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— Albert Einstein



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Savannah Davis holds the 2024 Miss Basketball Class 1A Award.

Savannah Davis is Miss Basketball Again

MURFREESBORO (March 12) — Savannah Davis is the TS-SAA Miss Basketball Class 1A for 2024. The senior at McKenzie High School also earned the title in 2022, her sophomore year.

The award was announced by Mike Keith, the voice of the Tennessee Titans. Mr. Keith had just spoken to the McKenzie Rotary Club at noon on that date. Mr. Keith announced Davis, in her senior year, averaged 26.2 points per game, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 2.5 steals. She is 5'8", All-State each of the four years, and scored 1,875 career points.

Savannah Davis is the 17-year-old daughter of Boo and Andrea Davis. She is a 4-year member of Lady Rebel Basketball and was part of the back-to-back State Championship team in 2022 and 2023. She was named the MVP in each of the state championship tournaments.

She was selected for All-District, All-Region, and the All-State Teams. She is a member of Beta Club, FBLA, FCA, M-Club, McKenzie Maniacs, Interact Club,

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The Easter Bunny welcomes children to the Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt at McKenzie City Park. File photo

Third Annual Easter Egg Drop is Saturday

MCKENZIE — McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry is sponsoring the third annual Easter Egg Drop on Saturday, March 23 at McKenzie City Park, 570 Como Street, McKenzie.

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McKenzie to Reconsider Fireworks Ordinance

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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MCKENZIE (March 14) — During the regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council, a bid was accepted by Nation Waters Services for \$110,572 to repair one of the City's water wells located adjacent to J&J Auto

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County to Pay For Shortfall Of Watershed Authority

HUNTINGDON (March 11) — The Carroll County Commission met with a light agenda as there were two resolutions on the agenda. Resolution 3-02-2024 was passed with five budget amendments. One portion of the amendments is a \$18,150 payment to the

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CARROLL COUNTY



Aerial view of Lake Halford. Photo by Kelly Green, Premier Realty

Lake Halford Name Remains

NASHVILLE (March 14) — No deal. A committee in the Tennessee House of Representatives killed a local effort to rename Lake Halford back to the original name of Carroll County 1000-Acre Recreational Lake.

In the subcommittee of the House's Agriculture and Natural

Resources Committee, members voted to keep the name Lake Halford, named in honor of retired State Representative Curtis Halford. A voice vote was taken after State Representative Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon) presented his bill, HB2867, to change the name.

He noted the lake was some 30 years in the making with former State Representative Dale Kelley introduced legislation creating the Carroll County Watershed Authority.

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Wade Comer Named Milan's New Head Football Coach

BY MICHAEL ODOM Mirror-Exchange
AND JOEL WASHBURN The Banner

MILAN (March 12) — After going with younger guys in the last three coaching selections, Milan has decided to go with a veteran this time around for its new head football coach.

The Milan administration named McKenzie's Wade Comer as the new coach on Tuesday.

Comer is leaving McKenzie after a successful tenure. He is reportedly asking many of his assistant coaches to follow him to Milan. McKenzie Director of Schools, Dr. Justin Barden, said only Comer and his son, Bryant, an assistant coach, have tenured their resignation as of Monday, March 18. None of the other coaches have done so.

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W. Kent Jones

Sixty Years of Law Practice, Service to Carroll County

HUNTINGDON (March 13) — Sixty years of private law practice and no intention of retiring. W. Kent Jones has been a central figure in Carroll County, serving clients in all aspects of legal practice. That's something in which he takes great pride. But one of his favorite joys is talking about his many years of serving as the radio announcer of high school and college sports, a passion that started as a senior at McKenzie High School when he worked as a disc jockey for WHDM radio.

Last year, on Kent's 85th birthday, his staff members added fictitious client names to his daily schedule. There were five scheduled appointments, so he thought, but actually, it was a ruse to assure he was available all day for the surprise birthday party they had planned.

Jones, 86, is the longest-serving practicing attorney in Carroll County and has a staff of four accomplished assistants. In recent years, he has scaled back his practice, but still enjoys serving his clients, many of which he has served their families for decades. After losing his wife in November 2023, he says his work is the only thing

"keeping him going." She was a bedrock to him and loved developing musical talents of school children when he taught in public school and as the directors of church choirs. She directed the choir of McKenzie First Methodist up to three weeks prior to her death. In Kent's office is a photograph of he and his wife, Charlene, at their high school graduation.

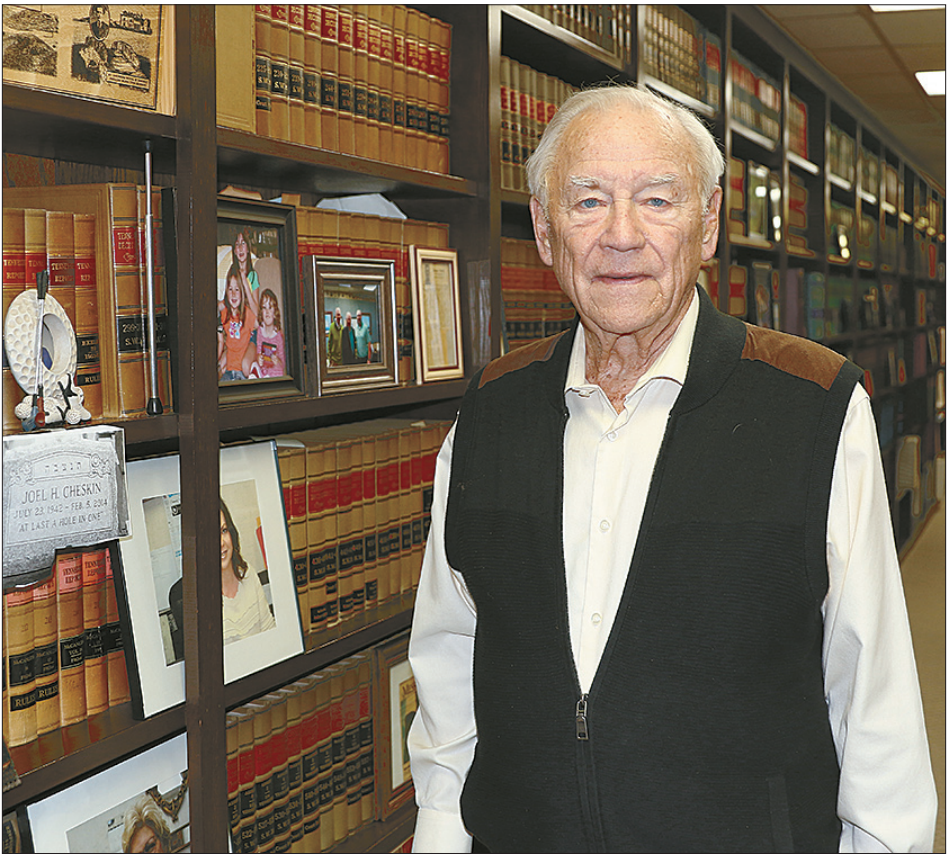
Kent said he gave up his great passions of flying and golfing, and his many years of announcing football games. He learned to fly from a grass landing strip west of McKenzie on what was then known as Charlie Russell's airport. When Carroll County Airport opened in the mid-1980s, he quickly reinvested his spare time in flying and purchased a Cessna 172.

During an interview with The Banner, Jones avoided discussing specific cases, noting some of them were very high profile. Instead, he spoke of his career, which started in 1963 with the law firm of Maddox, Maddox, and Lassiter, the latter was his stepfather. Their office was upstairs of what was most recently the Carroll County News-Leader building. It now sits empty and is condemned.

The firm moved the offices to the present building adjacent to Carroll Bank and Trust.

In his first forty years of rural law practice, attorneys practiced all kinds of law and were often assigned to criminal cases as the public defender. Today, attorneys are more specialized. The state now has full-time public defenders. Mediation, arbitration, and public defenders have changed the law practice.

Today, he prefers practicing law without ever stepping into a courtroom. It is deeds, estate planning, wills, powers of attorney, title insurance writing that is the bulk of his business. He quit criminal law in the year 2000. Kent is a native of McKenzie, a graduate of Bethel College and Vanderbilt University and has been a licensed and renowned attorney for 60 years. He has served as the city attorney for various cities, including his hometown for many years. He and Robert Keeton, Jr. were the longest serving and oldest attorneys in Carroll County. Keeton, who had one year longer tenure, died recently. Jones is known for his many years of great client service and wonder-



Kent Jones has practiced law in Carroll County for 60 years. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

ful courtroom demeanor and accomplishments. He is also recognized as one of the great all-time voices of West Tennessee athletics covering sports on the radio or as a public address announcer for seven decades. During his induction in the Bethel University Sports Hall of Fame, Jones and his wife, Charlene, were honored in 2019.

During the celebration, the late Dale Kelley, Athletic Director at Bethel, announced, "At the age of 19, he started with WHDM doing tape replays of McKenzie High with his first game being in 1957. He had worked the board prior to that listening to Art

Mooney call Tennessee games and was inspired to become a broadcaster in his own right."

He did three different stints with WKTA calling McKenzie High football and Bethel College basketball for a total of seven years. He then worked three years with WCMT and worked on the UTM network doing games all throughout the South. He worked at WVHR (WEIO) for 21 seasons serving as the voice of the Huntingdon Mustangs and broadcasting 270 games including four state championship appearances and the 2003 Mustang title.

The iconic and distinguished voice was already

familiar to West Tennessee fans but even more so recently to Bethel Wildcat football fans as the P.A. voice of the football Wildcats for ten seasons.

His dedication to his family and his broadcasting can be summed in a weekend that took place in 2003. That Friday he had lunch with his son and family in Dallas, flew home to do the Huntingdon/Milan playoff game and then flew back to Dallas to have breakfast to reunite with his family again. He said, "American Airlines was right on schedule."

Kent is also a member of the Carroll County Sports Hall-of-Fame.



Waddell Clinic Primary Care and Aesthetics held its grand opening on March 15 in Henry. Donna Waddell cuts the ribbon as associates, friends and family look on.

Waddell Clinic Opens in Henry

HENRY (March 15) — Waddell Clinic Primary Care and Aesthetics opened its new clinic in Henry on Friday, March 15 and held a grand opening and ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. to great fanfare.

Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the staff of Waddell Clinic and friends and family participated in the event. It's the lone medical clinic in the Town of Henry.

Donna Waddell ventured into her own clinic after working in primary health care in McKenzie for about 15 years.

Waddell, a board-certified nurse practitioner also has eight years of experience in injectable cosmetics--dermal fillers and botulinum toxin injections.

The brand new clinic is located at 9785 Highway 79S, Henry adjacent to the Dollar General Store.

Hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The grand opening is Friday, March 15. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is at 3 p.m. The clinic is already accepting patients, who can register by phoning 731-243-1450.

Donna and her husband, Ronnie, live in McKenzie, where they also own and manage a wedding/event venue, The Venue at Waddell Place. They have three grown children, Lucas, Dalton, Brittney, and three grandchildren.

The medical team consists of John Thomas Fussell, PA-C.

Fussell graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in biology at Austin Peay, then graduated from Bethel University's PA program. He's a Tennessee native and married to the love of his life, Emily Swift Fussell.

Melissa "Missy" Reeder, phlebotomist, has 15 years experience. Missy is married to Terry Reeder, who was the construction contractor on the new clinic.

Rebekah Watkins McMackin has a bachelor's degree in psychology and is our licensed aesthetician. She specializes in facial treatments and hair removal. Rebekah has five years of experience working with skin care.

Becky McDade, LPN has worked in the medical field for 11 years and has been an LPN for three years.

Jessica Chandler, LPN, has nine years with experience ranging from family practice in the clinic to med/surg in the hospital.

Abby Mayo, MA, is a certified clinical medical assistant, phlebotomist, and EKG technician with 6 years experience as a

clinic nurse.

Amanda Thatcher, receptionist and medical tech, is a native of Arizona but moved to Tenn. with her husband, Dale Thatcher Jr., in January 2023. She has 11 years of experience in the medical field including CNA, medical technician, behavioral health, clinic receptionist, and more. Amanda also has her cosmetology license.

Claudia Sachs, receptionist, has worked in the medical field for 35-plus years in both the hospital setting and in private practice. She brings with her a vast amount of knowledge in the front office including insurance, billing, referrals, scheduling, and management.

Dr. Lee Carter is the supervising physician.

Annual Cancer Bake Auction is Next Week

MCKENZIE — Carroll County Relay For Life's Cancer Bake Auction begins Monday, March 25, and continues through Good Friday, March 29.

Air time on WHDM radio is 1 p.m. until all items are sold each day.

Each year, area bakers provide delicious delicacies to auction. The items are auctioned over the radio.

To bid, listen to the radio and phone 731-358-3663,

731-358-2511, or 731-358-3931 and give the phone operator the item and bid price. The winners of the items can pick up those items at the McKenzie Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Donated items are accepted at the Church of Christ beginning at 7:30 a.m. daily.

Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

McKenzie School Seeks Bids on Paving, Roofing

MCKENZIE (March 11) — McKenzie Special School District is seeking bids to replace the roof and repave the parking lot at McKenzie High School.

The 27-year-old structure still has the original roof and paving, both in disrepair.

Coryell Roofing provided a courtesy inspection of the roof, indicated that the entire roof needs replacing, and provided a courtesy estimate of \$1,992,741.

Wade Dortch Roofing of Paris provided a courtesy estimate of \$1,290,750.

Stambaugh Roofing of McKenzie, who has made periodic emergency repairs did not provide a courtesy estimate.

Kerry Warman with Stambaugh of McKenzie said he and his crew made the emergency repairs, even recently. Stambaugh evaluated the roof's status, including that it needed 99,620 square feet of repair.

Warman suggested the bids be of the same material with the same scope of work. He noted some membranes are thinner than the others. Stambaugh specializes in commercial roofing and started its business in McKenzie in the early 1980s.

The Board voted to seek formal bids for the replacement roofing.

Construction of the new all-purpose sports training facility at MHS increased the wear on the school's

parking lot. The board voted to seek bids to resurface the lot and driveways.

Budget amendments were approved, including two significant items. The first was \$317,369 for the Stop Grant to provide a social worker and three behaviorists. It is a three-year grant.

The second amendment was for 85,000 from the state's TISA Outcome fund; Those funds are rerouted to the three school sites for students and staff.

In the Director's Report, Dr. Justin Barden noted window tint/glass-shatter reduction film was installed on windows and doors at all three schools for \$51,238 through the Public School Safety Grant.

Four AEDs were added thanks to a grant from Baptist Memorial Hospital. The AEDs are used in a medical emergency in case of a person goes into cardiac arrest.

MHS multi-purpose building is complete with batting cages. It lacks padding for the walls to face the metal columns. A bi-directional amplifier for radio communication inside the building was also ordered to meet the fire marshal's code.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. at McKenzie Middle School Library. The meeting will consist of the regular monthly business and a budget workshop.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

You Can't Go Home Again, Especially to a Bowling Alley

The year was 1979. My young wife and I decided we would recapture a memory from our dating years in the early 70's and return to the bowling alley we'd frequented back then.

I don't remember what she wore that night, but I had on a polo shirt, a pair of walking shorts, calf-high white tube socks, and tennis shoes. (Don't judge me on the socks. It was the 70's and what was good enough for Larry Bird at the time was good enough for me.)

Have you ever done something and afterwards realized you should have paid more attention to certain things and considered them warning signs? Yeah, it was one of those kinds of nights.

As we pulled into the parking lot, the neon sign announced we were arriving at the "OWLING ALLEY." Rather than a parking lot full of cars, like there used to be, there were only five or six cars plus four Harley motorcycles.

Walking past one car parked directly in front of the alley, I noticed all the wheels were gone, and the windshield looked like it had been struck by a large rock or a baseball bat.

I thought, "That's odd." Undeterred, I hold my wife's hand and caught my reflection in the glass front and thought, I look quite dapper!

I quickly learned that "dapper" was not the style of wear in my old bowling alley.

Did you ever watch the scene in an old western movie when a stranger walks through the swinging doors of a saloon and immediately the piano player stops playing and everyone in the saloon turns to face the stranger? That's what happened (except for the piano player) when we stepped inside.

The same fluorescent ceiling lights were present, it's just that half of them weren't working. I paused inside the door to let my

eyes adjust to the dim light and saw two pool tables had been brought into the lobby of this haunt of my youthful innocence.

Standing around the tables were several steely-eyed, leather-clad, tattooed-covered, boot-wearing, mustachioed "gentlemen" holding cue sticks in their hands and staring at us. One of them had a small log chain that connected his billfold to his belt. Another one could have been in a Western as he had a hand-rolled cigarette(?) in his mouth.

Absent was the sound of bowling balls crashing into wooden pins—that's because nobody was bowling. All the lanes were dark.

My wife gripped my hand tighter (or did I squeeze hers?)

"Maybe we should leave," she whispered.

"Leave," "Retreat," "walk away" — none of those words are in a Johnson's vocabulary, though maybe they should be.

I bravely announced, "We're here to bowl."

It would have made a much stronger impact if my voice hadn't cracked and trembled.

One of the men nodded his head toward the counter and growled, "Over there."

The problem with getting "over there" was my wife and I had to walk between some of the ruffians. I had visions of having my head cracked open by a pool cue and waking up later to find my wife had decided to join the gang and become a Bonnie to their Clydes as they pillaged across the countryside.

By the time we made to the counter, I was in bad need of an Alka-Seltzer. The man behind the counter hung up the phone he was probably making some sort of illegal transaction on and gave us a questioning look.

"We'd like lane 2," I told him.

"You want to bowl?" he asked.

Now, see? That's another

one of those signs I should have paid attention to and just left.

"Yes," I said, and then told him our shoe sizes.

We all know that bowling shoes are known for both looking and smelling horrendous, but the shoes he gave us would have run a skunk out of its den, that is, if skunks have dens. Both the inside and the soles were sticky.

It was at that point my wife said she didn't feel like bowling and would just watch me and keep score.

Question: Have you ever tried to bowl while wearing sticky-sole shoes? You know how you take those quick little steps toward the lane and then slide as you throw your ball? That was what I envisioned as I rushed forward.

That "slide" turned out to be an emergency brake on my feet, but my forward motion flung me past my feet, and my bony knees and elbows slammed onto the floor, as my bowling ball flew through the air, landed in the wrong lane and rolled slowly backwards.

I scrambled to my feet and glanced toward the welcoming party at the pool tables. Naturally, all eyes were on me, but their expressions were unchanged. That's probably the only thing that kept me from limping back to my wife and asking her to kiss my knees and elbows.

As we drove home that evening, my wife made the kind of snort you make when you're trying to stifle a laugh.

"What?" I asked.

"Oh, nothing," she replied. Then she burst into laughter. Pointing at my legs, she said, "Your shorts and white socks! I would give anything to know what they're saying about you."

I wanted to say, "They're talking about how dapper I looked." But I didn't.



Bingo lobbyist W.D. "Donnie" Walker, second from left, discusses proposed amendments to bingo reform legislation with the bill's sponsor, Sen. Frank Lashlee, second from right, D-Camden, outside the Senate chambers March 28, 1988 as other bingo lobbyists David "Peabody" Ledford and Bill Bruce look on. Courtesy Rick Musacchio/The Tennessean

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Operation Rocky Top

McNally Makes a Honest Name for Himself

Politics is a dirty business and at times it resembles a soap opera. Naturally, there are scandals of various natures that present themselves at every level. I'm always interested in a good political scandal which is one reason I wrote about Ray Blanton last year.

A few weeks ago, I was at a luncheon where Joel Ebert and Erik Schelzig spoke about their book "Welcome to Capitol Hill: Fifty Years of Scandal in Tennessee Politics." I was just blown away by how much content these two had about various high jinks that took place in just the last fifty years of Tennessee politics. Plus, they covered a great deal of the original stories while working on the hill. As they unpacked their tales, I was surprised how I hadn't written about two scandals: Operation Rocky Top and Operation Tennessee Waltz.

So, I'm going to work on fixing that wrong. This week's article is dedicated to Randy McNally and Operation Rocky Top.

Operation Rocky Top was launched in 1986 as an FBI and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation undercover investigation into illegal activities in charity bingo, including the illegal sale of bingo licenses.

A first-year member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, Randy McNally of Oak Ridge, became a secret participant in the investigation in 1986 after he reported to authorities that a bingo lobbyist had offered him bribes and had boasted about bribing other

lawmakers. For the duration of the investigation McNally, now lieutenant governor, wore a wire and cultivated the trust of bingo lobbyists and other insiders so they would talk freely in front of him and offer him bribes. Ned McWherter, who was Speaker of the Tennessee House when the investigation began and who was elected Governor of Tennessee in 1986, also was praised by federal officials for cooperating with the investigation

Operation Rocky Top became public in January 1989 when W.D. "Donnie" Walker, a one-time bingo regulator in the state government who later became a lobbyist, pleaded guilty to offering McNally a \$10,000 bribe in exchange for his vote on a measure to legalize horse racing. In exchange for a plea bargain, Walker gave investigators details on how he had helped bingo operators become chartered as bogus charities so they could obtain state licenses to run bingo games, and how bingo operators then channeled money back to state legislators who were part of the scheme.

Walker's longtime friend and South Pittsburgh neighbor, James V. (Jim) Long was running Volunteer Distributing, a lucrative bingo supply company they and others had formed in 1985 while Walker was still a bingo regulator. A competing firm, Bingo Systems, had been run out of the state.

Long, a mild-mannered figure who lobbied for the bingo industry before turn-

ing control over to Walker, had headed a secret organization of professional bingo gamblers, known as The Association, when Walker was a regulator. The gamblers paid Long thousands of dollars a month for his and Walker's help in getting their bingo permits from the secretary of state's office.

At the height of activity, there were nearly 300 bingo operations in the state with an estimated annual revenue of \$31 million. The investigation resulted in more than 50 convictions and the incarceration of several politicians, most notably Tennessee House of Representatives majority leader, Democrat Tommy Burnett. He had planned to make a run for House speaker, but it came to light that he had helped set up a bingo hall that operated briefly in Crossville, using a fraudulent charter.

Two other targets of the investigation committed suicide before testifying, Tennessee Secretary of State Gentry Crowell, in December 1989, just before he was scheduled to testify for a third time before a federal grand jury, and State Representative Ted Ray Miller of Knoxville, after being charged with bribery. Following the scandal, Tennessee established limits on political contributions and placed new restrictions on lobbying.

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10 YEARS AGO — McKenzie 5th graders took a field trip to see firsthand what being a farmer is like. 25 YEARS AGO — Sweetwater Trading Post was gutted by a fire that the McKenzie Fire Department put out. 50 YEARS AGO — Despite the frigid temperatures, McKenzie Bass Club still caught 66 at their first tournament.

Looking Back from our Archives

10 YEARS AGO — Mitchell Lunn broke his leg when stealing third in a game

against Clarksburg.
*Gleason Bulldog Chase Ezell got a two-run homer

against Central.
25 YEARS AGO — McKenzie held their basketball banquet to honor their players and cheerleaders.
*In a game against Henry County, Chris Todd waits for a pop-up at the new Kelly Sports Complex.

50 YEARS AGO — The Den of Cub Scouts put on a skit called "The Hoot 'N Holler Tribune at Pack Meeting Monday," which depicted a busy newspaper.
*Girl Scout Brownie Troop 239 of Clarksburg

visited McKenzie Banner and watched James Washburn demonstrate a variety of operations.
75 YEARS AGO — The junior class put on a play in the old high school auditorium called "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

*Annabelle Headden and Tommy Gilbert won Mr. and Miss McKenzie High in 1949.
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Inglenook Book Club

BY BEVERLY MUELLER

The monthly meeting of the Inglenook Book Club was March 13, 2024 at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie at 3 p.m. with 18 members in attendance. President Gail Mack was absent so the meeting was called to order by Vice President Shirley Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Club Motto were recited by all present. Shirley mentioned our March birthday ladies, Jean McKinnie, Suzanne Howell, and Genia Sherwood. Everyone joined in the singing of Happy Birthday to them. A special thank you to the hostesses, Geneva Johnson and Shirley Martin for serving delicious warm cherry cobbler along with vanilla ice cream. The table décor was Easter themed with little baskets filled with sweets/nut medley, along with assorted beverages.

Vice President Shirley Martin called for the roll to be taken, followed by the reading of the February minutes, which then a motion by Marilyn Putman, and seconded by Suzanne Russell to approve the minutes a s read. All were in favor, and the motion passed. Treasurer Donna Ward followed with the treasurer's report which was also approved as read.

Committee reports followed by Sunshine chair, Elaine Williams, who sent out birthday cards, Membership chair, Suzanne Howell, who was absent, there were no changes, and Telephone chair, Victoria Ard, was thanked for her calling to all members reminding them of the meeting.

There was no unfinished business to discuss, and there was no new business to discuss so V. President, Shirley Martin called on Geneva Johnson to present her program.

Geneva started her program by showing three books entitled An Hour Before Daylight, Christmas in Plains, and Sharing Good Times, all written by Jimmy Carter. Geneva went on to tell us about the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter's Love Story-From Small Town Sweethearts to the White House and Back. The 39th president and former first lady were a couple for more than 75 years. In October of 2019, they had become the longest-married presidential couple in American history, and last July, it marked their 77th-and final-wedding anniversary. Rosalynn died on November 19, 2023 at the age of 93.

The hometown sweethearts' seven decade relationship saw them travel from their rural roots to the highest office in the land and beyond. Even in their final months together, as Jimmy entered hospice care in February, 2023, and Rosalynn eventually joining him, the pair were there to support each other.

Born in 1924, (the first president to be born in a hospital), James Earl "Jimmy" Carter Jr. was the oldest of his 3 siblings. He was raised in and around Plains, GA., a small town of approximately 600 people. In Jimmy's book, An Hour Before Daylight, he tells about living in Archery, the only white family in the neighborhood., quoting "Jesus and Moses would have felt at home on a farm in the Deep South during the first third of the twentieth century." He also told of the outhouse where he and the family "wiped with old newspapers or pages torn from the Sears Roebuck catalogue's.

The Great Depression hit Plains GA. hard with a fragile economic situation, and Rosalynn's father passed away when she was 13.. She worked alongside her mother, working to support the family. Besides her

heavy workload, Rosalynn was an excellent student, graduating near the top of her high school class, and set upon attending college, as this was her father's wishes for his children.

Jimmy was also a good student, an he harbored dreams of moving beyond Plains, and he was inspired by a maternal uncle, who had attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland-thus Jimmy set his sights on a military career.

They both knew each other for all their lives, and it wasn't until 1945 when their romance blossomed. She was a freshman at Georgia South College in Americus, nearby their hometown, and Jimmy followed stints at the same school and at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and following his dream and entered his final year at Annapolis.

Jimmy's sister, Ruth, and Rosalynn were good friends, and one evening when his plans to date another girl fell through, he saw the two walking down the street, and he approached Rosalynn and asked her to go to the movies, and after the movie was over they shared their first kiss. Their whirlwind courtship continued through the remainder of their college years. The following fall they became engaged. He gave her a compact engraved with the letters "ILYTG", an acronym for a Carter family saying "I love you the gooddest." They married on July 7, 1946, at the Plains, Georgia Methodist Church, just weeks after Jimmy's graduation.

After the wedding, they moved to Norfolk, Virginia for his first naval assignment(where Rosalynn gave birth to their first of four children), with subsequent deployments taking them to Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, then finally putting roots down in New York. Rosalynn adapted to the frequent moves and enjoyed her time as a naval wife.

When Jimmy's father died in 1953, he decided to retire from the Navy, and return home to Plains, where he took over the peanut farm. Their income that year was \$200, which qualified them for an apartment in the town's housing project for low income families. She was unhappy, and balked at the idea of coming back to Plains. Jimmy later wrote in a memoir, the communication between the two broke down, and she "avoided talking to me as much as possible." Rosalynn began helping on the farm with the finances and it turned around and made profit in 1960.

In 1962, he won seat in the Georgia State Senate, followed by an unsuccessful run for Congress, and became governor in 1970. Rosalynn followed Jimmy on the campaign trail when he announced his candidacy for the 1976 presidential election.

After the win, they moved to the White House with their youngest daughter, Amy. Rosalynn became a close advisor to him, and she was the first presidential spouse to have her own office in the East Wing.

Their 1980 presidential defeat devastated them both, and they moved back to Plains to their modest four-bedroom ranch house that they had built, where they lived before his political heights. Life after the White House wasn't easy, their house had fallen into a state of disrepair, they placed their peanut farm in a blind trust, and were almost \$1M in debt.

They launched the Carter Center in Atlanta to "wage peace, fight disease, and build hope." They built, renovated, and repaired over

4,000 homes in 14 countries, with their work with Habitat for Humanity.

Carter and his wife have lived modestly, they flew commercially, bought clothes at Dollar General, made their own yogurt, and to make money Jimmy along with his pension, wrote books, including novels, and children's. Books such as Everything to Gain: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life, Christmas in Plains, Sharing Good Times, just to name a few. He has cost taxpayers less than any other president.

Jimmy officially retired in 2018 when Rosalynn had serious surgery after being diagnosed with cancer in 2015. He wanted to stay home with his wife and be there for her.

In March of 2019, Jimmy became the longest-living president in American history, and they held the longest presidential marriage in October, 2019. They were married for 77 years, 4 months, and 12 days, when Rosalynn died in November, 2023.

Jimmy is 99, Rosalynn was 95 when they received hospice, he stayed by her side, praying with her, and on that Saturday, he was put in his hospital bed where they faced each other (feet to feet), so they could face each other and talk. She passed at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday. Her journey from the tiny farming town of Plains to the White House and national fame ended where it had began.

He said of her death, "She was my equal partner in everything I ever accomplished. She gave me wise guidance and encouragement when I needed it. As long as Rosalynn was in the world, I always knew somebody loved and supported me."

Rosalynn is buried on the grounds of the house by a willow tree on the lawn of the property. Jimmy intends to be laid to rest next to his wife. Their home and 11 acres has been deeded to the National Park Service. It will turn ed into a museum and open it to public tours after the president's death. The Carters both were actively involved in planning the future museum. The NPS plans to make the museum reflect the couple's use of the residence "as a place for both refuge and recreation." Truly a beautiful "Love Story."

Book passing was completed by Mary Newman, book chair.

There were no announcements. The next meeting is at Lakeside Senior Living Community on April 10 at 3 p.m. Hostesses will be Carolyn Moore and Mary Newman and the program will be presented by Shirley Martin. Reminder to bring glue sticks for the school donations to the meeting.

Members present were: Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Hollomon, Geneva Johnson, Gayron Lyles, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinnie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Obituaries

JOE MILTON DEPRIEST 1932 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Joe Milton DePriest, 91, of Huntingdon, died Monday, March 11, 2024, at Henry County Healthcare in Paris.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 16, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Randy Nipps officiating. Burial was in Sellers Hill Cemetery.

Mr. DePriest was born August 31, 1932, in Huntingdon, to the late Jack and Letta (Beal) DePriest. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn DePriest; two sisters, Frances Robinson and Ruby Allen; four brothers, Edward DePriest, Bobby DePriest and William DePriest and Howard DePriest.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Kee) DePriest; two daughters, Jo Carol Nipps (Randy) and Michelle Davidson (Darin), both of Nashville; a son, Rickey DePriest (Patti) of Huntingdon; a sister, Faye Carter of Huntingdon; seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon, Tenn.

DIANE FRANCISCO 1948 – 2024

NASHVILLE — Funeral services for Diane Francisco were Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Sunday, 1 p.m. until service time. Interment was at Caledonia Cemetery, McKenzie.

Ms. Francisco, 75, died March 15, 2024, at NHC Place at the Trace. She was born in McKenzie on May 13, 1948, to Rex L and Opal Rigsby Francisco. She graduated from McKenzie High School Class of 1966 and Bethel College Class of 1970. After graduation, she started working as a Licensing Daycare Counselor for the State of Tennessee.

see Department of Human Services. In McKenzie, she was a member of Caledonia Baptist Church, and when she moved to Jackson, she transferred her membership to Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brothers Jimmy Francisco of Gleason, Mike (Lisa) Francisco of Franklin, nieces and nephews, Chris (Shawn) Francisco, Andrew (Chalise) Francisco, Kristen (Stephen) Salaman, and Ashley Francisco (Neil Askew), great-nieces and nephew, Elizabeth (Tyler) Sams, Rigsby Francisco and Amelia Askew and one great-great niece Emma Lou Sams.

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SANDRA PUGH 1952 – 2024

ATWOOD — A Celebration of Life for Sandra Pugh, 72, of Atwood, was Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. at The First Baptist Church in Atwood. Visitation was at 1 p.m. until time of service at the church.

She was born January 4, 1952, and died March 12, 2024.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Alan Pugh of Atwood, son, Don Roberts of Mayfield, Ky., and daughter, Angelia Pugh Beard of Oakfield. She also leaves behind three grandchildren.

Williams Funeral Home of Greenfield, Tenn.

BETTY FORREST 1948 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Betty Forrest, 76, of Huntingdon, died Friday, March 15, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Monday, March 18, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. L.C. Hollingsworth officiating. Burial was in Liberty All Cemetery.

Mrs. Forrest was born January 22, 1948, in

Huntingdon, to the late Woodrow Wilson and Vernie Mae (Tubbs) Edwards. She was a homemaker. She was also preceded in death by a son, Ronald Medlock, a grandson, Shawn Patterson Bradley, a sister, Joyce Copeland, and a brother, Jody Edwards.

She is survived by three daughters, Lynda Medlock, of McKenzie, Tiffany Chaney, and Marsha Michelle Forrest, both of Huntingdon, two sons, Marvin Forrest of Huntingdon, and Jackie Forrest of Hollow Rock. She also leaves eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

BILLY JOE ANDERSON 1941 – 2024

McKENZIE — Mr. Billy Joe Anderson, 82, a sprint car mechanic, died Saturday, March 16, 2024, at his residence. He was born in Martin, on March 25, 1941, to Elijah Paul Anderson and Francis Hopper Withrow.

He is survived by three daughters, Cindy (Jerome) Jowers, Cathy Pratt, and Amy (Greg) Barker all of McKenzie, a sister, Brenda F. Anderson of Gleason, nine grandchildren, Stephen (Kayla) Brasfield, Jonathan Brasfield, Courtney Jowers (Davis Cantrell), Mary Beth (Michael) Lancaster, Benjie (Courtney) Kee, Emily Kee, Ashley (Tristen) Lowe, Madison Barker and Holly Barker, 16 great-grandchildren, Haley Brasfield, Hunter Brasfield, Aly (Jordan) Branch, Journey Cantrell, Echo Cantrell, Carson Scott, Chandler Scott, Joshua Lancaster, Claire Kee, Sam Kee, Ruthie Kee, Elsie Kee, Ella Kate Lowe, Emerson Jo Lowe, Sonny Fuller, Prince Fuller and two great-great-grandchildren Josiah and Jovan Branch.

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Pasta Primavera

1/4 cup margarine or butter
1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secret Vegetable soup mix
1 1/2 cup milk
8 oz. linguine or spaghetti, cooked and drained
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In medium saucepan, melt margarine over medium heat and stir in soup mix and milk. Bring just to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally 10 minutes or until vegetables are done. Toss hot linguine with sauce and Parmesan cheese.

Two-Step Italian Burger Melt

1 can tomato soup
1 teaspoon oregano
1/3 cup water
6 hamburger patties
Mozzarella cheese

Mix soup, oregano and water; pour over hamburger patties. Top with mozzarella cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve on rolls or pasta.

Meatballs

1 pound ground beef
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 can condensed tomato soup
1/2 cup water
1/3 cup uncooked rice
1/4 cup water
Dash of pepper
1/2 teaspoon chili powder or oregano
Combine meat, rice, onion, 1/4 cup water, salt and pepper. Shape into 15 1-inch balls. Blend soup and 1/2 teaspoon chili powder or oregano; stir in 1/2 cup water; bring to a boil. Add meatballs. Cover and simmer gently for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Beef, Potato & Pepper Skillet

1 (17 oz.) pkg fully cooked beef tips with gravy
2 cups frozen seasoned chunky-style hash browns
1 red bell pepper, cut into 1 inch pieces
1 green bell pepper, cut into 1 inch pieces
1 small onion, cut into thin wedges
1/2 cup water
1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon pepper
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER FOR UNITED NEIGHBORS

McKenzie Senior Center is hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti fundraiser for United Neighbors on Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and the dinner menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tea, coffee, or

water, side salad and dessert. Tickets are available from any member of McKenzie Senior Center or at the center from 12:30-4:30 p.m. McKenzie Senior Center is located at 172 Main Street South in McKenzie. All net proceeds will be donated to United Neighbors.

JOHNSON TEMPLE CME CHURCH HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Johnson Temple CME Church, 915 Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, is hosting a Holy Thursday Service on March 28, 6 p.m., and a Good Friday Service, March 29, noon. A meal will be served after service.

McKENZIE CHAMBER EASTER EGG DROP

On March 23, the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting an Easter Egg Drop at McKen-

zie City Park, 9 a.m. to noon. 50,000 plastic eggs will be dropped from a helicopter at 9 a.m. Children and family members are encouraged to come to this free event.

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.

WEST CARROLL BAND BENEFIT

West Carroll Band is hosting a songwriter showcase, dinner, concert and silent auction. The event is Saturday, April 13 at the Carroll County Civic Center. The songwriters include Brice Long, Marla Cannon, and Dylan Altman.

Dinner tickets \$45, General Admission (balcony) \$20. Doors open at 5 p.m., Silent Auction is 5 to 7:30

p.m., West Carroll Band and Beta Performers are 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the Songwriter Showcase is 6:30 p.m. For more information, phone Jenny Mims at 731-415-3760 or buy tickets at radio731.com/band.

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 Sherrye Washburn, 731-415-3282.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location — Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and

Thursdays, 9 a.m. to NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

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.

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

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The Voice of the Titans Visits Rotary

McKENZIE (March 12) — The McKenzie Rotary Club had Mike Keith, the Voice of the Titans, at its program on Tuesday. Keith spoke about his time with the Titans and working in the NFL.

Keith attended the University of Tennessee. He began his broadcasting career as a student and continued after completing school. From 1987-98, Keith worked for the legendary John Ward with the Vol Radio Network, a network that covered University of Tennessee athletics.

In 1996, when the Houston Oilers announced the move to Tennessee, Keith left the Vols network and began hosting a pre-game show for Tennessee stations that carried the Oilers games. He served as the network's scoreboard host in 1997 before moving into the booth as color analyst in 1998. In 1999, Keith took over the play-by-play duties.

Since taking over the play-by-play role, Keith has consistently announced every Titans touchdown with his signature phrase,



(L to R): Christy Williams, Rotary President Jason R. Martin and Titans Announcer Mike Keith.

"Touchdown Titans!" Keith's most famous call is that of the Music City Miracle, near the end of his first season as play-by-play announcer. The unbelievable play resulted in a last-minute Titans win that kept them alive in the 1999-2000 NFL Playoffs and eventually led

the team to Super Bowl XXXIV

As the Titans' Vice President of Broadcasting, he has a variety of duties outside of calling the Titans' games on Sundays. He hosts multiple Titans Radio shows, three Titans television programs, and the official Titans pod-

cast. He also calls Tennessee state high school championship events as part of the Titans' relationship with the TSSAA.

The McKenzie Rotary Club meets at noon on Tuesdays in the Vera Low Student Center on the Bethel University Campus.

McKenzie Middle School Honor Roll

All A's
8th Grade
Braylin Auvenshine, Ethan Bradberry, Kynadie Brown, Sophie Cole, Aden Cook, Molly Drewry, Ethan High, Alex Hughes, Rakelle Oliver, Stephanie Padilla, Bryson Smith, Jaycee Stafford and Sophie Taylor.

7th Grade
Kynlee Barden, Al-leigh Britt, Brylie Chester, Meghan Cowan, Makayla Dabbs, Sophia Dameron, Ryan Davis, Alan Dixon, Clay Fowler, Hudson Garrett, Shayleigh Lewis, Bailey McCreary, Liam Moore, Mary Ryan Morris, Brin Murray, Dawson Reeder, Hadley Smith, Lola Sumrok, Colby Swalley, Marlee Toombs, Zariyah

Townes, Frances Trout and Kinsley Wilson.

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Andrew Arnold, Jackson Barden, Bella Batton, Serenity Bobo, Abigail Carroll, Charlie Cassidy, Finn Evans, Miles Fontana, Di-erks Ghyers, Andres Hernandez, Nevaeh Herris, Cooper Jones, Aiden Long, Cason Mayo, Madilyn Milam, Will Newman, Ulises Ramirez, Charles Scott, Christian Wall and Reid Warman.

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Ruthie Adkins, Aiden Blackwell, Ashton Blackwell, Macy Brooks, Micah Dickinson, Julee Eubanks, Gavin Scott and Claire Wilkins.

A's and B's

8th Grade
Harrison Allen, Kay-dynce Barksdale, Dylan Barton, Bridget Brandon, Athena Chaput, Cooper Davidson, Addison Davis, Xavier Gallimore, Eian Gibson, Maggie Hall, Beah Harris, Kailie Hudgins, Aurora Johnson, Addyson Lee, Addison Milam, Ava Newman, Cayden Ownby, Olivia Pate, Janyla Piro, Katelyn Prather, Landon Rader, Adalie Rodriguez, Joseph Rogers, Kourtlyn Sisemore, Natalia Taylor, Hunter Winstead, and Egan Woodruff.

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6th Grade

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2024-2025 School Year

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All certifications will be considered for this position.

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2024-2025 School Year

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kelly Spivey, Principal at 731-352-2133 or Dr. Barden, Director of Schools at 731-352-2246.

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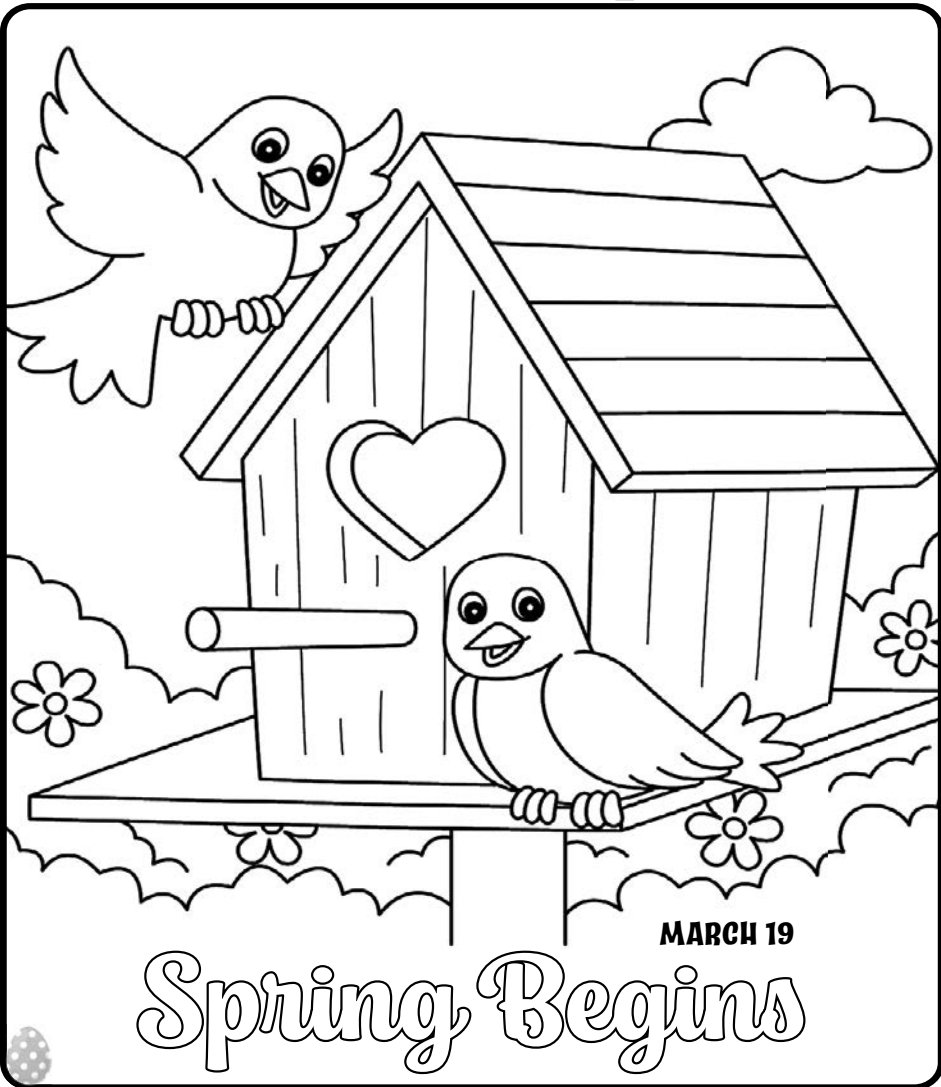
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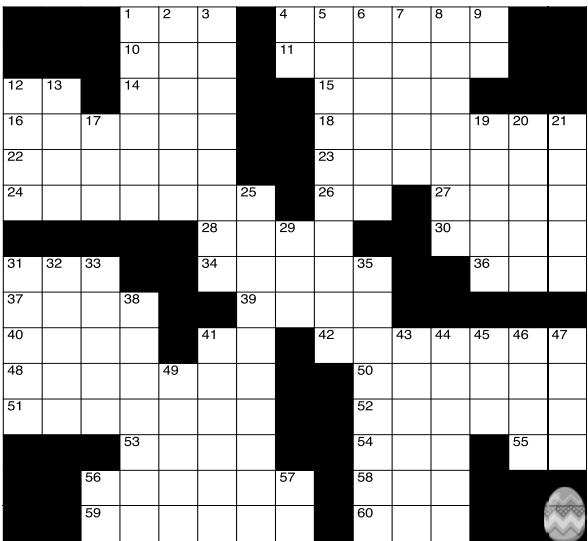
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province (abbr.)
- 14. Human gene
- 15. Two
- 16. A famous one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Ring-shaped objects
- 23. Spoils
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Commercial
- 27. Near
- 28. Products you may need
- 30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
- 31. TV network
- 34. Silk or cotton garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republics
- 37. Retired American football coach Dean
- 39. Hot dish
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Atomic #84
- 42. Sawhorse
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way (abbr.)
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend



- 59. Moved one's neck to see
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Salary
- 4. Influential world body
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. One who steals
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. A fake name
- 20. Sheep in their second year
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
- 29. Creative works
- 31. Recesses
- 32. W. Pacific island group
- 33. Tolkien character
- 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
- 38. Pioneer
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Lowest members of British nobility
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Type of sugar
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. N. American people of British Columbia
- 56. Device
- 57. The Mount Rushmore State

Week 12

See solution in next week's edition.

Easter Word Search

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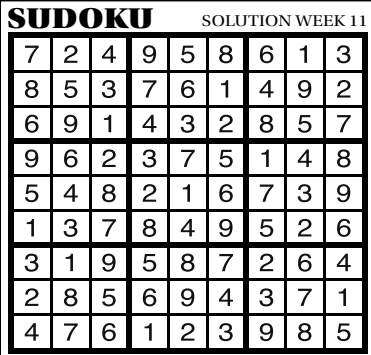
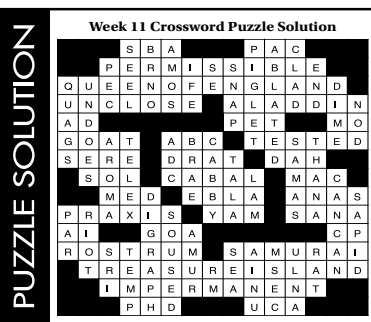
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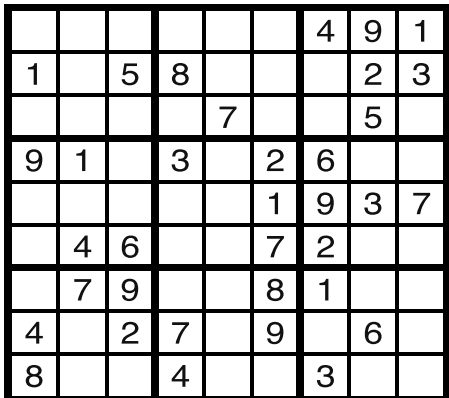
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- 1854: THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES IS ESTABLISHED.
- 1923: THE ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO HOSTS THE OPENING OF PABLO PICASSO'S FIRST UNITED STATES SHOWING.
- 2015: A SOLAR ECLIPSE, SUPERMOON AND EQUI-NOX ALL OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY.



SUDOKU

WEEK 12



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Level: Beginner

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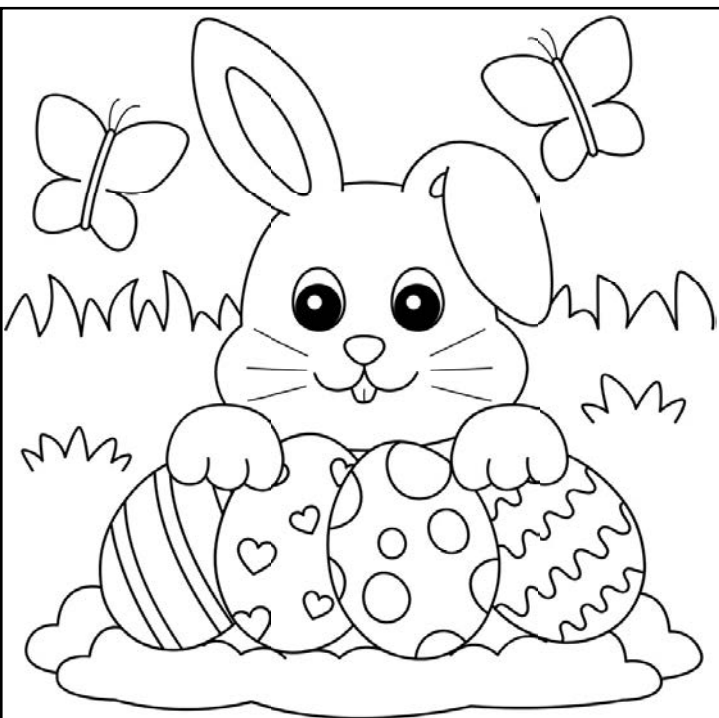
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Artist's Information

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Age _____
City, State _____
Contact Info (Not Published)
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Property Transfers

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Tyler A. and Lauren Elizabeth Tate to Steven Scott, District 4.

Dakota and Justice Parrish to Christopher King as Trustee. No District Listed.

Coy Dalton Hooten to Abbie Carden Hooten. District 13.

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Alvin Abel to William B. Helton, Dist. 45450.

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Jeffory Scott and Kimberly Ann Barnes to James Keith and Paula Barnes, No District Listed.

Kenneth McFarland to Jeff Drake Logging Co., LLC, No District Listed.

Noah Chandler Morrison to Laura Caitlyn Bush, District 11.

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Cross Country Mortgage, LLC to KLP Investment, LLC. No District Listed.

Dana Volner to Dana Christine Volner, Trustee of the Dana Christine Volner TF, No District Listed.

John Timothy Clark to Seth and Jill S. Bennett. District 11.

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Billy Altom to Billy and Brett Jakob Altom, No District Listed.

The Industrial Development Board of the Town of Huntingdon to the Town of Huntingdon, No District Listed.

Carol S. Wright to Carol Sue Wright, District 4.

Clint Reeves to Clint and Debra Reeves, District 4.

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

One (1) Hip Style outdoor heavy-duty playground canopy with a minimum of 4 inch metal posts and 4 picnic tables as specified:

- Canopy posts will need to be secured to a concrete footing.
- 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

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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, April 5, 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.

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE30

ESTATE OF: BETTY RUSHING, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH day of MARCH, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of BETTY RUSHING deceased, who died OCTOBER 31ST, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 5TH day of MARCH, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, CARROLL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cody Scott and Lindsey Scott executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Megan K. Trott, Trustee(s), which was dated May 2, 2017, and recorded on May 10, 2017, in Book 660, at Page 944 in Carroll County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, PNC Bank, National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on April 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the usual and customary location at the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Poplar Springs Road, being the southwest corner of the tract from which this tract is being carved; runs thence north 33 degrees 58' 02" west with the center of Poplar Springs Road, 108 feet; thence continuing with center of road, north 0 degrees 00' 132 feet to a point in the center of Poplar Springs Road; runs thence east 0 degrees 00' 180 feet through James Ricky Springer to a stake, making a new interior corner; runs thence south 0 degrees 00' 240 feet to a point in the center of Poplar Springs Road; runs thence north 81 degrees 20' 04" west 180 feet with the center of Poplar Springs Road as it meanders to the point of beginning.

Property Address: 2180 Poplar Springs Rd., Huntingdon, TN.

For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 345, Page 384, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. This being the same property as described in Tax Map No. 132, Control Map No. 132, Parcel No. 21.06, Assessor of Property's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 132 021.06
Address/Description: 2180 Poplar Springs Rd, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Current Owner(s): Cody Scott
Other Interested Party(ies):

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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.

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State of Tennessee Carroll County Probate Division	NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA §30-2-306	Case Number 2024-PE-32
Estate of GAYLE LAMPLEY SIMMS, Deceased		

Notice is hereby given that on 6TH day of March, 2024, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Gayle Lampley Simms, who died October 7, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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

Date: 12-20-2023
Date: 12-20-2023
Date: 3-6-2024

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations described in and secured by a certain Deed of Trust executed by DEALONA KAY ADAMS, unmarried to W. Kent Jones, as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Traditional Home Mortgage Inc., its successors and assigns, recorded March 11, 2022 in Carroll County Register's Office at Book 716 page 495 as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, and the undersigned having been appointed Successor Trustee by instrument recorded in said Register's Office, this is notice that the undersigned will on April 16, 2024 at 12 p.m. local time, at the Carroll County Courthouse 99 Court Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the following property located in Carroll County, Tennessee, which will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, assessments or easements, liens, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and any security deeds, mortgages or deeds of trust superior to the Deed of Trust first set out above, any prior liens, and encumbrances of record.

Described property is BEGINNING with a P.K. nail in the center of Northwood Drive this being Thurman Bailey's southeast corner and the southwest corner of the herein described property; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 24.44 feet to an iron pin the north margin of Northwood Drive; thence along a drainage ditch North 36 degrees 00 minutes West 93.00 feet to a stake; thence North 56 degrees 00 minutes West 134.00 feet to a stake in drainage ditch; thence North 33 degrees 00 minutes West 91.00 feet to a stake in drainage ditch along a fence line; thence East 0 degrees 00 minutes 224.93 feet along a fence on the south bank of a ditch and the north right-of-way of a proposed twenty foot easement to a stake in fence; thence South 26 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East 214.15 feet to a stake in the north margin of Northwood Drive; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 25.00 feet to a P.K. nail in the center of Northwood Drive; thence South 72 degrees 00 minutes West 110.00 feet to a P.K. nail in center of Northwood Drive and point of beginning. Containing 0.94 acres. Subject to road and right-of-way easements. As surveyed by M. H. Turner, Tennessee Licensed Surveyor, License Number 384, on the 21' day of April, 1984. Commonly known as: 589 Northwood Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The above description is the same as in the previous deed of record. For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 403, Page 312, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Map 72-H, Group A, Parcel 10.00, Assessor of Property's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Property Address: 589 Northwood Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344
TAX ID: 072H A 010.00 000
Current Owner(s) of Property: DEALONA KAY ADAMS, unmarried

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 589 Northwood Drive, 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 in the referenced Deed of Trust herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.
Other Interested Parties: None

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead 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 right is reserved to cancel the sale or adjourn the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement of the time and place for the sale set forth above. If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified bank check made payable to Solomon Baggett, LLC Escrow Account. No personal checks will be accepted. You must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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

Robert J. Solomon, Substitute Trustee
Solomon | Baggett, LLC
3763 Rogers Bridge Road, Duluth, Georgia 30097
(678) 243-2515
Our File No. CMS.03514

CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carroll County, Tennessee will receive sealed bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, in the office of The Carroll County Mayor; 625 High Street, Suite 101; Huntingdon, TN 38344, until 9 a.m. on April 2, 2024 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud for the following work:

Administrative Office of the Court Security Grant
Keyless Entry System for Six Interior and Four Exterior Doors
The project consists of the furnishing of all materials, equipment and labor for the project.

The public opening of bids for this project will be held at the following date and time- it is not mandatory to be present:
Date: April 2, 2024
Time: 9 a.m.

Location: 625 High Street; Commission Conference Room; Huntingdon, TN 38344
The Issuing office for the project is 625 High Street, Suite 101; Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Prospective bidders may call Sarah Bradberry, Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk, at 731-986-1932 for more information or visit 99 Court Square; Huntingdon, TN 38344; Suite 103.
The envelope containing the vendors bid must be sealed and contain the name, bid, phone number and address of the bidder. All bidders must be licensed contractors as required by the Licensing Requirements Title 62, Ch. 6 (TCA 62-6-106)
The belief in equal opportunity, with policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age disability, military service is of utmost importance. This organization does not discriminate in its hiring and employment practices, or in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, and activities with regard to all aspects of this contract. By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies and warrants they will also comply.

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE19

ESTATE OF: ROGER D. FLOYD, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 14TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of ROGER D. FLOYD deceased, who died FEBRUARY 5TH, 2020, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 14TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

JOHN T. RUSHING, Executor/Administrator
BARBARA B. MCGINNIS, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master



McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Burglary — A Kemp Street resident reported four people, displaying handguns, arrived at his home at 2:56 a.m. on March 18.

Officer Jason Artymovich filed the report stating four males came to his house claiming to be with the Sheriff’s Department. One suspect was described as a heavyset white male with shorts and a Nike sweatshirt who was banging on his front door with a handgun. One suspect had a light on his gun that flashed into the doorbell camera. The victim sent a video to police showing three males walking up the driveway. The video showed three taller, slender males carrying guns and wearing black masks. They were driving a Ford Taurus.

No arrests have been made in the case.

DUI — Patrick Austin Ray, 31, Oak Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Open Container on March 17.

Officer Timothy Dillon

was dispatched to a convenience store, where Ray was speaking aggressively to store personnel and had slurred speech.

Officer Dillon conducted a field sobriety check and determined Ray was under the influence. An open container of an alcoholic beverage was located in the console. Ray was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — Joshua Adam Saylor, 26, Linden Heights, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass on March 16.

Officer Austin Jones was dispatched to Bethel’s baseball field, where Saylor was asking sports fans for a ride. He was reportedly acting erratically. He had a previous ban notice from the campus. Bethel Security and MPD took Saylor into custody. While MPD was transporting Saylor to Carroll County Jail, he began to kick the seat and roof of the patrol car. Extra security officers were waiting in the sally port of the Carroll Coun-

ty Jail when MPD arrived with Saylor.

Burglary — A renter of a storage unit from High Point Storage reported a theft from his rental unit. The unit was discovered as entered on March 15, 12:45 p.m.

Officer Sean Beck filed a report indicating the lock had possibly been picked and a custom gaming console and headset was missing. The owner had just moved from Indiana and was not aware of any other missing items. The owner of the storage units was requested to provide videos of the date and time.

Simple Possession, Light Law — Tyler Christopher House, 19, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, was charged with Violation of Financial Responsibility, Simple Possession, and Violation of the Light Law on March 12.

Officer Timothy Dillon stopped House’s vehicle for a non-illuminated headlight. Upon contact with the driver, the officer smelled marijuana. A green leafy material and three marijuana blunts were coated in the vehicle along with a pipe.

He was cited in court on the above-listed charges.

Failure to Appear — Stacy A. Simmons 46, Park Circle, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding Failure to Appear warrant during a traffic stop on March 12.

Officer Dalton Rasberry stopped the vehicle for illegal window tint. A check of the passenger’s status revealed an active warrant in Weakley County for Failure to Appear. Mr. Simmons was arrested and handed over to Weakley County authorities at the former Not Hig’s Restaurant.

Public Intoxication — Eric S. Permenter, 34, Courtland Street, Jackson was arrested on a charge of Public Intoxication on March 13.

Sergeant Cody Coleman responded to a complaint at a McKenzie store concerning an intoxicated individual. Permenter was arrested outside the store and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Failure to Appear — Crystina Sullivan, 32, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie was charged with Failure to Appear and Violation of Parole on March 13.

Officer Timothy Dillon witnessed Sullivan walking along S. Main Street. He confirmed her identity and the outstanding warrant. She was transported to meet Weakley County authorities for an exchange of custody.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Simple Domestic Assault — Jacob B. Chrisman, 2665 Perkins Mill Rd., name of town unavailable, was charged with Simple Domestic Assault on March 3. The incident took place at 70 Holmes Mill Rd.

Officer Ethan Parham said in his report that on March 3 Chrisman was in a verbal argument with his mother at her residence at Holmes Mill Rd.

During the argument, he threw a bag containing a

candle and other small objects in the direction of his mother and young daughter. The bag hit his daughter on the left side of her face which resulted in visible physical injuries from the incident.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Schedule II Meth Charge — Brian Nicholas Taylor, 24, of Alamo was charged with Possession of Schedule II Meth with Intent to Sell on March 11 with his bond set at \$50,000.

Deputy Chance M. Townes initiated a traffic stop on Taylor’s vehicle for not having a registration license plate light.

Townes noticed Taylor was extremely nervous, speaking very fast and his hands were shaking. He asked to search the vehicle which Taylor agreed. The female passenger, Rachel Barnes, 28, of Alamo, was asked to exit the vehicle. After she exited the vehicle, she told the officer she had to urinate. Townes said this is a true sign that she was trying to get rid of something on her person.

Townes searched the vehicle where he located underneath the passenger seat, a black magnetic box that contained a white crystal residue.

Barnes then told Taylor to tell the officer what was going on.

The deputy’s K-9 was deployed for a search and indicated where the female was standing.

Female deputy Dakota Meier searched Barnes and discovered four small baggies and two larger baggies located in her genital area.

The baggies were believed to contain 57.6 grams of methamphetamine and that Taylor was transporting them for resale and using the vehicle to transport them. The 2014 Ford Explorer was seized by Townes.

Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana) — Cloie J. Bolin, 22, of Milan, was charged with Possession of Schedule VI (marijuana) after the narcotic was noticed in her vehicle while her vehicle was parked at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School in Atwood on March 12.

SRO Tyler J. Haley was walking through the school’s parking lot when he noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. He also saw sitting in the center con-

sole a half filled bottle of Crown Royal Regal Apple alcoholic beverage.

Finally, she came out of the building and placed her three children inside the vehicle and started to leave.

The officer ask her about the marijuana and she admitted there was. She handed him a smoked blunt. Found in the vehicle was a leafy green substance in the console that weighted 8 grams.

He gave her a warning on the alcoholic beverage and was given a ten-day notice to book in the jail on the marijuana charge.

Violation of the Leash Law — Deputy Ryan W. Hamilton responded to a call in regards to three dogs charging a woman at 9724 Old Stage Rd. in Cedar Grove.

Hamilton responded to 9660 Old Stage Rd. to Charles Gary Merritt’s residence where the dogs owner lived.

He advised Merritt, 80, that he was there on March 9 for the same reason and had told him that he had to control his dogs.

Merritt was cited for dogs at large with his court date set for March 20.

Aggravated Assault — Amy Marie Bivens, 29, of Hollow Rock was charged with Aggravated Assault in the stabbing of her husband on March 8.

Deputy Dillon Crowe responded to a call in reference to a stabbing of Jason Bivens, 28. The officer noticed a stab wound in the inner part of Bivens’ left leg.

While on the scene he spoke with a witness who saw part of the stabbing.

The witness said she saw Mr. Bivens running from Mrs. Bivens after which he was laying on the ground and asking, “Why did you do this Amy?”

Then the witness noticed Mr. Bivens bleeding from his leg while Mrs. Bivens left the scene.

Later the deputy interviewed Mrs. Bivens who said Mr. Bivens pushed her down and was coming at her and she picked up something off the ground, not knowing what it was and “got his leg with it.”

Later the officers searched Mr. Bivens’ pants after he inquired

that some money and his identification.

Sgt. Scotty Davis and Investigator Eric Sawyers did locate eight twenty dollar bills, but no identification card was found.

Driving on Suspended License, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — Earl Lee Kindler, 57, of Bruceton was charged on March 7 with Driving on Suspended License and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia by Deputy Dakota R. Meier.

The deputy conducted a traffic stop on Kindler as he traveled on the Bruceton-Vale Rd. for failing to maintain the lane. His driver’s license being suspended.

The time was 3:05 a.m. Kindler said he had been at a friend’s house working on his truck.

Upon searching the vehicle, the deputy found syringes and needles and several cotton pieces from q-tips. These items were inside a glasses’ case that was hidden behind the glove box in the dash.

Possession of Schedule II (Meth), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — Kenny Free McCaig, 35, of Huntingdon was charged with Possession of Schedule II (Meth) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia by Deputy Chance M. Townes on March 8.

At 1:19 a.m. Townes initiated a traffic stop on Highway 104 for not maintaining the lane. There he made contact with the driver, who was not charged. There was a female, Blaire McCaskill, 29, address not on report in the vehicle who had two active warrants from Gibson County.

McCaig was discovered in the back seat of the vehicle and had an active warrant from Gibson County with a \$100,000 bond.

After a search by the K-9, a small green container in Kenny’s jacket pocket contained a glass pipe and a small baggy of white crystal of meth. Also located a small cloth bag in the back seat that contained another plastic baggy that had meth in it. Deputy Daniel Thomas transported McCaig to Carroll County Jail while Deputy Townes transported Blaire to the county line for Gibson County authorities to pick up.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 13-7-105, the Carroll County Legislative Body does hereby give notice of a public hearing on the 8th day of April, at 6:45 p.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input regarding a proposed resolution which would amend the text of to the Carroll County Lake Zoning Resolution to establish the requirement of site plan approval for structures proposed on properties with lake frontage.

Copies of the proposed text amendment and revised zoning map are available in the Office of the County Mayor during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend. Both the public hearing and the County Mayor’s Office are located at the following:

625 High St.
Huntingdon, TN 38344

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CARROLL COUNTY GOVERNMENT (TENNESSEE) ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for Remodel of Restrooms at the Carroll County Office Complex.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, April 2, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

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

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

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

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
Publication Date: 3/18/2024

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE38

ESTATE OF: HOMER LEE WILLIS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of HOMER LEE WILLIS deceased, who died OCTOBER 8TH, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 13TH day of MARCH, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

JESSICA WILLIS ZOLICOFFER, Executor/Administrator
MARY C. JOWERS, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA36

ESTATE OF: LUCIAN MILBURN KEE, JR., LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of MARCH, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of LUCIAN MILBURN KEE, JR. deceased, who died DECEMBER 2ND, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

THOMAS CHADWICK TAYLOR, Executor/Administrator
LAURA A. KEETON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Administrative Office of the Court Security Grant
Bulletproof Glass Partition and Door Construction in Chancery Office

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

The public opening of bids for this project will be held at the following date and time- it is not mandatory to be present:

Date: April 2, 2024
Time: 9 a.m.

Location: 625 High Street; Commission Conference Room; Huntingdon, TN 38344

The Issuing office for the project is 625 High Street, Suite 101; Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Prospective bidders may call Sarah Bradberry, Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk, at 731-986-1932 for more information or visit 99 Court Square; Huntingdon, TN 38344; Suite 103.

The envelope containing the vendors bid must be sealed and contain the name, bid, phone number and address of the bidder. All bidders must be licensed contractors as required by the Licensing Requirements Title 62, Ch. 6 (TCA 62-6-106)

The belief in equal opportunity, with policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age disability, military service is of utmost importance. This organization does not discriminate in its hiring and employment practices, or in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, and activities with regard to all aspects of this contract. By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies and warrants they will also comply.

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Gasoline Prices Rise Over Week

TENNESSEE (March 18) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee rose 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.06/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 10.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 1.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 2.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$4 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.69/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.89/g, a difference of \$1.20/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.69/g while the highest was \$3.89/g, a difference of \$1.20/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.44/g today. The national average is up 18.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas sta-

tions across the country.

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

March 18, 2023: \$3.08/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g).

March 18, 2022: \$4.05/g (U.S. Average: \$4.27/g).

March 18, 2021: \$2.67/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g).

March 18, 2020: \$1.93/g (U.S. Average: \$2.16/g).

March 18, 2019: \$2.34/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g).

March 18, 2018: \$2.33/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g).

March 18, 2017: \$2.03/g (U.S. Average: \$2.29/g).

March 18, 2016: \$1.82/g (U.S. Average: \$1.98/g).

March 18, 2015: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.42/g).

March 18, 2014: \$3.27/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g).

“Most Americans continued to see average gasoline prices march higher last week. The reason is the season: gasoline demand is rising as more Americans are getting out, combined with the summer gasoline switchover, which is well underway, and continued refinery maintenance,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “The madness should slow down in the next few weeks as we’ve seen posi-

tive data that refinery output is starting to increase, a sign that the peak of maintenance season could be behind us. In some positive news for Midwest motorists, the bp refinery in Whiting, Indiana that can process 440,000 barrels of oil per day is finally back to normal operations for the first time since an electrical failure happened in early February. For now, gas prices will likely continue to trend higher, but the fever may break soon. When it comes to diesel, the news has been good - above average temperatures have lowered heating oil demand, and average diesel prices are on the cusp of falling back below \$4 per gallon.”

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

SOURCE GasBuddy

Carroll County General Sessions Court

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

Thomas Anthony, Mallard Lane, Yuma, was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court on charges of Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange; Simple Possession; Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of a Handgun-Convicted Felon.

Kentrel Siner, Mabry Circle, Savannah, bound over on charge of Tampering with Evidence, Vandalism.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Donte Ray Brown, Staten Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 10 days jail, probation; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Seat Belt violation; dismissed, Reckless Endangerment.

Ladarius Cowan, Airport Road, Clarksville, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, \$100 fine, probation; dismissed, Speeding.

Zycarius L. Cox, Woodhaven, Humboldt, pre-trial diversion, Probation Violation, probation extended.

Lacey Cozart, Walnut Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, sentence is credited day-for-day for successful rehab.

Kenneth Tracy Davis, Atwood Street, Trezevant, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 30 days jail, alcohol and drug evaluation and complete recommended treatment.

Quanesha B. Davis, Hicks Street, Jackson, pre-trial diversion, Probation Violation, probation extended five months.

David Keaton Downs, Christian Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, pre-trial diversion, Underage Driving While Impaired, \$350 fine, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Joshua Gilley, Ellis Drive, Jackson, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, six days jail, probation, not to drive for one year, DUI School; dismissed, Driver Failed to

Exercise Due Care.

Tabatha Ann Hatley, Cane Street, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended three months, inpatient drug rehab.

Cody J. Jarrett, Nancewood Drive, Alamo, guilty, Probation Violation, Simple Possession, \$1,500 fine, 20 days jail, enroll in Aspell Recovery.

Jonathan Jones, Atwood Street, Trezevant, guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, probation extended for four months.

William Longino, Cherrywood Ave., McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 20 days; probation, alcohol and drug evaluation, probation, surrender weapon; guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$1,000 fine, probation.

Jesus Najera, Main Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Public Intoxication, 10 days jail, probation.

David Phillips, Hilltop Drive, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, probation; guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$1,000 fine.

Cody Pierpoint, Highland, Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail.

Gavin Rosson, Gardner Road, Cedar Grove, guilty,

Escape, no sentence listed.

Jedidiah Shilts, 6th Avenue, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$250 fine, 14 days jail, probation; dismissed, Casual Exchange.

Mandy Taylor, Carlington Dr., Rockwall, Texas, guilty, DUI - First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, probation.

Danny Wagner, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, guilty, Assault on First Responder, \$5,000, 11/29 jail, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation; guilty, Vandalism of a police car - \$238 restitution to MPD; dismissed, Domestic Assault; dismissed, Driving Without License; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Public Intoxication.

The following cases were dismissed:

Joseph G. Evans, Yates Street, Paris, dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Thomas Elliott Joiner, Rolling Acres Road, Murray, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Floyd Sellers, Old Reagan Road, Sardis, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Wilfredo Dewayne Rivera, Kay Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Bethel University Shooting Team Captures Six National Titles

COURTESY BETHEL SID

MCKENZIE — Leaving McKenzie with hopes of a national title became a reality for Bethel University over the weekend. Bethel University’s Action Team traveled to the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park in Talladega, Alabama to compete in the 2024 SASP College Nationals.

Bethel traveled to compete against the top colleges in the nation. The first day of competition the Action Team competed in centerfire pistol optic, pistol caliber carbine, and centerfire revolver in pouring rain and muddy conditions, but this didn’t slow them down.

On the second day of competition the weather was a lot more forgiving. The Action team competed in 1911 and rimfire revolver in the morning flights, then switched to rimfire rifle irons and rimfire pistol optics in the afternoon. At the end of day two the Action Team was feeling good about their day and were one day closer to reaching their goals. After two grueling days of competition the Bethel Action team competed in rimfire rifle optics and rimfire pistol irons on the last morning. The team left everything on the range and did all they could to bring home the National titles. The award ceremony

started off with awards for rimfire pistol optics, this set the tone for how the ceremony would go the rest of the day.

Bethel University is proud to have brought home the Paul J. Pluff Rimfire Pistol Cup and the Tammy L. Mowry Rifle Cup. These are traveling cups where one is awarded to the top rimfire pistol team and the other is the for the top rifle team in the nation. These cups will have Bethel University engraved on them.

The six national titles were: Rimfire Pistol Optics, Rimfire rifle iron, Rimfire rifle optic, Rimfire pistol iron, Rimfire revolver, and Centerfire revolver.

Unemployment on the Rise in the Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE — Unemployment in the state of Tennessee and the tri-counties both rose as a percentage of those in the labor force.

According to statistics from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, unemployment percents increased slightly in Tennessee to 3.5 percent as compared to one month earlier. This is typical seasonal adjustment.

Carroll County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent, up from 3.3 in December and down form 4.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 11,758, a total of 11,251 were employed and 507 were unemployed.

Henry County recorded an unemployment rate of 4.1 percent, up from 3.5 one month earlier and down from 4.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,686, there were 13,129 employed and 557 unemployed.

Weakley County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent, up from 3.3 percent one month earlier and 3.5 one year earlier. From a labor force of 15,103, there were 14,550 employed and 552 unemployed.

Williamson County recorded the lowest rate at 2.5 and Meigs County had the highest at 5.7 percent.

Rates increased in 93 of the 95 counties and decreased in one.

Bethel Shows Well in 5K

COURTESY BETHEL SID

The Bethel Wildcats went to the Rhodes College Track and Field Invitational Friday in Memphis. This was day one of the contest, with most of the events unfolding on Saturday. Bethel competed against teams across all divisions such as Memphis University, Berry college, Arkansas State, Centre, Christian Brothers, Freed-Hardeman, Blue Mountain, etc.

All of the athletes competed in the 5000-meter run which was won by none other than All-American Joseph Skoog. Skoog led the entire race from start to finish, gaping the field and finishing in front of second place by twenty seconds with a time of 14:26. Next for the Wildcats was Stetson Childress, finishing with a personal best

time of 15:38. Cedrion Cook also ran a personal best time in the 5k with a time of 15:51. Rounding out the Wildcats was freshman Hayden Padgett finishing with a time of 17:22 respectively.

Coach Brandon Kilburn commented, “I am super proud of the efforts we made today. Everybody competed brilliantly and we had many personal bests today. Anytime you can start a season off by breaking multiple personal records, that is a step in the right direction. There is still a long way to go until the outdoor conference, but we will keep improving every day. They have bought into the program, and I am blessed to have these individuals. Having Joseph go out and win today was icing on the cake for an overall great afternoon.”

Scholarship Available For McKenzie Seniors

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) is offering one \$1,000 scholarship for a 2024 graduate of McKenzie High School. Interested applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum ACT score of 21. This is the first scholarship from the newly formed alumni association.

All applicants must be planning to continue their education and career training

after graduation, either by attending a college or technical school.

The winner will be selected by the MHSAA Scholarship Committee, which will evaluate based on both educational merits and community involvement.

Application deadline is 3 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024. Applications are available at the MHS guidance office.

State Guard Honors President Jackson

HERMITAGE (March 15) — A wreath-laying ceremony was held March 15 honoring President Andrew Jackson on what would have been his 257th birthday at Jackson’s home, The Hermitage, outside Nashville.

During the ceremony, Col. Linda Kieser, Tennessee’s Deputy Chief of Staff for Human Resources, spoke about the seventh president and then placed a wreath, which is presented on behalf of the President of the United States, at Jackson’s tomb.

“General Jackson represents what it means to be a true Tennessean,” said Kieser. “His career was nothing short of legendary and he was a man of many talents who was passionate about the welfare and security of our state and nation. Let us all be inspired by Jackson’s example as we continue to uphold the values of freedom, justice, and democ-

racy for which he fought so valiantly to protect.”

During the ceremony, Kieser was joined by Howard J. Katell, the president and CEO of the Andrew Jackson Foundation, to place the wreath together at Jackson’s grave site, which is in the garden behind his home.

“This was a great event, and it was a privilege to represent the U.S. President and to honor Jackson with Howard Katell,” said Kieser. “Kittell has served The Hermitage and preserved the memory of Andrew Jackson for the past 15 years as the Foundation’s president, and he will soon be retiring.”

In addition to Kieser’s role as a speaker, Lt. Col. Paul Gunn, a chaplain with the Tennessee Air National Guard, gave the ceremony’s invocation while Soldiers from the Tennessee National Guard provided a color guard.

STATE OF TENNESSEE CARROLL COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS

AS REQUIRED BY TCA §830-2-306
CASE NO: 2024PA41
ESTATE OF: DELMAR LYNN DUNNING, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on MARCH 14 OF 2024 Letters of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **DELMAR LYNN DUNNING**, who died interstate, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

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

This 12TH day of MARCH, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH:
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KIMBERLY ANN JOHNSONIUS, Executor/Administrator
GEORGE ROBERT WHITFIELD, III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA40

ESTATE OF: CLIFFORD RAY McALEXANDER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 14TH day of MARCH, 2024, Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **CLIFFORD RAY McALEXANDER** deceased, who died FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.
- All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 14TH day of MARCH, 2024.
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Auto

GUIDE

Terms to Know When Buying a Car

When shopping for a new car, it's easy to let details like the color of the vehicle and creature comforts like connectivity take control of the transaction, but buyers also know how important the bottom line can be.

Next to a home, a car might be the most expensive item many consumers ever purchase. In fact, the average transaction price of a new vehicle in the United States in early 2023 was just over \$48,000. A lot of money changes hands at car dealerships every day, so buyers can undoubtedly benefit from learning the lingo that surrounds such transactions.

» **Annual percentage rate (APR):** APR is the cost consumers pay each year to borrow money. This includes fees and buyers should know that APR is different from the interest rate. Drivers can negotiate a lower APR, and the CFPB notes that it can benefit buyers to compare the APR on competing auto loans.

» **Balloon payment:** The balloon payment is a large sum that is due at the end of some auto loans. Many drivers will pay a predetermined amount each month during the terms of the loan. Once that loan reaches maturity, they then own the car outright. With a balloon loan, buyers still make monthly payments, but when the loan reaches maturity they must make a balloon payment in order to take full ownership of the vehicle.

» **Capitalized cost reduction:** A capitalized cost reduction is any upfront payment that reduces the cost of financing. This can include a cash down payment and a trade-in vehicle.

» **Closed-end lease:** Individuals considering leasing their next vehicle will likely come across this term. A closed-end lease is one that gives the driver leasing the vehicle the option to buy it at a set price at the end of the term or walk away without any financial liability (damage or modifications to the vehicle upon returning it may result in charges). Leases typically are closed-end, but it's still best that drivers confirm that prior to signing on the dotted line.

» **Dealer preparation fees:** Dealer preparation fees are the charges a dealership issues to prepare a car for transfer to the buyer. These fees might cover the cost of washing the vehicle and additional services before buyers take it off the lot. Capital One notes these fees average between \$100 and \$500, and buyers should know that they are negotiable.

» **Extended warranty:** Car and Driver warns that most extended warranties offered by dealerships cover very little, so buyers should read the terms carefully before purchasing an extended warranty. Extended warranties offered by manufacturers tend to be more useful to buyers.

» **MSRP:** This familiar acronym stands for "Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price." The MSRP is the total of the base price plus all of the options listed on the window sticker of the vehicle.

» **Prepayment penalties:** Prepayment penalties penalize drivers for paying off a loan before it reaches maturity. Though the vast majority of drivers who finance the purchase of a vehicle will not have prepayment penalties in their agreements, buyers with lower credit scores might. Anyone with such a penalty in the terms of their agreement should try to negotiate it out of the deal.

» **Term:** The term refers to the length of the purchase or lease agreement. Many leases feature terms between 12 and 36 months, while purchase agreements can feature terms as long as 72 months (six years).

Knowing the lingo before buying a new car can increase the chances drivers get a good deal on their next vehicle.

Warning Signs That Brakes are Faltering

Automotive problems are often best left to professionals. Though seasoned car enthusiasts may be capable of diagnosing and fixing car troubles without the assistance of a trusted mechanic, most drivers are better off letting the pros address issues under the hood.

But drivers can still play a vital role in vehicle maintenance. Learning to recognize warning signs of various problems that can affect cars can prevent breakdowns and potentially costly repairs. And in certain instances, such as when the brake system is not working properly, knowing how to spot problems before they escalate into something larger can make drivers and their passengers safer and potentially prevent accidents.

Warning signs of fading brake systems tend to be subtle.

» **Noises:** Much like a knocking sound typically indicates a problem with a vehicle's air-fuel ration mixture, certain noises also suggest there are problems with the brakes. The most noticeable such sign is a high-pitched squeal that occurs when drivers apply the brakes. But grinding sounds and noises like scratching and scraping also warrant a visit to a brake specialist.

» **Increase in stopping distance:** An increase in the distance a vehicle travels before it stops after the brakes are applied indicates that there's an issue with the brakes. This issue may or may not require a brake replacement. In fact, it's sometimes indicative that brake fluid levels are low, which can be remedied quickly and easily. However, an increase in stopping distance is significant enough that it should be brought to the attention of a brake specialist immediately.

» **Pulling upon stopping:** Another warning sign of brake problems is when the vehicle noticeably pulls to one side as it comes to a stop. This indicates that one side of the brakes is malfunctioning while the other is working properly. Like other issues with brakes, this one requires immediate attention from an automotive professional.

Brake systems should be inspected during routine maintenance visits. But issues with brakes can arise even after such inspections, which underscores how important it is that drivers learn to recognize the warning signs of brake problems.

Why Regular Car Washes are Important

Taking care of a vehicle involves more than just maintaining the equipment under the hood. There are a number of steps involved in keeping a car or truck in top form, and that includes regular car washes.

Car washes keep a vehicle shiny and clean, which can help it look good while sitting in the driveway or cruising the highway. However, regular car washes are more than cosmetic.

» **Protection from the sun:** A car that is routinely and properly washed and waxed is less vulnerable to damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

» **Extend the life of paint:** Dirt and debris can build up on the paint surface and eventually lead to scratches and other damage. Bird droppings and sap can be corrosive. Washing will help remove grime and protect the paint in the process.

» **Preserve the vehicle's value:** Drivers who plan to sell or trade in their vehicles in the future should realize that a well-maintained car can bring in as much as 20 percent more for above-average condition, according to Kelley Blue Book. Maintaining a clean and shiny vehicle can protect its long-term value.

» **Remove salt:** Drivers who live near the ocean or in areas where roads are salted in the winter to melt snow may have cars with high salt corrosion rates. Unless it's washed off frequently, salt can take its toll, leading to damage.

» **Improve fuel efficiency:** Drivers have felt pain in their wallets at the fuel pump in recent years. Dirty cars may be less aerodynamic and less fuel-efficient as a result. Keeping a car clean may improve its fuel efficiency.

» **Maintain the interior:** Car washes are not only about the exterior. Keeping a clean and tidy interior can help improve the air quality inside of the vehicle and prolong the life of upholstery, mats and interior components.

Car washes should be a routine part of vehicle maintenance. Professional car washes tend to be more eco-friendly than washing a car at home, so drivers are urged investigate their service plans and features.

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4 Signs It's Time to Replace Your Tires

Inflation has been a hot topic for several years, as the cost of everything from groceries to gas to housing has increased considerably since 2019. Cars are no exception to that phenomenon, and anyone who has purchased a new car over the last half decade likely experienced some sticker shock when they started their search for a new vehicle. Data from Kelley Blue Book indicates the average cost of a new car was \$37,590 in 2019. By 2023, the average cost had risen to \$47,899. That marks an increase of more than 27 percent in a four-year period.

Cars are indeed a significant investment, which underscores the importance of vehicle maintenance. Maintenance is more than just tending to what's under the hood. Tires also require drivers' attention, as aging, damaged tires pose a safety risk that also compromise vehicle performance. Tires are easily overlooked, but the following are four signs tires need to be replaced.

1 Worn Tread: The automotive experts at AutoZone® note that tread depth is the most prevalent indicator that a tire needs to be replaced. AutoZone® notes that tread depth should always be at least 2/32 of an inch throughout the tire. Depth should be measured across the tread and around the circumference. If the tread is at or



below 2/32 of an inch, the tire should be replaced.

2 Bulges, Gouges or Cracks: Geico® notes that a deflated tire bulges at the sides, and that can compromise the safety of everyone in the vehicle. AutoZone® says bulges occur when air gets between the inner liner and outer rubber layers, which can happen after hitting a curb or driving over a sizable pothole. A gouge or cut that is deeper than the outer layer of the tire also necessitates replacement.

3 Poor Grip: Drivers may be able to feel certain tire problems, including poor grip, while driving. In such instances, tires may feel as though they are slipping. The tire experts at Firestone note that low tread can reduce tire traction and cause wheels to slip, which may be more noticeable when accelerating from a stop or driving on wet roads. Drivers

who feel their tires are slipping can test the tread and replace tires that are low.

4 Vibration: Vibration is another issue drivers may feel rather than see. And identifying the cause requires noting where the vibrations are felt. Geico® notes that a feeling of vibration or thumping that feels like it's coming from under the seats may indicate the tires are not balanced. A suspension issue could be to blame if the steering wheel feels like it's vibrating. Either feeling should be brought to the attention of a mechanic immediately.

Tire issues affect vehicle performance and compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists. When vehicles are not performing at peak capacity, drivers should not overlook various tire issues as a potential cause of such troubles.

Mileage-Based Vehicle Maintenance Intervals

Maintenance is an essential component of responsible vehicle ownership. Routine maintenance can help discover problems before they escalate into potentially costly issues. Maintenance also keeps vehicles running smoothly, making them more enjoyable to drive and extending their life expectancy.

Various factors can help to determine how often drivers should change their vehicles' fluids and take them in for tuneups. Such variables include how frequently a vehicle is driven, the type of driving (city or rural) drivers do and how many miles are on the car. However, drivers can still rely on this basic car maintenance schedule, courtesy of Advance Auto Parts, to serve as a guide.

whichever comes first, are:

- ▲ Engine oil level
- ▲ Windshield washer fluid
- ▲ Coolant
- ▲ Brake fluid level
- ▲ Transmission fluid
- ▲ Power steering fluid

Drivers also can use 3,000 miles or three months as a benchmark to check tire pressure, hoses and belts. Many vehicles now display tire pressure for each tire on the dashboard, and drivers should pay attention to those numbers and put air in their tires when necessary. When inspecting hoses, touch them to make sure they're not leaking and bulging. Hoses should be a little flexible, especially when they are warm.

5,000 Miles/6 Months

Oil and oil filters should be changed at this interval. In addition, this is a good time to rotate tires and inspect lights to make sure they're still operating at peak capacity. Drivers also can check their cabin and engine air filters and

replace them if need be. Changing these filters is a simple DIY project, and drivers can find an assortment of YouTube tutorials to help them complete these projects. Wiper blades also can be inspected around this time or whenever drivers suspect the blades aren't operating at peak capacity. Replacing wiper blades is another simple DIY project that drivers can complete in a few minutes.

10,000 Miles/12 Months

Synthetic oil is typically used in cars made since 2010. Each manufacturer is different, and drivers should check their manuals for recommendations. Synthetic oil and filters in vehicles that use synthetic oil is typically changed every 10,000 miles or 12 months, whichever comes first. Once a year drivers should ask their mechanics to check the alignment on their vehicles and the condition of their brakes.

Routine maintenance can keep vehicles running strong for years on end.

HOW TO LOWER THE COST OF AUTO INSURANCE

Auto insurance is a must-have for drivers. As of 2019 there are still some places in the United States where auto insurance is not mandatory.

Many people, even those in places where auto insurance is not mandatory, recognize the importance of being insured before they get behind the wheel. A 2019 analysis from the online financial resource NerdWallet found that the average cost of car insurance in the United States is \$1,621 per year.

No matter where drivers live, chances are they would love to lower their auto insurance costs. While there's no one-size-fits-all solution to cut auto insurance premiums, drivers can try various strategies to save money on their policies.

➤ Raise your policy's deductibles. Higher deductibles may sound scary to drivers, but raising the deductibles is a great way to lower the cost of auto insurance. The auto insurance provider Progressive notes that deductibles typically range from \$100 to \$2,000. A driver whose policy has a \$100 deductible will pay considerably more on his policy per month than a driver with a higher



deductible. In fact, the Insurance Information Institute notes that drivers who increase their deductibles from \$200 to \$1,000 can save 40 percent or more on their coverage costs. Drivers who choose this option should always be sure they have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of their deductibles.

➤ Bundle your policies. Some drivers save money on their auto insurance policies by buying two or more types of insurance from the same provider. For example, homeowners may save money by buying homeowners insurance from their auto insurance providers or vice versa.

➤ Research potential discounts. The III notes that many companies offer discounts to policyholders, even if those discounts are not necessarily promoted. Drivers can contact their insurance companies, or shop around with other providers, to ask about various discounts that can save them money on their policies. Anti-theft devices, defensive driving courses, low annual mileage, and a strong credit record are just a handful of the many potential discounts drivers may be eligible for.

Drivers can reduce the cost of their auto insurance policies in various ways, potentially saving themselves hundreds of dollars each year as a result.

Did You Know?

Vehicle maintenance is often viewed through the lens of keeping cars safe and running smoothly. That impression is accurate, but in addition to potentially saving lives, vehicle maintenance can save drivers money. The summer of 2022 was marked by rapid inflation that affected prices

of just about everything, including fuel, which rose to such heights that many drivers sought any way to save money at the pump. Vehicle maintenance is one simple way to reduce fuel costs, sometimes by a significant margin. In fact, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that fixing a faulty oxygen sensor could

improve gas mileage by as much as 40 percent. Smaller measures also can save drivers money at the pump, as the U.S. DOE estimates that keeping tires properly inflated can increase fuel efficiency by as much as 3 percent while using the motor oil recommended in a vehicle owner's manual can improve gas mileage by 1 to 2 percent.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Left, Kadarius Cunningham catching the ball to secure an out. Right, Fletcher Holt hitting a double to tie up the game. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner

McKenzie Falls to Stewart County

HUNTINGDON (March 12) — The McKenzie Rebels played their third game of the season against Stewart County in the CP Classic. In a tough match-up, McKenzie had to fight for hits on Stewart County's pitcher. The Rebels were trailing by 2 in the fourth inning when sophomore Fletcher Holt hit a double sending Tate Surber and Jake Cassidy home to tie up the game. Stewart County added an additional run in the seventh inning, winning the game 3-2.



Hayden Garrett getting ready for a pitch. Photo by Gracie Aird/The Banner

ROTARY CLUB OF McKENZIE

Optometry Field is Changing

Dr. Brooke Spivey spoke to the McKenzie Rotary Club about the innovative changes occurring in the field of optometry.

Dr. Brooke, a graduate of McKenzie High and UT Martin, joined her family's optometry clinic in 2021 after receiving her Doctor of Optometry from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN.

During her time at Southern College of Optometry she completed two externship rotations, one at Bennett & Bloom Eye Centers in Louisville, KY, and the other at Kapperman, White, & McGarvey in Chattanooga, TN. During her time with Bennett & Bloom Dr. Brooke practiced under some of the best medical optometrist and ophthalmologist in the country. She received hands on training in optometric laser use, minor surgical procedures, cataract and LASIK pre and post OP care, and evaluation and management of ocular disease including but not limited to retinal disease, macular degeneration, and glaucoma. While with Kapperman, White, & McGarvey Dr. Brooke learned what it means to be there for patients in all seasons of



Doctors Scott and Brooke Spivey

life. She trained in myopia control and infant eyecare along with primary eyecare of patients of all ages. In addition to her externship work Dr. Brooke completed an internship at Southern College of Optometry where she trained in pediatrics, low vision, vision therapy, contact lens, ocular disease, and teen clinics.

From her time with so many outstanding mentors Dr. Brooke has drawn her belief in relationship-driven practice. She believes that

relationships with patients, community members, fellow doctors, charitable organizations, and the medical community are at the heart of an excellent practice. Today technology plays a vital role in the treatment of eye disease. Dr. Brooke is excited to bring the newest in diagnostic and treatment technology to Spivey Eye Clinic. Dr. Brooke is dedicated to staying up to date in her practice of eyecare, because the patients at Spivey Eye Clinic deserve the very best.



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Top, Niece's Collection — T. J. Heard of Jackson shows Huntingdon Mayor Nina Smothers some of the homemade jewelry offered by the shop. Above, Ashley Bell of McKenzie's Urban Trading displays some of the items she makes and sells. Below, Gretchen Whitlow of Paris showed patrons her bees wax wrap.



The Dixie Hosts Third Annual Designing Womens Curated Market

HUNTINGDON (March 15) — Downtown Huntingdon was filled as ladies shopped the third annual Dixie Carter Designing Women Curated Market on Friday, March 15 and Satur-

day, March 16. Two buildings — The Dixie and the Colonial Tea Room were filled with female-owned businesses from across the state of Tennessee. The shops were catering to

the females. Tickets were \$15 for VIP night on Friday, \$10 for Saturday or \$20 for both days. Vendors had clothes, jewelry, food and other items for sale.

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