be Safe
Blanket
Boots
Closed
Coat
Cocoa
Cold
Family Time
Freeze
Friends
Frostbite
Fun
Gloves
Heat
Ice
Insulated
No School
Play

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N Q N J A G L O V E S S A E P H E N
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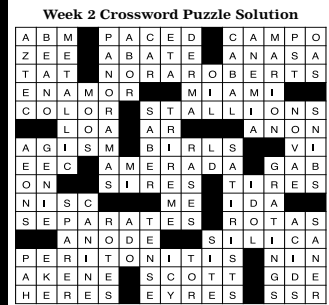
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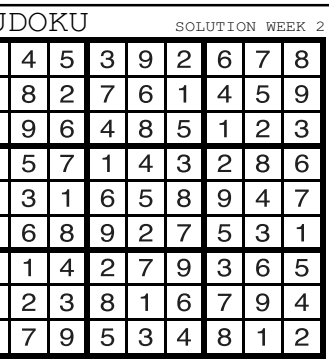
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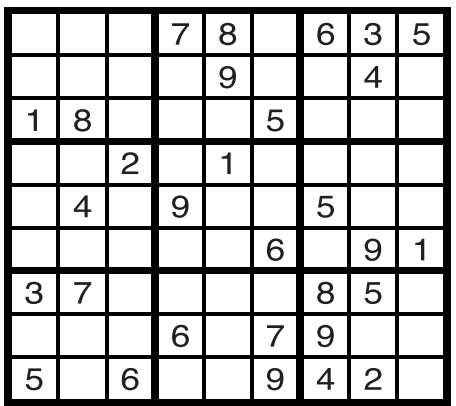


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WEEK 3



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Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (January 10) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on January 10.

Michael B. Phillips, Rolling Meadows, Henry, bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court on a charge of Vandalism.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Dustin M. Bonnell, College Street, Bruceton, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, supervised probation, not to drive for one year, must attend DUI School; dismissed, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

Colby Blake Ford, Chickadee Dr., Milan, guilty, Failure to Appear, five days jail, to run concurrent with Circuit Court sentence.

Terin Harris, Alabama Street, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While License Canceled - second or subsequent offense, \$150 fine, 11/29 jail

suspended to two days, supervised probation, must obtain a license as condition of probation; guilty, Violation of Child Restraint; dismissed, Expired Registration.

Thomas Mayo, Grigg's Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, Possession of Handgun While Under the Influence, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, weapon seized, no contact with convenience store; guilty, Public Intoxication.

Earnest Gene Moudy, Jr., Cheatham Street, Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail to run concurrent with Circuit Court sentence.

Dakota Lee Parker, Roby Road, Reagan, Tenn., guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail.

Matthew Rigney, Washington Avenue, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail, probation extended.

Laniya Cierra Sheeks, Memphis, guilty, Drivers License to be Carried and

Exhibited, 30 days suspended sentence; dismissed, Speeding.

Nayelia Vilchez, Cherry Avenue, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Assault-Physical, \$250 fine, two years probation, no contact with victim, must complete alcohol and drug assessment and batterers intervention assessment.

The following cases were dismissed.

Aniya Charnell Gooch, High Street, Dyer, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Candus Jones, Emory Street, Clarksville, dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Trista Perkins, Terry Road, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Livestock Running at Large.

Matthew G. Ward, Futrell Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, DUI-First Offense; dismissed, Violation of Implied Consent.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on a Revoked License — Mark A. Thomas, 39, Winchester Road, Memphis was charged with Driving on a Revoked License - Third Offense on January 9.

Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped Thomas' vehicle for a window tint violation and learned his license was revoked two times previously.

He was also charged with Violation of Financial Responsibility and Window Tint. Thomas was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — Clinton Hoard, 37, Randle Street, McKenzie was charged with Criminal Trespass and Theft of Merchandise after he ordered a drink at Sonic and failed to pay for it. He had previously been banned from the property.

Violation of Probation Warrant — Lloyd James Sawyer, 58, Winchester Street, McKenzie, was arrested on January 11 on

an outstanding warrant for Violation of Probation.

Officer Darren Davis stopped a vehicle that Sawyer was a passenger in. Officer Davis checked Sawyer's status and learned an outstanding warrant had been issued in Carroll County. Sawyer was arrested and the driver was given a verbal warning about the Light Law violation.

Criminal Trespass — Ryan Neal Capps, 39, Paris, was charged with Criminal Trespass on January 12.

Officer Bryan Batchelder was dispatched to Pocket's convenience store concerning a man who was harassing customers at the fuel pump. Capps was banned from the store and was arrested because he refused to leave the property.

Two Arrested on Drug Charges — Amanda D. Fuller, 39, Fairview Street, Paris, and Bryan Lee King, 35, Elm Street, McKenzie, were arrested after a traffic stop on January 12.

Officer Steven Scott

stopped the vehicle Fuller was driving after she failed to stop at a stop sign. Officer Scott asked for consent to search and found a substance that field tested as meth. A warrant check revealed King was wanted on an outstanding warrant in Henry County. A search of his person revealed approximately 32.8 grams of meth. Fuller was arrested on Schedule II and Fuller on a charge of Simple Possession.

Outstanding Warrants — Caleb Martin Campbell, 28, Nashville, was arrested on outstanding warrants on January 13.

Officer Darren Davis stopped Campbell's vehicle for traveling 59 in a 40 mph zone. A check of Campbell's license revealed two outstanding warrants. Campbell was issued citations for Speeding and Violation of Financial Responsibility and was arrested on outstanding warrants.

Gasoline Prices Average \$2.70 in Tennessee

NASHVILLE (January 15) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have risen 4.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.70/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 5.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 23.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 2.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.89 per gallon.

The Banner recorded a price for regular gasoline at \$2.39 at Fuel Pro in Paris, Tenn. on Saturday, January 13.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.15/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.49/g, a difference of \$1.34/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.15/g while the highest was \$3.49/g, a difference of \$1.34/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.04/g today. The national average is down 1.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 23.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to Gas-

Buddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

January 15, 2023: \$2.93/g (U.S. Average: \$3.28/g).

January 15, 2022: \$3.00/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g).

January 15, 2021: \$2.16/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g).

January 15, 2020: \$2.31/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g).

January 15, 2019: \$1.97/g (U.S. Average: \$2.24/g).

January 15, 2018: \$2.33/g (U.S. Average: \$2.53/g).

January 15, 2017: \$2.12/g (U.S. Average: \$2.34/g).

January 15, 2016: \$1.69/g (U.S. Average: \$1.92/g).

January 15, 2015: \$1.92/g (U.S. Average: \$2.07/g).

January 15, 2014: \$3.10/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g).

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Chattanooga — \$2.66/g, up 11.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.55/g.

Nashville — \$2.73/g, up 7.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.65/g.

Huntsville — \$2.81/g, up 6.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.75/g.

"Last week was a bit of a mixed bag for gasoline prices, with prices increasing

early on but falling again in recent days as the situation in the Red Sea continues to drive market volatility," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While last week saw the U.S. attacking Houthi militants engaged in attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, oil prices jumped, but then promptly fell as economic concerns with weak demand sapped the upward move after the U.S. and allies attacked Houthi rebels. Gasoline inventories also saw another large rise, putting some downward pressure on gas prices, and leaving an opportunity for the national average to potentially briefly fall below \$3 per gallon. We'll have to see if the stars finally align for such a move."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

SOURCE GasBuddy

Sheriff's Reports

Drug/Narcotic Violation — Rachel Lopez, 29, of McKenzie, was arrested on January 4. Sgt. Scott stopped a vehicle for a light law violation. While speaking to the driver, he could smell the odor of marijuana from the vehicle. A search was performed and two grinders, two pipes, a tray, rolling papers, and 3 grams of marijuana was located inside the passenger's purse which was Rachel Lopez.

Vandalism of Property — Jay Gordon Gentry, 20, of Cedar Grove, was cited in the General Sessions Court on January 4 for vandalism of property. The victim advised that her ex-boyfriend, Jay, burned her items that morning. Deputy Furr did see that the items had been burned in the front yard. The defendant also posted a picture on Instagram of burning the items. She did not know the total value of

the items that were burned, just that some items were sentimental. She advised that she did want to press charges.

Domestic Assault — Zachary Cockrum, 27, of Huntingdon, was arrested on January 5 for Domestic Assault. Units were dispatched to a home on Shekinah Lane and met the caller at the door. The caller, Carly Biggs, was asked where the male subject was and she refused to tell and said everything was okay. The victim clearly had a bloody nose, red face, and swollen ankle. Biggs kept claiming to be okay and it was just one "off" incident. After speaking to Biggs again, she agreed to call Cockrum so he could speak to the officers. He came back home on foot five minutes later and kept denying any exchanges happening between the two. Cockrum had obvious signs of altercation, blood and a cut on

his knuckle, bloody scratch on his chest and on his cheek. He was then arrested for Domestic Assault.

DUI — Juan Antonio Cruz, 50, of Trezvant, was arrested on January 9 for DUI. Sergeant Steven Scott responded to a possible domestic disturbance on Johnson Street. The caller stated that Cruz had been heavily drinking and drove off from their residence. While Sgt. Scott was speaking with Cruz's girlfriend, Cruz called asking for his weed out of the jacket pocket. Cruz's girlfriend handed the weed over to Sgt. Scott which was 15 grams. After leaving, the deputies found Cruz's vehicle parked in the bank parking lot in Atwood. Cruz was laying back with the key in the ignition. Due to Cruz having the smell of alcohol on his breath, slurred speech, admitting being too drunk to drive, and sitting in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition, Cruz was charged with DUI.

Property Transfers

Sandra K. Williams to Nicholas Lee Hoffman in District 2.

Frances J. Andrews to Matthew Mann in District 12.

Kenneth D. Cook to Andrew P. McGarrity in Dis-

trict 6.

Kaitlyn E. McAlpin to Christopher Keith Roberts in District 11.

James H. Seaton III to Richard Clay Wilson in District 4.

Tonye M. Petway to

Gavin Baucum in District 4.

Clint L. Butler to E. H. and Glenda Mae Butler in District 11.

Linda Cursey to William Allen, Jr. and Jennifer A. Espey in District 11 and 19.

Franklin Wayne Prichard to Phillip R. and Carolyn H. Williams in District 5.

HENRY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Home Health Recognized By WellSky As a National Best Practice Agency

PARIS (January 15) — Henry County Medical Center Home Health was recently honored as a national best practice agency by WellSky for the year 2023. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional commitment to excellence in patient care demonstrated by their dedicated team.

WellSky, a renowned leader in healthcare technology, conducted a thorough survey that evaluated various agencies across the nation. The focus was on patient experience, a critical measure of an agency's quality program. Henry County Medical Center Home Health emerged as a proven leader, excelling in providing a superior level of patient satisfaction.

The recognition is particularly significant as it is based on a comparative analysis of agencies participating in WellSky's Home Health CAHPS system over the past year. The results of the Overall Satisfaction or Likelihood of Recommending survey questions have placed our agency in the top 25% of WellSky's National Home Health CAHPS database.

In acknowledgment of this outstanding accomplishment, WellSky is pleased to present Henry County Medical Center Home Health with the Home Health CAHPS Award of Distinction. This prestigious award is reserved for home health organizations that have demonstrated superior performance throughout the year 2022.

Anna Hollandsworth, Director of Home Health and Hospice at Henry County



Pictured (L to R): Clinician, Jon Marc Gowan, PTA and Mr. William Blazer of Charter Senior Living.

Medical Center expressed her pride in this remarkable achievement. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence exhibited by our leaders and staff. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and will continue to strive for excellence in providing top-notch home health care to our patients and caregivers."

Jennifer Ittner, CAHPS Project Director, extended her congratulations to the leaders and staff of Henry County Medical Center Home Health. "We look forward to working collaboratively with you to continually improve the quality of home health care provided not only to your local community but also to patients and caregivers throughout the country."

Henry County Medical

Center Home Health is grateful for this recognition and remains committed to delivering high-quality healthcare services to our community.

Tennessee First in the Nation to Address AI, Music Industry

NASHVILLE (January 10) — Tennessee Governor Bill Lee recently announced the Ensuring Likeness Voice and Image Security (ELVIS) Act, a bill updating Tennessee's Protection of Personal Rights law to include protections for songwriters, performers, and music industry professionals' voice from the misuse of AI.

Tennessee's music industry supports more than 61,617 jobs across the state, contributes \$5.8 billion to our GDP, and fills over 4,500 music venues.

While Tennessee's existing law protects name, image and likeness, it doesn't specifically address new, personalized generative AI cloning models and services that enable human impersonation and allow users to make unauthorized fake works in the image and voice of others. Artists and musicians at all levels are facing exploitation and the theft of

their integrity, identity, and humanity. This threatens the future of Tennessee's creators, the jobs that they support across the state and country, and the bonds between fans and their favorite bands.

The ELVIS Act would be the first legislation of its kind in the nation to build upon existing state rule protecting against the unauthorized use of someone's likeness by adding "voice" to the realm it protects.

Additional industry groups supporting Gov. Lee's artificial intelligence legislation include Academy of Country Music, American Association of Independent Music (A2IM), The Americana Music Association, American Soci-

ety of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), Church Music Publishers Association (CMPA), Christian Music Trade Association, Folk Alliance International, Global Music Rights, Gospel Music Association, The Living Legends Foundation, Music Artists Coalition, Nashville Musicians Association, National Music Publishers' Association, Rhythm & Blues Foundation, Screen Actors Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), Society of European Stage Authors and Composers (SESAC), Songwriters of North America (SONA), and Tennessee Entertainment Commission.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AND COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS, MARCH 5, 2024: NOTICE TO ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Any elderly voter (60 years of age or older) or a voter with a disability, whose polling place is not accessible, may choose to come to the County Election Commission office to vote either during the Early Voting period, on Election Day by appointment, or absentee by mail. If the voter chooses to vote at the election office on Election Day, the voter must provide the election office with written notice by February 24, 2024, of his/her intention to vote there on Election Day.

If the voter registered by mail, (s)he must vote in-person in the first election the voter votes in. To request an absentee ballot, the voter must do so by February 27, 2024. Requests must be mailed to the Carroll County Election Commission Office, 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344 and the office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CURRENT OR OLD TENNESSEE PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ELECTION OFFICE DURING EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY AT YOUR PRECINCT.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting will be **February 14-27, 2024**. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Hours on Saturdays, during the Early Voting period, are 9 a.m.-NOON. All voters are eligible to vote early. **The Early Voting location is ONLY at the Election Commission Office.**

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: TERRY HOWARD FRANKS

PENDING IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIANNE JUANITA FRANKS

Plaintiff,

VS. DOCKET NO. 24-DR-1

TERRY HOWARD FRANKS

Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Plaintiff's pleading, which is sworn to, that the residence of Terry Howard Franks is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry or he is a nonresident of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law in the McKenzie Banner, a newspaper of general circulation published in Carroll County, Tennessee, notifying Terry Howard Franks to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Steven L. West, WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS, P.O. Box 687, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, and the Clerk of this Court, an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce filed against him in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of last publication which will be January 31, 2024, or a judgment by default will be entered on March 7, 2024, and the action set for hearing ex parte as to him.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2024.

Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master, Carroll County Chancery Court

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Eighth Grade Night at MMS

McKenzie eighth grade basketball players were honored for their final game on Thursday, January 11.

Honored were: Addi Davis, daughter of Chad and Amanda Davis; Carleigh Lunn, daughter of Craig and Traci Lunn; Olivia Pate, daughter of Joel Pate and Chandra Pate; Katelyn Prather, daughter of Brian and Amanda Prather; Chloe Veliz, daughter of Daryl and Lexy Veliz; Braylin Auvenshine #50, daughter of Brent and Brandy Auvenshine; Kynadie Brown, 33, daughter of Justin and Kristi Brown; Avery Cantrell, 20, daughter

ter of Trey and Amber Cantrell; Aurora Jhonson, 31, daughter of Aaron and Ashley Jhonson; Addison Milam, 22, daughter of Tyler and Laura Beth Milam; Bella Sass, 21, daughter of Jeff and Kirsten Sass; Jaycee Stafford, 23, daughter of Justin and Jill Stafford; and the Rebels, Kason Brown, 23, son of Allen and Tonya Brown; Jayden Callis, 50, son of Scott and Chelsea Austin; Cooper Davidson, 34, son of Jonathan and Lesley Davidson; and Cayden Owenby, 24, son of Allen and Beth Ownby.

Photo by Tammy Graves Photography.



Fillies Dominate The Court Mustangs Loss Tight Game

CAMDEN (January 12) — Friday evening the Huntingdon Mustangs and Fillies traveled to Camden for a district contest against the Lions. The Fillies extended their season record to 16-4 with their 63-25 win against the Lady Lions. In addition to dominating on the court, the Fillies were 11 of 13 from the free throw line in their decisive victory. The Mustangs dropped to 6-14 for the season with a narrow 67-64 loss to the Lions. With six district games remaining in the season, the Fillies are 2-0 within the district, and the Mustangs are 1-1.

Lilly Kee led the scoring for the Fillies with 18 points, followed by Delaney Byars with 12, Quinn Kelley 9, Josey Stokes 7, Sara Beth Smith 7, Kelby Crossno 6, Annabelle Singleton 3, and Anna Beth Crews 1. Leading scorers for the Camden Lady Lions were Addie Jo Melton and Faith Wallace, both with 7.

Kenton Smith posted 18 points for the Mustangs, followed by Caleb Ezell with 16, Tycen Willis 9, Graham Bartholomew 8, Braylin Dearmon 8, Landon Bryant 3, and E.J. Lewis 2. Leading scorers for the Camden Lions were Ayden Melton with 32 and Ridge Bruce with 12.



Above, Fillies Annabelle Singleton shoots past the Lady Lion defender. Below, Huntingdon's Kenton Smith eyes the basket for a pair of Mustang points. Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner



Freed Takes Two from Bethel on the Hardwood

COURTESY BETHEL SID

HENDERSON (January 13) — The Bethel Wildcats ran into a hot shooting Freed-Hardeman team Saturday in Henderson. The No 11 Lions shot 60 percent from the floor and knocked down 16 three-pointers enroute to a 100-54 win over the Wildcats.

It was FHU's ninth straight win which snapped Bethel's five game win streak. It was the 29th meeting between the two programs with FHU holding a 23-6 advantage in the series.

Freed led 54-22 at the half. Bethel shot just 25 percent from the floor and was 5-of-21 in their three-point attempts.

Querrior Gadson was the only Wildcat in double digits with 11 points. Five Lions finished in double figures with Quan Lax leading FHU with 16 points. It was the conference opener for Bethel which dropped to 11-6 and 0-1. The Lions moved to 14-2 and 2-0.

The Wildcats return to action Thursday traveling to Campbellsville. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

The Bethel Lady Wildcats



and the No. 24 Freed-Hardeman Lady Lions met Saturday in Henderson. It was Bethel's conference opener and the 38th meeting between the two.

The Lions pulled away in the first half and went on to win 65-50. Freed holds a 28-10 advantage in the series. The Lady Cats jumped out to a 6-2 lead but FHU outscored Bethel 16-6 to lead at the end of the first quarter, 18-12.

The Lions scored seven unanswered points to begin the second quarter and stretched their lead to 25-12. FHU would go on to outscore Bethel 20-7 in the quarter and would lead 38-19 at the half. The Cats hit all eight of their free throw attempts but shot just 21 percent from the field in the half.

The Lions moved out

to a 59-37 lead after three quarters. Freed-Hardeman stretched their lead to 24 at one point (64-40) in the fourth quarter. A late surge by Bethel came up short as FHU won by fifteen.

Bethel had a 31-29 rebound advantage but committed 18 turnovers in the game. Freed had an 18-11 margin in bench points and 30-16 advantage in points in the paint.

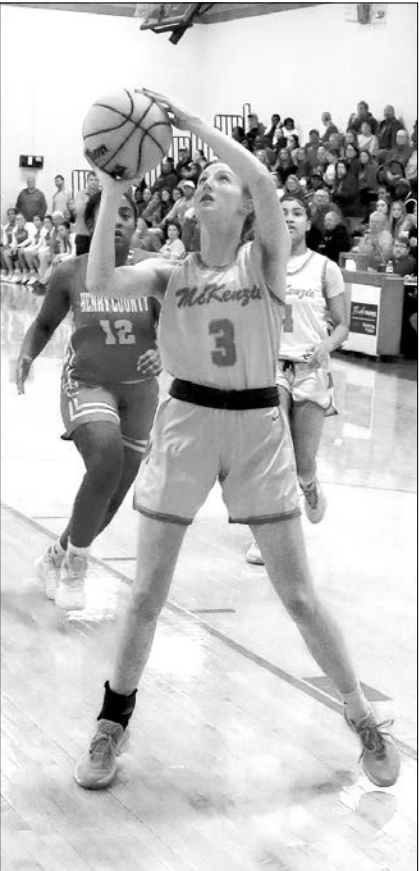
Madison Hart led the Lady Cats with 12 points. Alyia Lee had 10 points and a team high six rebounds. Bethel was outstanding from the free throw line, hitting 20-of-21 attempts. Kelsey Bender led FHU with 13 points. KJ White had 12 points and a game high eight rebounds.

Bethel dropped to 13-4 and 0-1. FHU improved to 16-2 and 2-0. It was Freed's fifth straight win.

Bethel travels to No.3 Campbellsville Thursday with tip-off slated for 4:30 p.m. It will be the 20th meeting between the two programs with the Tigers leading the series 16-3. Bethel is 0-7 in Campbellsville.



Left, Carter Kee works the ball toward the basket.



Right, Sophie Pate shoots for two.

Lady Rebels Earn Overtime Win Over Henry County

MCKENZIE (January 8) — After a tough loss to McEwen on Friday, January 5, the Lady Rebels found themselves battling a talented Henry County Lady Patriots team on Monday, January 8 at McKenzie. An overtime effort earned the Lady Rebels a 59-57 victory on the Lady Pats.

The Lady Rebels eked out a two-point advantage in regulation as expired, however, an intentional foul call against the home team allowed the Lady Pats to shoot three foul shots, two of which connected, tying the score and pushing the game into a four-minute overtime.

The overtime was also a nail-biter as the score was tied with just 10 seconds remaining. Savannah Davis

was fouled, moved to the foul shots, and scored the go-ahead two points. The Lady Pats rushed down court and failed to connect on their final shot as the Lady Rebels rebounded the ball and ended the game.

Scoring by quarter was 14, 6, 15, and 18 in regulation and 6 in overtime for the Lady Rebels and 9, 18, 15, and 11 in regulation and 4 in overtime for the Lady Pats.

Savannah Davis led the Lady Rebels with 26 points, followed by Mikaela Reynolds with 10, Molly French with 9, Cheyanne Long with 6, Sophie Pate with 5 and Madeline Gottshall with 3.

The Lady Pats were led by Bayleigh Thompson and Na'Kiyah Moore, both

with 13, Irelynn Beecham with 11, Moe Wilkerson with 11, Olivia Kendall with 5, Fajona Sneed with 2 and Na'Laiyah Coats with 2.

In the nightcap, the Rebels claimed a 61-41 victory over the Patriots.

Scoring by quarter by the Rebels was 14, 18, 13, and 16. The Pats scored 10, 10, 9, and 12.

Carter Kee led the Rebels with 16 points, followed by Hayden Garrett and Tate Surber with 13 each, Stafford Roditis with 9, Martez Teague with 8 and Cardell Orgain with 2.

The Pats were led by Caden Marshall with 18, Luke Stephens with 10, Carson Curd with 5, Javion Boyd with 4, Daveon Barker with 2, and Drew Pack with 2.



McKenzie Colt Norden (left) and Huntingdon's Gray Eubanks (right) were named to the TSWA All-State Team.

Norden, Eubanks Named to All-State Team

NASHVILLE (January 12) — On Friday, the Tennessee Sports Wide Writers Association announced their selections for the All-State Football Teams of 2023. The list contains several players from around west Tennessee including McKenzie's Colt Norden and Huntingdon's Gray Eubanks. Both are juniors and are expected to have excellent 2024 seasons.

Class 1A

Quarterback — Cameron Schlicht, Dresden, Sr; RB —

Tristan Jett, Dresden, Sr.; Wide Receiver — Colt Norden, McKenzie, Jr.; Wide Receiver — Nick Turnbow, Dresden, Sr.; Athlete — Keaten Brown, Union City, Sr.; Kicker — Paul Betzou, Dresden, Jr.; Linebacker — Jacob Arnold, Union City, Sr.

Class 2A

Quarterback — Stone Wallace, Riverside, Sr.; Quarterback — Gray Eubanks, Huntingdon, Jr.; Offensive Line — Ace Meadows, Peabody, Sr.;

Offensive Line — Aiden Creasy, Riverside, Sr.; Offensive Line — Myles Pearcy, Riverside, Sr.

Division II-A

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Robye Lindsey celebrated her 97th birthday with her sons, Tim and Keith on Friday, December 12, 2024. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Robye Lindsey Honored on 97th Birthday

McKENZIE (January 12) — Robye Lindsey celebrated her 97th birthday on Friday, January 12. The resident of Lakeside Senior Living Community was surprised with a proclamation by McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin and a special visit by her sons, Keith and Tim.

Mrs. Lindsey is known for her hugs, smile and kind words. The co-owner of the former Lindsey's Rexall in downtown McKenzie, she and her husband, J.T. were ready to serve their customers with a friendly greeting and great service. They also operated a soda fountain that provided refreshments and food.

Robye was reared in Brighton, where her family moved when she was just a toddler.

Mayor Griffin's resolution said she attend Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina. After graduation, she returned to Brighton where she found employment at the Millington Naval Air Station. As the story now goes, a young Marine from Alabama made friends with another Marine from Brighton. While visiting his Brighton friend, the young man known as J.T. met the lovely Robye McCallas. The rest is history as May 29, 1954 they were married. The young couple read a newspaper ad in 1959 advertising the sale of Cannon Drug Store. The young couple wanted to



McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin presented a proclamation honoring Robye Lindsey on her 97th birthday at Lakeside Senior Living Community. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

move back to Tennessee, so they made the trip to McKenzie and fortunately for all of us, knew immediately this is where they wanted to live. Ms. Robye worked from home until her two sons, Keith and Tim were school age. After that she worked along with her husband in the drug store that became known in 1965 as Lindsey's Rexall Drugs and housed a wonderful soda fountain that was the meeting place for all ages. After moving to McKenzie, Ms. Robye and Mr. JT transferred their church membership to the McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where they were elders and Sunday School teachers and she has remained a member for sixty-five (65) years.

They were huge supporters of Bethel College, now Bethel University and were placed on the Hall of Fame in 2014. She continues to attend sports events like volleyball and basketball whenever she can. Friends can testify she was a phenomenal cook renowned for her Christmas dessert cooking and remains a chocolate fiend to this day!

WHEREAS, Ms. Robye ventured into another opportunity after the sale of the business in 1979. She finished her years with the Social Security Administration and retired in 1992/3.

Griffin proclaimed the day as Mrs. Robye Lindsey Day in celebration of her 97th birthday.



Nancy Holland, MHS Class of 1949, honored as a member of the undefeated 1949 Rebelettes. Pictured are members of the McKenzie High School Alumni Association: LaRenda Scarbrough, Byron Rich, Karen Campbell, Gale Edwards, Kelly Spivey, Nancy Holland, Terry Howell, Tracy Brown, Kay Brown, Diane Stafford, and Brian Stafford.

Nancy Holland Honored As a Member of the 1949 Rebelettes

McKENZIE (January 8) — McKenzie Alumni Association continued to honor its fellow alumni during the basketball contest between the McKenzie Rebels and the Henry County Patriots.

Monday night's honoree was Nancy Vawter Holland of the McKenzie High Class of 1949. Welcoming her to game were Alumni Association President Brian Winston (Class of 2003), Secretary Tracy Brown Teague (Class of 1984), and executive board member Terry Howell (Class of 1969). Also joining Mrs. Holland on the basketball court as honorary presenters were past members of McKenzie Rebelette basketball teams who later created their own historic seasons with TSSAA state tournament appearances.

Also pictured are members of the McKenzie Rebelettes from the seasons of 1960 and 1963!

Mrs. Holland was a business education teacher for many years at McKenzie High and became the first teacher of Distributive Education (DECA) in 1968. Throughout her

teaching career and until her retirement in 1979, her leadership in this program helped hundreds of students develop strong job skills to be ready for the workforce upon graduation.

She also served as the Rebel Yearbook sponsor for 14 years. After retirement, she was a board member of the McKenzie Special School District, and has volunteered her time for numerous local civic organizations.

While a student at MHS, Mrs. Holland was a member of the 1948 football homecoming royalty and was a starting forward on the 1949 Rebelette championship basketball team.

She is the last surviving member of the McKenzie High Blue Cyclones basketball program which transitioned into the mascot of Rebelettes during her high school career.

She continues to maintain the family farm in McKenzie, is proud to share that she still mows her own yard and maintains her independence at the age of 91.

The Alumni Association

also recognized the 1949 McKenzie Rebelette basketball team, of which Mrs. Holland was a starting forward. The team had an undefeated record of 31-0 and finished the year as West Tennessee champions.

This occurred during an era when the TSSAA had suspended state tournament play for girls basketball and the West Tennessee championship title was the highest achievement possible.

Other players on this historic team included: —former McKenzie Mayor Patty Edwards, and Bette Smith Edwards, who became the first female graduate of McKenzie High to play collegiate basketball.

In observation of the 75th anniversary of this legendary season, the Alumni Association presented a commemorative plaque to Principal Kelly Spivey, MHS Class of 1989. Special thanks to The McKenzie Banner for the design and donation of the plaque, which includes a team photo and listing of their accomplishments.

THANK YOU We appreciate your support.

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