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A photograph of the corner of a Williams Furniture store. The building has a grey brick facade. A large sign on the upper corner reads "WILLIAMS Furniture" in a stylized font, with "YOUR HOME FURNISHING HQ." written below it. A red awning extends over the entrance area. The entrance features a glass door and large display windows. A red star is mounted on the brick wall to the left of the entrance. A concrete sidewalk leads to the entrance.

Williams Furniture Company Is Closing

McKENZIE — Williams Furniture Company, 26 Broadway Street, in downtown McKenzie is closing after 46 years in McKenzie. The family-owned store, owned by Phil Williams, 78, of McLemoresville, is beginning its going out of business sale on Thursday of this week.

"It's been a wonderful adventure," said Williams, as he praised his many customers, friends, and associates through the years. "It's time to slow down," said the long-term, hands-on, owner, who has taken but a rare vacation.

He came to McKenzie when J.A. Abernathy's furniture and House of Furniture were in their waning days. Tri-County Furniture was still going strong - all in downtown. Today, Williams Furniture is the lone home-owned furniture store with one corporate store in the former Fred's building.

Williams Furniture started in Williams' hometown of McLemoresville

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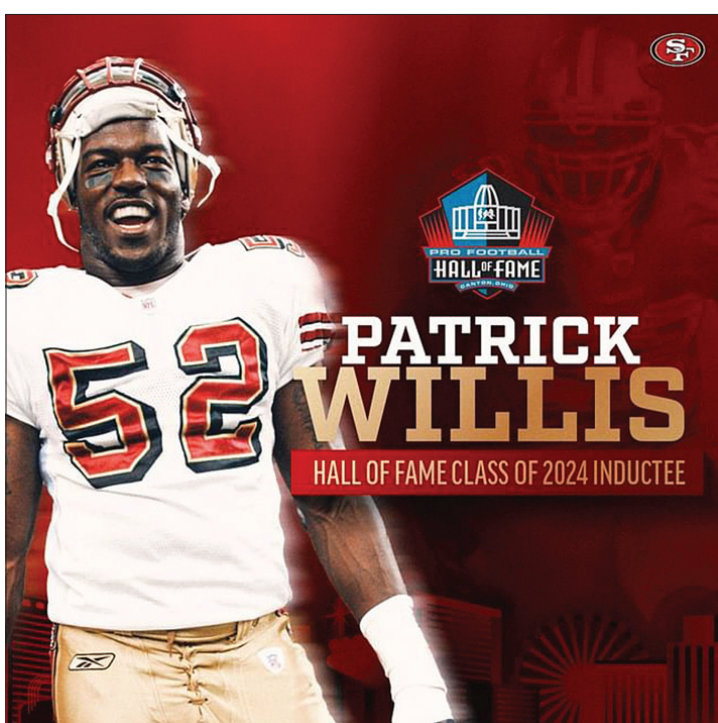
Oversight Prompts Review Of Liquor License Requirements

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McKENZIE (February 8) — On Thursday night, a workshop was held for the McKenzie City Council with the goal of better understanding the process and requirements to grant a retail liquor license. Following some confusion during the last meeting of the Alcohol Board, City Attorney Beau Pemberton recommended a workshop be held to help educate the Council.

On December 14, the McKenzie Alcohol Board (the McKenzie City Council members) voted five to one to deny a liquor license to Brahmananda Reddy Munagala. Munagala was preliminarily approved on the first of two readings. Pemberton said McKenzie has voter registration or residency and property ownership requirements, along with state-mandated criminal background

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Patrick Willis Part of 2024 NFL Hall of Fame

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CANTON, Ohio (February 8) — Former Hollow Rock-Bruceston Central High School and San Francisco 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis was named one of seven players inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2024 class on Thursday night. Willis, a native of Bruceston, left an indelible mark on the game with his exceptional talent and dedication to the sport.

Willis, in his fifth year of eligibility, was a finalist for the third consecutive year. In his career, he made the Pro Bowl seven times and was named All-Pro six times. While with the San Francisco 49ers, Willis recorded 950 tackles, 60 tackles for a loss, 41 quarterback hits, 20.5 sacks, eight interceptions, two scores, 53 passes defended and 16 forced fumbles. He led the league in tackles twice, as a rookie in 2007 and again in 2009. Throughout his career, Willis

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Davis Named Miss Basketball Finalist

HERMITAGE (February 8) — McKenzie Lady Rebel Senior Savannah Davis was named finalist for the 2024 TSSAA Class 1A's Miss Basketball award. Davis previously won the award as a sophomore in 2022. She has been selected All-State in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 season and has helped lead the Lady Rebels to back-to-back state championships in 2021-2022 and 2022-23.

Davis, daughter of Boo and Andrea Davis, set a new TSSAA record for three-point baskets made in a single game, with 17 goals from three-point range. She finished the game with 60 points, which tied the Lady Rebel single game scoring record. During her junior year, she sustained a fractured hand early in the season. That injury sidelined her for most of the first half of the season. She returned to play after the Christmas break and led her team in their second, back-to-back state Class 1A state championship. She was named the MVP in each of the state championship tournaments. Savannah has over 1,750 career points at MHS.

Savannah signed to continue her basketball career next season at Middle Tennessee State University.

High school head basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists and a statewide committee of sportswriters will select the winners based on regular season performance along with academics and character. The awards will be presented to the top girls and



Savannah Davis, a McKenzie senior, is among the finalists for Miss Basketball. *File photo*

boys in six TSSAA classifications on Monday, March 12 at the Murphy Center on MTSU's campus in Murfreesboro at 5 p.m.

The only other local girl nominated for Miss Basketball is Micah Hart from Gibson County Class 2A. The only local boy nominated is Malaki Brooks from Union City Class 1A.


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McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL

Eagle Scout Project to Aid Parks Department

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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McKENZIE (February 8) — Landon Priestley, an Eagle Scout candidate, received permission from the McKenzie City Council to use the City's property for his scout project during the February meeting. Priestley presented his plan to refinish the park benches at Veterans Park to the group. He mentioned that the park benches would be dismantled, sanded, stained, polyurethaned, and reassembled. The Council approved the project, which will now go for final approval at the Scout district level. If approved, the project could begin in about a month.

The Council also approved Ordinance 563 on the first reading, which will make it possible for residents to pay their property taxes monthly instead of yearly. This program will allow residents to better budget for property taxes by accepting bank drafts monthly.

During department head reports, the Parks Department Director Billy Hollow-

ell informed the Board of work to install a new backstop net to the City's softball field. The old backstop was in disrepair and was demolished. The new net will resemble the one used on the senior baseball field.

The Water and Sewer Department Supervisor Ernest Umstead mentioned that there has been an "uptick in water leaks" due to the weather change. He also added that employees in the Water and Sewer Department have been working together as one unit in recent weeks to help fill shortfalls in personnel. The Council was also made aware of the department's recent awarding of a Community Development Block Grant.

Codes Enforcement updated the Council that 85 letters about code violations were mailed in January. Several of those were addressed to repeat offenders. Codes Officer Jimmy Seaton said two properties were demolished with several waiting to be cited in court. Other properties up for possible demolition are four structures on the former Gaines Manufacturing site and the



Landon Priestley addresses the McKenzie City Council.

car wash located on Highland Drive.

The Police Department responded to 1086 calls in January. Two officers have recently been hired, one of whom is currently in the academy; this would make the department fully staffed.

The Fire Department responded to 61 calls of which 24 were medical responses.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is scheduled for March 14 at 6 p.m.

Representative Brock Martin Speaks at Chamber Forum

HUNTINGDON (February 9) — State Representative Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon) was the featured speaker in the first of three Capitol Talk sponsored by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

Martin, a freshman legislator representing portions of Gibson, Carroll and Henderson counties, spoke about proposed legislation, bills he has sponsored, including one to rename Lake Halford back to its original name, Carroll County 1000-Acre Recreation Lake.



Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Martin to the Capitol Forum held at the Carroll County Civic Center. Martin is a graduate of Camden High School, Bethel University, and Logan School of Chiropractic in St. Louis. He and wife, Dr. Krista Martin, operate Southern Chiropractic. They have one son, Steele.

Martin said state revenues are declining, in part, because of the massive federal COVID-relief funds are coming to an end. Tennessee is a fiscally conservative state with a \$53 billion budget.

Big issues this term include Governor Bill Lee's proposed voucher program for tuition to follow the student, whether that's public school or private school.

Martin said during the State of the State address, Lee emphasized the following — Notable highlights from Gov. Lee's FY24-25 agenda include:

- Economic Opportunity & Tax Relief — \$20 million investment in Tennessee's Rainy Day Fund, bringing Tennessee reserves to more than \$2 billion, the largest in state history.
- \$410 million recurring funding and \$1.2 billion non recurring funding to simplify the franchise tax in Tennessee.
- Education: Public Education Investments — More than \$261 million to strengthen education through the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) formula growth, including teacher pay raises.
- \$30 million for summer learning programs to support students between school years.
- \$3.2 million dedicated to AP Access for All, which provides AP courses to students across rural and urban Tennessee
- \$2.5 million to strengthen students' reading and phonics skills.
- \$577,000 to ensure we train Tennessee teachers to be the best and brightest educators of Tennessee children.
- \$15 million to fund charter school facility improvements.
- Expanding Choices for Tennessee Parents.
- \$141.5 million to establish Education Freedom Scholarships to empower parents with the freedom to pick the right school for their child.
- Strong & Healthy Families — \$208 million over five years from TennCare shared savings to strengthen rural health by investing in apprenticeships and skilled training, greater access to specialty care and telemedicine, improved career pathways, hospital and physician practice grants, and a new Center

of Excellence to sustain and expand rural health support.

- \$100 million over five years from TennCare shared savings to strengthen mental health care by investing in community mental health centers and behavioral health hospitals, expanding substance abuse disorder treatment, intensive in-home supports, primary care training, early childhood training, and children's hospital infrastructure.
- \$26.7 million investment in services for Tennesseans with disabilities.
- Safe Neighborhoods — \$17 million in funding for an additional 60 State Troopers and related support staff to improve public safety across the state.
- \$8 million to expand the school-based behavioral health liaison program to fund 114 liaisons, giving students across Tennessee schools important resources and mental health support.
- \$750,000 to fund Houses of Worship Security Grants
- Funding for a National Guard recruitment incentive package.
- Brighter Future — \$63 million to create four new Tennessee State Parks, with the goal of funding a total of eight new state parks by the time Gov. Lee leaves office, tying a Tennessee record for the most state parks created by one administration.
- \$20 million to expand blueway trail access, which will drive tourism and economic activity across our rural communities.
- \$20 million to improve water quality at rivers, lakes and streams across the state, making them safe for future generations to enjoy and the Bill Dance Signature Lakes Fishing Trail.
- \$25 million to establish the Farmland Conservation Fund, partnering with farmers to place a conservation easement on their land to preserve and protect Tennessee for future generations.
- \$5 million to protect and enhance scenic beauty along our major highways.
- \$3 million for Access 2030 to make Tennessee State Parks accessible to Tennesseans with disabilities..

Martin said state officials look favorably on local-initated projects in which the state can partner, such as the Carroll County Inclusion Park, for children with special needs or sensory issues.

Helping rural health is a priority for the governor, said Rep. Martin. Sup-

porting rural hospitals is essential along with helping provide mental health services.

While the Governor has proposed school choice initiatives, members of the General Assembly have yet to see any proposed wording on the bill.

During the question and answer session, one resident questioned why Highway 22 South in the county does not yet have high-speed Internet available. Martin said it's coming and there are maps with timelines to indicate the install date.

President Biden's initiative provided federal funding for broadband connectivity to rural areas. That coupled with privately-owned providers make its possible to expand fiber optics to rural areas.

Third grade retention or remediation for students who do not meet the state's reading-level objective is also being addressed, said Martin. He said the new legislation should improve the condition with local educators input.

Joel Washburn, editor of The McKenzie Banner had two questions about education.

First, the state of Tennessee has changed its student funding formula and is essentially phasing down the funding for the Carroll County School District, which operates the county high school technical school and bus transportation for all five special school district. Essentially, the county has only students who come from each of the five special district and none of its own. This will leave the five school districts funding the county's school district. Yet, the county is mandated by the state to have a paid superintendent. Washburn asked if there is possible changes to the state mandate.

Washburn also noted the proposed \$7,000 student voucher program might not be an incentive for students of low-income families to attend a private school, where tuition averages \$11,393 in Tennessee.

Myles Hebrard, director of schools at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District, said his board opposes public school funds being diverted to private schools. He noted students now have some choice to transfer to other public schools.

Brad Hurley said Representative Tandy Darby and State Senator John Stevens will speak on March 8 and April 12 respectively.



Left. Pauline Pusser's, wife of Buford Pusser, remains have been exhumed. Right. Photos of the Pusser's Plymouth Fury in which Pauline was murdered.

Pauline Pusser's Remains Exhumed

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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ADAMSVILLE (February 8) — Early Thursday morning, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation exhumed the remains of Pauline Pusser. Pusser, the wife of Walking Tall fame Sheriff Buford Pusser, was fatally shot in August 1967 and became a cold case. After 56 years, the case remains a mystery of who-done-it as Sheriff Pusser, who had his jaw nearly shot off, claimed it was a botched assassination attempt while others pointed fingers at the late sheriff.

In a statement released by the TBI, "Today, TBI special agents were at the Adamsville Cemetery to oversee the exhumation of the body of Pauline Pusser. Pauline was fatally shot on August 12, 1967, in McNairy County, and the Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification was called in to investigate. As we have evolved to become the independent agency that we are today, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, this case has remained an active investigation. As with any unresolved case, agents have continued to reexamine files and follow any and all leads.

"A recent tip prompted a new review of the case file and the discovery was made that an autopsy was never performed on Mrs. Pusser's body. With the support of Pauline's family and in consultation with 25th Judicial District Attorney General Mark Davidson, TBI requested the exhumation in an attempt to answer critical questions and provide crucial information that may assist in identifying the person or persons responsible for Pauline Pusser's death."

No further information was made available by the TBI concerning the "tip" that led to the exhumation.

The State's petition for exhumation states, "New information and leads have been obtained and developed in this investigation since 2022 and TBI Agents

are currently working to solve this case. With the increased capacity of modern investigative techniques and forensic science, answers to Pauline Pusser's murder, that have long been asked, could now be answered through forensic and medical science by performing an autopsy, which could lead to the successful resolution of this case.

"TBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Michael Parson further states that the next of kin for Pauline Mullins Pusser, Griffon Mullins, who is the brother of Pauline Mullins Pusser, has been contacted and is in agreement with the State of Tennessee to exhume her remains. Attached to this Petition as Attachment 1 are three (3) letters that Griffon Mullins has written to ASAC Michael Parson after being contacted reiterating his desire that Pauline Mullins Pusser be exhumed for an autopsy."

There are a great many variations to what did or could have happened on the morning of August 12, 1967. Fingers point in two directions, one set at the State Liners/Dixie Mafia who would be a natural choice while others point at Buford.

Kirksey McCord Nix, Jr. is the former boss of the Dixie Mafia was suspected. Nix has repeatedly refused to comment about Pusser's claims that he was one of his wife's killers. Now 80 years old, in failing health and doing life in prison for the murder of Judge Vincent Sherry and his wife, it is suspected Nix may have cooperated providing some information to the Pusser assassination in hopes of a compassionate release request from Louisiana's Angola State Prison.

It was common knowledge that by 1967 the married life of Pauline and Buford was not all sunshine and rainbows. It was rumored Buford was having a series of affairs and had a mistress. Pauline had scheduled a family vacation with Buford and the kids to visit her family in Virginia. While last-minute arrangements and work around the house

were being completed, Buford left the house on "police business." It's believed he went to visit his mistress.

Upon returning home, Pauline and Buford began to argue. Buford pushed past her with a Jack Daniels bottle and went to bed. Pauline later joined him in bed until they were awakened around 4:15 a.m. on August 12, by a phone call. The caller said there was a "deadly fight in progress on New Hope Road." There are reports the fight specifically was at Hollis Jourdan's Place/Tavern.

As Buford made his way to the door, Pauline stated she was joining him. Diane, the eldest child of the three children, was woken and told to watch the other two until they returned. Armed with his shotgun and 41 magnum pistol they left their house in Buford's 1967 Plymouth Fury. As they were going down the road toward Stantonville to New Hope Road, the sheriff radioed the office of his plans to break up the fight.

Carl Pusser, who was on call, radioed back, "What the hell, I told them not to bother you!" Buford's reply, "Daddy, I have a job to do and I am going to do it, 10-4."

The story goes that a car raced up on the Pusser's before the driver turned on his headlights. The assassin car worked to align itself with the Fury at New Hope Methodist Church. As the shooter's back seat aligned with the Pusser's front seat, the assailant opened first with a Browning M1918 BAR.

The Fury was filled with a volley of twenty rounds in 2.5 seconds. According to Buford, he pulled the car over two miles up the road when he discovered Pauline had been killed. The speeding car caught up with Pusser and opened up with a second round of gunfire. That time the sheriff was hit in the jaw with two rounds.

Buford managed to get out of the car. His blood was found on the hood along with a hand print on the right side of the car. His jawbone hung by a small piece of flesh.



Area leaders traveled to the Ford Motor Plant in Michigan. Submitted Photo

Locals Visit Ford Motor Company

DEARBORN, Mich. (February 7) — Local elected officials and other state economic leaders for the inaugural "West Tennessee Ford Fly-In" to Detroit/Dearborn. Joining the group were two McKenzians Jill Holland, Southwest TN Development District Local Government and Special Projects Coordinator, and Charley Brown Southwest TN Development District Information Technology Manager.

Southwest Tennessee Development District Executive Director Joe Barker planned the fly-in as an opportunity to thank Ford Motor Company's leadership for the decision to locate a new EV manufacturing plant in West Tennessee. Marianne Dunavant, BlueOval Community Relations Manager, worked closely with officials in Michigan and at SWTDD to coordinate meetings and tours at Ford's Dearborn campus. A primary focus for the trip was to bring together local elected offi-

cials and Ford management for in depth discussions.

Fly-In attendees spent two full days, January 31 and February 1 in Michigan. Participants toured the Ford Truck Plant at the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center, where the F-150 Lighting Truck is manufactured; explored the Ford Museum; and attended numerous meetings with upper management regarding the BlueOval City project. Ford management spoke in depth regarding the importance of surrounding communities in the success of the project and of the ways that West Tennessee communities can be prepared to attract the additional industrial suppliers for the Tier 1 manufacturing plants located in BlueOval's Laywood County campus. Leadership emphasized that Ford's BlueOval project roots will cause growth throughout West Tennessee—far beyond the facility presently under construction.

The executives outlined

needed attributes of the industrial sites that the additional BOC suppliers will seek. Tennessee's economic development professionals and TVA representatives added that communities will need effective marketing and a timely, rapid response when approached by any BOC industrial prospect. Additional insights shared by management were the need for housing and hotel sites -- and the importance of securing roundtrip flights between Jackson and Detroit, as valuable corporate time is lost when executives must fly into and out of Memphis or Nashville.

Both Ford's management and fly-in attendees agreed there is a need to meet on a regular basis in West Tennessee to keep the lines of communication open, share updates, work together in a positive and forward direction, and to wisely prepare communities for industrial and residential expansion.



McKenzie School Board with BlueOval-SK Representative (L to R) Front Row: Sheronda R. Green, Community Engagement Coordinator with Ford BlueOval SK, and board members Misty Aird, LaShonda Williams and Karen Fowler. Back Row: Dr. Justin Barden, director, and board members Bobby Young, George Cassidy and Chad Brown. Not pictured: Spiros Roditis. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie School Board Learns About BlueOval, SK

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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MCKENZIE (February 6) — McKenzie Board of Education members and school administrators learned about Ford's and SK Battery's BlueOval-SK manufacturing facility presently under construction in Haywood County.

During the February 6 meeting, Sheronda R. Green, Community Engagement Coordinator, spoke at the monthly school board meeting and told the audience of the many employment and learning opportunities coming to West Tennessee. The partnership between the companies is estimated to produce 6,000 on-campus employees plus other employees in supply industries in the region, including possibly McKenzie, which has an industry-ready building and a pad-ready industrial site at the McKenzie Industrial Park-South at the Carroll County Airport. Green toured the McKenzie Industrial Park-South in late 2023 along with Mayor Ryan Griffin and McKenzie Industrial Executive Monica Heath.

Green noted McKenzie is in a unique position with great K-12 schools plus the post-secondary schools of TCAT and Bethel University.

The next generation of electric vehicle is a new Ford truck, which is yet to bear a name. Essentially, it is the next generation of the Ford Lightning pickup.

The BlueOval-SK campus

is near Brownsville, near Interstate 40. Its own power feed from TVA will power it, said Green. The two companies will occupy separate facilities, 3.9 million square feet and 3.2 million square feet. An estimated 3,600 construction workers are building the two facilities. A \$40 million TCAT training campus will also be on site for the specialized training. The next generation battery will be built at SK. That battery will last 500,000 miles. Battery technology continues to improve and is the future of transportation. The orders for EVs are continuing to come in despite some setbacks in earlier battery designs. BOSK, the battery company, seeks employees to fill the many positions. She said the pay ranges from \$27 to \$34 for those with good soft skills who show up for work and pay attention. The starting annual salary is \$60,000 to \$78,000 plus bonuses. Green, a Brownsville resident and commissioner in Haywood County, said she can return to McKenzie to speak with the professional educators and administrators.

In other business, the Board approved a long-discussed raise in pay for substitute teachers.

The current pay is \$75 daily, regardless of educational attainment for the substitute. After months of discussion, Dr. Justin Barden, director of schools, recommended daily pay of \$100 for certified teachers with an active or inactive

license, \$85 daily for uncertified, and \$125 for certified substitutes who serve a longer stint of 20 days or more. Students have exhausted their previously approved 'snow' days of six. The Board voted to add one day if needed. Barden said the school system has 13 stockpile days because students attend longer than required school days.

New electronic key door access cards have been distributed to faculty and others for easy access to the buildings without having a physical key. Each entry is recorded electronically. Window tint will be installed soon at the schools to make windows shatter-resistant.

New windows will be installed at MHS because many have clouded with the invasion of moisture between the panes.

The school purchased a new maintenance truck for \$62,286, including the Knapheide workbody. Barden said Pepper Ford's bid price was less than anticipated. Four to six months are required for delivery.

The new sports multi-purpose building is being used for sports practices and weight-lifting. A bi-directional amplifier must be installed to facilitate better communications in and out of the building to meet the fire code. Batting cages are to be installed in the building by mid-month. An open house/ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

Tennessee Food Aid Delays Could Continue for Two Months

BY ANITA WADHWANI

NASHVILLE — Leaders of the Tennessee Department of Human Services told lawmakers on Wednesday, January 24, that it could take another two more months before the state's SNAP program is running smoothly again.

An overhaul of agency software last summer has led to lengthy backlogs in processing requests for the federally-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The program has been beset by glitches, lengthy phone and in-office wait times — advocates have called it “chaos” — that have prevented tens of thousands of Tennessee families from accessing the critical food aid, commonly referred to as “food stamps.”

Some families have been cut off for months at a time without notice despite no change in the circumstances that qualify them for the benefit. SNAP is issued in the form of a debit card loaded monthly with funds that may only be used to purchase food. Most SNAP recipients are children.

Clarence Carter, the agency's commissioner, told lawmakers that the agency hopes to bring the wait time for processing SNAP applications down to under 60 days by mid-February. By mid-March, the agency hopes to have the

wait time down to under 30 days — the turnaround time mandated by the federal government.

“Please know we recognized the vital impact of this program,” Carter said. “This program puts food on Tennesseans' tables. And so we have an almost desperate sense of urgency to be able to do this right.”

This week, Carter said, DHS has taken an “all hands on deck approach” to vetting a backlog of 35,000 SNAP applications, mobilizing 1,400 department employees from other divisions to conduct phone interviews with applicants — the mandated last step before benefits can be approved or denied.

In the first two days of the week-long blitz of phone calls, the agency has conducted 14,500 interviews with applicants seeking SNAP — all of whom have had a new or renewed application pending for more than 30 days.

DHS officials noted that the staff brought in to help are keenly aware of the importance of the work: some department staff rely on food stamps themselves, or have family members who do, said Sherrell Campbell-Street, assistant DHS commissioner.

The department is also in the process of hiring more staff, and has streamlined the 6-month training process to under 5 weeks. The challenge remains reducing a backlog of accumulated applications

while the agency continues to receive thousands of new applications every day, Carter said.

“I'm very confident we are heading in the direction that we will fix this problem very soon,” Carter said.

Sen. Becky Massey, a Knoxville Republican, shared stories of desperate constituents who couldn't access SNAP, including a family with a disabled child.

Two months to get the system running smoothly again “is too long for people with food insecurity,” Massey said, urging Carter to do anything he could to speed up the process.

Sen. Jeff Yarbro, a Nashville Democrat, echoed those comments.

“There's no question everyone recognizes this is a 30-day requirement for a reason,” Yarbro said.

“This is the most basic need for the people who have the greatest need. The fact that there are people that were supposed to have food during the holidays who didn't have as much as they would otherwise because of an error on our part...I think we all have to do better than that.”

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Williams

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and expanded to McKenzie in what is now the Prater's Taters building on Broadway. He soon outgrew that building and moved to the vacant 'bowling alley' building, where BR Supply is located on Highland Drive. He took the opportunity to move back to downtown in the former House of Furniture and Holaday Furniture buildings on Broadway. At one time, he also expanded to Camden, but decided to concentrate on a single store in McKenzie

instead of having various retail locations.

Williams said he has worked since graduating high school at Trezevant. He worked for Gaines Manufacturing during the summer months of high school and started full-time as a furniture salesman for H&C Table Company.

Through the years, Williams in McKenzie sold appliances, VCRs, swimming pools, hot tubs, and lots of household and office furniture. Now, his product line is limited to brand name household furniture. He has warehouses on Banner Row, Lee Street, and Broadway.

While many bigger furni-

ture sales floors are simply showrooms with no inventory, Williams' edge was having the furniture available for delivery on the day of purchase.

Williams hopes some company will buy his store and continue the business. Otherwise, he anticipates being closed in about 120 days.

Eleven associates are employed at Williams Furniture.

Besides operating the furniture store, Phil has served in city government for the City of McMoresville. Serving since 1972, Williams served the first four years as a councilman and the last 48 years as mayor. He is believed to be the long-serving mayor in Tennessee.

Henry County Jail Installs Body Scanner

PARIS — The Henry County Sheriff's Office has received a new piece of equipment to help combat contraband and keep it from entering the jail. On January 31, 2024, HCSD received a body scanner that was located into the booking area of the jail.

According to a news release from Sheriff Josh Frey, the scanner will be used on anyone brought into the jail to check for anything they may have concealed within their body.

On February 2, correctional officers were booking in a subject when the scanner found a pill bottle concealed on the inside of the subject's body. The subject then removed the bottle.

Charges are pending on this incident. The body scanner was purchased with state grant funds.



Pictured showing how to use the machine is Sgt. Jerry Wilson.

Liquor

...From Front Page

checks before the issuance of a state license. Munagala had not met multiple requirements to operate the business.

During the workshop, the Council learned the three existing liquor licenses in McKenzie could be examined but the status could not be changed. Upon review, two of the original liquor stores had undergone additional paperwork and information requests. When the license was granted to Peter Patel of Liquorland the application for the license was handled like that of a beer permit.

Pemberton stated while Patel did not undergo the process stated in the City's

ordinance the license was granted in what he termed a “harmless error” because while it may have been wrong it did not taint the process of the law. What the error did create was the Council/Alcohol Board's foresight of the licensing process.

He added individuals seeking a license or permit from the City should seek legal counsel or advice. As in the instance of Munagala, it is not the responsibility of the City to “spoon-feed” information to an applicant once he or she is provided ordinance regulation and application.

Councilperson Tom Alexander asked if individuals serving/selling beer or liquor have to be certified. The question was answered in the affirmative. According to the Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission, to serve alcohol, the applicants

[server] must be at least eighteen years old; and must complete a TABC-certified alcohol awareness program within one year of the Server Permit application date; successfully complete an alcohol awareness course is not the equivalent of being issued a Server Permit; new servers have a sixty-one day grace period from the original hire date to complete the requirements and obtain a server permit.

In the case of retail sales, each individual selling alcohol must have certified clerk status. Alcohol awareness training is required for licensees and clerks when a retail food store, retail package store, or winery has met Responsible Wine Vendor status.

In regards to compliance, the Council wanted the City to make the request to Police Chief Ryan White checking each facility selling alcohol.

In addition, he was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award and a semi-finalist for both the Rotary Lombardi Award and the Lott Trophy.

Off the field, Willis's dedication to the game was evident during his time at Holow Rock-Bruceston Central High School. As a standout athlete, he earned two-time All-State selection, Regional Most Valuable Player, and West Tennessee Player of the Year. Willis's versatility was showcased across multiple sports, earning him four letters in football and basketball, and three in baseball. He made history in Tennessee state by being the first person nominated for both the Mr. Football Award for a Lineman and the Mr. Football Award for a Back in the same season.

The players, who were inducted, along with their positions and years are: Dwight Freeney, DE: Carolina Panthers, 2002-09, 2017-18; Chicago Bears, 2010-13; Green Bay Packers, 2014-16. Randy Gradishar*, LB: Denver Broncos, 1974-1983. Devin Hester, PR/KR/WR: Chicago Bears, 2006-2013; Atlanta Falcons, 2014-15; Baltimore Ravens, 2016; Seattle Seahawks, 2016. Andre Johnson, WR: Houston Texans, 2003-2014; Indianapolis Colts, 2015; Tennessee Titans, 2016. Steve McMichael*, DT: New England Patriots, 1980; Chicago Bears, 1981-1993; Green Bay Packers, 1994. Julius Peppers, DE: Carolina Panthers, 2002-09, 2017-18; Chicago Bears, 2010-13; Green Bay Packers, 2014-16. Patrick Willis, LB: San Francisco 49ers, 2007-2014. *Senior inductee

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No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after closing time scheduled for the receipt of bids.

By: Ryan Griffin, Mayor



Above Left, In 2007, Gene Hickerson (seated) was enshrined into the NFL Hall-of-Fame. Pictured are the Cleveland Brown Hall-of-Fame running backs Hickerson blocked for (L to R): Leroy Kelley, Bobby Mitchell and Jim Brown. *Courtesy Associated Press* Above Right, Gene Hickerson takes a knee on the sidelines against the Rams during a 1968 playoff game. *Courtesy National Football League* Below Left, Gene Hickerson (79) prepares to throw a block for Paige Cothren (40) against Mississippi State. Below Right, Offensive lineman, Gene Hickerson, served as the pulling guard for the Cleveland Browns. *Courtesy Associated Press*



THE MCKENZIE BANNER Weekly 150 E: jmartin@mckenziebanner.com By Jason R. Martin Celebrating McKenzie's oldest business and historical record

Gene Hickerson

From Trezevant to Canton

With all the local celebration of Patrick Willis being selected to the NFL Hall of Fame, I wanted take a little print space to rerun a feature on Carroll County's other NFL Hall of Famer, Gene Hickerson.

Once upon a time in the NFL, when face masks were optional and penalties were few and far between, roamed a breed of football player like no other. One of those legendary figures was Cleveland Browns lineman and NFL Hall of Famer Gene Hickerson. The story of Gene Hickerson starts in Trenton, Tennessee but transitions to Trezevant in Carroll County.

Robert Eugene Hickerson was born near the family's Gibson County farm on February 15, 1935. His father, Danielle Allen (1888-1972), was a farmer, and his mother, Mary Elizabeth Cotham (1893-1966), was a homemaker. The pair had fourteen children, nine boys and five girls.

Between 1945 and 1950, the Hickerson made their way to Carroll County, settling near Trezevant. The move allowed Gene to begin playing football at Trezevant High School. It wasn't until his senior year that Gene was talked into playing football by his brother.

As a 226-pound fullback, Hickerson made a name for himself on the field with his speed and agility. He was not highly recruited, but Ole Miss coach John Vaught got wind of the young man's size and speed. In March 1955, Hickerson decided he wanted to be an Ole Miss Rebel.

"They started me with the fullbacks, but I got tired of running all of those sprints in that sweltering August Mississippi heat. So I asked to change positions. I said, 'I want a position where I

don't have to run as much.' They said, 'What do you have in mind?' I said, 'Make me an offensive guard or a defensive end. Let me play somewhere that I don't have to run in all this Lord-awful heat.' That is how I became a guard."

After redshirting as a freshman, Hickerson played football at Ole Miss from 1955 to 1957. By the 1956 season, Hickerson was a starting lineman and the following year, he was named co-captain. In 1957, the Ole Miss had a 9-1-1 record with a #7 ranking by the Associated Press. The Rebels finished the season with a 39-7 victory over Texas in the Sugar Bowl. Hickerson was named All-American, All-SEC, and All-South, as a tackle. He finished his collegiate career by playing in the 1958 Senior Bowl and the 1958 College All-Star Game. In the 1957 NFL draft, Hickerson, a junior, was selected in the seventh round by the Cleveland Browns; the Browns' first-round selection was Jim Brown.

According to Bobby Franklin, Hickerson's former college and NFL teammate, Hickerson "was such a great athlete that the Browns drafted him his junior year. I don't think they drafted a year early unless it was someone really special. They thought he was really special. Everybody knew how strong Gene was, had great feet, tremendous speed."

He joined the Browns in 1958 negotiating his first contract with a salary of \$10,000. Hickerson was moved from tackle to right guard/pulling guard.

In his rookie season, he played four games. In 1959, he was started over Chuck Noll (future NFL Hall-of-Fame Pittsburgh coach). Hickerson suffered a broken leg in the 1961 pre-season opener. He fractured the leg again later in the year when he was hit on



Left, Robert Eugene Hickerson played football at Trezevant High School before enrolling at Ole Miss and going on to play for the Cleveland Browns. Right, At the University Of Mississippi, Gene Hickerson switched from a running back to tackle.



the sideline.

By 1962, he was back playing and guard. In 1963, he started all fourteen games. The following season, the Browns won the NFL Championship and Hickerson was named All-Pro/second team by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

In 1965, Hickerson received in first of six consecutive Pro Bowl invitations. By the time Hickerson retired following the 1973 season, at the age of 38, his accomplishments on the football field were unquestioned. During his tenure, the Browns never experienced a losing season. According to the Tennessee Athletic Hall-of-Fame, "Prior to Hickerson joining the Browns, there had been just seven runners in the entire history of the NFL to reach 1,000 yards rushing in a season. With Hickerson paving the way, the Browns featured a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of Hickerson's first 10 pro seasons."

Much of the accolades Hickerson deserved for his career went unnoticed following his retirement. Later in life, his name began to repair as the history of the NFL was being chronicled. Hickerson's contribution to the running game led to him being recognized as part of the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1960s.

He was also included on the All-Time Sugar Bowl Team and was chosen by the Ole Miss fans as part of the Team of the Century (1893-1992) by the university in 1993. He was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall-of-Fame in 1979, the Ole Miss Sports Hall-of-Fame in 1988 and was inducted into

the Tennessee Sports Hall-of-Fame in 2008.

In 2007, he received the ultimate recognition as he was enshrined in the NFL Hall-of-Fame in Canton, Ohio. Hickerson was pushed in a wheelchair across the stage by three running backs, for whom he helped pave the way into the Hall-of-Fame: Jim Brown, Leroy Kelly and Bobby Mitchell. Kelly, once asked by a reporter what he learned from years of playing behind Brown, answered: "I learned to follow Gene Hickerson's big butt any chance I got."

That night Hickerson stared blankly as his friend, Bobby Ray Franklin, presented him for enshrinement. At the time, Hickerson was suffering from the later stage of Alzheimer's. His son, Bob Hickerson, accepted for him on his behalf.

On October 20, 2008, Gene Hickerson died. He was laid to rest at Elmhurst Park Cemetery in Avon, Ohio.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Be Careful Around That Swinging Gate

One of the things I appreciated as a kid growing up in a small town in the 1950s was, I could understand the rules. Don't lie, cheat, or steal, respect your elders, close the gate, and be home by supper.

That was it. There was no secret handshake. You didn't have any gosh awful bylaws to remember. No one talked in covert tones. There were no subcommittee hearings on nefarious activities. And if someone said "good morning" or asked "how are you doing," they meant it.

We were never confused by wavering boundaries. These rules were standard across the board. And as you read them today, you can readily ascertain they need no clarification. Listen, a Philadelphia lawyer with a client as guilty as homemade sin could not misinterpret these guidelines!

Buddy Wiggleton and I spent an afternoon exploring that big cow pasture behind Mr. Archie Moore's barn. We came back to the house for a glass of milk and whatever leftovers we could find in the fridge. It wasn't that close to supper so we figured we had time to see if a wild turkey had wandered into our homemade trap down by the big ditch.

We didn't even get to the curve in front of Aunt Jessie's house when we saw the cows meandering down Como Road. We changed direction and headed toward the commotion. I'd never seen so many cows running loose— "Oh no, no-no, NOOO...did I walk out of that gate last, or was Buddy behind me!"

Mr. Archie had his big red bandanna out, waving it to beat the band! He was running to and fro, frantically trying to turn the herd off the road and back up to his field. Mr. Luther Purvis had saddled Prince and was riding to the rescue. Daddy got home, jumped out of his truck, and immediately joined the fray.

It was well after supper time before order was restored. Buddy had long since split for his house. Dad was a mite concerned that a breach of the rules had been perpetrated, "Son," he turned his full attention to me, "do you have any idea how those cows might have gotten loose?"

"No sir." I said we understood the rules. I did not say we perfectly adhered to them at all times.

As a matter of fact, a quick count would reveal I'd broken four of the six

simple guidelines in one single, late afternoon! That might be a record that infamously still stands in the annals of Carroll County to this day.

My career as a thief lasted from Thursday afternoon till Friday morning. I stole a spyglass from the Ben Franklin Store because I didn't have the necessary 15 cents to buy it. I thought it would be a great way to get an up-close look at the robins in our mimosa tree.

I hid it on the top of the dresser in our bedroom. That helps explain my brevity in the stealing business. David had it in his hand when he came to supper, "Where did this neat spyglass come from?"

I will remember the disappointed look on Mother's face until the day I die.

She went with me (to keep me honest) up to the Ben Franklin Store at first light the next day. She made me hand it (I told her I could put it back so no one would ever know) to Mr. Williams and explain exactly what I had done. He gave me the "I can't believe it" speech as he admonished me severely (and rightfully so).

I was so embarrassed, chastised, and remorseful, I quit that line of work immediately and forever!

We figured out from an early age there were various forms of cheating. Some of them were almost OK. Playing cards for instance, "Did Mother just call you?" When David looked toward the kitchen, I'd sneak a quick peek to see if he had the Rook in his hand. He had the obligation to "hide" his cards.

In Little League, if I were up at bat with a full count and runners on base, I'd try the old "cough and backward glance" to see if I could spot what pitch the catcher was signaling.

Of course, the difficulty of "fudging" with these rules is they were too plainly written. And they did, without fanfare or long-winded explanations, set a perfect standard to live by. We knew that before we got to the first grade!

In this complex, complicated, nothing is what it seems, everyone "doing what 'feels right' in their own eyes" world today, those six simple rules ought to stand out like a sore thumb. But, sadly, they don't.

It's almost as if someone, or some nation, or some governing body, or some fringe group, or some political enclave left the gate open on purpose...

Respectfully,
Kes

State Offers Children's Summer Food Program

NASHVILLE (January 29) — The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) is announcing its participation in the 2024 Summer Food Service Program (SFSFSP). The goal of the Summer Food Service Program is to ensure children 18 and younger, who benefit from meal programs at school, continue to have that same access to nutritious meals outside of school.

"The Summer Food Service Program has been a significant resource for partners to provide meals to children across the state when school is out," said TDHS Commissioner Clarence H. Carter. "The TDHS Team is ready to expand reach of the program this year and welcomes community organizations to partner with us."

TDHS is hoping to recruit sponsors willing to serve those counties and additional sponsors for every county in the state to help their communities

during this time.

Applications for organizations to participate in SFSFSP will be accepted until May 1, 2024. If your organization is interested in becoming a SFSFSP sponsor or becoming a feeding site under an existing sponsor, please contact the Tennessee Department of Human Services by e-mail at TNSFSP.DHS@tn.gov. In addition to children of school age, adults 19 and older with a mental or physical disability are eligible to receive free meals if they participate in a school program established for individuals with disabilities during the prior school year.

Parents interested in finding a Summer Food Service Program feeding location near them are encouraged contact the TDHS Summer Food Service Program main line at 615-313-4749 or contact their local school as the end of the school year approaches.



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Obituaries

AGNES L. BUSH
1925 — 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Agnes L. Bush were Saturday, February 7, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, and Rev. Tim Akins and Rev. Trisha Trull officiated.

Mrs. Bush, 98, was born in Carroll County on July 11, 1925, to Bruce and Sadie Blow Milam. She worked at Milan Arsenal and retired from Bellsouth as a telephone operator. She is a member of Huntingdon First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her fur babies, Bonnie and Tootsie, a sister, Carol (Ray) McCormick of Huntingdon, four nieces, Vicki (Gary) Cannizzo of Nashville, Susan Fisher of McKenzie, Jan (Gerald) Scarbrough of Huntingdon and Shelley Gurvey of Huntingdon.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Austin Bush.

If you need further assistance please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

BARBARA
NUNNERY
1941 — 2024

GLEASON — Services for Barbara Cecil Nunnery, 82, of Gleason, Tenn., were Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery in Gleason.

She was born June 28, 1941, and died February 3, 2024.

Mrs. Nunnery is survived by her three children, Lisa (Ray) Gilliam of McKenzie, Sheila Harrison of Gleason, and Chad (Lori) Nunnery of Medina. She is also survived by one sister, Mildred Dunning of Union City, Tenn. She leaves six grandchildren, Blake Harrison, Kirk Gilliam, Ashley Adkinson, Morgan Crocker, Jenna Nunnery, and Jillian Nun-

nerly, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Nunnery was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Nunnery, infant son, Timothy Nunnery, parents, Harvey and Eula Mae Morris, two sisters, Shirley Manning and Valda Jones, and four brothers, Ed Morris, Jesse Morris, Thomas Morris, and Hester Killing-sworth.

Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

JAMES DAILY, JR.
1958 — 2024

McKENZIE — James Lloyd Daily Jr., 65, of McKenzie, died Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Jackson Madison General Hospital.

Memorial services were Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. The interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Daily was born June 15, 1958, to the late James Lloyd Daily, Sr. and Mildred Walton James. He preceded in death by one daughter, Jamie Daily; one sister, Cynthia Dillon; and one brother, Mark Daily.

He is survived by his wife, Tammie Abell Daily; two daughters, Emily Daily of McKenzie, Tenn., and Erica (Phillip) Norwood of Greenfield, Tenn.; two sons, Dusty Hudgins of Paris, Tenn., and Clint (Destiny Powers) Daily of Greenfield, Tenn.; one sister, Melissa Harris; nine grandchildren.

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

MARIE BRUSH
1928 — 2024

McKENZIE — Marie Brush, 95, died on February 6, 2024. A memorial service for Mrs. Brush was Sunday, February 11, 2024 at McKenzie First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. A private family interment followed at Carroll Memorial Gardens, McKenzie.

Born in Gleason, Tenn., on July 23, 1928, Ida Marie Perkins remembered riding to church in a covered wagon with her parents and brothers, Dick and Jerry. In high school, she'd hitch a ride on the train from her family's home in Gleason to McKenzie, where she at-

tended school, played on the basketball team, and worked at a soda shop.

When she was 19, Marie married William Henry Brush, Jr. and they enjoyed a marriage that spanned 46 years and three continents. While Bill was stationed in Japan, Marie had their only child, Pamela Ann. It was also there that she began playing golf — what became a lifelong hobby. While stationed in France, Bill and Marie met heads of state and celebrities. Always frugal, the couple refused to drive a nice car in Paris ("the drivers there were terrible!"), and so when they were invited to a formal dinner at Versailles, they pulled up to the valet in a beat-up Volkswagen Bug and were almost turned away — until, in her mink coat, Marie produced their invitation.

While working in military intelligence in Washington, D.C., Bill called Marie one day and told her to grab Pam from school immediately and drive to McKenzie. "I can't tell you what's happening," he said. "I just need you to leave." Marie soon discovered what was happening was the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Upon Bill's retirement from the Army, the couple returned to McKenzie, where Pam attended middle and high school and Bill worked for the state.

Along with running the household, Marie became very involved at First Baptist Church in McKenzie. She served there for the next fifty years in a variety of capacities. Her love for others and servant's heart were evident to all who knew her. She would help wherever she was needed, whether it be as a Sunday school or VBS teacher, hosting ladies' teas, decorating, or even folding bulletins. She brought meals to new mothers, as well as those who were sick or homebound. She also worked part-time for local businesses, like the Christian bookstore and jewelry shop.

Second to her love for Jesus, Marie's greatest joy was her family: her husband, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and precious extended family members. She loved whole-heartedly, generously, and selflessly.

Though Marie outlived so

many friends and family - including her husband and daughter, she never complained or wanted anyone to feel sorry for her. Her faith in Jesus allowed her to choose joy, even in the darkest of times. As dementia began to rob Marie of her memories, it could not rob her of her spirit. Caretakers always commented on how sweet she was - caring for others even when bed-bound.

Marie leaves a legacy of faith to her surviving family: granddaughters Krista (and David) McGee of Dallas, Ga.; Alexis (and Nathan) Scott of SE Asia; Rebecca Ray of Ft. Worth, Texas; grandson, Wil Abney of Orlando, Fla.; great-granddaughters, Emma (and Kaleb) Mitchell of Gainesville, Ga.; Eliana (and Will) Ingram of Powder Springs, Ga.; Nora Ray of Ft. Worth, Texas; Calla Scott, SE Asia; and great-grandsons, Thomas McGee of Dallas, Ga.; and Clark Scott, SE Asia.

In lieu of flowers, please send gifts to FBC McKenzie — missions.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, 731-352-4848. +

CHARLES EDDIE
YOUNG
1958 — 2024

CEDAR GROVE — Mr. Charles Eddie Young, 65, of Cedar Grove, Tenn., died Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Vanderbilt Hospital.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at Hickory Flat Cemetery. The family received friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Monday, 5-8 p.m. and on Tuesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mr. Young was born December 2, 1958, in Lexington, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Luther Young.

He is survived by his mother, Corene Gateley Young; children, Eva Young (Eva's mother Tammy Taylor) of Cedar Grove, Tenn., Beth Anne (Clay) Farrell of Trezevant, Tenn.; Dalton Young and Colton Hays of Fayetteville, Ark.; three sisters Lisa Dial of Jackson, Tenn., Tammy (Tony) Melton of Cedar Grove, Tenn., and Sherry Argo of Humboldt, Tenn.; one brother, Rodney (Renee) Pender-

grass of Cedar Grove, Tenn.; five grandchildren

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

BEATRICE JONES
1948 — 2024

McKENZIE — Mrs. Beatrice Jones, 75, of McKenzie died Saturday, February 3, 2024, at her home.

Services were 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church, McKenzie. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

McPhearson-Rawls Funeral Home — Paris, 731-642-1515.

BARBARA McLAIN
1952 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Barbara McLain, 71, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, February 9, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Martin officiating. Burial was in Carter's Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. McLain was born August 29, 1952, in McMoresville, Tenn., to the late Albert Eugene and Betty Jane Robinson Biggart.

She graduated from Huntingdon High School, Class of 1970, was a member of Carter's Chapel Church, and was an office manager for the Tennessee Republican newspaper. She retired from Baptist Home Health and Hospice with over 20 years of service. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Deborah Ann Biggart and Karen Tucker.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Har-

old McLain Jr., a daughter, Denise Loggains (Joe) of Huntingdon, a son, Harold Huston McLain, III, of Trezevant, a brother, Doug Biggart (Andrea) of Westport, three grandchildren, West and Amber Loggains and Kacee Chaney (Sean), and one great-grandchild, Kaiden Chaney.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

HARRIET DREWRY
1940 — 2024

GREENFIELD — Harriet Ann Ford Drewry, 83, of Greenfield died Friday, February 9, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 11 at Williams Funeral Home in Greenfield, with Reverend Paul Tucker officiating. The burial was at Mount Hermon Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Drewry worked for over 30 years for the state of Tennessee Department of Human Services, much of that time as regional director of the western area of the state. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, serving as an elder and director of missions. She was an avid reader and served on the Greenfield Library Board.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, her daughter, Kathy Speedy of Franklin, her son, David Drewry (and wife, Mandy) of McKenzie, brother, Don Ford of Greenfield, and grandchildren,

She was preceded in death by her father, Harry Doyle Ford, and her mother, Ruby Wash Ford.

Williams Funeral Home, Greenfield.

Gasoline Prices Rise During Week

TENNESSEE (FEBRUARY 12) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have risen 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.83/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 12.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 22.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 6.9 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.99 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.33/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.59/g, a difference of \$1.26/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.33/g while the highest was \$3.59/g, a difference of \$1.26/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.17/g today. The national average is up 9.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 20.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy 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:

February 12, 2023: \$3.06/g (U.S. Average: \$3.37/g).
February 12, 2022: \$3.25/g (U.S. Average: \$3.48/g).
February 12, 2021: \$2.25/g (U.S. Average: \$2.49/g).
February 12, 2020: \$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.42/g).
February 12, 2019: \$2.02/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g).
February 12, 2018: \$2.37/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g).
February 12, 2017: \$2.04/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g).
February 12, 2016: \$1.51/g (U.S. Average: \$1.70/g).
February 12, 2015: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.23/g).
February 12, 2014: \$3.13/g (U.S. Average: \$3.31/g).
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Chattanooga — \$2.78/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.80/g.
Nashville — \$2.84/g, down 2.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.87/g.
Huntsville — \$2.93/g, up

3.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.90/g.

"We've seen the national average price of gasoline inching higher now for three straight weeks, but I'm afraid the worst is yet to come. With several major refinery issues persisting across various regions, the eventual transition to summer gasoline is likely to continue to put upward pressure on prices, with larger weekly increases likely coming in March and April," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While I feel optimistic that the rise in prices will be merely average, the fact that we've already seen a

few high level refinery problems doesn't bode well for the spring squeeze, and is a reminder to motorists that without the critical role that refineries play, we could see a bumpy transition to EPA-mandated summer gasoline."

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>.
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McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY
The McKenzie City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

WEST CARROLL CLASS OF 2024 GREAT PRETENDERS
West Carroll High School Class of 2024 presents Great Pretenders, Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, 7 p.m. at the high school gymnasium in Atwood. Tickets are \$10. Concessions are available.

SARCOIDOSIS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET
The West Tenn. Sarcoidosis Support Group is hosting a health informational. The meeting is at Reedy Creek Baptist Church, 150 Adams St., McMoresville, on February 24 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Chris Blount, PA-C, MS, & PAS, will lead a meeting educating attendees on a health topic. We invite you to come join us. Anyone with questions,

please call Patricia Coleman at (731) 697-3912.

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 February and July.

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Bow Wow At The Barn
Save the date on your calendar for an evening with the Humane Society on Saturday, March 9 with the awesome band 24Seven and great food catered by

Bealla Q. More details coming soon regarding tickets, menu, etc.

As a reminder, CCHS always has cat spay/neuter vouchers for \$50 each to be used at the Paris Vet Clinic. Dog vouchers will be available once the program is finalized in the near future.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS TO MEET
Carroll County Republican Party monthly meetings restart February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Huntingdon Public Safety Building, 12740 Lexington St. The website is www.carrollcottongop.com.

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 INDUSTRIAL TO MEET
McKenzie Industrial Development Board meets Thursday, February 15, at 6 p.m. at The Railyard Workspace for a training session.

McKENZIE TOPS TO MEET
The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at (731-352-7309). If no answer, leave a message.

Computer House Holds Ribbon Cutting



McKENZIE (February 10) — McKenzie welcomed a new business to town on Saturday. Computer House, located 585 North Main Street, welcomed friends, family and community leaders in a ribbon cutting ceremony marking its grand opening. The McKenzie location of Computer House is headed by Steven McClerkin. The store will offer affordable Mac and PC repair and in the future hopes to provide more IT solutions, training and services to the McKenzie residents as well as all the surrounding areas. *Photo by Jason R. Martin / The Banner*



Brooklyn McDowell, Paris Smith, Autumn Mingle, Hollie Whitworth, Jaeda Perry, Kyzer Crochet, Austin Allen, Kursin Gustalson and Garrett Pinkston. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

Gleason Seniors Honored on Last Regular Season Home Game

GLEASON (February 6) — Gleason Basketball Senior Night recognized nine outstanding seniors who have given their time and talents for the Bulldog program and who participated in their last regular season home basketball game at Gleason School. Each player was joined by their parents, family and special loved ones on the court. Seniors were presented with a commemorative plaque by their head coach and Gleason School.

Senior Cheerleader Brooklyn McDowell is the daughter of Lindsay and Nicky Jackson and Jonathan and Alivia McDowell. She was also accompanied by her sister, Brinkley McDowell.

Senior Cheerleader Paris Smith is the daughter of Erika James and stepfather, Jonathan James. She was also escorted by sister, Paige Smith and grandmother, Marcia Esch.

Senior Lady Bulldog, #31, Autumn Mingle is the daughter of Nicole Ferguson and Chris Mingle. She was also accompanied by her grandfather, Larry Robertson.

Senior Lady Bulldog, #50, Jaeda Perry is the daughter of Nick and Lura Perry.

Senior Lady Bulldog, #10, Hollie Whitworth is the daughter of Jeff and Roni Whitworth.

Senior Bulldog, #10, Kyzer Crochet is the son of Tina and Ryan Arnold and Scott and Blandie Crochet.

Senior Bulldog, #21, Garrett Pinkston is the son of Tyler and Gina Pinkston.

Senior Bulldog, #23, Kursin Gustalson is the son of Dale and Lacey Aeschbacher.

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Gleason Wins Two Over Lake County

GLEASON (February 6) — Gleason Lady Bulldogs and Bulldogs defeated the Lake County at Gleason on Tuesday, February 6. Gleason celebrated Senior Night between the game and had the young, next generation of basketball players performed during halftime of the girls' game.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 12, 18, 18, and 17 in the respective quarters. In the girls' contest, Autumn Mingle led all scorers with 27 points. She was followed by Jaeda Perry with 9, Skylar Arnold with 8, Hylan Leach with 5, Brinley Lehmkuhl with 3, and Hayden Beasley with 3.

Lake County scored 11, 4, 13, and 11 in the respective quarters. Caren Johnson had 18 points, Lyndasia Geanes had 10 points, Zandra Butler had 5, Mariah Valentine had 4, and Yharia Bolden had 2.

The boys' contest was a nail-biter with the dual contributions of Garrett Pinkston and Drake Lehmkuhl giving a last moment, two-point victory for the Bulldogs.

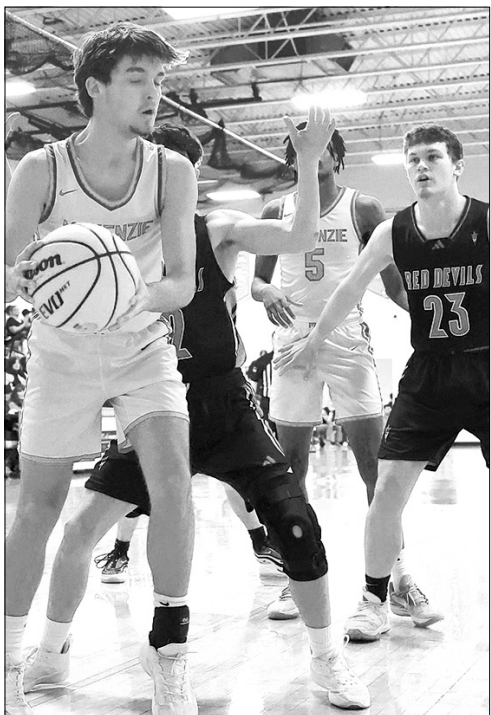
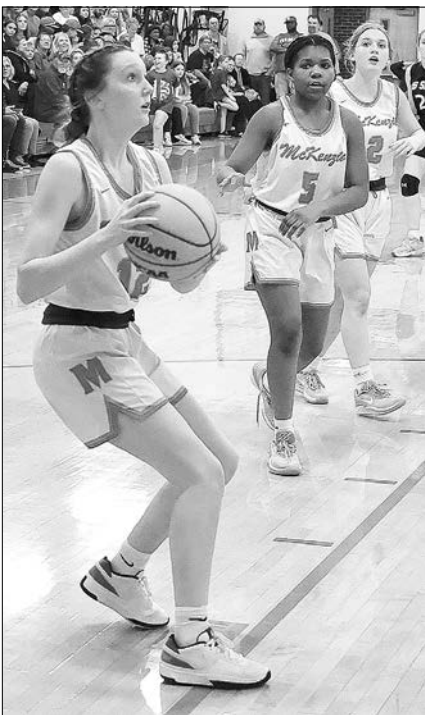
The Bulldogs scored 18, 10, 30, and 11 in the respective quarters. Pinkston led with 23 points followed by Lehmkuhl with 22. Kyzer Crochet added 11, Gage Byington had 7, Kade Sawyers had 3 and Brock Dil-day had 3.



Above, Gleason's Skylar Arnold drives under the basket. Below, Garrett Pinkston drives to the basket.



Lake County scored 15, 14, 17, and 21 in the respective quarters for 67 points. The team was led by Jeremy Ceaser with 25, Camden Chamberlin with 12, Aikee Ward with 10, KD Gross and Mark Owens with 5 each, Bendarus Triplet and Jamarquis Allen with 3 each, and Xander Hertel and Jativaion Ricks with 2 each.



Left, Molly French drives to the basketball for the Lady Rebels. Right, Hayden Garrett moves the ball under the basket. *Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

McKenzie Wins Two Over Big Sandy

McKENZIE (February 5) — McKenzie Lady Rebels and Rebels were victorious over Big Sandy on Senior Night to celebrate the seniors and their parents during pre-game activities.

The Lady Rebels had a dominating performance with a final score of 96 to 35 over one of smallest high schools in Tennessee with an enrollment of 85.

Big Sandy ladies remained vigilant throughout the game against the defending state champion Lady Rebels.

The one-two punch of MHS seniors Savannah Davis and Mikaela Reynolds had a total of 60 points, with each adding 30 points in the first three quarters of play and sat out the final quarter. The Lady Rebels scored 32, 27, 31, and 6 in the respective quarters. Mikaela Reynolds scored 10 2-pointers, three 3-pointers and one foul shot for a total 30. Savannah Davis had four 2-pointers, seven 3-pointers, and one foul shot for 30. Sophie Pate scored 12 on three 2-pointers and two 3-pointers. Charli Weatherford had 11 points including one two-pointer and three 3-pointers. Molly French had 9, including one 2-pointer, two 3-pointers and a foul shot. Madeline Gottshall had four points and two 2-pointers.

Big Sandy Lady Red Devils scored 10, 6, 12, and 7 in the respective quarters. The team was led by Bailey Berry with 23, Ava Wade and Serenity Gain with 5 each, and Gracie Fodge with 2.

Big Sandy's Red Devils held a 30-26 lead at the half, however, a 46-point second

half for the Rebels secured the 72-57 win for the home team.

It was also a big night for junior Tate Surber, who scored his 1,000 career points. He achieved the designation after he scored 38 points and then added two more to score 40 total for the evening.

The Rebels scored 14, 12, 27 and 19 in the respective quarters. Surber scored 40, including 14 two-pointers, two 3-pointers, and six foul shots. Stafford Roditis had 12 points with four 2-pointers, one 3-pointer and one foul shot. Hayden Garrett had 10 including two 2-pointers and two 3-pointers. Martez Teague had four points, and Drew Chappell, Christopher Beck and Cole Brown each had two.

Big Sandy scored 13, 17, 9 and 18 for a total of 57 points. Cole Pierpoint scored 32 points, including 11 2-pointers, and 10 foul shots. Dalton Barnes had 9, Seth Green had 9, Garrett Cagle had 5, and Hunter Jackson had 2.

Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for inductions to its 2024 class on May 4, 2024, at the Carroll County Civic Center. Nominations will be accepted through March 17. To be eligible, an athlete must have been out of school for ten years and played for a Carroll County School.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce or from any active board member. This year's board is Randy Thomas and Brad Camp (McKenzie), Darrel Tucker and Angie Bartholomew (Clarksburg), Brittany Foster and Lex Suite (West Carroll), Keith McGee and Josh Edwards (Hollow Rock-Bructon), Roy Gene Dill and Jason Fields (Huntingdon). Russell Bush is the Chairman.

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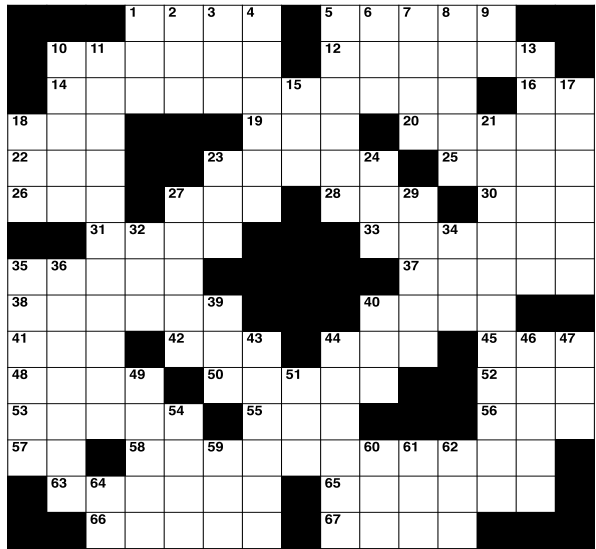
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Gene type
- 5. Persian male given name
- 10. Type of protection
- 12. Cloud
- 14. One who returns to life
- 16. Gym class
- 18. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 19. Baby's dining accessory
- 20. Enchantress
- 22. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 25. Cavities
- 26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. Foot (Latin)
- 28. Sweet potato
- 30. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
- 31. Land
- 33. More inquisitive
- 35. Dog breed: __ Apso
- 37. Stood up
- 38. Direct and uninhibited
- 40. Authorless
- 41. Blocking type of drug (abbr.)
- 42. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Macaws
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Polynesian wrapped skirt
- 52. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Bowling alley must-have
- 56. A way to cool down
- 57. Ethnic group in Asia
- 58. A way to alter
- 63. Set of five
- 65. Removes from the record
- 66. Dummies
- 67. Set period in office

CLUES DOWN

- 1. DC Comics superhero
- 2. Brew
- 3. Play
- 4. Single-celled animals



- 5. Rough to the touch
- 6. Small island (British)
- 7. Often noted alongside cons
- 8. Preparation of rootstock
- 9. Atomic #44
- 10. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 11. About secretary
- 13. Particular groups
- 15. Poke fun at
- 17. Make certain that something occurs
- 18. Financial term
- 21. Justify
- 23. Arbitrator
- 24. 007's creator
- 27. Czech name for Prague
- 29. Groans
- 32. American time
- 34. No seats available
- 35. __ Stahl, journalist
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Talk incessantly
- 40. Expresses atomic and molecular weights (abbr.)
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Curdled milk
- 46. Running competitions
- 47. A team's best pitcher
- 49. Carthaginian explorer
- 51. World-renowned city
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. They __
- 61. City of Angels football team (abbr.)
- 62. Distinctive practice
- 64. One quintillion bytes

Week 7

See solution in next week's edition.

Valentine's Day Word Search

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- Chocolate
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- Hug
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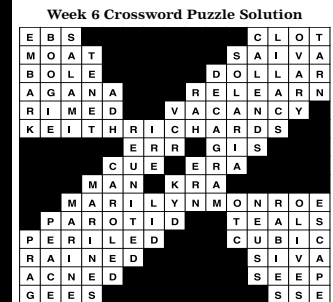
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SOLUTION WEEK 6

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SUDOKU

WEEK 7

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Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Domestic Violence — John Thomas Self, 39, of Trezevant was charged with Domestic Violence on Feb. 2 by Deputy Sgt. Steven D. Scott.

Sgt. Scott responded to a domestic call on Big Buck Rd. where he met with the victim who said John Self had been beating and choking her for the past week. He had hit her and head-butted her. She had two black eyes and marks consistent with someone being choked and a contusion on her forehead.

Break-in at Yuma — On

Chance M. Townes answered a call to a break-in at 3300 Highway 22 at Yuma.

The resident advised she had left on Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. and returned about midnight and noticed that the dog was in the front yard. Inside she noticed that in her son's bedroom, there was glass outside and like it had been broken. She assumed that someone had gone through the front door and the dog had scared whoever it was and they ran into the bedroom to get away and broke the window to get away. This is not the first time this has happened. She did not

notice anything missing.

Simple Assault — Jeremy Vinyard, 35, of Milan was arrested for Simple Assault following an incident in Atwood on the parking lot of Oasis Convenience Store on Feb. 4.

Oscar Seiber, 44, Atwood, told deputies Daniel J. Thomas and Sean Bongiovanni that Vinyard began to yell and cuss at him and his wife. Sieber alleged that Vinyard approached him and swunged at him, but missed. Sieber then said he put Vinyard in a headlock, stating he did not want to fight. They fell to the ground and as Sieber was trying to get back up, Vinyard kicked him in the head with

his steel toe boot. Sieber said that Vinyard got up and went to his truck and grabbed a tire tool. Seiber then left in his vehicle.

Domestic Assault — Jeremy L. Goode, 34, of Trezevant was arrested for Domestic Assault on Feb. 5 following a statement from the female victim. 29.

Deputy Sean Bongiofanni and two other deputies went to Highway 105. They spoke to the victim who said Jeremy Goode had assaulted her. She said Goode forcefully attempted to remove her from her bed. She left the bedroom and went into the living room where Goode entered and pushed her by her face onto

the floor and informed her that if she called the law, he would kill her and her child. He then left the residence.

Domestic Assault — Deputy Jeremy Smith investigated a domestic assault case on Feb. 6 on Westport Rd. reported by a female victim, who said Bruce Brown 50, had grabbed her arm, shoved her and threw her on the bed. She had bruising on her right arm.

Brown told the deputy that nothing happened. He was uncooperative with the officer.

Drugs/Narcotics Investigation — Michael Todd Robertson, 23, of Hollow Rock was charged with the felony

of Possession of Schedule II
Methamphetamine on Feb. 8,
by Deputy Sean Bongiovanni.

The deputy observed a black Acura sedan traveling eastbound on Hwy. 70, passing Grooms Rd. in Holbrook. He noticed the driver failed to maintain his lane of travel into the westbound lane. A traffic stop was initiated on Kee Street. It was observed that Robertson opened the car door and placed a cigarette pack on the ground. The deputy picked up the cigarette pack which contained approximately 7.6 grams of a substance that field tested positive as Methamphetamine.

NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND COUNTY PRIMARIES

The Carroll County Election Commission announces **EARLY VOTING** for the Presidential Preference and County Primaries with Election Day being March 5, 2024. Any registered voter, in Carroll County, may cast a ballot early by personal appearance at the Election Commission office, 625 High St., Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN.

State law requires voters to have Federal or State government issued photo ID to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. The voters must have photo identification when they present themselves to vote. This includes Early Voting, which is ONLY at the election office, and Election Day at your assigned polling place.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE MARCH 5, 2024, ELECTIONS is Wednesday, February 14 through Tuesday, February 27. Weekday voting will be 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., except for the holiday closing on Monday, February 19. Saturday voting, February 17 and 24, will be 9 a.m.-NOON.

The last day for the Election Commission to receive an Absentee Application for Ballot is February 27, 2024. You can find more information about absentee voting on the website: carrollcountytnelections.com or by calling the election office at 731-986-1968.

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR CARROLL COUNTY PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY — March 5, 2024 — Precinct NEWSPAPER

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

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CITY OF McKENZIE

ACCEPTING BIDS

The City of McKenzie is seeking candidates interested in operating the baseball/softball concession stand at the McKenzie City Park.

- Bids for the concession stand operation will be accepted from the highest bidder.
- The successful candidate must meet with Parks Director and must adhere to all food prep/sanitation guidelines set forth by the Health Inspector and receive a good rating.
- All grilling/cooking must be done outdoors. Microwave, popcorn popper, and warmers may be used inside.
- Concession stand must be fully staffed and operate with a minimum of 2 windows open for all baseball and softball games with the exception of the opening day jamboree.
- At the conclusion of the ball season, all food / drink supplies will be removed and the interior of the concession stand cleaned and keys returned.
- If you have questions please call Jennifer Waldrup at 731-352-2292 x 4 or Billy Hollowell at 731-415-7887.
- Bids will be accepted until March 8, 2024.

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Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for the following work at the Carroll County Court House:

Administrative Office of the Court Security Grant
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Handicap Door Install with Automatic Push button
Erect Fencing around the Courthouse HVAC System

The project consists of the furnishing of all materials, equipment, and labor for the project.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, February 20, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

The issuing office for the project is the Office of the Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk, Sarah Bradberry, at 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344. Prospective bidders may contact Sarah Bradberry, Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk, at 731-986-1932, or by email at sbradberry@carroll.tn.org for more information.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Carroll County strives to protect individuals’ civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

The Owner (Carroll County Government) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2016, executed by WILLIAM CARTER conveying certain real property therein described to ALAN PRITCHARD, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee recorded October 17, 2016, in Deed Book 655, Page 976; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 29, 2024** at 12 p.m. At the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING LOT NO. 1, ON THE PLAN OF HANSEN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 75, SLIDE 180 A, REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY A SURVEY BY SAMUEL K CARROLL, R.L.S., AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF HANSEN DRIVE AND CHERRYWOOD ROAD; RUNS THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST WITH THE SOUTH MARGIN OF HANSEN DRIVE 158 FEET TO A STAKE; BEING LOT NO. 21 NORTHEAST CORNER AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; RUNS THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 132.3 FEET WITH LOT NO. 21 EAST BOUNDARY TO AN OLD IRON PIN, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CATHY HART AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; RUNS THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST WITH HART’S NORTH BOUNDARY 167.5 FEET TO AN IRON POST IN THE WEST MARGIN OF CHERRYWOOD ROAD; RUNS THENCE WITH THE WEST MARGIN OF CHERRYWOOD ROAD, NORTH 01 DEGREE 07 MINUTES EAST 139.3 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID: 22-016-L-016-L-A-011.00-000

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **8877 HWY 436, McKENZIE, TN 38201**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): WILLIAM CARTER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MCKENZIE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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

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

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West Carroll Special School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for ADA-Compliant Doors at the Carroll County Office Complex.

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Copies of bid documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Mayors Office at the above address, or by email at jbutler@carroll.tn.org.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Carroll County strives to protect individuals’ civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

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Joseph G. Butler, Mayor

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2023, JONATHAN R. SULLIVAN, by Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 727, at Page 278, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$49,500.00) payable to CENTENNIAL BANK; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by Centennial Bank, the legal owner and holder of the said Note, by appointment executed on January 23, 2024, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 738, at Page 28, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and Centennial Bank, the lawful owner and holder of the said indebtedness, has declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid in certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or upon a credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The auction shall occur at the east door of the Courthouse at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 10:00 o’clock a.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.

Lying, and being situated in the 2nd Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pin found in the west margin of Mill Road (40’ ROW), said point being the northeast corner of the Tammy Teresa Moore property as recorded in Deed Book 320, Page 748 and being the northern most southeast corner of the Johnny R. Sullivan property as recorded in Deed Book 328, page 562 of which the property being described is a portion; runs thence with the west margin of Mill Road North 07 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds West 89.97 feet to an iron pin set (all iron pins set are ½ inch rebar 18 inches long with identification cap) being the true point of beginning; runs thence with new division lines through the Sullivan property the following calls: South 68 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West 146.76 feet to an iron pin set; runs thence North 39 degrees 13 minutes 37 seconds West 380.36 feet to an iron pin set; runs thence North 11 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds West 295.27 feet to an iron pin set in the south line of Paul Douglas Lowery property as recorded in Deed Book 250, Page 595 and in an old road bed, North 84 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds East 376.51 feet to a wooden post found at a fence intersection and in an old roadbed, said point being the northwest corner of Billy Ray Watkins and wife, Helen Watkins’ property as recorded in Deed Book 312, Page 409; runs thence with the Watkins’ west line South 03 degrees 40 minutes 12 seconds East 204.49 feet to an 18 inch Oak Tree found in the west margin of Mill Road; runs thence with the west margin of Mill Road South 07 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds East 366.73 feet to the point of beginning, containing 179,050.73 square feet or 4.11 acres as surveyed by Surveying Services, Inc., 41 Heritage Square, Jackson, TN 38305.

Situated on subject property is a Class 4 mobile home. (32’ x 72’) Fleetwood Stoneridge Ltd.

#4723S-TNFL627A63287/SR12 and TNFL627B63287/SR12.

As per Tenn. Code Ann. §66-24-121, the preceding legal description is the same contained within the previous deed of record.

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Christopher Wade Baker to Jonathan R. Sullivan, dated January 10, 2023, of record in Deed Book 408, at Page 249, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. See also the Affidavit of Affixation For Manufactured or Mobile Home of record in Deed Book 408, at Page 252, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 056, Parcel 030.04

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 879 Mill Road, Trezevant, TN 38258, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Other interested parties: None.

This property is subject to the Water Well Agreement and Easement of record in Warranty Deed Book 372, at Page 151, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, as referred to and described in the deed of record in Warranty Deed Book 408, at Page 249, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee’s option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.

This office is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

WITNESS my signature, this the 6th day of February, 2024.

KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC

BY: STEPHEN L. HUGHES, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320, Milan, TN 38358 (731) 686-119820, 2024

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Marriage Licenses

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Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions
FILE # NRS23.270

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit action and solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on the aquatic environment.

Pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108 and Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-40-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and draft permit and rationale, and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. At the conclusion of the public notice period a final determination will be made whether to issue or deny the permit.

PERMIT COORDINATOR

Nicholas Zemlachenko
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
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APPLICANT

CSX Transportation, Inc
c/o Matthew L. Adkins
1590 Marietta Blvd. NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

LOCATION

CSX Transportation mainline milepost 00F 267.7 and 267.8 near McKenzie, Carroll County
Unnamed wetlands, and South Fork Obion River

Latitude: 36.074961, Longitude: -88.565068

To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition, visit the Division’s Map Viewer at <http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/> and search on the permit number or coordinates listed in this Public Notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE

Unavoidable permanent impacts to 0.79 acres of wetland, temporary impacts to 0.54 acres of wetland and 70 feet of the South Fork Obion River associated with replacement of a timber trestle bridge and two timber approach structures (CSXT Mileposts (MPs) 00F 267.7 and 267.8) along the CSXT mainline near McKenzie (Carroll County). Wetland mitigation for permanent impacts will be through purchase of 1.58 credits from the Gilmer’s Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank.

ANTIDEGRADATION

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06):

For jurisdictional streams, the Division has made the preliminary determination that the proposed activities will result in no more than de minimis degradation of an ETW without mitigation and will not result in an appreciable permanent loss of resource value.

For jurisdictional wetlands, the Division has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activities will result in greater than de minimis degradation of waters with available parameters. Any appreciable permanent loss of resource value associated with the proposed impact is proposed to be offset by sufficient mitigation to result in no overall net loss of resource value. Pursuant to Antidegradation Statement, in waters with available parameters for habitat, an activity that would cause degradation of habitat above the level of de minimis will only be authorized if applicant has demonstrated to the Department that there are no practicable alternatives to prevent or lessen degradation associated with the proposed activity and the degradation is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area and will not violate the water quality criteria for uses existing in the receiving waters.

For more information, please reference Tennessee’s Antidegradation Statement which is found in Chapter 0400-40-03 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

In deciding whether to issue or deny this permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The division will consider the nature, scale and effects of proposed impacts. The Division will consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

HOW TO COMMENT

TDEC is requesting public comment on this proposed permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within **thirty days following distribution of the approved public notice materials** (including signage and newspaper ad). Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant’s name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division’s address listed below to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to water.permits@tn.gov.

After the Division makes a final permit determination, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Alisha Looper at 615-571-4470 or alisha.looper@tn.gov.

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Alisha Looper al 615-571-4470 o alisha.looper@tn.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be received by the Division within the comment period, indicate the interest of the party requesting it, the reason(s) a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the Division will hold a public hearing in accordance with 0400-40-07-.04(4) (f). Send all public hearing requests to the attention of the permit coordinator at the address listed below or via email to water.permits@tn.gov. Any scheduled public hearings will be advertised through a similar public notice process.

FILE REVIEW

The permit application, supporting documentation, including detailed plans and maps, draft permit and rationale, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division’s data viewer at Report on Permits (tn.gov): by entering the permit file number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed and copied at the address listed below.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
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CARROLL COUNTY

General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on February 7.

Two defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Elizabeth Johnson, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, was bound over on charges of Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Tampering With Evidence; Driving While License Revoked - Second or Subsequent.

Allison Lawrence, Johnson Road, Atwood, bound over on charges of Aggravated Assault, Escape, Theft of Property, Evading Arrest Flight-Vehicle; Vandalism.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Glenn Franklin Adkins, Hawthorne Street, Milan, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail sentence.

Hannah Ayers, Flatwood Road, New Johnsonville, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours; 11/29 supervised probation, not to drive for one year, must attend DUI School, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling.

Richard B. Bomer, Green Allen Springs Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Failure to Appear, 11/29 jail suspended to four days, 11/25 supervised probation; guilty, Worthless Check, up to \$1,000 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to four days, \$73.41 restitution; dismissed, Failure to Appear; guilty, Probation Violation, 15 days jail, probation extended.

Clemens Bornreger, Stephanie Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Implied Consent; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Reckless Driving.

Donte Ray Brown, Staten Lane, Huntingdon, judicial diversion, Driving While Canceled - Second or Subsequent Offense, \$150 fine, 10 days jail, obtain a valid driver's license, if all conditions are met, then the case can be dismissed; judicial diversion, Evading Arrest, \$100 fine; judicial diversion, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Light Law Violation; dismissed, Seat Belt Violation; dismissed, Speeding.

Timothy Gene Chappel, Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, Driving While License Suspended, \$25 fine, supervised

probation, must obtain a valid driver's license.

Vincent Edward Capple, Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Canceled-Second or Subsequent Offense, \$150 fine, 48 hours jail, probation.

Nikolas Robert Ford, Lankford Road, Bruceton, guilty, Driving While Canceled, two days jail, probation, must attempt to get driver's license; dismissed, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign; dismissed, Leaving the Scene of Accident; dismissed, Failure to Make Immediate Notice of Accident.

Christen Foster, Hayworth Cove, Jackson, pre-trial diversion, Assault-Physical Contact, supervised probation; dismissed, Assault on First Responder; dismissed, Theft of Property; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, or Search; dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Rosa Hampton, South Forks of Creek Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 30 days jail, probation extended.

Richard Heflin, Blooming Grove Road, McKenzie, guilty, Allowing Dog to Run At Large, \$50 fine, probation.

Destiny Nicole Johnson, Enoch Cemetery Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Failure to Appear, 10 days jail; guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail; dismissed, Criminal Impersonation; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest or Search; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Timothy Ray Mayo, Clark Street, Huntingdon, judicial diversion, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 10 days jail, supervised probation, if sentencing conditions are met, the case will be expunged; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Manuel Rodriguez-Sanchez, Pumphill Road, Dickson, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation, \$350 fine; dismissed, Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Implied Consent.

The following cases were dismissed:

Tommy Brown, Blackburn Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Registration Expired.

Bobbie Sue Raymer, Macedonia Road, Henry, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

ven Morton. District 4.

Ashley T. Cook to Timothy and Sherri Blocker. No District Listed.

Susan Renee Davis to Edd Sherrod and Todd Sherrod Scarbrough. District 4.

Stephen Hughes to Bank of Gleason. District 4.

Stephen L. Hughes to Bank of Gleason. District 2.

Stephen Edwards to Dana B. Edwards. District 2.

Jon Keith Zemanek to Don K. Zemanek. District 22.

Maude M. Andrade to Adam Reed. District 7.

Patrick Anthony to Donald R. Perrigo Jr. and Christina M. Perrigo.

McKenzie Police Reports

Theft, Burglary — McKenzie Police were dispatched to the storage units at Cardinal Drive, McKenzie on February 9.

Officer Bryan Batchelder met with owner Mike Hagler, who noted the locks had been cut from three individuals' storage areas. He was to contact the renters of those units to determine if anything is missing.

Fugitive from Justice — Ronald Christopher Sulik, 33, Gloucester, Virginia, was charged with Fugitive from Justice and Criminal Impersonation on February 5.

Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped a speeding vehicle driven by a female. A check of her license resulted in no findings or charges. However, a male passenger provided a fictitious name and date of birth. A search revealed the man's wallet with a government ID. A computer check revealed outstanding warrants in Missouri on charges of Driving While Revoked and DWI. Sulik was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Speeding, Driving on Suspended License — Temple Kimberly Hillard, 49, Joy Street, Paris was

charged with Speeding and Driving on Suspended License on February 7.

Officer Jason Artymovich stopped a vehicle Hilliard was driving for traveling 37 mph in a 25 mph zone. A check of her license revealed the suspended status for failure to appear in a Henry County Court. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions.

Driving on Suspended or Revoked — Fifth Offense — Brittany Belk, 32, Barksdale Avenue, McKenzie was charged with Driving on Suspended or Revoked License - Fifth Offense after a traffic stop on February 7.

Officer Sean Beck stopped a vehicle on Barksdale after observing the expired license tag. Belk told the officer she did not have a driver's license. A computer check revealed she was first suspended in 2012 in McKenzie City Court with additional violations in Carroll, Henderson and Madison counties. The displayed license plate was also registered to another vehicle. The vehicle was left on the scene at Belk's sister's house. Belk was booked in

Carroll County Jail.

Attempted Arson — A McKenzie man may face charges after an attempted arson on February 9.

Officer Jason Artymovich responded to Everett Street, McKenzie, where a man and woman said a McKenzie man attempted to set fire to the residence following an argument between the three.

The complainants did not witness the man set the fire on the carpet. MPD was unable to locate the suspect for his side of the story.

Fraudulent Use of Credit Card — A Murfreesboro woman was the victim of a credit card scam after she made a purchase in McKenzie. The card was fraudulently used for three transactions — \$70, \$40, and \$50.

A juvenile will be charged in the case.

Multiple Charges — A man and woman were ar-

rested on various charges on February 8 after police were called to a Walnut Avenue address on February 8.

Officer Sean Beck reported he was dispatched to the address where a female was reported as unruly. As officers arrived, Jennifer Jordan, 36, Presson Road, McKenzie, was yelling at officers from inside the home at the officers. The owner hired Mr. Stacy Hinson to perform repair work. The renter of the house is the one who reported Jordan's unruly nature.

A computer check of Hinson revealed an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Ms. Jordan was arrested after she became more uncooperative. She resisted being arrested and swung her right leg to strike Sgt. Jones. Jordan was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Assault of a First Responder.

Mr. Hinson was cooperative in his arrest for the outstanding warrant.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 17, 2012, executed by GENNEA WEATHERS conveying certain real property therein described to BOBBY M. GOODE, STATE DIRECTOR, USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee recorded December 18, 2012, in Deed Book 620, Page 482; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 14, 2024** at 3 p.m. at the Front Steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT, CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON PIN AT THE BACK OF SIDEWALK ON NORTH MARGIN OF BENTON STREET AND CHARLES ARNOLD'S SOUTHEAST CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 190.3 FEET ALONG BACK OF SIDEWALK TO AN IRON PIN AT THE BACK OF SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE MARGIN OF SPRING STREET; THENCE NORTH 8 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 131 FEET ALONG BACK OF SIDEWALK TO AN IRON PIN AT JOHNNY W. CLIFTON'S SOUTHEAST CORNER; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 193.5 FEET ALONG JOHNNY CLIFTON'S SOUTH LINE TO AN IRON PIN ON CHARLES ARNOLD'S EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 133.07 FEET ALONG ARNOLD'S PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 25,304 SQUARE FEET. FOR TITLE SEE DEED BOOK 359, PAGE 618, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 073E-L-007.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **365 BENTON ST, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): GENNEA WEATHERS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

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

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Light Law, Driving on Revoked License — Officer Justen Roberts charged Dominique Sheree Bailey, 29, with Driving on Revoked, Suspended or Canceled Driver's License and Light Law Violation.

The officer noticed Bailey was traveling in a 2014 Dodge Charger on Lexington St. with only one working headlight. A check with the dispatcher revealed that her license had been suspended on Dec. 28, 2023 for failing to appear in Huntingdon City Court.

Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine — Stacey R. Kee, 51, no address given, was arrested on Feb. 2 for possession of Methamphetamine, failure

to maintain lane and compliance with financial responsibility law required (No Insurance).

On Feb. 2, Officer Justen Roberts observed a red Toyota Tacoma traveling Veterans Drive.

While following the vehicle, it was observed the vehicle was crossing the white line and driving on the shoulder of the road. A stop was initiated in front of The Mic Stand. Kee told Roberts he had a firearm in the vehicle and had illegal drugs and narcotics on his person.

In searching Kee, a plastic bag with a white powdery substance was found inside his wallet that tested positive for methamphetamine.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for existing flooring removal and replacement with commercial vinyl plank flooring at the Carroll County Office Complex.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9:00 am CST, February 20, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

Copies of bid documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Mayors Office at the above address, or by email at jbutler@carroll.tn.org.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states "No person in the

United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Carroll County strives to protect individuals' civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

The Owner (Carroll County Government) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for the following work at the Carroll County Court House:

Administrative Office of the Court Security Grant

Court House Camera System with a 30-day Recording Period
15 cameras total (Eleven inside and four outside)
15 Camera Domes
3 Monitors for viewing

The project consists of the furnishing of all materials, equipment, and labor for the project.

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The issuing office for the project is the Office of the Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk, Sarah Bradberry, at 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344. Prospective bidders may contact Sarah Bradberry, Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk, at 731-986-1932, or by email at sbradberry@carroll.tn.org for more information.

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Property Transfers

Stephen L. Stephen L. Hughes to Centennial Bank. District 2.

Barry and Tammy Revel to Randall L. Bowden. District 23.

Amy Noles to Christopher Keith Roberts. No District Listed.

Judith A. Rogers to Judith A. Rogers. District 13.

William J. and Jane B. Hollowell to William Joe Hollowell II District 24.

Newrez LLC to Monika Czajkowski. District 22.

Ricky and Judith Ann Anderson to Stephen C. Jackson. District 22.

Jennifer L. Lynette Hampton to Nicky Gene Hampton. No District Listed.

Joel Orlando to Joel Puentes to Dan P. and Amber N. Mueller. District 21.

Joshua A. and Haley Dawn Fullington to Joshua A. and Haley Dawn Fullington. District 20.

Billy Ray Milam to Dana Cobb. District 13.

City of McKenzie to Ste-

MHS Schedule in District Action

Monday, February 12

McKenzie High School Girls' Basketball at home against Bruceton at 6 p.m. in the District 12A tournament semifinals. (Game is after Banner's press deadline).

Tuesday, February 13

Boys' basketball at home against McEwen at 6 p.m. in the District 12A tournament semifinals.

Friday, February 16

Girls' basketball at Houston County either at 4 p.m. in the tournament consolation game or at approximately 7 p.m. in the tournament championship game.

Boys' basketball at Houston County either at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the tournament consolation game or at approximately 8:30 p.m. in the tournament championship game.

McKenzie Youth Reaches the Heart of Millions

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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Who said handwritten letters are a thing of the past? Well for one local boy, it is an art that pays forward 1000%.

In September 2023, Tateum Toombs of McKenzie wrote a letter to Black Rifle Coffee Company BRCC. He explained to the veteran-founded coffee company that he loved their coffee. Tateum, age 12, expressed his love for the military and his dreams of one day becoming a Navy Seal.

Over the next four months, he checked his parents' (Brian and Shunna Toombs) mailbox in hopes of a response. Eventually, the young coffee fan began to lose hope regarding a response. In hopes of reviving her son's spirits, Shunna decided to make a video for TikTok addressing BRCC explaining his son's letter and how he just wanted a letter from the company.

Little did the Toombs family know, the video quickly went viral reaching nearly one million views. The morning after posting the video, a spokesperson for BRCC reached out to Shunna informing her they wanted to do something special for Tateum.

Soon, BRCC's public relations representative, Farahn Morgan, contacted the Toombs family and set a plan in motion. Mat Best, the company's co-founder and his team, surprised Tateum at home. They gave him a duffle bag filled with t-shirts, coffee, mugs, socks, stickers, a signed book, and military challenge coins from their personal collection.

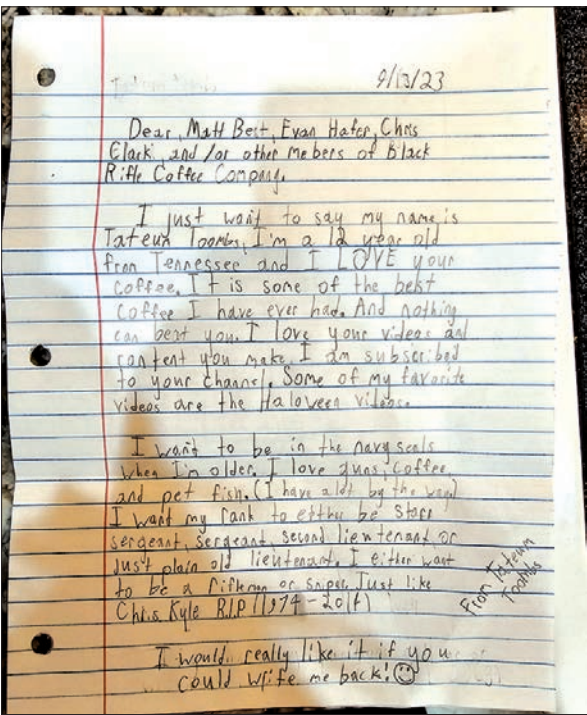
They also presented him with a limited edition custom hand-engraved baseball bat. Less than 200 of these were made and very rarely given out. Lastly, Best invited Tateum and his family on an all-expense paid trip to tour the coffee facility along with the chance to shoot military-grade weapons on their private range in Texas.

But wait there's more. Not only did Black Rifle Coffee reach out to Tateum, American Sniper Chris Kyle's father, Wayne Kyle and son, Colton Kyle, reached out and are sending him handwritten letters and care packages. Hundreds of other members of the military and veterans across the country were touched by his letter and are sending him challenge coins, patches, shirts, and other military memorabilia.

The Toombs family plans on taking Best up on his offer next year.



Top, Tateum Toombs was presented an engraved bat by Mat Best, co-founder of the Black Rifle Coffee Company. Above, Tateum Toombs showcased the swag provided to him by the Black Rifle Coffee Company. Below, The letter Tateum Toombs sent to the Black Rifle Coffee Company.



MHS Seniors 2024 — Brett Toombs, Macey Mayo, Belle O'Brien, Stafford Roditis, Savannah Davis, Christopher Beck, Allie Mansfield, Drew Chappell, Mikaela Reynolds, Hayden Garrett, Ava Mae Warman, Ava Jones and Abbie Young.

McKenzie Basketball Senior Night 2024

McKENZIE — Senior Rebel Cheerleaders: Ava Jones. She is the 18-year old daughter of Keith and Melissa Jones. Ava plans to attend UTM and major in biology.

Macey Mayo is the 18-year old daughter of Chris and Tasha Mayo. Macey plans to attend the University of Mississippi to further her education.

Belle O'Brien is the 18-year old daughter of Keith O'Brien and Tessa O'Brien. Belle plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in Healthcare Administration.

Brett Toombs is the 18-year old daughter of Casey and Johnna Toombs. Brett plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and pursue a career as a Child Life Specialist.

Ava Mae Warman is the 18-year old daughter of Kerry and Stacie Warman. Ava

plans to attend Sewanee - The University of the South and major in biology and continue into orthopedics.

Abbie Young is the 17-year old daughter of Brandi and Kyle Parham and Nathan Young. Abbie plans to attend the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School of Jessup, Maryland.

Senior Lady Rebels, Manager Savannah Davis is the 17-year old daughter of Boo and Andrea Davis. Savannah plans to attend MTSU and play basketball and major in business.

Mikaela Reynolds is the 17-year old daughter of Stephanie McClerkin. Mikaela plans to attend Bethel University to play basketball and further her education.

Senior manager Allie Mansfield is the 18-year old daughter of Elizabeth Mansfield and Scott Mansfield. Allie plans to attend Univer-

sity of Tennessee at Chattanooga to become a Physician Assistant.

Senior Rebels

Christopher Beck is the 18-year old son of Michael and Shannon Beck. He is a 4-year member of Rebel Basketball. Christopher plans to attend Bethel University as a Student Assistant Coach for the men's basketball program and major in education.

Drew Chappell is the 18-year old son of Brad and Christie Chappell. Drew plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to further his education.

Hayden Garrett is the 17-year old son of Hunter and Heather Garrett. Hayden plans to attend TCAT to finish the Residential Building Maintenance program.

Stafford Roditis is the 18-year old son of Spiros and Sandi Roditis. Stafford plans to attend a 4-year university.



Left, Drew Chappell looks to post up against two Houston County defenders. Right, Savannah Davis goes inside for two points. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie Takes District Wins Against Houston County

BY GRACIE AIRD
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McKENZIE (February 8) — Lady Rebels start the game off early with a 2-0 lead. Houston County matched the Lady Rebels' intensity, going shot for shot as McKenzie ends up trailing 10-8 halfway through the first quarter. Lady Rebel Savannah Davis came alive with three three-pointers, starting the Lady Rebels' 10-0 run, putting McKenzie up 18-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Molly French started the second quarter with a three-pointer, extending their lead 21-10. Houston County fought back went on a 10-0 run during the second quarter. Only up by one with a little over a minute to go, Mikaela Reynolds hit a big three, securing The Lady Rebels lead as they head into the half up 24-20.

The Lady Rebels started the third quarter strong with a full-court press back into man. They held their lead throughout the third quarter. The Lady Rebels played excellent defense, getting many steals. Reynolds ended the third quarter with a breakaway lay-up, giving McKenzie a lead of 10 with a score of 47-37.

During the fourth quarter, McKenzie did not slow down. The Lady Rebels continued to play phenomenal defense, breaking down Houston County's offense. French made a big play, taking a charge late into the fourth quarter, fouling out number 23 CJ Clark. With less than a minute left, Houston County tried fouling to regain possession of the ball. McKenzie Lady Rebels held strong, securing first place in the district with the win, of 63-58. The Lady Rebels take the top seed and host Bruceton-Hollow Rock in the opening round of the district tournament on Monday at 6 p.m.

Leading scorer Davis was 12 for 13 from the free throw line with a total of 32 points.

The McKenzie Rebels got off to a slow start, trailing by five early in the first quarter. With less than a minute to go, Tate Surber scored a basket putting two more points on the board. Stafford Roditis finished the first quarter with a basket, bringing the score to 14-5 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was not much better for McKenzie. The Rebels had only two baskets to fall. Surber scored two points, and Carter Key scored a buzzer-beat-

er to end the half, putting McKenzie into double digits and a chance for a comeback trailing 20-10.

McKenzie refused to go down without a fight. The Rebels came out ready to start the second half, going 9-0 run early in the third quarter, closing Houston County's gap to 20-19. The Rebels fought to take the lead throughout the third quarter, and with two seconds left, Hayden Garrett drained a three, putting the Rebels up 29-26.

The Rebels rolled into the fourth quarter, looking to secure the win. Martez Teague fouled out early in the fourth quarter after being in foul trouble early in the game. McKenzie did not let it stop them their momentum and went on another run, pushing their lead to 36-29. Houston County cut the Rebels' lead to four with a little over a minute remaining. With four crucial free throws from Carter Key, McKenzie pulled out a win over the Irish with a final score of 44-36. With this win, McKenzie tied Houston County for first place in the district. After a coin toss for the top seed, McKenzie took the second seed and will host McEwen at home on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Bethel Softball Signs Huntingdon Players

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McKENZIE — The Bethel Lady Wildcats softball signed Huntingdon's Adalyn Allen and Lillyan Wortham.

Adalyn is the daughter of Adam and Crystal Allen of Huntingdon, Tennessee and will major in Health Science.

The three-year starter for the Fillies has also played travel ball for several years.

Off the diamond, Allen has been a member of the Student Council, HOSA, and Math Club. Adalyn has served on the Mayor's Teen Advisory Board.

Allen is a versatile player who can play various positions in the outfield and infield.

Adalyn feels her biggest strengths are her positive attitude and work ethic.

Coach Katherine Hannagan said, "We are happy to sign another local player. She comes from an established and successful high school program, and we feel will fit into our system and help our program for the next several years."

Lillyan is the daughter of Ben and Heather Wortham of Huntingdon, Tennessee and will major in Human Performance with an emphasis in fitness and wellness promotion.

Outside of the field, Lillyan holds a stunning 3.9 GPA followed by a 25 ACT score. She has been a part of



Adalyn Allen (above) and Lillyan Wortham (below) ink their names to become Lady Wildcats.



the Distinguished Scholar Program, National Society of High School Honor Students, Beta club, Math club, Science club and HOSA.

Lilyan has been playing softball since 5th grade and became a high school starter while only being a freshman. She is a very athletic individual and even competed on her high school Cross Country team for four years. During that time, she was a two-time state competitor while finishing first on the team as an individual.

Lilyan feels that her big-

gest strength is being a team player and having a team-first attitude. She believes that keeping positive energy on the field is important and hopes to bring that to the Bethel University Softball program.

Coach Hannagan said, "Once again, we are happy to sign a local player. We believe that Lillyan will be a great fit for our program and will fit our groups energy really well. She is hard-working and very athletic. We are excited to see what will come during her time at Bethel."

McKenzie Finishes Regular Season with Two Wins

BY GRACIE AIRD
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BIG SANDY (February 9) — For the Lady Rebels, the first quarter was off to a slow start as three games early in the week seemed to take its toll.

Despite the slow start, McKenzie ended the quarter up 18-12. The Lady Rebels did not get fully rolling until almost two minutes into the second quarter when they went on a 35-0 run, which was not stopped until two minutes into the third quarter. The run made for a quick victory for The Lady Rebels, who finished their regular season with a win over Big Sandy with a score of 65-21.

This was Lady Rebel's Savannah Davis and Mi-

kaela Reynolds' 100th win in their high school career, and their fourth consecutive district championship. Leading scorer Savannah Davis had 23 points and was 1 for two from the free throw line.

In the second game of the night, the Rebels stomped Big Sandy's spirits early, with Tate Surber getting his first career dunk in the first quarter. McKenzie put Big Sandy away quickly, ending the first quarter with a lead of 19-5. The Rebels kept their intensity going into the second quarter, stretching their lead to 38-10 going into the half. With a running clock, the third and fourth quarters were over quickly. Leading scorer Surber had 19 points and was 2 for three from the free throw line.



Mikaela Reynolds shooting a floater against The Lady Devils defense. Photo by Gracie Aird / The Banner

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Pregnancy is one of the most blessed and challenging times of a parent's life. If you're a new mother, you worry about every weird symptom, the hazards around you, while nesting, looking forward to ultrasounds and wondering how you're going to keep them safe after they are born.

To all parents with new babies, our wish is that you have a blessed year and are able to keep your family healthy and happy.

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The Banner is thankful for the wonderful communities we serve; and thankful for all the Babies of 2023!

We hope you enjoy this special keepsake dedicated to your loved one.

Welcome to the World, Babies of 2023!

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PARENTS: Kaley Coleman and Brandon Mosley

THANKFUL FOR: Koala bear

Jessie Rose St.Clair

BORN: February 10, 2023

PARENTS: Sierra Vandiver and Zach St.Clair

THANKFUL FOR: Our baby got to come from the NICU in Jackson, TN, after spending 69 days there.

Cora Gibson

BORN: August 20, 2023

PARENTS: Ashley Wallace and Chip Gibson

THANKFUL FOR: My wonderful family

Daxton Lane McMackins

BORN: August 30, 2023

PARENTS: Steven and Kirsten McMackins

THANKFUL FOR: Healthy Baby

Bexleigh Claire Siler

BORN: January 4, 2023

PARENTS: Nick and Kaylin Siler

THANKFUL FOR: Healthy baby

Maivee Lane Price

BORN: February 28, 2023

PARENTS: Ally Wison and Mayson Price

THANKFUL FOR: Family

Paecynn Embridje Moore

BORN: December 27, 2023

PARENTS: Brandon and Mikayla Moore

THANKFUL FOR: A Healthy Babygirl

Amelia Evelyn Mort

BORN: July 25, 2023

PARENTS: Courtney Carrell and Kyle Mort

THANKFUL FOR: My 3 happy, healthy kiddos!

Myla Jane Stephens

BORN: September 5, 2023

PARENTS: James and Autumn Stephens

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Brynson Layne

BORN: March 20, 2023

PARENTS: Cason and Brianna Massey

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PARENTS: Will and Kayley Puckett

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Briggs Maverick Binkley

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PARENTS: Mason Binkley and Jayden Tucker

THANKFUL FOR: A healthy baby and a great support system!

Jacob Allen Clement

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PARENTS: Zachary and Kayla Clement

He is a fraternal twin.

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He is a fraternal twin.

Oaklee Faye Walton

BORN: October 25, 2023

PARENTS: Breanna Moon and Tanner Walton

THANKFUL FOR: Family support

How is RSV Transmitted?

The American Lung Association notes that respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common respiratory virus that produces cold-like symptoms in adults and children. Though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that most cases of RSV go away within two weeks without intervention, the virus can be unpredictable. In fact, the ALA reports that RSV is the leading cause of hospitalization in all infants. In addition, most children have been infected with the virus by the time they are two years old. Such high infection rates understandably leads to questions about transmission of the virus, which the CDC reports can spread in the following ways:

- ▲ An infected person coughs or sneezes.
- ▲ Individuals get virus droplets from a cough or sneeze in their eyes, nose, or mouth.
- ▲ Individuals come into

direct contact with the virus, like kissing the face of a child with RSV.

▲ Individuals touch a surface that has the virus on it, like a doorknob, and then touch their face prior to washing their hands.

Such methods of transmission explain why so many children are infected

with RSV prior to their second birthday, as curious youngsters often hug and grab other children at day-care facilities and frequently touch their faces without washing their hands. Though RSV infection in infants is often overcome, parents can speak with their child's pediatrician to determine if there is any way to lower their child's risk of infection.

Congratulations to all 2023 Parents and Babies!

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KEY WAYS TO KEEP Children Safe at Home

Expecting parents process a barrage of information as they prepare for the day their child is born. No matter how many details they gather from doctors, their own research and individuals who have blazed parenting paths before them, there are still plenty of things to learn on the job.

One of the surprises new parents often face is how much trouble their youngsters can get into both inside and outside a home - particularly as they become mobile. Early lessons pertain to feeding and sleeping schedules, but it is important for parents to be mindful of all of the safety concerns they could face.

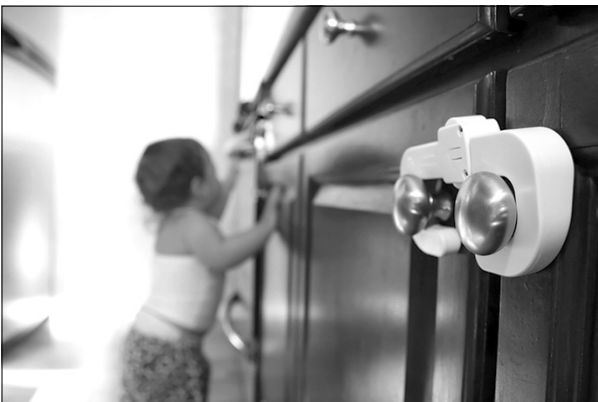
Bathing

Water is necessary to keep children clean and healthy, but also poses a significant danger. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates more children ages one to four die from drowning than from any other cause.

Various precautions should be taken when bathing children. First and foremost, a child should never be left unattended in the bath or around water even for a second. Just a few inches of water can cause drowning. In addition, parents should exercise caution to check the temperature of the bath water to ensure that the child will not be scalded. There are special thermometers that can be used in the bath to indicate if the water has reached a safe temperature.

Nursery

It can be tempting to accept used baby items from other people in an effort to save money. However, these



pieces from well-meaning friends and family may no longer meet current safety guidelines, particularly if they're from an older generation.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission advises that there should be no more than a 23/8-inch gap between crib slats (about the width of a soda can). The crib should be placed away from hazards like drapes or window covering cords. The crib should only have a firm mattress with a well-fitted sheet. Pillows, bumper pads, comforters, and the like can be hazardous in a crib.

Current safety guidelines recommend that children should be placed on their backs to sleep. After children are able to roll from back to stomach on their own, they may choose their own sleeping positions, as the risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is reduced at this point.

Around the House

Bathrooms, stairs, kitchens, and sharp furniture are all places where curious children can become injured. There are scores of safety products that can limit access to danger.

Cushioned pads can be put on furniture edges. Heavy furniture, such as televisions and dressers, can be bolted to the wall to avoid tip-over accidents.

Parents should use gates to block access to staircases or other off-limits spaces. Special door handle products can make it challenging for little fingers to get into rooms. Cabinet and toilet seat locks also can restrict access.

Feeding

While parents may want to dive right into offering solid foods, choking is an inherent danger. Most pediatricians urge avoiding foods that can block airways until a child reaches age four. Such foods include hot dogs, popcorn, whole grapes, and nuts. Safe finger foods include soft items that are easily swallowed, and O-shaped cereals.

Children have a tendency to put everything in their mouths, so small toys, parts and batteries can be risky.

Parents need to keep watchful eyes on their children and keep safety precautions in mind as their children grow up.

Great Ways to Bond WITH YOUR NEW INFANT

A parent's job begins the moment a woman learns she is pregnant. Upon receiving such news, women typically make important changes to ensure the well-being of the fetuses growing inside them.

Once a child is born, the first few weeks with baby certainly can be a whirlwind. During this period, pediatricians note how important bonding with parents is for a baby's development. Parents may be unaware that the touches, cuddles and feelings of safety and security provided by them help set a foundation for emotional well-being, which can last throughout their child's life.

According to Jeff Simpson, Ph.D., adjunct professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota and an author of a study about childhood attachment, babies who were securely attached to their mothers by 12 months old (turning to her for comfort when exploring an unfamiliar place) were more likely to come out of an argument in their early 20s still feeling connected to their partners. Simpson surmises that the ability to trust, love and resolve conflict develops in part from how people are treated as infants.

The Australian parenting website Raising Children Network says repeated human contact like singing, cuddling, talking, touching, and gazing into each other's eyes enables a newborn's brain to release hormones



that help his or her brain to grow. This, in turn, helps to develop memory, thought and language.

New parents may wonder what they can do to foster strong bonds with their babies. The following are some strategies to build those bonds.

▲ **Breastfeed baby.** Breastfeeding provides more than nutrition. The close contact during nursing helps the child to hear mom's heartbeat and gets skin-to-skin contact.

▲ **Make eye contact.** Parents should keep eye contact with baby when engaging in feedings and other care. This helps the baby remember who their parents are and reassures them that their parents can be trusted.

▲ **Read baby's messages.** A child who wants to

engage will make little noises, such as cooing or laughing sounds. He or she also may look relaxed and interested, while some may seek out their parents. React to these messages promptly.

▲ **Respond to cries.** Parents can do their best to always respond to cries for attention as it helps the baby to feel safe. This is key during the first three months of the baby's life. As the baby ages and has already developed a bond, parents can encourage more self-soothing.

Bonding is important for babies and parents. Developing a connection early on can provide a safe and nurturing environment that can set the course for the child to feel loved and supported throughout his or her lifetime.

Immunization Guidelines FOR NEWBORNS TO 15 MONTHS

New parents have a lot on their plate. The birth of a child is a special time in the lives of a family. Shortly after the birth of a child, new parents learn how significant a role their child's pediatrician plays in the early months of the youngster's life.

New parents rely on pediatricians to help them get through the first months of a child's life, when every sneeze or sniffle can raise an eyebrow. Protecting newborns and young children from illness is a priority for new parents, and one way to do just that is to adhere to vaccination schedules. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend various vaccines for newborns and children up to 15 months old, a period when parents tend to be especially mindful of illness. The following CDC guidelines can help parents ensure their youngster stays on schedule with their vaccinations.

▲ **Hepatitis B:** Children should receive their first dose at birth, and then their second dose between one month or two months of age. A third dose is recommended between six months and 15 months.

▲ **Rotavirus:** The rotavirus vaccine schedule will depend on which vaccination children receive, so parents can discuss that with

their child's pediatrician. The CDC notes the first dose should be administered at two months and the second at four months. Subsequent doses, if necessary, will depend on which vaccine was administered.

▲ **DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis):** The first dose should be administered at one month, followed by a second dose at four months and a third dose at six months. Parents can discuss when a child should receive a fourth dose with their pediatrician.

▲ **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** The first dose should be administered at two months and the second at four months. Additional doses will be necessary, but the timing will depend on which vaccine a child receives.

▲ **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13, PCV15):** The first dose should be administered at two months and the second at four months. A third dose should be administered at six months, and parents can discuss the time of a fourth dose with their pediatrician.

▲ **Inactivated poliovirus:** The first dose should be administered at two months and the second at four months. A third dose

can be administered between six and 15 months, but the timing can be discussed with the child's pediatrician.

▲ **COVID-19:** The recommended vaccination schedule for COVID-19 shots for kids between the ages of six months and four years will depend on which vaccine the child receives. The Moderna vaccine is a two-dose series, while the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is a three-dose series.

▲ **Influenza:** The CDC recommends annual vaccination against influenza beginning at six months. Vaccines may be single- or two-dose.

▲ **Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR):** A routine MMR vaccination is a two-dose series that begins at age 12 to 15 months.

▲ **Varicella (VAR):** The first dose of the VAR vaccine should be administered at age 12 to 15 months.

▲ **Hepatitis A:** A routine vaccination for the two-dose Hepatitis A vaccine is administered at age 12 to 23 months.

Vaccinations can protect children in both the short- and long-term. More information about childhood vaccinations can be found at cdc.gov.

What is Attachment Parenting?

Many parents aspire to develop close emotional bonds with their children. Children who understand that their parents are nearby and will respond to their needs effectively begin to develop trust in those around them. This nurturing can extend to being well-rounded and emotionally secure into adulthood.

Parents may subscribe to various parenting models as they look to bond with their children. One such approach is attachment parenting. Proponents of this type of parenting include the well-known pediatrician William Sears, M.D., an author who coined the term "attachment parenting." Attachment parenting promotes methods that aim to build attachments between parent and infant by responsiveness and also through continuous bodily closeness and touch.

Components of attachment parenting include

bonding with the baby before and directly after birth, breastfeeding, bed-ding close to the child, and wearing the baby as much as possible. Attachment parenting may have evolved from anthropological studies of indigenous childrearing practices that put an emphasis on emotional responsiveness, according to Greater Good Magazine.

Another core component of attachment parenting, according to the organization Attachment Parenting International, is responding with sensitivity. API notes that babies communicate their needs through body movements, facial expressions and crying, and that infants learn to trust when their needs are met with consistency and sensitivity. It's only after consistent and repeated responsiveness in a sensitive manner that babies will learn to soothe themselves as they get older. These sensitivity strategies should

be carried through as a child becomes a toddler or a school-aged child.

Proponents of attachment parenting also advocate against childcare for more than 20 hours a week for babies younger than 30 months old, says WebMD. At this early developmental stage, the nearly constant presence of a parent is recommended.

One potentially controversial aspect of attachment parenting is co-sleeping. The American Academy of Pediatrics advises against sleeping with a young child in the same bed, as it may increase the risk for SIDS. However, workarounds, including having a baby in a separate cradle or co-sleeper very close to a parent's bed so children can be touched and soothed through the night, are options.

Expecting parents who want to learn more about the philosophy behind attachment parenting and its techniques can visit www.attachmentparenting.org.

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HOW PARENTS CAN Confront Colic

Taking care of a baby is no small task. Babies operate on their own schedules, forcing parents to consistently readjust when they eat, work and, of course, sleep. Various factors can make such adjustments especially tiring, and colic might be at the top of that list.

Understanding Colic
The American Academy of Family Physicians notes that colic occurs when an otherwise healthy baby cries or fusses frequently for no apparent reason. All babies cry and fuss, and it's important that parents do not misinterpret normal crying and fussing as colic. Colic is defined as crying for more than three hours per day at least three days per week for more than three weeks. Children who have colic also tend to cry around the same times each day, and may turn bright red and cry as if they're in pain. When crying, babies with colic may clench their fists or curl up their legs.

What is the Timeline for Colic?
The AAPF notes that colic can start within a few weeks of a child's birth. Symptoms of colic tend to be the worst when a child is between four and six weeks old, and many children outgrow it by the time they reach four months of age.

Do Doctors Know What Causes Colic?
While researchers have studied colic, there's no definitive answer about what causes it. The AAPF notes that pain or discomfort from gas or indigestion may be a contributing factor. When a baby cries, the child swallows air, which can give the baby gas that makes his or



her belly feel tight. A digestive system that isn't fully developed, overfeeding or underfeeding, sensitivity to breast milk or formula, overstimulation, early forms of childhood migraines, and emotional reactions to being afraid, frustrated or excited are some additional potential contributors to colic.

How Can Colic Be Treated?
A colic treatment that alleviates one baby's symptoms will not necessarily be effective for another's. However, the AND notes that avoiding potential colic triggers may help parents as they try to treat their babies.

▲ **Feeding the baby:** Breastfeeding mothers can document what they're eating to determine if there's any rhyme or reason behind their babies' colic. Document when the baby exhibits symptoms of colic as well, and then look for patterns. If a child tends to be colicky after breastfeeding mothers eat a certain food, then moms can cut that food out of their diets to see if that's what is triggering the episode. Medicines taken by breastfeeding

mothers also may trigger colic episodes, so moms can discuss their medications with their child's pediatrician and their own doctors.

▲ **Formula:** The AAPF notes that babies may be sensitive to certain proteins in formula, so treating colic may be as simple as changing brands. Slowing down formula feedings also may work, as it can ensure babies are not eating too much and/or too quickly. Warming formula to body temperature and feeding the baby in an upright position also may help alleviate symptoms of colic.

▲ **Holding the baby:** How a baby is held or rocked may help reduce symptoms of colic. Massaging a baby's back while holding the baby across your arm or lap might work. In addition, holding the baby in the evening and while walking also can help. If a baby has gas, holding the child upright might alleviate the pains contributing to colic. Using an infant swing or rocking the baby in your arms also may help.

▲ **Comforting the baby:** Parents can speak with their children's pediatrician about the various techniques to comfort their babies. Many parents have successfully reduced instances of colic by employing various movements and stimuli designed to soothe the baby.

Colic can make for some difficult times for babies and their parents. Determining what may be causing colic and trying new ways to soothe babies can help both parents and their children.

UNDERSTANDING Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Many neurological disorders can affect the body. Spinal muscular atrophy, or SMA, is a disease that affects motor nerve cells in the spinal cord and eventually robs a person of his or her physical strength.

What is SMA?
SMA is the leading cause of death in babies under the age of two. Newborns with the condition appear healthy, but over time their lack of muscular development becomes more apparent and proves debilitating. Intellectual development remains normal, however. SMA affects families of all ethnicities, even those with no prior history of the disease.
SMA takes away the ability to walk, eat and breathe. It is caused by a mutation in the survival motor neuron gene 1 (SMN1). In healthy people, this gene produces a critical protein that is essential for the nerves that control the muscles. Without the protein, nerve cells cannot function properly and eventually die.
SMA affects approximately one in 11,000 births, and about one in every 50 Americans is a genetic carrier. A proper diagnosis occurs through genetic testing after an infant or child shows signs of SMA. A positive newborn screening result or prenatal testing also can in-



dicating the presence of SMA. If SMA is suspected, a simple blood draw test can identify it in 95 percent of all SMA cases. The American College of Medical Genetics recommends that all couples planning a pregnancy be offered SMA carrier testing.

Types of SMA
There are four different types of SMA. Type 1 limits muscle function most severely. Many children with type 1 do not live beyond age two. Type 2 is an intermediate form, where children may sit without support but cannot walk on their own. Type 3 is a milder form of SMA and resembles muscular dystrophy. Walking may be possible with some assistance, and children with this form of SMA generally have an almost normal life expectancy. Type 4 is the most mild and only causes mild motor impairment.

Living with SMA
Early intervention can help those affected by SMA. Since the condition occurs when survival motor neuron protein is not being produced, one way of treating SMA is to increase the amount of this protein in the body. Enhancing treatments target genes to help make more usable SMN protein more readily available through a backup gene called SMN2.
Other therapies use medications that help directly with muscle strength and development, which are known as non-SMN-enhancing therapies. Whatever the course of treatment, Cure SMA says that timing is key. The earlier interventions are made, the more likely treatment will be successful. Find out more at www.mda.org/disease/spinal-muscular-atrophy.

Did You Know?

Bath time is something many parents of babies look forward to. When bathing babies, safety must be parents' foremost priority. Though instances of children drowning in the bath are low, all it takes is a handful of seconds for children to suffer injury or

even death in the bathtub. Data reveals that the number of children drowning in the bath increased from four in 2019-20 to 12 in 2021-22. Among the babies who drowned, seven were under 12 months of age. The report notes that the majority of drownings occurred while

children had been left alone in the bath by a parent or caregiver. That underscores the importance of pre-bath preparation, which involves gathering all bathing supplies prior to beginning a child's bath. If supplies are at the ready before a child gets into the bath, parents can ensure they are present the entire time the child is bathing.

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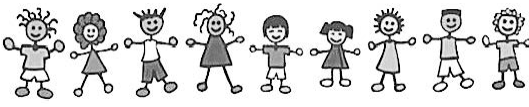
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