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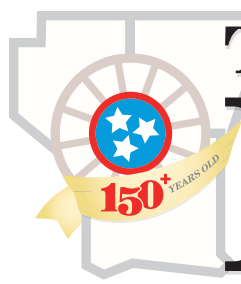
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Peg Hamlett, administrator of elections, receives her ballot from election worker Billy Barlow. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

First Week of Presidential Preference Primary Nets 184 Voters

HUNTINGDON (February 17) — The first four days of voting in the Presidential Preference Primary netted 184 voters, consisting of 144 Republicans, 40 Democrats in the two primaries. The early voting period continues through this week at the Carroll County Election Commission office in the Carroll County Office Complex.

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PAID ANNOUNCEMENT



Senator John Stevens

Senator John Stevens Begins Re-Election Campaign

State Senator John Stevens (R-Huntingdon) announced he is seeking re-election in the August 1 Republican Primary.

Stevens, a lifelong conservative, has served in the Tennessee Senate since 2012.

"I'm seeking another term in the Senate to continue providing conservative leadership in Northwest Tennessee," said Stevens. "I'm honored to serve on the Senate Finance Committee where I'm involved in key decision-making about our state's economy," remarked Stevens.

Stevens is particularly proud of his efforts to grow Tennessee's economy. During his tenure, Tennessee has been ranked the best state in the country for business. Stevens voted to reduce the franchise and excise tax on small businesses which frees up resources for Tennessee businesses to invest in new equipment, hire more workers, and provide pay raises to employees.

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CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION



Left, Former County Commissioner Johnny Blount addressed the Commission about the reduction in Road Supervisors. Center, Former County Road Supervisor Scotty Bailey states his opinion about the resolution. Right, Jan Ostiguy pontificates on the proposed changes.

Private Act Approved to Eliminate One Road Supervisor Position

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HUNTINGDON (February 15) — On Thursday night, the Carroll County Commission approved two private acts. Resolution 2-01-2024 reduced the number of elected road supervisors from two to one, and Resolution 2-02-2024 created a centralized Finance Department that would move the Highway Department's accounting,

budgeting and purchasing to the County Mayor's Office.

During the Citizens' Forum, three individuals addressed the Commission: Jan Ostiguy (wife of Commissioner Cyril Ostiguy), Johnny Blount (former County Commissioner), and Scotty Bailey (former Road Supervisor). Mrs. Ostiguy stated that she was not in favor of the proposed change to the road supervisor position. She believed that the supervisor should

not be behind a desk but should be out with the crew. She added that the reduction in supervisors would only increase the future budget.

Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler corrected Mrs. Ostiguy by stating that although the number of road supervisors would decrease, the job description and role would not change.

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Trezevant to Host Ribbon-Cutting for Naming of Park, New Amphitheater



Trezevant new amphitheater will soon be dedicated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

TREZEVANT (February 13) — The Town of Trezevant has a new amphitheater, new playground and soon a newly named park. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled April 14 at 2 p.m. to celebrate the city's accomplishments.

During the February 13 meeting of the Mayor and Council, the board voted to name the upper park, where the new playground equipment, walking track and amphitheater are located as Trezevant Community Park. The lower area's ballfields are undergoing a renovation and will be named Trezevant Community Sportsplex.

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CARROLL COUNTY

Joint Meeting Held to Discuss Emergency Services

HUNTINGDON (February 12) — Members of the Carroll County Law Enforcement Committee and Rural Fire Committee held a joint session to discuss emergency services in the county. The meeting began with an introduction of key personnel in attendance including Curtis Sutton (Executive Director of the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board), Kristy Meggs (Carroll County Director), Max Anderson (E911 Board Chair), Carroll County Sheriff Andy Dickson, Chief Deputy Joel Pate, Janice Newman (Carroll County EMA Director) and Amanda Sneed (Carroll County Fire Chief).

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Carroll County Youth Leadership Graduates 2024



1. McKenzie Youth Leadership — Mayor Joseph Butler, Allie Mansfield, Skylor Deloach, Mark Schultz, Brett Toombs, Jackelyn Padilla and Chamber President Brad Hurley. 2. Huntingdon High School Youth Leadership — Mayor Joseph Butler, Lincoln Dodd, Jani Harris, Ava Ryan Canovan, Lilly Kee, Annabelle Singleton and Chamber President Brad Hurley. 3. West Carroll High School Youth Leadership — Mayor Butler, Hayden Holley, Haylee Knight, Mayce Mitchell, Nyonna Parker and Chamber President Brad Hurley. Not pictured is Peyton Baum. 4. Clarksburg High School Youth Leadership — Mayor Butler, Moua Lor, Maggie Berry, Gracie Moore, Chloe Crum and Brad Hurley. Not pictured is Chloe Lindsey. 5. Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School Youth Leadership — Mayor Joseph Butler, Annabella King, Mykenzie Burton, Abby Quinn, Addison Hampton, Jade Ash and Chamber President Brad Hurley.



Pictured are Larry Joe Smith, Dr. Bob Jackson, Karen and John Camp, Ricky Price, and (back) Brad Camp.

Murray State President Speaks at Rotary

MCKENZIE (February 6) — Bob Jackson, president of Murray State University, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on February 6. Dr. Jackson spoke about the school's efforts to start a veterinary school of medicine at the Murray, Kentucky-based university.

Jackson was leaving McKenzie headed to Louisville, Kentucky to speak with Kentucky legislators asking for financial support of the new program. He was successful in gaining that approved financing.

Joining Dr. Jackson were his college contemporaries as a student at Murray, Larry Joe Smith; John and Karen Camp, whose son, Andy, attended Murray State, Brad Camp, and Ricky Price, a member of the McKenzie Rotary Club. Bethel University's interim president Dr. Bob Watkins also attended the meeting.

Murray State Gains Legislative Support for Veterinary School

MURRAY, Ky. — Progress toward a new School of Veterinary Medicine at Murray State University continues to be made, as House Bill 400 was passed by the Kentucky House of Representatives on Feb. 15 after advancing from the House Agriculture Committee on Feb. 7.

House Bill 400, introduced by House Agriculture Committee Chair Richard Heath, would amend the existing state statute to allow Murray State to offer doctoral degrees required to become licensed in veterinary medicine.

A complementary piece of legislation, Senate Bill 189, was introduced by Senator Jason Howell.

"We are very grateful for the support of our legislators in working toward the development of a new School of Veterinary Medicine at Murray State University. These are major steps as we continue to move forward through the legislative process," Murray State President Dr. Bob Jackson said. "This initiative is a vitally important one for the recruitment and retention of future veterinarians in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and in our region. We have a tremendous opportunity in front of us to greatly enhance a key workforce initiative and a multi-billion dollar industry in our state while meeting the needs of the agricultural industry."

Kentucky is one of more than 20 states without a School of Veterinary Medicine. In the United States, there are only 33 veterinary colleges accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there are 86,300 veterinarians in the United States and this occupation is expected to grow by over 19% by 2031. The BLS also reports a total of 122,800 veterinarian technologists/technicians are working today and the field is expected to grow by 20% by 2031.

Murray State's Hutson School of Agriculture has the largest estimated pre-veterinary medicine/veterinary technology enrollment of any university in Kentucky, and is just one of three programs in Kentucky that is fully accredited by the AVMA.

Murray State students are provided valuable hands-on learning opportunities that prepare them for success upon graduation. The University's A. Carman Animal Health Technology Center, located on Murray State's West Farm in Calloway County, offers state-of-the-art equipment and supplies to prepare students for a career in the field of veterinary medicine.

The Breathitt Veterinary Center at Murray State University, under the direction of the Hutson School of Agriculture, is located in Christian County, Kentucky, and is a nationally preeminent animal disease diagnostic laboratory dedicated to protecting the invaluable assets of Kentucky's equine, livestock and poultry industries. The center is the only Level 1 Laboratory Status designated by the USDA National Animal Health Laboratory system and one of only 60 laboratories in the United States (one of 23 laboratories with Level 1 status). The center serves as an important teaching and learning facility for Murray State students.

To date, Murray State has adopted a resolution of support by its Board of Regents, established a School of Veterinary Medicine Task Force comprised of leading agricultural professionals, completed a feasibility study that indicated many benefits of a new School of Veterinary Medicine at Murray State University, and gathered support from various legislators, governmental entities, communities, industry representatives, organizations and individuals.

The feasibility study can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3OmHZeJ>.

About Murray State University: Since 1922, Murray State University has provided a collaborative, opportunity-rich living and learning community that fosters personal growth and professional success through a high-quality college experience. Students receive support from inspiring faculty and staff and will join a distinctive campus community — the Racers Family. With nearly 10,000 students, Murray State prepares the next generation of leaders to join more than 80,000 successful alumni who make a difference in their community, across the country and around the world. We are Racers. The University's main campus is located in Murray, Kentucky, and includes five regional campuses in Ft. Campbell, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Paducah.

To learn more about Murray State University, please visit murraystate.edu.

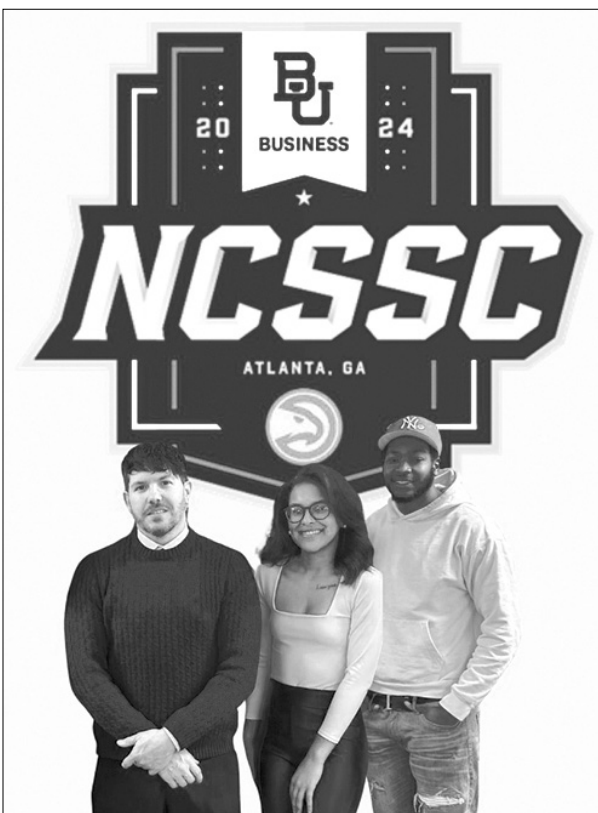
Bethel Sports Management Students To Compete in Sales Competition

MCKENZIE (February 19) — Bethel University announces that two students and one faculty member will be representing the university in the upcoming National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSSC) in Atlanta. The in-person championships are February 25-27, 2024, at the State Farm Arena, hosted by the Atlanta Hawks.

The NCSSC is a prestigious event that brings together students, faculty, professionals, recruiters, and sponsors from across the country. It provides a platform for participants to showcase their sales skills and network with industry experts in the fields of sports and entertainment. Last year, over 90 professional sport and entertainment organizations and 70 universities were involved.

Mike Rowser, a senior sports management major and football player from Milwaukee, Wisconsin has already made a name for himself by placing in the Top-50 in the preliminaries. His exceptional sales abilities and dedication have secured his spot in the championship division.

Joining Rowser is Makenya Gaskin, another sports management senior, who will be competing in the corporate sales competition. Gaskin is from Atwood, Tennessee and



runs track for Bethel University. Makenya's strong communication skills and business acumen make her a formidable competitor.

In addition to the students, Dr. Josh Greer, a sports management faculty member at Bethel University, was one of only five professors selected to present their research and compete in the NCSSC Poster Competition, presented by AMA SportsIG.

Bethel University is happy to have such talented individuals representing the university at the NCSSC. Their dedication, hard work, and passion for sales have earned them a well-deserved place in this prestigious competition.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the proposed loan guarantee for financing site preparation and construction of a large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) project consisting of two "Wean to Finish Type" Swine Barns and related equipment to be located at property in located at Map # 159 Parcel # 016.00 in Weakley County, Tennessee.

FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through March 21, 2024. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the Weakley County FSA Office, Attn: Farm Loan Programs, located at 196 S Hunt Street, Dresden, TN 38225. Comments should be submitted in writing to Codi Dilday, FLO at the above address of by email to codi.dilday@usda.gov.

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Dresden Student Faces Charges After Threats Toward School

DRESDEN (February 14) — Dresden High School administrators received a report on Wednesday regarding a potential threat that led to the launch of an investigation by both the school and local law enforcement over the course of the week. Notification of the investigation was communicated to the parents of all Dresden High School students.

According to a news release by Weakley County School Director Jeff Cupples, “Local law enforcement has confirmed that all legal actions necessary will be taken based on the outcome of their investigation. There is no ongoing threat to the school. Safety protocols and procedures are in place to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.”

Director of Schools Cupples said that school policies and safety procedures are in place for a reason.

“The safety of students, faculty, and staff is the most important priority in our schools and communities. We are thankful to local law enforcement who do not tolerate threats to safety in our schools. Parents, please have a serious conversation with your child(ren) about school rules and appropriate behavior. Emphasize the importance of following these rules and reporting any concerns immediately. This is crucial for ensuring the safety of everyone at school,” Director Cupples stated.

Students, parents, and anyone in the community can use the anonymous report system at weakley-countyschools-tn.safeschool-salert.com.

On February 16, Weakley County Sheriff Terry McDade and Student Resource Officer Deputy Rob Harrison investigated an incident involving a Dresden High School student, who had made threats to harm other students. At no time during the incident were there any acts of violence against students or faculty members and no individuals were placed in harm's way. The student who was responsible for making the threats is charged with Threats of School-Related Mass Violence in Weakley County Juvenile Court for their actions.

Broken Beyond Repair: A Conversation About The Death Penalty

Broken Beyond Repair: A Conversation About the Death Penalty with Reverend Stacy Rector is Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by First Christian Church, the event is in the church fellowship hall, 101 S. Poplar Street in Paris. Rev. Rector also will speak the following Sunday morning at the church's 11 a.m. service.

Sharing facts about the failures of the current system, Rector offers an analysis of the death penalty, and alternate approaches to address violent crime. These methods include the support needed by surviving families of murder victims to ensure that their healing does not rely on the outcomes of the individuals who have caused them harm.

A Presbyterian minister and executive director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP), Rev. Rector will provide both a theological and policy framework for the conversation about Tennessee's death penalty system.

“We are grateful to Stacey Rector for joining us in Paris for this important discussion,” said Rev. Caren Teichmann, First Christian Church. “I don't know anyone who hasn't wrestled with this topic. As Christians around the world begin Lenten journeys prior to Easter, questions surrounding the death penalty loom large. First Christian Church invites everyone to join in the discussion with this remarkable individual and fellow West Tennessean.”

A native of Dyersburg, Reverend Rector is a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary, and an ordained Presbyterian minister. She served as Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville for nine years. In 2006, she became Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, an organization whose mission is to honor life by abolishing the death penalty, preventing violence, and supporting those who experience harm. Rev. Rector served as spiritual advisor to Steve Henley, an inmate on Tennessee's death row, who was executed in 2009.

Rev. Rector has served as vice-president of the national board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty and on the boards of UKIRK Nashville (Presbyterian Campus Ministry) and Community Shares Tennessee. She is currently active in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and serves on the Presbytery's Social Justice Committee.

For more information on these events, call 731-642-3181 or email svandyke@firstchristianparis.org. Find more about TADP at www.TennesseeDeathPenalty.org.

Voters

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The following presidential candidates will be on Tennessee's March 5, 2024 ballot:

Republican Primary Ballot: Ryan Binkley, Chris Christie, Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Asa Hutchinson, Vivek Ramaswamy, David Stuckenberg, and Donald J. Trump.

Democratic Primary Ballot: Joseph R. Biden.

Larry R. Overman is running for Carroll County School Board District 2 as a Republican. The other 21 candidates for school board qualified as independent and will appear on the August general election ballot.

Carroll County Election Commission has three elections this year in March, August and November with new voting equipment and paper ballots. The first election is March 5, 2024 with the presidential preference primary and county primary election. Currently, 22 candidates have qualified for 18 school board seats throughout the county, but only one school board candidate will appear on the March partisan primary ballot.

The Thursday, August 1 election will determine who serves on their respective school boards. The March primary election's main purpose is to vote for a presidential candidate to represent the Republican party in the November election.

E911

...From Front Page

The Mayor highlighted the complexity of Carroll County's working environment, with multiple entities and services operating together for the benefit of its citizens. He acknowledged the challenges posed by the county's large size. He noted two important updates: the Tennessee Highway Patrol has resumed its operations at the Carroll County Airport, and a project with Hospital Wing is underway. In the coming months, Hospital Wing is expected to be based out of the Carroll County Airport. Commissioner Daniel Willman initiated the conversation by asking about the use of Enhanced 911 in Carroll County. Meggs and Sheriff Dickson confirmed that it was being used, but not to its full potential due to cost and other factors. Commissioner Willman emphasized the importance of mutual aid and community safety. Sutton and Meggs explained that local agreements varied across the state. Commissioner Willman suggested that more focus should be placed on the safety of those providing emergency services.

Commissioner Jimmy Halford inquired about the practice of centralized command, and Meggs, Sheriff Dickson, and Commissioner Walter Smothers provided an overview of the current dispatch operations across the county involving different entities. As it stands, all 911 calls go first to the Sheriff's Dispatch operations, before being directed to the appropriate entities and services. Huntingdon and McKenzie have stand-alone dispatch operations. The discussion turned to whether it was feasible to centralize all dispatch operations, but both Meggs and Dickson referred to previous failed attempts to do so.

The group also discussed the challenges of Priority Ambulance service through Baptist Hospital-Carroll County. Several committee members and stakeholders noted previous experiences where the service failed to meet expectations. This was mainly due to the lack of availability of ambulances in times of critical need. Those involved in emergency services stated that this had been an ongoing challenge for the last few years since the county's two ambulance services were reduced to one.

Commissioner Smothers clarified that this was not directed at Priority's first responders, whom he commended for doing a great job. Newman shared her experience in the ambulance service when Carroll County provided it, highlighting the serious funding challenges of a county-owned service. Commissioner Halford reiterated that the most important thing was taking care of citizens, regardless of financial challenges.

The Mayor and stakeholders discussed the possibility of in-car GPS locators and Axon body cameras for the safety of both first responders and citizens. They also plan to hold follow-up discussions and meetings with Baptist Hospital-Carroll County and Priority, as well as consider the services of other ambulance providers. In addition, they will explore the option of purchasing a county-wide insurance subscription for air ambulance services with Hospital Wing.

**Information provided by the Carroll County Mayor's Office.*



Abb Oglesby of the Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service was the instructor of a training sessions of both the McKenzie and Huntingdon industrial boards.

McKenzie, Huntingdon Industrial Boards Attend Training Session

McKENZIE (February 15) — The industrial development boards of McKenzie and Huntingdon participated in a training session conducted at the RailYard in downtown McKenzie.

Abner Oglesby with the legal department of the Tennessee Municipal League was the instructor. Oglesby spoke about the purpose of industrial development corporations, and that its a public body with open meetings, open records, and a requirement to give prior notice of its meetings.

Industrial development boards (IDBs) can issue bonds, buy, sell or lease real estate, issue PILOTs - payments in lieu of taxes, and work to secure manufacturing, distribution, or warehousing, to name a few items.

Also attending the meeting were representatives of TVA, Chuck Marquis and Eugene Johnson, and Janna Hellum and Tessa Kyle of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

Future training will include TVA, County Technical Advisory Service, and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

Stevens

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Stevens has made support for local farmers a top priority. “Farmers are critical to Tennessee's vibrant economy. I voted to eliminate the sales tax on agricultural products so our farmers can better compete with those in other states,” said Stevens.

Standing up for law and order is also important to Stevens. He voted for Tennessee's “Truth in Sentencing” law that requires violent criminals to serve their full prison sentence without parole.

He supported funding for additional State Troopers to keep our highways safe. Stevens says he will continue to oppose President Biden's agenda during a new term. “The Biden agenda is bad for Tennessee. Biden's Administration is crushing our economy, killing American energy, bankrupting the Treasury, and allowing lawlessness to go unpunished. We have a catastrophe at the Southern border. I'll do everything possible to fight the Biden agenda in Tennessee,” remarked Stevens.

Road

...From Front Page

Blount presented figures of what he presumed would be budget increases to the Highway Department with the changes. He also presented the salaries of supervisors and foremen from other counties.

Bailey stated that he believed the county needed to reduce the number of supervisors because there were two teams instead of one cohesive unit. The two units each had their own equipment and needs, which led to higher budget costs.

When brought to the floor for discussion, Commissioner Walter Smother asked why an emergency meeting was necessary on such short notice. Commissioner Darrell Ridgely responded that it was not a knee-jerk reaction to any one thing. It had been discussed over several meetings and needed to be voted on, giving the State Legislature time to make their decision. It was also mentioned that Carroll County is the only county in Tennessee that operates with two supervisors.

If a supervisor were to be eliminated, there is the possibility of the creation of a foreman's position. In the 2024 fiscal year, Carroll County is paying \$147,946 total to its highway supervisors. According to the State of Tennessee's salary schedule, it is set to pay a road supervisor \$104,774. This is a savings of \$43,172 to the county and department budget. The new private act would follow the County Uniform Highway Law as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-101.

Commissioners Phillip Moore and Randy Long stated that they were not happy with the short notice provided. Long added that in 2013 when the Commission voted to reduce the number of supervisors from four to two, they had more time to make the decision.

Resolution 2-01-2024 was approved with a 16-4 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Darrell Ridgely, Joey Simmons, Jimmy McClure, Jimmy Halford, Daniel Willman, Barry Mac Murphy, Daniel Thomas, Walter Smothers, Manuel Crossno, Lana Suite, Joey Darnell, Willie Huffman, Jay Phipps, John Austin, Spiro Roditis and Jason R. Martin. Voting against the motion were Commissioners Long, Lin Smith, Cyril Ostiguy, and Moore.

On the discussion of Resolution 2-02-2024, it was learned that the discussion of centralized finance came from multiple meetings with the Comptroller's Office and the Budget Committee. Each year the Comptroller's Office has stressed the importance of centralized finance. Previously, Mayor Butler stated, “Our goal is to not disrupt the County's financial management and operations that are working well, so the Private Act moves financial management of the Highway Department into the Finance/Mayor's Office. It establishes an official Finance Department that ultimately functions under the County Mayor's supervision.”

The bookkeeper role from the Highway Department would be moved to the Finance Office in the Mayor's Office. Between salary, social security, retirement, and unemployment, this would be a savings of roughly \$45,000 to the Highway Dept. Budget. He added, “Through attrition, specifically retirement, we would anticipate an eventual reduction of a role to the County General Fund, which would save personnel costs of an additional role, equaling roughly \$45,000.”

After some misconceptions about the role of the Comptroller were resolved among the Commissioners, the Legislative Body voted 19-1 to send the private act to the State Legislature. Commissioner Long was the single “no” vote.

With the approval of the two Private Acts, they will now move to the Tennessee State Legislature. Once approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, they will return to the Commission for ratification, which will require a 2/3 majority vote. The next scheduled meeting of the Carroll County Commission is on March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex.

Park

...From Front Page

Dan Dieringer, councilman and parks liaison, said the baseball league officials are eager to assist at the park and are now hosting registration events for young athletes to pay ball.

Greg Forest with the baseball league offered the assistance of league officers to help develop the park.

Upgrades at the sportsplex include upgrades to the windows and restrooms. The board will seek competitive bids for paving some of the parking area.

The city associates are also upgrading the Trezevant Community Center. City associates Mary Jo Hall, Barry Walker and Erice Grimes are removing the old flooring, and then leveling the base floor and installing a new surface. Restrooms are being renovated to be better accessible.

The city is considering a sign ordinance to create some uniformity. City Attorney Charles Trotter said the city must establish the sign requirements and have developed zoning ordinances to sync with those requirements. Additionally, a city official must serve as the administrator of the sign ordinances and a board of zoning appeals in case the applicant chooses to contest the administrator's decision, said Trotter, who will investigate other cities' ordinances to model one for Trezevant.

The city now has a site to burn wood, but not vegetation.

Councilperson Pam Joyner said the city has worked with the state to locate an acceptable site to burn debris. The selected location allows for the burning of wood, but not vegetation because of the proximity to houses. Attorney Trotter suggested a written agreement with easements and restrictions between the parties.

Councilman Mark Argo noted the city's water system is limited to one operating well and needs repair on the other.

Councilman Don Barger, the liaison with the Police Department reported the city's department is operating with part-time personnel, who wrote 28 speeding citation last month. He also noted repairs are needed to the patrol car, including a new engine for one of those.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

It’s All About Being Lost And Found

I’m teaching a class at Gulf Coast State entitled, “Will You Know Where You Are When You Get Where You’re Going.” I did not think up that moniker. I “borrowed” it from a guy taller, smarter, and funnier than I am. He explained his version to a laughing “Grand Ole Opry” crowd.

There is a section in the class where we discuss the importance of being, or at least feeling, independent. And we are talking about “independence” from its broadest national sense, right down to how it affects our individual thoughts, actions, and decisions.

We started with the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence. You can’t get more national than that. And we zeroed in on Frederick Jackson Turner’s thoughts on the subject as he outlined them in his “Frontier Thesis.”

Turner believed we might have gained our “on paper” independence with a war and a declaration, but it was not imprinted on our hearts until settlers started moving into the unknown lands of the American frontier. The first ones came to Kentucky while you could still smell the gunpowder from the revolution. More moved into Ohio the year before Washington was elected president.

They had to clear the land, hunt for food, build shelters, fight Indians, protect their property from fire, wind, rain, and pestilence, and keep a gun and knife close by—they were the police, doctor, school teacher, chief cook, and bottlewasher.... It wasn’t that you might tend to become a tad more independent; everyone’s life depended on it!

This scene was repeated

as our nation swept across the Midwest, Great Plains, and over the Rockies. Life was harsh and dangerous. You had to “get tough or die.” But don’t you think there was more than just a bit of pride built in along the journey? They’re the ones who ought to be singing, “We Did It Our Way!”

My older brother jumped into my mind right in the middle of the lecture. Good golly, I musta been listening to myself! Leon was the most independent of the Colbert boys by far. And it wasn’t so much that he beat to his own autonomous drum, which he certainly did, but he seemed to live by some self-governing mantra...if he could think of it, he’d do it!

I was way too cautious. I was more comfortable getting someone’s advice. I didn’t want to make waves by being one of those self-thinkers. And that could be a problem at times, like letting Yogi talk me into hopping a freight train to Memphis. Or Leon exhorting me to climb the First Baptist Church steeple, “You can see all the way to Huntingdon!”

Shoot, I couldn’t hardly see past the city water tower.

In high school, when we started talking about graduation and leaving home at our Dairy Bar gatherings, most of the guys would get excited as all “git out” at the prospects. My French fries would turn cold, soggy, and tasteless.

I don’t think I would have been a very good frontiersman.

College forced me into a different mode. I HAD to make decisions. By necessity, I became less dependent on other people’s thoughts, opinions, or unsolicited advice. I steered clear of trigonometry,

psychology, and advanced chemistry I got in those long lines for P.E., clay modeling, and basket weaving. This newfound independence was growing on me.

By the time I moved to Florida to teach school and coach, I was actually feeling pretty good about my growth in so many areas. I knew better than to hop a freight to Jacksonville and shinnying up church steeples was no longer on my radar.

I was living large and enjoying life. I didn’t bother with a bank; I just carried my money around in my front pocket for the whole world to see. Everyone in Port St. Joe was extra nice to me. I went back to Tennessee, found a girl who said she would marry me, and figured my life was pretty much set.

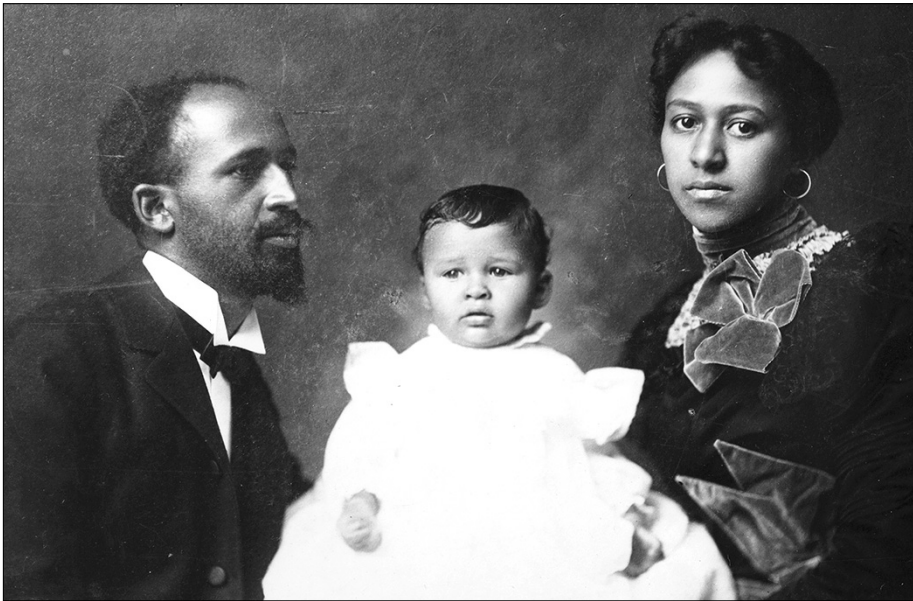
Way before I could get engaged, people started telling me, “You are going to give up your independence.” Friends would come by the radio station, “Kes, you’ve been down here five years, this marrying thing will take away some of your freedom.” Cliff Sanborn stopped me after football practice, “Has anyone mentioned you are fixing to kiss your independence goodbye....”

They were looking at it backwards. I’m thinking after living alone, by myself, with no one around, no one to eat with, no one to talk to if I “came up with” a good story.... Listen, if she can cook, wash clothes, clean this place up, knows how to open a bank account, rubs my back every now and then, and she’s got a good-paying job.... MY independence can take a small hit!

Respectfully,
Kes



Above, W. E. B. Du Bois, seated at his desk, Atlanta, Georgia, 1909. Below, W.E.B. Du Bois, his wife Nina, and their baby son Burghardt in 1898. Photo courtesy: W.E.B. Du Bois Collection, Special Collections and University Archives, UMass Amherst Libraries



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W.E.B. Du Bois

A Legacy on Civil Rights

W. E. B. Du Bois was a towering figure in American

history, renowned for his intellectual prowess, tireless activism. From his early life in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to his pioneering work in sociology, his time at Fisk University in Tennessee, his prolific publications, and his pivotal role in the founding of the NAACP, Du Bois left an indelible mark on the struggle for racial equality and social justice in the United States.

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was born on February 23, 1868, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He grew up in a predominantly white community but was raised in a racially tolerant environment by his mother, Mary Silvina Burghardt, and his stepfather, Alfred Du Bois. Despite facing racial discrimination, Du Bois excelled academically and graduated as valedictorian from his high school.

In 1885, Du Bois enrolled at Fisk University, a historically black college in Nashville, Tennessee, where he encountered firsthand the harsh realities of segregation and racism in the post-Reconstruction South.

At Fisk, Du Bois immersed himself in the study of history, philosophy, and literature, while also engaging in activism and social reform efforts. His experiences at Fisk deepened his commitment to fighting racial injustice and inequality, and he began to develop his ideas about the role of education and leadership in empowering African Americans.

At Fisk, during the morning prayers attended by two to three hundred fellow students, he realized “that this great assembly of youth and intelligence are the representatives of a race which twenty years ago was in bondage.” He found increased pride in his race and solace that he could stand among colleagues who did not judge him by the color of his skin.

After graduating from Fisk in 1888, Du Bois continued his education at Harvard University, where

he earned a bachelor’s degree cum laude in 1890 and became the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1895. His doctoral dissertation, “The Suppression of the African Slave Trade,” laid the foundation for his lifelong scholarship on race, slavery, and colonialism.

Throughout his career, Du Bois authored numerous influential books, essays, and articles, including “The Souls of Black Folk” (1903), a seminal work that explored the double consciousness of African Americans and the enduring legacy of slavery in American society. Teaching stints in rural Wilson County at the Wheeler School significantly influenced his work because institutions such as Fisk had their own cultural identity.

Other notable publications include “Black Reconstruction in America” (1935), “The Philadelphia Negro” (1899), and “Dusk of Dawn” (1940).

In “The Souls of Black Folk,” Du Bois shared his personal experiences as a teacher in Tennessee near Watertown to explain life “within the veil” of race. During two summers, he taught school to around thirty African American children in a log cabin that was used to store corn. His schoolhouse was the only source of education for the area’s African American children. While attending services at Seay Chapel Methodist Church in Alexandria, he gained a better understanding of the preacher and the power of African American religion in rural communities.

After ten years, Du Bois revisited Watertown during a trip to Fisk to reconnect with old acquaintances and learn how his former students had fared. Unfortunately, his favorite student, Josie, had died, which was one of many negative events her family had experienced since Du Bois’s departure. Josie’s brother had fled from the legal enforcement of unfair labor arrangements between blacks and whites. The school remained abandoned except for the regular class sessions that were still held. While some families had prospered, others had lost their farms or had barely survived on the meager

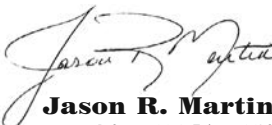
soil. Some had relocated to Nashville in search of employment.

The community’s lives were intertwined with marriage, children, and violence. Du Bois reflected on his time near Watertown and wrote in a style that inspired major African American writers of the twentieth century: “Life is hard for the lowly and is very human and real! And all this life and living, strife and failure – is it the twilight of nightfall or the flush of some faint-dawning day? Sadly pondering, I rode to Nashville in the Jim Crow Car.” The works propelled Du Bois to national prominence.

In 1909, Du Bois played a key role in the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a civil rights organization dedicated to fighting racial discrimination and promoting equality for African Americans. As the editor of the NAACP’s magazine, “The Crisis,” Du Bois used his platform to expose racial violence, advocate for anti-lynching legislation, and mobilize support for civil rights causes.

Du Bois’s leadership and vision helped shape the NAACP into a powerful force for social change, and he remained actively involved with the organization for many years, serving on its board of directors and contributing his intellect and expertise to its campaigns and initiatives. Through his writings and activism, Du Bois challenged prevailing notions of race and democracy, and his work remains essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the complex history of race relations in America.

Du Bois’s life was a testament to the power of intellect, courage, and perseverance in the face of adversity. From his early years in Massachusetts to his pioneering scholarship, activism, and leadership in the civil rights movement, Du Bois’s impact on American history and culture is immeasurable.


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Letter to the Editor

...Lasting Peace

My brothers and sisters in the Middle East are suffering. Therefore, I am advocating for the following six actions.

1. It is time for a ceasefire in Gaza now.

2. Diplomacy is needed to de-escalate tensions in the Middle East.

3. The U.S. must do more to increase humanitarian access.

4. Urgent steps are needed to end mass atrocities.

5. The U.S. should become complicit in PEACE, not more war.

6. There is hope for the way forward to a just and lasting peace.

Roger C. Johnson, PhD
McKenzie

Growing Momentum for the Kids Online Safety Act

Blackburn, Blumenthal Announce 60+ Cosponsors

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On the heels of the Senate’s hearing with Big Tech CEOs, U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) lead sponsors of the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act, announced growing U.S. Senate support for the bill, with 62 senators now cosponsoring the legislation. Following conversations with stakeholders and colleagues, Blackburn and Blumenthal also announced new bill supporters and several changes that have been made to strengthen the legislation and ensure it becomes law.

The Kids Online Safety Act would provide kids and parents with better tools to protect themselves online, hold Big Tech accountable for harms to kids, and pro-

vide transparency into black box algorithms.

“This overwhelming bipartisan support for the Kids Online Safety Act—62 co-sponsors, Democrats and Republicans—reflects the powerful voices of young people and parents who want Congress to act,” said Senators Blackburn and Blumenthal. “The recent watershed hearing with Big Tech CEOs showcased the urgent need for reform. With new changes to strengthen the bill and growing support, we should seize this moment to take action. We must listen to the kids, parents, experts, and advocates, and finally hold Big Tech accountable by passing the Kids Online Safety Act into law.”

“I committed to work with parents, advocates, and the bill sponsors to strengthen

the Kids Online Safety Act in the Commerce Committee and help usher this bill into law. This revised text reflects many months of collaboration to craft a strong and balanced bill that does not lose sight of its purpose: to protect our kids online. KOSA demands accountability from online platforms and gives parents the tools to help protect the well-being of their children,” said U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

“Big Tech companies have failed to keep abhorrent and harmful content away from young users or give parents the tools necessary to keep children safe online. The Kids Online Safety Act is a serious and meaningful step toward empowering parents and protecting our kids from toxic content, bullying, sexual predators, and other online threats. Over the past several months, I am proud to have worked with Sens. Blackburn, Blumenthal, and Cantwell to make improvements to this bipartisan legislation so that it is ready for the Senate floor. As the parent of teenagers, I hope my congressional colleagues will come together to pass this legislation to help address the crises of depression and suicide that children across the country are facing in part because of social media,” said U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

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Obituaries

DAWN D. FRALIX
1966 — 2024

McKENZIE — A Celebration of Life for Dawn D. Fralix was Saturday, February 17, 2024, at First Baptist Church-McKenzie.

Ms. Fralix, 57, died Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She was a telephone repair technician for Lucent Technologies in Nashville. She was born on July 19, 1966, in Maury Co. to Paul and Dorethia Hotsford Dugger.

She is survived by her father, Paul Dugger and son, Garrett (Mary) Fralix of McKenzie.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Dorethia Dugger.

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DARRIS NASH
1928 — 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Darris Nash were Monday, February 19, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Olive Branch Cemetery, Como, Tenn.

Brother James Hazlewood was the officiant and Marco Taaffe, Connor Viana, Blake Cantrell, Chris Singleton, Flynn Watson and Damon Nash were pallbearers.

Mr. Nash, 95, died at AHC Union City on Tuesday, February 15, 2024.

He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church, a retired heavy equipment operator for Replogle Lumber and Garland Ellis, and a yard man, mowing several yards every summer. He was born in Henry Co. on July 19, 1928, to Lossie and Lindy Douglas Nash.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Annette Moore Nash, a daughter, Jane (Joe Pat) Moody of Buchanan, two sons, Ricky (Linda) Nash of Paris and Steve Cantrell of Jackson, three grandchildren, Damon Nash, Kim Watson and Blake Cantrell and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a twin brother, Douglas Nash and a brother, Joe Smith.

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DORA FAYE
HOOPER
1944 — 2024

BRADFORD — Funeral services for Dora Faye Hooper were Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church-Trezevant. Interment was at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mrs. Hooper, 79, died at her residence on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. She was born in Huntingdon on March 8, 1944, to James and Frances Fuller Murphy.

She is survived by her children, Tony Montgomery of Bradford, Sandra Montgomery (Tracy Forrest) of Bradford, Deborah (Ira) Harper of Bradford and Angela Mayfield of Camden, step-children, Janie Hooper,

Lindy Hooper, Lloyd (LeAnn) Hooper, Frank (Ginger) Hooper and John (Marie) Hooper, Jr., one sister, Emma Mae (Gary) Waller of Humboldt, two brothers, Lloyd Earl Murphy of Milan and Larry Joe (Sharon) Murphy of Humboldt, 30 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, John D. Hooper, stepdaughter, Nina Hooper, one grandson, and one great-granddaughter.

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EVELYN
KINNINGHAM
1927 — 2024

LEACH — Mrs. Evelyn Kinningham, 96, of Leach, Tenn., died Sunday, February 11, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 17, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was at Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Kinningham was born August 4, 1927, in Leach, to the late James Roscoe and Effie Mildred Belew Goodrum. She graduated from Freed Hardeman College, where she was the valedictorian of the 1945 class. She was a teacher. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Troy Kinningham, and a brother, James Goodrum.

She is survived by a daughter, Julia Ballard (Harold) of Oreana, Ill., a son, Alan Kinningham (Jan), of Three-Way, six grandchildren, Joy Ballard, David Bal-

lard, Rusty Ballard, Dustin Ballard, Drew Kinningham, and Bennett Kinningham, and six great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

CAROLYN
HURLEY RICH
1942 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Carolyn Hurley Rich, 81, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, February 16, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery. Brother Bryan Oakes officiating.

Mrs. Rich was preceded in death by her first husband, James E Hurley; second husband, Lindon Garlon Rich; son, Mark Hurley. She was an assistant personnel manager at Douglas & Lomason and a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, James Steven (Janelle) Hurley of Milan, Tenn.; two daughters, Terri (Kenneth) Bartholomew of Cedar Grove, Tenn., and Debbie (Glen) Wilson of Lexington, Tenn.; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

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

HAL JEROME
TAYLOR
1935 — 2024

GLEASON — Services for Hal Jerome Taylor, 88, of Gleason were Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery in Gleason.

He was born July 18, 1935, and died February 11, 2024.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his two children, Kim (Roger) Reed of McKenzie, and Kenny Taylor of Gleason. He is also survived by two sisters, Geraldine Eva of Huntsville, Ala., and Sandra Johnson of Huntingdon.

He leaves behind five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Taylor, parents, Odean and Opal Taylor, and two brothers, James and Gene Taylor. Williams Funeral Home, Gleason, Tenn.

MILDRED
HERNDON
1929 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Mildred Herndon, 94, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Monday, February 12, 2024, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 17, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Herndon was born June 7, 1929, to the late Noah Chester Smith and Ethel Mae Sooner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert Herndon; son, Garland Teddy Wilbert Thomas Herndon; daughter, Loretta Herndon; great-granddaughter, Bianca LeAnn Conroy.

She is survived by eight daughters, Martha Ann Lowe of Bruceton, Tenn., Mae Margaret (Charles) Wilson of Huntingdon, Tenn., Shirley Jane (Michael) Reed of Huntingdon, Tenn., Dolores Sue Green of Atwood, Tenn., Mildred Kay Willis of

Huntingdon, Tenn., Patricia Carroll (Phillip) Hicks of Huntingdon, Tenn., Nadine Herndon of Huntingdon, Tennessee and Tena Melissa (Robert Anthony) Hicks of Cedar Grove, Tenn.; one sister Mae Frances Spicer of Mossport, Miss.; one brother Jimmy Smith of Lexington, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

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

RONALD WILLIAM
SMITH
1943 — 2024

McKENZIE — A Celebration of Life for Ronald William Smith is Monday, February 26, 2024. Interment is at 10:30 a.m. at The Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery-Parkers Crossroads. Following the service the family will have a pot luck at the Farmers Market in McKenzie.

Mr. Smith, 80, died at his residence on February 15, 2024. He was born in Springfield, Ill., on September 18, 1943, to the late Floyd and Opal Marie Sutton Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Wanda Clark Smith of McKenzie, two daughters, Karen Fry (Richard Carpenter) of McKenzie and Audrey Seals of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a son, Bill (Angela) Smith of Arlington, Tenn., nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Bethel, Eastside FCE

There were nine members present for the February meeting in the home of Mary and Penny Mays. The hostess was Gail Eubanks, our president, who called the meeting to order with the reading of the Club Pledge in unison. The devotion was given from the booklet, "The Upper Room" based on Palms 19:1 and Ps. 4-6. Roll call was answered with "What can you do to stay on track with your New Year resolutions and goals?" Our answers were fairly easy since none of us made any. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with no changes. The treasury report was given.

Old Business: We will continue to work with United Neighbors. Lacy Yeley, the extension agent, will contact them to find out their needs.

The cluster meeting went well with ladies saying it will be a hard act to follow for the next one.

New Business: We went through the new books and assigned months for hostesses. The hostess of that month is responsible for the devotion and the educational program. The state conference for 2024 is November 17-20. It will be held in Paris, Tenn. We, Carroll County, are in charge of the gift shop which will be set up on the Sunday before the conference.

Educational Program: miscellaneous trivia was given by Gail Eubanks.

Aluminum foil, shiny side out or in? Doesn't really matter.

Wooden Spoons — Yes or No? Yes, wooden spoons are made from edible fruit trees.

Pros: takes the heat, won't melt like plastic. Cons: they stain; great for acidic food, not to use in dishwasher; no harmful chemicals, such as reaction to metal; won't scratch cookware.

Bowls

Glass Bowls — Pros: environmentally safe, easy clean up. Cons: breakable dishwasher safe, temperature change can crack; hard to beat egg whites.

Metal Bowls — Pros: durable and light weight. Cons: gets hot; turns egg whites gray.

Ceramic Bowls — Pro: pretty. Cons: chipping, cracking, breaking.

Copper Bowls — Pro: best for beating egg whites. Con: expensive.

Plastic Bowls — Pros: light weight, easy clean. Cons: stains, melts, holds odors.

March hostess is Lacy Yeley.

hours. Cut into 1x1 1/2 inch pieces. Yield 96 servings.

Toasted Buttered
Pecans

1/2 pound pecan halves (2 cups)
1 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
2 tablespoon butter
Spread pecans evenly in a shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and dot with butter. Bake at 300 degrees for 10 minutes.

Nuts and Bolts

2 cups wheat Chex
2 cups corn Chex
2 cups pretzels
2 cups cheerios
2 cups pecans
1 cups salted peanuts
1 stick oleo
5 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 teaspoon garlic salt
Mix cereals, pretzels, and nuts. Melt oleo over low heat; add Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt and pour evenly over the mixture of other ingredients in large roaster. Bake, uncovered, at 225 degrees for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes.

Party Franks

1 pound wieners, halved
1 pound bacon
1 pound brown sugar
Wrap bacon around each half of wiener; secure with toothpick. Cook in crock pot. Pour brown sugar over all. Cook until all syrup is absorbed into franks.

Inglenook Book Club

The Inglenook Book Club held its February 14 meeting at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie with 18 members in attendance. President Gail Mack was absent, and Vice President Shirley Martin called the meeting to order. She thanked the hostesses Victoria Ard and Carolyn Potts for the beautifully decorated and delicious homemade heart-shaped cakes made by Victoria, along with fresh grapes, medley mix, and assorted beverages.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Motto were recited by all. Happy Birthday was sung to our February birthday ladies, Sandi McMahan and Marilyn Putman. Shirley shared that teacher A. B. Summers would always address his class on Valentine's Day by saying let me be the first to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day, so Shirley followed and said "Let me be the first to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day as well".

Roll call was taken, followed by the reading of the January minutes. The motion to accept minutes as read was given by Jean Hollomon and seconded by Victoria Ard, the motion passed and the report was approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the Treasurer's Report, and it was approved as read by all.

Vice President Shirley Martin called for committee reports from Sunshine Chair, Elaine Williams who mentioned cards were sent out; Membership chair, Suzanne Howell was absent, but there have been no changes; Telephone Chair, Victoria Ard was thanked for graciously calling everyone about the meeting and the time change for this month due to activities planned at Lakeside that afternoon.

In old business, Geneva Johnson mentioned that everyone had a good time at the Carroll Arts Trivia Bowl and if you get the opportunity to attend, it's a great time for all. In new business, mention was made about starting the meetings at 2 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. starting in 2025, as some members mentioned it would be easier for them. Everyone is to think about this, and it will be discussed at a later date.

Shirley called upon Genia Sherwood to present her program. Genia spoke to

us about author Carolyn Haines. Haines was born May 12, 1953 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Roy and Hilda Haines, who were both journalists. Growing up in Lucedale, MS (which is way down in the southeast corner of the state); is where her dream was to be a cowgirl, a writer, and Nancy Drew. Haines graduated high school in 1971, received a bachelor's degree from University of Southern Mississippi in 1974, and a master's degree in creative writing from Southern University of Alabama in 1985.

Carolyn Haines was a reporter and journalist for over 10 years for newspapers such as the George County Times, the Mobile Press-Register, the Mississippi Press, the Huntsville Times, and the Hattiesburg American.

As a writer today, she mainly focuses on the Sarah Booth Delaney series. These mysteries are usually solved in the fictional town of Zinnia, Miss., where the characters will be quick to tell you that they do all the hard work, and Haines is just the writer.

Haines's hometown was called the Pine Barrens. Pine trees are a cash crop around Lucedale, with thousands of acres owned by paper mills. She was asked how she got started writing about the delta, being Lucedale is so different than the delta. She stated it was her first visit to the delta at Parchman State Prison doing a newspaper story. She remembered the terrible desolation mile after mile, but also the delta had fabulous wealth; thus at age 21, she wrote about this land of stark contrasts and strong beauty. This is how the Sarah Booth book series came to be.

Haines also writes darker crime novels and general fiction. She has written under the pen names of Caroline Burns (romantic mysteries), Lizzie Hart (in humor), and R. B. Chesterton.

Awards have been, the 2009 Richard Wright Award for Literary Excellence, the 2010 Harper Les Award for Alabama, Distinguished Writer of the Year, and Alabama State Council on the Arts fellowship for her writing.

Haines still lives in her hometown and continues to write, and has taught graduate and undergraduate fiction writing classes at the University of South Alabama, where she was an assistant professor and Fiction Coordinator.

Mary Newman, book chair, called the book passing order.

Announcements were: Carolyn Potts mentioned how the Library has several books available to disburse to readers. The next meeting is on March 13 at 3:00 pm at Lakeside; hostesses will be Geneva Johnson and Shirley Martin, and Geneva Johnson will present the program. The next book passing date is February 28.

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

Members present were: Jean Alexander, Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Hollomon, Geneva Johnson, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinzie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller

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Easy Fried Rice

1/4 cup olive or vegetable oil
4 cups cooked rice
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 envelope Lipton recipe Secret onion mushroom soup mix
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 cup frozen peas and carrots, partially thawed
2 eggs slightly beaten
In 12 inch nonstick pan, heat oil over medium-high heat; add cooked rice, stirring constantly 2 minutes or until rice is heated through. Stir in garlic. Blend soup mix with water and soy sauce; stir into rice. Cook 1 minute. Stir in peas and carrots; cook 2 minutes or until heated. Make a well in center of rice and quickly stir in eggs until cooked.

Veggie Bites

2 (8oz.) cans crescent rolls

1 egg beaten
16 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup mayonnaise
1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
1/2 cup finely chopped cauliflower
1/2 cup finely chopped broccoli
1/2 cup finely chopped mushrooms
1/2 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped tomato
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Unroll crescent roll dough. Spread in 10x15 inch baking sheet, sealing perforations. Brush with egg. Bake at 375 degrees for 11-13 minutes or until light brown. Cool. Beat cream cheese, mayonnaise and salad dressing mix in mixer bowl until smooth. Spread over baked layer. Sprinkle with next ingredients. Top with cheese. Chill for 2

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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., McLemoresville, 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.

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LENTEN FISH FRIES AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Family Catholic Church, 256 Cotham Drive, Huntingdon, hosts Lenten Fish Fries for four Fridays, February 23 and March 1, 8 and 15 from 4:30-7 p.m. Plates are \$15 for adults (\$7 for children 8 and under) with dessert and drink. Carryout available.

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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.

RELAY FOR LIFE BAKE AUCTION

The annual Carroll County Relay for Life Bake Auction is March 25-29. It is broadcast each year on WHDM radio. More details will be available later. For more information, call Sherry Washburn, 731-415-3282.

HUNTINGDON SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

Huntingdon Board of Education meets Wednesday, February 21, 5 p.m. at the

Huntingdon School Central Office, 585 High Street, Huntingdon. Anyone wishing to address the board should notify the director of schools' office by 1 p.m. on the day of the board meeting.

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.

MISS UTM RODEO PAGEANT

The University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Booster Club will sponsor the Miss UTM Rodeo Pageant Saturday, March 16, at Watkins Auditorium, located inside the UTM Boling University Center in Martin. The pageant is open to all girls, ages 0-20. Contestants will be

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Doors open at 12 p.m. with pageants as follows: 0-12 months at 1 p.m., 1-3 years at 1:30 p.m., 4-6 years at 2 p.m., 7-9 years at 2:30 p.m., 10-12 years at 3 p.m., 13-15 years at 3:30 p.m., and 16-20 years at 4 p.m. Registration is at the door only, \$40 for beauty only with side categories available for additional cost.

Winner of the 16-20 division required to participate in UTM Rodeo Week activities and is eligible to compete in Territorial Queens Review/Strawberry Festival. Junior, Teen and Miss Division Queens will be recognized at UTM Rodeo Performances April 11, 12, and 13. For more information, contact Beth Weldon at (731) 225-1227.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

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.carrollcotngop.com.

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.

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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-Bruceston), Roy Gene Dill and Jason Fields (Huntingdon). Russell Bush is the Chairman.



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Pictured are Rotary Vice President Christy Williams, Jason Arnold, Brian Tucker, and Rotary President Jason Martin.

McKenzie Fire Department Discusses First Responder Program at Rotary

MCKENZIE (January 30) — McKenzie Fire Department is now serving as medical first responders.

MFD Chief Brian Tucker and Battalion Chief Jason Arnold told McKenzie Rotary Club members about the new program to provide prompt response to persons needing medical attention.

Priority Ambulance/Baptist operates four am-

bulances in the county. On occasion, the response by the ambulance is delayed. The City of McKenzie chose to add a medical component to its fire department. Two SUVs are equipped with medical supplies to respond in the McKenzie area. Firefighters are trained as medical first responders to assess and provide initial care for

the patient until the ambulance can arrive and transport. MFD is called to be the responders in the area of McKenzie, whether it be Carroll, Henry or Weakley counties. The department also provides standby at football games for McKenzie schools and Bethel. Priority helps provide the medical supplies for MFD.

Support Bethel's International Students During Spring Break

MCKENZIE — Bethel University students will soon head to Spring Break, leaving some students to remain on campus, unable to travel home. Those are the international students who call McKenzie their home during the school year. Chloe Amick, a senior majoring in Sociology, is leading the initiative to support Bethel's international students. There are 117 registered international students of which approximately 80 remain on campus for spring break.

Chloe Amick is the 2024 Miss Bethel University Volunteer and was crowned on November 18, 2023. Her hometown is Jonesboro, Arkansas and is a member of the Bethel Bowling Team.

She will compete for Miss Tennessee Volunteer in July 2024 along with 35 other contestants.

After graduating in May, she plans to attend the University of Kentucky's Social Work Masters program.

Chloe is a part of several organizations on campus which includes being the treasurer for the Association of Student Athletes, President of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, Chief of Staff for the Student Government Association, Secretary for Lambda Sigma Sorority, a three-year Student Ambassador, and the 23'-24' Student Marshal Scholarship Recipient. Chloe's platform is ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) which is promoted to bring awareness to children and families who are in financial struggles and the impacts it can have on the children

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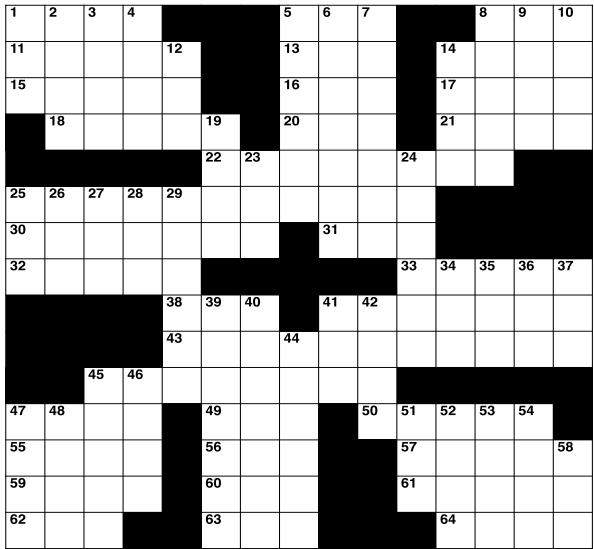
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. ___ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the



- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breeze through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Snake-like fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft
- 34. When you hope to get somewhere
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
- 54. Long, narrow strap
- 58. Male parent

Week 8

See solution in next week's edition.

U.S. Presidents Word Search

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Buchanan
Bush
Carter
Cleveland
Clinton
Coolidge
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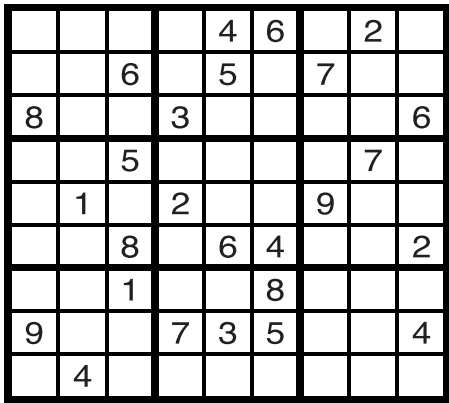
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SOLUTION WEEK 7

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WEEK 8



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Huntingdon Police Reports

Shoplifting — Two women were arrested for shoplifting at Walmart on Feb. 8 by Lt. Angie Barker.

The store's security personnel had Arionna Carr, 19, of Munford and Alexxis Jane Marshall, 20, of Big Sandy in custody when Barker arrived.

The two had concealed several items that they had in their purses and attempted to leave the store without paying for the items.

Both were cited into General Sessions Court for Theft under \$1,000 involving merchandise. All items were recovered but were unable to be sold. The amount of \$32.69 will be due Walmart from Marshall and \$23.81 from Carr.

Theft — Sgt. Tony King was dispatched to Hillcourt Circle where he met a resident who was the victim of a theft. The female victim said the perpetrator entered through the back door that was unlocked. The items she said she had missing were a portable DVD player, a toy bow and arrow, an Alexia and \$500 in cash. She said she was in the adjacent apartment asleep at the time the incident occurred. Besides the money, the other items were worth \$290.

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McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT — February 16, 2024

The McKenzie Special School District is receiving bids for the following:

- One (1) Hip Style outdoor canopy and picnic tables as specified:
- 1 – 20x32x8 Hip Style shade Canopy with quick release to be installed over an existing concrete pad at MES
- 4 – 6 foot heavy-duty picnic tables, steel with powder coat
- This purchase is exempt from all state, federal, and local taxes.

Sealed bids will be received by the McKenzie Special School District at 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 by Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10 a.m., at which time the bidding will close and the bids opened.

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid quotations.

A460/PO#20241107/8-2

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
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Marriage Licenses

• Joseph Dylan Campbell, 27, of Atwood to Brittany Nicole Mason, 27, of Atwood.

• John Thomas Hibschweeler, 80, to Mary Kathleen Phipps, 77, of Lexington

Property Transfers

- Maude M. Andrade to Adam Reed. District 7.
- Patrick Anthony to Christina M. and Donald Perrigo, Jr. District 23.
- Alex K. McAlexander to Centennial Bank. No District Listed.
- Donald R. and Christina M. Perrigo to Donald R. Perrigo. District 23.
- Kevin Mark and Kimberley Brooke Couch to Dewayne Valentine Underhill. District 2.
- Grover Hunt Jr. is the heir-at-law of Mattie Simmons to Trevor Lee Hunt. District 5
- Ray Smith to Ronald Washburn, 2 deeds, District 17.
- Janice S. Wolfe to Lawson R. Johns. No District Listed.
- David T. Hilliard to Carroll County Habitat for Humanity. District 4.
- James Eric McMinn to James Eric and Brittany McMinn. District 24.
- Gary M. Parish to Stephen Berryman. District 4.
- Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master; Laura Byars, Billy Byars to Grant and Kirsten McPeake. District 11.
- Kayla Bennett Baker to Kayla and Jacob D. Baker. District 15.
- Aletha D. Jones to Jessica and Armando Guell. No District Listed.
- James Robert Gable to Terry R. and Brenda Bray. District 6.
- John Wesley Beam, individually and executor of the estate to John Wesley Beam. District 12.
- Blake and Beverly Spellings to Copoyo, LLC. District. 4.
- Centennial Bank to Susan Cole. District 2.
- Kent and Kevin Smith to Kent and Kevin Smith. No District Listed.
- William L. and Cheryla Jung to Kenneth E. Jacobsen. No. District Listed.
- Sandra Sue Jones to Sandra Jean Ellis. District 12.
- Cynthia D. Webb, NKA Cynthia Potts to Blake Bourne. No District Listed.
- Anthony James and Lori Ann Clayton to Sara and Zachary Ford. District 21.
- Mary Elizabeth Davis to Mary Elizabeth Davis. District 11.
- West Carroll Special School District to City of Atwood. No District Listed.
- Terrence Roy to Terrence Roy.
- Eric A. Chambers to Charlotte Ladawn Braden-Allen. District 21.
- Donald Finch as trustee to Phillip M. Naran. District 10.
- Dawnell and James Gentry and Sandra Gentry to William and Dawn Burnett. No. District Listed.
- Ida Virginia Rhea to Wayne and Judy M. Brackeen. No District Listed.
- Wayne and Judy Brackeen to Ida Virginia Rhea. No District Listed.
- Jennifer Carter Rogers as personal representative to Susan Lawrence and others. District 11.

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NOTICE PRESIDENTIAL AND COUNTY PRIMARIES March 5, 2024

TO THE VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

You are hereby notified that the Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Elections will be held in all voting precincts in Carroll County, Tennessee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

THE POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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PRECINCT: TREZEVANT Trezevant Senior Citizens Center 135 Front Street Trezevant, TN 38258	PRECINCT: ATWOOD Atwood City Hall 45 First Street Atwood, TN 38220
PRECINCT: McLEMORESVILLE McLemoresville Community Center 5637 Main Street McLemoresville, TN 38235	PRECINCT: SENIOR CITIZENS McKenzie Senior Citizens Center 172 South Main Street McKenzie, TN 38201
PRECINCT: CEDAR GROVE Cedar Grove Fire Department 4215 Hwy 70 Cedar Grove, TN 38321	PRECINCTS: CONCORD/WESTPORT Westport Fire Department 7301 Westport Road Westport, TN 38387
PRECINCT: CLARKSBURG Clarksburg City Hall 65 Clarksburg Road Clarksburg, TN 38324	PRECINCT: CHURCH OF CHRIST Church of Christ 16300 Highland Drive McKenzie, TN 38201
PRECINCT: RECYCLING CENTER Carroll County Recycling Center 21650 Hwy 77 Huntingdon, TN 38344	PRECINCT: FARMERS MARKET (was CITY HALL) — McKENZIE Farmers Market 2431 Cedar Street McKenzie, TN 38201
PRECINCT: CIVIC CENTER Carroll County Civic Center 201 Mustang Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344	PRECINCT: BRUCETON Bruceton Fire Station 30794 Broad Street Bruceton, TN 38317
PRECINCT: HUNTINGDON POLICE STATION Huntingdon Police Station 12740 Lexington Street Huntingdon, TN 38344	

EARLY VOTING continues through February 27, 2024, M-F 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. EARLY VOTING IS ONLY in the Carroll County Election Office, 625 High St, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344

The ABSENTEE COUNTING BOARD will commence duties on Election Day, 4 p.m. in the Carroll County Election Commission Office, 625 High St, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

You can visit the Tennessee Division of Elections Website at <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/> to check on your voter registration status and the location of your polling place.

ATTENTION VOTERS:
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ATTENTION CANDIDATES

Display of campaign posters, signs or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials and solicitation of votes is strictly prohibited within 100 feet of any polling place. (TCA 2-7-111) During the hours the polls are open, candidates are not to enter a polling place unless they are there to cast their vote. (TCA 2-7-103)

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
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Julia A. Blanks, Commissioner • Michael K. Tate, Commissioner
Linda Wallace, Commissioner • Peg Hamlett, Administrator

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (February 14) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on February 14.

Lisa Lynn Cowens, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, was bound over on charges of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

William Casey Goodman, Emma Smith Road, Camden, was bound over on charges of Evading Arrest, Reckless Driving-Vehicle.

Austin D. Taylor, Booker Street, McKenzie, was bound over on a charge of Meth- Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Robert Ted Barmore, Cotton Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, supervised probation; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

William Bunch, Batey Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$250 fine; guilty, Probation Violation; dismissed, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange.

Allysa Burnett, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, probation; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Lacey Cozart, Walnut Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 60 days jail, probation extended.

Juan Cruz, Johnson Street, Trezevant, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, supervised probation, not to drive for one year; dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs- Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Steven Scott Doest, Flowers Street, Milan, guilty, Probation Violation, 60 days jail, probation extended.

William Fairchild, Macedonia Road, McKenzie, guilty, Implied Consent, not to drive for one year; dismissed, DUI-Second Offense.

Cinda Kay Hampton, Schools Road, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation; guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, one-year inpatient rehab; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Tiffany Howard, Walnut

Circle, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation.

Robert Isome, Point Pleasant Road, Buchanan, guilty, Drivers License Must Be Carried, \$50 fine; unsupervised probation; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Dustin Lee Ray Lane, Bear Creek Road, Bon Aqua, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, supervised probation; dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Meghan Lane, Fair Oaks Place, Jackson, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, probation.

Ethaniel Glen Lewis, Rowland Mill Road, Bruceton, guilty, Driving While Canceled, probation, must obtain a valid license; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Shaquise T. Long, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation, not to drive for one year, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; guilty, Probation Violation.

Joseph Francis Lukomski, Old Stage Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Simple Possession, \$750 fine, 22 days jail, supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation, forfeit firearms to Sheriff's Department, mental health evaluation; dismissed, Possession of a Firearm with Intent to go Armed.

Larry Joe Tomblin, Jr., Butler Speedway, Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended for three months.

Mark Douglas Vinson, Vinson Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Window Tint Violation, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Lynda Walls, School Street, McLemoresville, guilty, Probation Violation, 30 days jail, probation.

The following cases were dismissed.

Edward Christy, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Ronald Sulik, Jr. Thompson Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, Fugitive From Justice; dismissed, Criminal Impersonation.

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, Ruben 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, Ruben 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.

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Pictured are (L to R) Judge Hayes, Rotary VP Christy Williams, ‘Gus’ Radford and Rotary President Jason Martin.

‘Mark Twain’ Speaks at Rotary

MCKENZIE (February 13) — Robert ‘Gus’ Radford, portraying Mark Twain, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on Tuesday, February 13. Radford, the former district attorney of the 24th Judicial

District, enjoys portraying Twain, who was the author of many books. Radford resides in Huntingdon with his wife, Linda. Radford’s guest at the meeting was David Hayes, the retired Criminal Court of Appeals

judge and senior judge for Tennessee. Hayes resides in Union City. McKenzie Rotary meets each Tuesday noon in the Vera Low Center on the campus of Bethel University.

McKenzie Police Reports

Speeding, Driving on Suspended — Kevon Marcellus Keaton, 23, Ward Road, Millington, was charged with Speeding and Driving on a Suspended License on February 16.

Officer Darren Davis stopped the vehicle Keaton was driving for speeding and learned of the suspended status of his license for a prior violation in Carroll County. He was advised to report to Carroll County Jail for booking.

Violation of Probation, Criminal Conspiracy — Aaron J. Powell, 35, Collins Road, Dresden, was charged with Violation of Probation, Criminal Conspiracy and Theft - all on outstanding warrants out of Weakley County.

Officer Sean Beck reported McKenzie Police received an anonymous tip that Powell was inside a McKenzie business. When he exited the store, Officers Jones, Beck, and Dillion closed in to the vehicle to which Powell was returning. He was taken into custody and transferred to the custody of Weakley County authorities.

Underage DUI — Hailey Nicole Cooner, 20, Smyrna, Tenn., was charged with Underage DUI on February 14 after she failed to signal a turn.

Sergeant Cody Coleman initiated the stop, detected a smell of an intoxicant inside the vehicle, and asked Cooner to perform a field sobriety test. She was transported to Baptist Hospital, where a blood-alcohol test was administered and then to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Revoked, Open Container — Roman Winkler, 36, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License and Open Container on February 16.

Officer Sean Beck observed Winkler as driving and had knowledge about his license status. He was charged as noted and transported to Carroll County Jail without the possibility of bail because he was

already held on a separate charge. His vehicle was seized.

Driving on Revoked Second Offense — Brandon P. Westphal, 38, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License-Second Offense on February 15.

Officer Sean Beck witnessed Westphal driving a Camero that turned into a parking lot. Beck stopped the vehicle, registered to Roman Winkler. Westphal was revoked due to a DUI. Westphal indicated that he and Winkler had a verbal agreement to switch the ownership of the vehicle to Westphal.

Westphal was arrested and the vehicle was seized.

Manufacturing Meth — James S. Anderson, 42, Tennessee Street, McKenzie was charged with Manufacturing Meth on February 18.

Officer Steven Scott stopped the vehicle for failure to stop at a stop sign. Permission was granted to search the vehicle to which Officer Scott found a substance believed to be meth and a glass pipe. He was arrested for Possession of Schedule II and cited with Failing to Stop.

Theft — A McKenzie resident reported the theft of his handgun and holster on February 12.

Officer Timothy Dillon took the report that indicates it is a Girsan MC1911 9MM handgun. A suspect was named in the case.

Domestic Assault — Veronica Beckett, 43, Holmes Mill Road, Huntingdon, was charged with Domestic Assault on February 13.

Officer Sean Beck arrived on the scene on High-

land Drive, where a male subject stated he was assaulted by his ex-girlfriend, Beckett, as they drove to a local pharmacy to pick up medicines. The victim had an audio recording of the verbal exchange between the two.

Beckett was booked into Carroll County Jail.

Driving on a Revoked License — Deshan D. Sanders, 33, Cherry Blossom Dr., Huntingdon was charged with Driving on a Revoked License - Third Offense on February 12.

Officer Sean Beck stopped a vehicle Sanders was driving because of illegal window tint. When the officer requested Sanders’ license, he could not produce any. A check with MPD dispatch revealed the revoked status and given a bond of \$1,500.

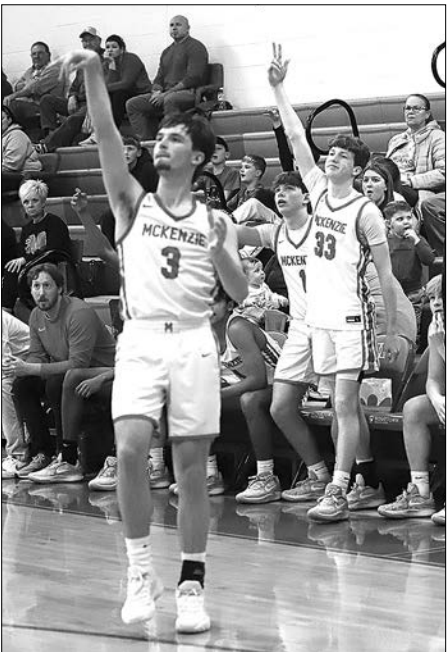
The female owner of the vehicle, who was the passenger, had knowledge of Sanders’ revoked license. Because of her knowledge, the vehicle was impounded.

Natural Death — McKenzie Police Officer Justin Brister investigated the death of a McKenzie woman following the unusual trail of events during and after her death.

A family member reported that another family member might have caused the death. The deceased was a hospice patient. A check with a Paris funeral home, the ambulance service, the verifying physician in another county, concluded that there was no foul play. The District Attorney and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation were consulted in the matter. MPD advised the family member of the findings.



Left, Mikaela Reynolds shoots a contested three. Right, Hayden Garrett shooting a three against McEwen. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner



McKenzie Takes Two in Semifinals

BY GRACIE AIRD
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MCKENZIE (February 12, 13) — Lady Rebels started the playoffs with a bang. McKenzie dominated Bruceton with a final score of 73-31. The win sent them to their fourth consecutive district championship. Leading the scoring attack was Savannah Davis, who had 29 points, 24 of which came from the first half. Mikaela Reynolds had 15 points. Sophie Pate had 10

points. Charli Weatherford had 8 points.

On Saturday, McKenzie Rebels trailed McEwen 6-2 in the first few minutes of the game but fought their way back with some crucial threes, three from Stafford Roditis and two from Carter Kee. McKenzie was up 20-16 at the end of the first.

The Rebels played an excellent defensive game and got multiple steals. Kee hit two more threes before the half was over. Kee’s play

put the Rebels up 38-30 at the end of the half.

McKenzie hit a slump during the third quarter. McEwen shorted the Rebels lead to only two points with a score of 49-47 at the end of the third.

The Rebels came back strong during the fourth and finished the game with a final score of 65-57. The leading scorer was Kee, with his career high of 22 points. Tate Surber had 18 points. Roditis had 14. Martinez Teague had 8 points.

Gasoline Prices Rise During Week

TENNESSEE (February 19) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have rose 12.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.96/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 27.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 13.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 10.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.09 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.39/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.59/g, a difference of \$1.20/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.39/g while the highest was \$3.59/g, a difference of \$1.20/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 8.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.26/g today. The national average is up 16.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 11.6 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 19, 2023: \$3.09/g (U.S. Average: \$3.37/g).
February 19, 2022: \$3.27/g (U.S. Average: \$3.53/g).
February 19, 2021: \$2.34/g (U.S. Average: \$2.61/g).
February 19, 2020: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.47/g).
February 19, 2019: \$2.13/g (U.S. Average: \$2.36/g).
February 19, 2018: \$2.31/g (U.S. Average: \$2.51/g).
February 19, 2017: \$2.05/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g).

February 19, 2016: \$1.51/g (U.S. Average: \$1.72/g).
February 19, 2015: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g).
February 19, 2014: \$3.17/g (U.S. Average: \$3.37/g).
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Chattanooga — \$2.95/g, up 17.0 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.78/g.
Nashville — \$3.02/g, up 17.5 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.84/g.
Huntsville — \$2.96/g, up 3.5 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.93/g.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 20, 2024 on or about 11 a.m. local time**, at the East door, Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MIKE WINBUSH AND RACHELLE WINBUSH, to Wesley D. Turner, Trustee, on January 18, 2004, at Record Book 516, Page 84-99 as Instrument No. 99864 in the real property records of Carroll County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUE MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R3

The following real estate located in Carroll County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Situated in the 11th Civil District, Carroll County, State of Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

Being within the City limits of the Town of Huntingdon and on the East side of East Paris Street, bounded and described as follows: bounded on the North by Mary Katherine Hogan (now Mary Katherine West) (and Ellen Vawter) bounded on the East by the lands of the Carrol County fair association bounded on the South by Clark Street, and bounded on the West by East Paris street and being all the remaining property owned by the said Ernestine Norman Moody located on the East side of East Paris Street in the Town of Huntingdon. Description taken from previous deed of record.

Less and except the parcel of land conveyed to Joe Barker, Sr by deed dated September 3, 1999 and of record in Deed Book 300, page 435 in the Register’s Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Being part of the same property conveyed to Rachelle Coleman Collier by Deed dated April 15, 1998 and of record in Deed Book 292, page 71 in the Register’s Office for Carroll County, Tennessee for further reference see quit claim deed recorded simultaneously herein. Deed Book 319, page 980 R.O.C.C.T.

This conveyance is made subject to any applicable easements, building set back lines and restrictions which may be shown of record.

Tax ID: 073E H 00500 000353

Current Owner(s) of Property: MIKE WINBUSH AND RACHELLE WINBUSH

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 12960 Paris St., Huntingdon, TN 38344, 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 referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOIN 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. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE. OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: FOUNDATION FINANCE COMPANY LLC THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities’ right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.

MWZM File No. 23-000125-61-72

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
COOL SPRINGS COMMONS, SUITE 273
7100 COMMERCE WAY, BRENTWOOD, TN 37027
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Autumn Mingle. Photo by Gary Owens

Autumn Mingle Scores 1000th Career Point

Autumn Mingle, a Gleason senior playing for the Lady Bulldogs, scored her 1,000th point in high school on February 5 against Dresden. The Lady Bulldogs edged a 57-55 victory over the Lady Lions. Autumn is the daughter of Nicole Ferguson and Chris Mingle.

Public Notice

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

Division of Water Resources (DWR)

Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions

FILE # NRS23.186

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:** Alicia Douglas, 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, 615-804-2409, Alicia.Douglas@tn.gov **APPLICANT:** Tennessee Department of Transportation, c/o Christian Jura, 505 Deaderick Street, Suite 900 J.K. Polk Building, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 741-7792 **LOCATION:** State Route 76 (U.S. 79) from East of State Route 76 to West of Cutlip Lane, Carroll County; DeMoss Creek, Unnamed Tributary to DeMoss Creek, Unnamed Tributary to Lick Creek, Unnamed Wetlands, and Unnamed Ponds, Latitude 36.0012, Longitude -88.6139. 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:** Proposed work is permanent and temporary impacts to four streams, six wetlands, and four ponds associated with a new alignment to bypass the towns of Atwood and Trezevant and restoration to one stream through levee setback. Loss of 394.2 functional feet of stream is to be offset through Permittee Responsible Mitigation at the Reedy Creek PRM site. Wetland impacts totaling 0.65 acres in the South Fork Obion River Watershed will be offset at a 2:1 ratio by purchase of 1.3 credits from the Obion Wetland Mitigation Bank. Pond impacts totaling 0.76 acres will be offset at a 2:1 ratio by purchase of 1.152 credits from Obion Wetland Mitigation Bank. Temporary impacts to 0.032 acres of wetland are to be restored to existing conditions and monitored for two years. **ANTIDEGRADATION:** The affected waters have available parameters for habitat. As described in the accompanying permit rationale, the Department has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activity will result in de minimis degradation because the applicant proposes in-system mitigation to offset any appreciable permanent loss of resource values. The affected waters with unavailable parameters for habitat will result in no significant degradation because the proposed activities are proposed to improve existing conditions. **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. In making this decision, a final determination will be made evaluating appreciable permanent loss of resource values and proposed compensatory mitigation to ensure the project will not result in no overall net loss of state water resources values. **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 proporcionar los 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 \(tn.gov\)](http://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, Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243



Above Left, Rebels bring home the District 12 Class 1A Championship. Above Right, Boys All-Tournament team: Stafford Roditis, Martez Teague, Carter Kee. Below Left, Lady Rebels are District 12 Class 1A Runner-ups. Below Right, Girls All-Tournament Team: Savannah Davis, Mikaela Reynolds, Sophie Pate. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner



McKenzie Rebels Take District Championship

Lady Rebels Fall In Nail-biter

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HOUSTON COUNTY (February 16) — The Lady Rebels struggled in the first quarter while McEwen came out ready with a game plan. They double-teamed Savannah Davis on defense and out-scored McKenzie 15-2 by the end of the first quarter.

During the second quarter, McKenzie began to close the gap, going on a 9-0 run started with a three by Molly French and two more from Mikaela Reynolds. McEwen broke this run with 90 seconds left, scoring two points. These were their only two points of the second quarter. Davis ended the quarter with another three, which brought the half-time score to 17-14.

French started the third quarter with a three to tie the game. A basket from Reynolds gave McKenzie their first lead of the night with a score of 21-19. McEwen took back the lead with three back-to-back three-pointers. McKenzie trailed by seven for the rest of the quarter.

At the halfway point of the fourth quarter, the Lady Rebels trailed by eleven. McKenzie went on a run of 11-2, closing the gap 49-47. Late in the game, the Lady Rebels were in foul trouble with three starters fouling out. By game's end, McKenzie came off short as the final score favored McEwen 56-52. The Lady Rebels claimed Runner-Up in the District tournament.

Leading Score: Savannah Davis had 21 points. Mikaela Reynolds had 12, which hit her 1,500 points in her career. Molly French had 12 points.



Left, District 12A Boys player of the Year is Tate Surber. Right, District 12A Girl Player of the Year is Savannah Davis. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner

Sophie Pate had 5 points.

Next Friday, February 23, the Lady Rebels hosts Perry County in the opening round of the regional tournament.

In the second game of the night, the McKenzie Rebels offense was off to a slow start. However, they found their rhythm when Stafford

Roditis hit a three to put them up by one. The McKenzie and Houston County went back-and-forth for the lead the rest of the first quarter. Three baskets from Tate Surber put McKenzie up 9-6 at the end of the first.

The Rebels rolled right into the second quarter, extending their lead with two three-pointers from Carter Kee. Surber had a big defensive play where he took his first charge of the night to give McKenzie the ball back. Houston County responded with a run of 10-2 and a buzzer-beater to put the Irish up 21-19 at the half.

McKenzie tied the game with a basket from Martez Teague a little over a minute into the third quarter. Surber and Teague alternated scoring buckets for the rest of the quarter. The Rebels held Houston County to only five points, putting McKenzie

up 27-26 going into the last quarter.

Houston County came out ready in the fourth quarter, taking a 29-27 lead. McKenzie was not done and came back strong with two baskets by Surber to tie up the game. Roditis made an and-one that put the Rebels up 34-31. With less than a minute to go, Houston County started to foul in hopes of getting the ball back. Kee made four free throws off the fouls, accompanied by two more from Roditis, which brought the final 40-31 McKenzie. The Rebels claimed the 2023-2024 District Championship.

Leading Scorer Tate Surber had 16 points. Carter Kee had 10 points. Stafford Roditis with 8 points. Martez Teague with 4 points.

On Saturday, February 24, the Rebels hosts Collinwood in the opening round of the regional tournament.



Above, Regular Season All-District: Earning all-district honors for the season from Huntingdon were from left, Caleb Ezell, Kenton Smith, and Tycen Willis. Below, All-Tournament: Making the all-tournament team for Huntingdon for district 12-AA from left, Kaleb Pearson, Caleb Ezell, and Kenton Smith. Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner



Mustangs Finish Runner-Up In District 12-AA Tournament

HUNTINGDON (February 17) — Saturday night the Huntingdon Mustangs hosted the Camden Lions for the district tournament championship game. After finishing second in District 12-AA regular season play, Huntingdon had defeated Stewart County Tuesday night to earn a trip to the final game. Although they posted a strong start with a 15-15 tie at the end of the first quarter and stayed within three at the half, the Mustangs faltered in

the second half to lose 78-62 to Camden. They ended the tournament with a runner-up finish.

Freshman Kenton Smith led the Mustangs in scoring with 29 points for the game, Caleb Ezell 18, Tycen Willis 5, Landon Bryant 4, Rayshaun Bailey 3, Bryson Whiteside 2, and Kaleb Pearson 1. Camden was led by district MVP Ayden Melton with 30.

The Mustangs play Saturday, February 24 at home against Harpeth.



Above, The District 12-AA title belongs to the Huntingdon Fillies. Below Left, Regular Season All-District: David Wilkins (Coach of the Year), Quinn Kelley, Josey Stokes, Delaney Byars, Lilly Kee (MVP), and Annabelle Singleton. Below Right, All-Tournament: Annabelle Singleton, Josey Stokes, Sara Beth Smith, and Lilly Kee (MVP). Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner



Huntingdon Fillies Claim District Title

HUNTINGDON (February 16) — On Friday night, the Huntingdon Fillies hosted Stewart County for the District 12-AA tournament championship game.

They defeated Stewart County 66-30 to earn the number one seed for the upcoming region tournament.

After remaining tied 12-12 at the opening of the second quarter, the Fillies led 26-18 by halftime and then outscored the Lady Rebels 40-12 in the second half.

Fillies Lilly Kee earned both regular season District 12-AA MVP as well as tournament MVP as she

led scoring with 31 points and 15 rebounds in the title game. Quinn Kelley followed with 12 points, Josie Stokes 10, Annabelle Singleton 6, Delaney Byars 4, and Sara Beth Smith 3. Lizzy Gwynn led Stewart County scoring with 11 points.

The Fillies won the regular season District 12-AA title and defeated Camden 61-24 earlier in the week in the semifinal round. The Huntingdon Fillies improved to 23-5 for the season. On Friday, February 23, the Fillies host Hickman County the first round of the regional tournament.