



Top Left, Senior Honorees. Top Right, Junior Honorees. Above Left, Sophomore Honorees. Above Right, Freshmen Honorees. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie High School Honors Banquet

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McKENZIE (April 2) — Eighty-four students at McKenzie High School were the honorees at the thirty-ninth annual Honors Banquet sponsored by the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

Students are invited to the annual event based on grades with a GPA of 95 or higher, school attendance and good conduct.

Donna Waddell, a MHS Alumna, was the featured speaker. Waddell, a nurse practitioner, recently opened her own medical clinic in Henry after working approximately 10 years for other clinics. She and husband, Ronnie, own The Venue at Waddell Place, and garage door and self-storage businesses - all in McKenzie. They have three grown children, all McKenzie graduates.

Waddell encouraged the honorees to be kind to others. She said kindness is paramount in life and in business. It has a transformative nature and provides



Left, Rotary Scholarship Winners — Jason Martin presented Rotary scholarships to Skyelor DeLoach, Gracie Goodrum, and Stafford Roditis. Right, Platform Presenters — Jason Martin, president of McKenzie Rotary Club; Ashley Lowe, guidance counselor at MHS; Donna Waddell, owner of Waddell Clinic; and Kelly Spivey, principal at MHS. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

a gesture of positivity to one's fellow man. She noted her patients appreciate the compassionate medical care she seeks to offer.

Principal Kelly Spivey welcomed the parents and honorees to the thirty-ninth annual Honors Banquet. Students were treated to a meal in the school's cafeteria prior to relocating to the school's gymnasium, where family and friends were waiting.

Spivey said the honorees have the support of their families to aid in their accomplishments.

The Rotary Club of McKenzie sponsors the meal and

the four-year plaques presented to seniors who have earned the privilege to attend all four years. The Rotary Club hosts an annual auction to raise funds for the MHS and the McKenzie Middle School Honors Banquets and the McKenzie Elementary School Honors Reception.

Each student crossed the stage as his or her name was announced and received a certificate recognizing the honor. The four-year honorees additionally received a wooden plaque. Spivey and Ashley Lowe, Guidance Counselor, presented each with a certificate or plaque.



Jason Martin, president of the McKenzie Rotary Club presented \$6,000 in scholarships on behalf of the local service club.

Stafford Roditis and Skyelor DeLoach were each presented \$1,000 to the college or university of their choice.

Gracie Goodrum was honored with a \$4,000 scholarship to attend Bethel University. Martin said Rotary has a special partnership with Bethel University and offers an annual scholarship to the hometown university.

Each recipient competed for the scholarships. Seniors included: Bella

Arnold*, Natalia Alonso Barnero, Christopher Beck, Lacey Bell, Kamryn Brewer, Dakota Cary*, Drew Chappell, Chandler Conrad*, Aubrey Cook, Savannah Davis*, Skyelor DeLoach*, Hayden Garrett*, Nicole Gibson, Gracie Goodrum, Adreanna Gullede, Noelle Herris, Matthew Hoffman, Alyse Lowe, Parker Lyons*, Allison Mansfield*, Belle O'Brien*, Jackelyne Padilla*, Luis Tellez, Mikaela Reynolds*, Stafford Roditis*, Mark Schultz*, Brett Toombs, and Ava Warman*. * = four-year recipients.

Juniors: Briley Arnold, Ariyana Ayers, Baylee Barden,

Rachel Essary, Allyson Gibson, Brooklyn Hudgins, Carter Kee, Hannah Lee, Lydia Pate, Sophie Pate, Kristen Rimmer, Emma Smith, Tate Surber, Jaylin Taylor-Megaw, Craegen Travis.

Sophomores: Gracie Aird, Mason Batten, Ethan Batton, Brody Berryhill, Dylan Bomar, Tobey Brooks, Olivia Cantrell, Makiya Cavette, Coleson Cook, Katelynn Essary, Molly French, Matthew Gaylord, Bethaney Hatley, Morgan Little, Landyn McLearn, Landon Otis, Lukas Pride, Miley Prince, Kaelyn Stebbins, Matthew Townsend, Caden Tucker, and Seth Walker.

Freshmen: Branson Baker, Lola Barton, Wade Chandler, Jasmine Curtis, Carter Dalrymple, Bailey Doles, Ashley Dunavant, Abbigail Ghyers, Allie Giles, Madeline Gottshall, Emma Haynes, Chloe Hitt, Kennedy Hutchens, Pedro Mendez, Madelyn Morris, Bianca Pryor, Alyssa Redmond, Connor Saxton, and Brooklyn Shafer.

West Carroll High School Hosts Mock Crash

ATWOOD — West Carroll High School hosted a mock crash illustrating the danger of drunk driving. The event was held in advance of the Junior-Senior Prom to emphasize the impact of irresponsible behavior behind the wheel.

West Carroll students Nick Andre, Jaxon Mims, Macey Mitchell and Olivia Arnold were the student actors while Keshia Jackson and Clint Kee were the faculty members who portrayed the victims in the second car.

First responders were dispatched to the scene to protect the scene, triage the passengers and start treatment on those who survived. The Jaws of Life were used to extricate the passengers in the two cars that crashed head-on.

Two patients were pronounced dead at the scene in the mock crash.

The youthful driver was charged with two counts of vehicular homicide by Tennessee Highway Patrol officers. A hearse was on the scene to transport the two deceased.

Student members of the junior and senior class watched as the mock crash unfolded, the passengers were extricated, and the driver arrested.

Participating were: Atwood Fire Department, Baptist/Priority Ambulance; Blair Putman (Makeup); Huntingdon Block City Pizza (Food donation); Dean Brush (Photos/Video); Carroll County Sheriff's Office; Carroll County Rescue Squad; Dale's Recycling (junk cars); Humboldt Area Rescue Squad; McLemoresville Fire Dept.; Tennessee Highway Patrol; The McKenzie Banner; Carroll County News-Leader; The Mirror-Exchange; WBBJ-7.



Above, The first responders and participants in the mock crash. Left, The student driver (in the mock crash) climbs from the window of the crashed car. He was later administered a field sobriety test and arrested in the mock event. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

West Carroll Recognizes Student, Faculty

BY CECE BECKETT
The Mirror-Exchange

The West Carroll Special School District held its monthly meeting last Thursday, where they recognized Junior Hannah Fowler as she will go through the Tennessee Governor's School of Agriculture Science at the University of Tennessee at Martin this summer. Fowler will attend a four-week program for high school juniors and seniors to experience various aspects of agriculture and natural resources both in the classroom and through hands-on learning both on and off campus at UTM and will receive three hours college credit.

Agricultural Instructor Noah Rogers gave the board a progress update on the greenhouse operation. The greenhouse is full of flowers just in time for spring, and Mr. Rogers said that he contacted the Co-Op in

Huntington and has worked on a plan to contract some plants to them as the greenhouse had too many. They were contracted for hanging baskets as well as bedding plants, and the hanging baskets were delivered to the Co-Op on April 4.

"It was a good opportunity for the students to do some networking and to see a little bit of the agriculture industry as well," Rogers said.

Director of Schools Preston Caldwell mentioned the ESSER funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency (COVID) Relief are running low and new chairs and desks are needed for the primary, elementary and high school for the upcoming school year. Advertising for bids for these chairs and desks were published with the school receiving multiple quotes. JC Educational and Office Supply is a local company, located in Paris, and will not charge for ship-

ping. For an extra \$450, the workers can meet the truck at the schools and help unload everything as well as adjusting the heights of the new equipment. The bid for this is \$61,665.84 and was the lowest bid of the five bids.

"Because this is over the \$10,000 threshold, we had to advertise it and put it before the board to choose the bid," Caldwell said.

Mr. Caldwell recommended going with JC Educational and Office Supply as it is the lowest and local and has a lifetime warranty.

Board member Betty Wallace asked if the desks and chairs could be taken from a state bid, to which Caldwell said that he had not seen a state bid for them before.

Vice Chairman Jeremy Jackson made a motion to approve the desks and chairs bid from JC Educational and Office Supply, to which it passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Caldwell asked the board to use the ESSER money once again for seven new heating and air conditioning units to be installed. Three of these would go in the primary school and the other four would go to the elementary school. He said that this deals with the air and germs and COVID-19, which would be funded by ESSER money. The cost is approximately \$43,000-45,000. Caldwell asked the board for permission to advertise this, to which it was approved unanimously.

"We really need to spend the ESSER by the end of this fiscal year, which would be the end of June," Caldwell said.

To use this money, Caldwell once again asked the board for permission to advertise for a sign to promote the school. The last item on the agenda to be approved was for the CEITA metal detectors to be purchased

with grant money instead of ESSER. Previously, it was approved that these detectors be purchased and the cost was \$23,000-25,000, but there has been a delay and Caldwell found out that these could be covered with a grant and can be ordered on July 1, to which it was approved.

The five-year strategic plan is reviewed each April, and the board reviewed it during their meeting. The plan had many goals, the top one being safety for the students and faculty.

"We have very carefully followed all safety drills and they are up to date," Caldwell said.

Another part of the plan is to improve student achievement and motivate teachers. For the new 24-28 plan, they are moving from school safety officers to a full Student Resource Officer program starting this upcoming school year. SROs are contracted through the Carroll

County Sheriff's Department and are trained law enforcement officers.

Before concluding the meeting, Mr. Caldwell commented on the greenhouse's progress. He also commended Deputy Tyler Haley, Food Service Director Mandy Drewry, Dale's Recycling and all of the emergency responders who helped develop the mock crash in advance of the annual prom.

Caldwell also gave each board member a copy of his performance evaluation and asked each of them to complete it within the next few weeks. He also requested a work session in May to discuss the performance evaluation.

The next West Carroll Special School District meeting is May 2 at 6:30 p.m. All board meetings are open to the public.

Theft

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“Lisa” Smith, former department treasurer, has come to a close through a plea agreement. The Smiths pled guilty to a Class C Felony for theft over \$30,000. According to documents provided by the 24th Judicial Circuit Court, the couple will repay \$30,150.86 in restitution to the District 8 Volunteer Fire Department and will receive six years of supervised probation in lieu of jail time. After the probation and after restitution (\$418.76 monthly repayment) is met, the felony will be expunged from their criminal record.

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller’s Office and Carroll County Sheriff’s Department resulted in the indictments Lin and Malisa Smith, who served respectively as the fire chief and treasurer for the Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department District 8 – Mixie station. William served as an elected member of the Carroll County Commission.

At approximately 5 p.m., Monday, April 8 Smith formally resigned his seat on the Carroll County Commission. Mayor Joseph Butler stated, “I have received an official letter of resignation from Lin Smith, of which I have accepted.” Later that evening during the regular meeting of the Commission, Mayor Butler announced the vacancy of the seat.

With inquiries on Smith’s status as a commissioner, according to TCA 40-20-114, Smith’s crimes were not committed while holding an elected public office thus, he did not legally have to resign. Once the felony is expunged he would be eligible to run for public office.

On Monday, May 1, 2023, the Carroll County Grand Jury indicted the couple separately on one count of Theft of Property over \$10,000 and one count of Fraudulent Use of a Debit Card over \$10,000. Comptroller investigators determined the Smiths stole at least \$30,150.86 from the volunteer fire department beginning in April 2014 until they resigned from the fire department in March 2020.

The Smiths misappropriated the money from the department’s bank account and a separate credit union account. According to the Comptroller’s Office, the Smiths had \$15,377.48 of “unauthorized purchases via Carroll Bank and Trust Account” and \$14,773.38 of “unautho-

riized purchases via Johnsonville TVA Employees Credit Union Account.”

On February 14, 2023, investigators interviewed the Smiths. William acknowledged that several transactions were personal transactions. He admitted that he did use the debit card for personal use, and he does not know how much of the department’s money he spent. Malisa admitted that many meals and retail store transactions were not legitimate fire department purchases.

She also stated that she may have made some of the purchases from the credit union account but not all of them. She added that her husband had to make many of the other purchases since he was the only other person with access to the debit card.

The Smiths made unauthorized debit card transactions, check disbursements, and cash withdrawals. These included purchases at various retail stores; personal lodging and travel expenses; payments for food and alcohol; fuel purchases; and payments for various personal services. Department members confirmed the transactions did not benefit the department.

As treasurer, Malisa had access to and controlled the bank account maintained at the department’s banking institution. Between April 2014 and February 2018, they made unauthorized transactions from the department’s bank account including 65 checks for purchases totaling \$9,226.48 at retail stores, including Walmart, Lowe’s, Tractor Supply, Sam’s Club, Clarksburg Supermarket, and Gander Mountain. Malisa Smith made 17 unauthorized cash withdrawals totaling \$5,888. The department’s bank account incurred 19 overdraft fees totaling \$263.

In February 2018, after department members became suspicious of the Smiths’ use of department funds, the Smiths closed the bank account with Carroll Bank and Trust and moved the remaining funds to a new account in Malisa’s name at Johnsonville TVA Employees Credit Union. In total, there were 318 transactions identified as misappropriated transactions.

An unnamed source close to the situation stated rumors had been circulating about the department’s bank accounts and charge accounts being used for personal gains by the Smiths. In an attempt to squash the rumors, officers of the Mixie Department requested the banking statements from the Smiths by March 3, 2020.

None were provided by the former chief or treasurer.

Carroll Bank and Trust did provide the account records to the officers. The department officers suspended the Smiths while they audited the accounts. In response, on March 5, 2020, Lin resigned from his position on the fire department.

According to the source, as the officers looked over the financials it became obvious the Smiths were using the bank account as their personal slush fund. There were transactions for meals and alcohol in areas such as Alabama and Florida that correlated with trips taken by the couple. There was a balance of over \$300 at Watsons Lumber and Hardware House in Huntingdon. The source said it was obvious the Smiths had used the account to purchase decking supplies corresponding to the date of construction on a deck at their residence.

The Carroll County Sheriff’s Office was notified by the volunteer fire department’s officers of the possible financial misappropriations. After some time, investigators passed the investigation on to the Tennessee Comptroller. Officers were made aware of the investigation. Over two years, the comptroller’s office had multiple investigators looking at the case. In October 2022, a new investigator took the assignment and actively worked with District Attorney General Neil Thompson to indict the Smiths.

As the district fire department decreased in size, fewer individuals were active. Members put their trust in Lin to be chief and Lisa to serve as the treasurer. When Lisa gained access to the account in 2014, membership was low and the volunteer officers were working full-time at other jobs. Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler stated, “We share the concern about this report, and as we have with the investigation, will continue to cooperate fully now that this report has been released. Given that this is an active legal matter, we are limited in what we can share or discuss at this time and will hold any comment or action until the legal matter is settled.”

Asked when the county learned of the possible misappropriation, Mayor Butler said, “We were made aware of concerns in early 2020. As required of public officials in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 8-4-501, the information was reported to the office of the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury within a matter of days.”



Above, Bethel University students enjoy the solar eclipse on Monday. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner Below, Amanda Oakley’s fourth grade class watched the solar eclipse at McKenzie Elementary. Photo submitted by John Oakley



Left, Teacher Dusty Emerson taking all the precautions. Right, Students at McKenzie Elementary enjoy the solar eclipse. Photos by Brandy Baumgardner/McKenzie Elementary



Eclipse

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A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. Despite the difference in size, the Moon, Earth and Sun are the perfect distances from each other allowing the moon to completely block out the sun for a moment during these events.

Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio were

located within the path of totality along with Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

The sky darkened, as if it were dawn or dusk. Weather permitting, people along the path of totality saw the Sun’s corona, or outer atmosphere, which is usually obscured by the bright face of the Sun.

Looking at a solar eclipse without the correct eyewear can cause ‘eclipse blindness,’ or retinal burns, when the cells in the retina get damaged or destroyed and can no longer properly transmit what you see to the brain.

Viewing eyewear was

available at several shops, libraries, and other locations. For those that didn’t have the eyewear, a simple viewing device could be made with a cardboard box and aluminum foil.

On a personal note, my four-year-old described the solar event as a piece of cheese that was slowly being eaten.

She will be almost 25-years-old when the next solar eclipse is visible in the United States.

Additional photos from the Solar Eclipse available at www.mckenziebanner.com.

Election

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Representative. He will face James Hart (I-Buchanan).

John Stevens (R-Huntingdon), incumbent State Senator for District 24, serving Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Houston, Obion, Stewart and Weakley counties, is op-

posed by Charles “Charlie” Cooper (R-Camden).

David Kustoff (R-Germantown) incumbent U.S. Congressman, District 8-Tennessee, is opposed by George Flinn (R-Memphis) and Democrats - Sarah Freeman-Germantown, Leonard Perkins-Memphis, Lawrence A. Pivnick-Memphis, Lynette P. Williams-Memphis, and Brenda Woods-Bolivar. Independent candidate

James Hart of Buchanan is also seeking the office.

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Brentwood) is opposed by Republicans Pamela Moses of Memphis and Tres Wittum of Nashville. Democrats include Marquita Bradshaw of Memphis, Lola Denise Brown of Nashville, Gloria Johnson of Knoxville, Kevin Lee McCants of Murfreesboro and Civil Miller-Watkins of Rossville.



Air Evac Lifeteam of Henry County spoke to the McKenzie First Responders Class. Photo by Jason R. Martin/The Banner

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conclusion of training. Fire Chief Brian Tucker and Battalion Chief Jason Arnold introduced the new program to the City of McKenzie as a way to ensure immediate care to emergency victims.

When the McKenzie hospital closed down, the fire department saw medical calls more than double as need of emergency care increased around the city. There are ambulance stations in McKenzie and Huntingdon, each holding

two ambulances a piece. As emergencies occur, Arnold described it as the “luck of the draw” if these ambulances are immediately available. According to a source, on Saturday, April 8, Priority Ambulance / Baptist Hospital Carroll County had only two ambulances, one of which was not fully staffed, available to service the county which measures approximately 600 square miles.

In February, Chief Tucker stated his department received 53 calls. Over half of the calls were medical-related calls. He noted that one particular call took over 40

minutes before an ambulance arrived.

On November 10, 2023, a Collinwood football player was injured during the McKenzie-Collinwood game, medical personnel responded to mid-field to render assistance. After what as described as a “fairly extensive wait” on an ambulance to respond to the scene, the on-site medical people had packaged the patient for transport. McKenzie Fire Department’s First Responder program participated, with other medical professionals, with its golf cart equipped with medical equipment.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

My Funeral Suit

It was 1979, and I was the guest song leader for a church's summer revival (although it was called "a gospel meeting" because "revival" sounded too much like a rival religious group).

That evening's service hadn't started yet, and I was meeting and greeting the attendees—little white-haired ladies carrying black Bibles that were as old and worn as they were, old men using canes to hold themselves up, mothers with a string of small children held in tow simply by a look that said, "Behave, or I'll be taking you outside."

I don't know if you were ever "taken outside" during a church service, but let's just say I was a "frequent flyer" in the "taken outside" club. It was there that I learned the art of dancing in circles around my mother, my feet barely touching the ground, as she held one of my hands and spanked me with her other hand.

I know, I know...some of you feel abhorrent about corporal punishment, but I believe if it's administered by someone who shows you every day how much they love you, that you know would be willing to die for you, it's very beneficial.

But I digress.

One man I met, whose

name I don't remember, but whose lesson for me has remained, was clearly a farmer. His face was burnt-orange, but his forehead was lily white because it was shielded by what I suspected was an ever-present cap to shield his eyes while driving a tractor. This was back in the day before tractors became limousines with climate-controlled cabs to keep out the dust, rain, heat, and cold, back when a farmer had to be a warrior at heart, and he paid cash for everything.

He was wearing a plaid three-piece suit, a white shirt whose collar wasn't quite large enough for his thick neck and therefore prevented his necktie from being pulled tight against his throat. And he was wearing a broad smile.

I introduced myself and shook his hand. My bones and knuckles cracked as his hand enveloped mine and squeeze.

"How do you like my funeral suit?" he asked.

I smiled politely, not knowing exactly what to say next.

He explained, "The doctors tell me I've got three months to live. So, I decided I needed to get ready. I went out and bought me this suit to be buried in. It's the only suit I've ever worn. And

I'm here tonight to make things right between me and the Lord."

He was true to his word. When I led the invitation song "Why Not Tonight?", before we reached the chorus of the first verse, he stepped out into the aisle, his face awash with tears, and came down front to confess his sins and be baptized.

Like I said, I don't remember his name, nor do I remember what the preacher preached on that night, but I remember that man saying he was wearing his funeral suit.

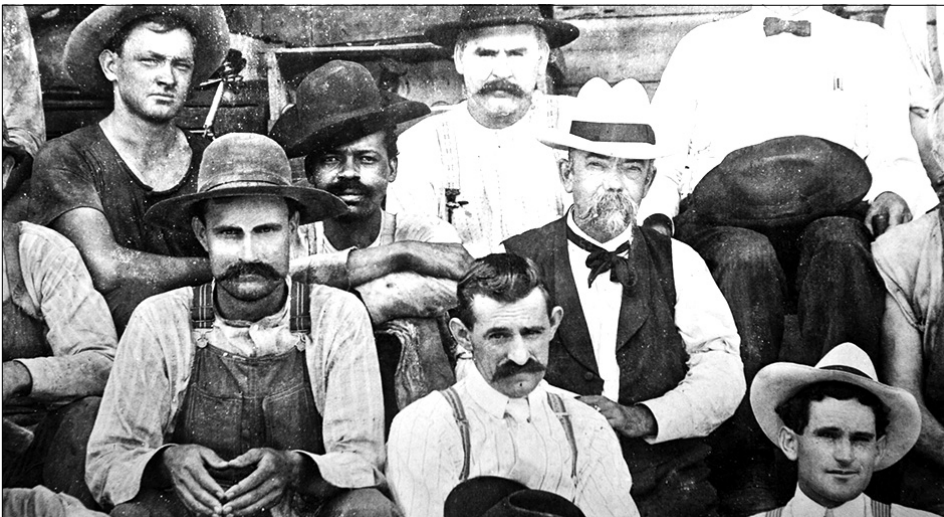
In a way, we're all wearing our funeral suits. Life is so fragile and can end so suddenly. Very few people are given an opportunity to "get ready to die."

I'd like to believe if we knew we were going to die in three months, we'd put on a funeral suit (or dress) woven with threads of humility, love, compassion, and tenderness, and try living like our Savior did. And we'd start doing it today.

** Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume 1: I Didn't Know Donkey's Could Laugh.*



Above Left, Jasper Newton Daniel, is a world-famous American distiller, known for being the creator of the Jack Daniel Distillery. Above Right, One of Jack Daniel's earliest jugs (c. 1865-1870). Below, 1904 image of Jack Daniel; seated to his right is likely George Green, the son of Nathan "Nearest" Green.



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Jack Daniel

The Iconic Tennessee Whiskey Maker

Last week, much to my chagrin, I was not only surprised by the story of Lem Motlow but also by the fact that I have never written about one of Tennessee's most prolific sons, Jack Daniel. I'm not one to shy away from occasional libations, especially one of the brown spirit nature. So this week, it is a fine time to devote a little ink to the whiskey maker.

Amidst the backdrop of the post-Civil War South, in the small township of Lynchburg, the legend of Jack Daniel was born. He would go on to create a legacy that goes far beyond whiskey as his name and his brand have endured for generations.

He was born Jasper Newton Daniel on September 5, 1846, in Lynchburg, Tennessee. He was the youngest of ten children born to Calaway Daniel and Lucinda Cook Daniel. His childhood was marked by hardship and tragedy. His father died when he was only a child, leaving the family in dire financial straits. At the age of 12, Jack's mother passed away, leaving him orphaned and without any immediate family.

Despite early setbacks, Jack Daniel possessed an entrepreneurial spirit from a young age. He was taken in by a local Lutheran minister, Dan Call, who ran a general store and distillery. It was during this time, Jack would first learn the art of whiskey making.

Under Call's guidance and the tutelage of Nathan "Nearest" Green, Jack learned the intricacies of distillation, from mashing the grains to the precise art of barrel aging. Green was a slave of Call's who was considered a master distiller.

He quickly showed a natural talent for the craft, and by the age of 16, he was running the distillery for Call. However, Jack's ambitions extended

beyond the confines of Call's operation. He dreamed of creating his brand of whiskey, one that would stand apart from the rest.

In 1866, at the age of 21, Jack Daniel founded his distillery in Lynchburg, Tennessee. He named it the Jack Daniel Distillery, and it was here that he began producing what would become known as Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey. He hired Nearest Green as his head distiller. He went on to employ two of Nearest's sons, George and Eli. In all, at least three of Green's sons were a part of the Jack Daniel Distillery staff. At least four of Nearest's grandchildren joined the Jack Daniel's team, Ott, Charlie, Otis and Jesse Green. In all, seven straight generations of Nearest's descendants worked for Jack Daniel Distillery, with three direct descendants continuing to work there as of November 2017.

From the outset, Jack set out to create a whiskey of unparalleled quality, using only the finest ingredients and employing a unique charcoal mellowing process that he had learned from his mentor.

In 1875, on receiving an inheritance from his father's estate (following a long dispute with his siblings), Jack founded a legally registered distilling business. He took over the distillery when Call quit for religious reasons. By the 1880s, Jack Daniel's was one of 15 distilleries operating in Moore County and the second-most productive behind Tom Eaton's Distillery. In 1884, Daniel purchased the hollow and land where the distillery is now located.

Despite facing numerous challenges, including a fire that destroyed the distillery in 1896, Jack persevered, rebuilding his operation and expanding his reach. He was a shrewd businessman, with a keen eye for marketing and promotion. He understood the power of branding, and

he worked tirelessly to establish Jack Daniel's as a symbol of quality and craftsmanship.

One of the key factors in Jack Daniel's success was his commitment to innovation. He was always searching for new ways to improve his whiskey, whether it was experimenting with different grain blends or refining the distillation process. He was also one of the first distillers to embrace the use of glass bottles, which helped to distinguish his product on store shelves.

But perhaps Jack Daniel's most enduring legacy is the unique culture that he fostered around his brand. He was known for his generosity and hospitality, often welcoming visitors to his distillery with open arms. He treated his employees like family, offering them fair wages and providing for their well-being. In an era marked by exploitation and inequality, Jack Daniel stood out as a compassionate and enlightened employer.

In 1907, due to declining health, Jack, who had never married or had any children, gave control of the distillery to his nephew, Lew Motlow. Under Motlow's stewardship, Jack Daniel's Whiskey would become one of the best-selling spirits in the world.

In 1911, Jack died from blood poisoning at the age of 61. An oft-told tale is that the infection began in one of his toes, which he injured one morning at work by kicking his safe in anger when he could not get it open (he was said to always have had trouble remembering the combination). However, modern biographers assert that the story is not true, offering evidence that Daniel raged on the safe a few years before dying of unrelated gangrene.

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Top, 25 Years Ago — McKenzie students and chaperons visited Washington D.C. for a study of New York and Washington, D.C. Above Left, 50 Years Ago — Kaye Kirk, Gaye Hickman, Elaine Williams, Tammy James, Phylis Buck, Faye Finley and Krystal Twiggs went to Jackson for the FHA West Tennessee Regional Convention to attend conferences and a banquet. Above Right, 75 Years Ago — Marvin Townsend and Marilyn Holland were chosen as Junior King and Queen for the Humboldt Strawberry Festival.

Looking Back
from Our Archives

10 Years Ago — Carla Craddock slides safely for an RBI triple against the Lady Bulldogs.

*Carroll County coordinated a health mock crash for high schoolers.

*Jason Martin and Brittany Washburn announced their engagement.

25 Years Ago — Hunter Cole missed a pitch, then Nick Ghyers caught it behind the Plate.

*Jessica Martin bunted against Bradford.

50 Years Ago — Pam Blakeburn, Anna Rose Warren, and Zahra Jevan were selected Best Dressed Coed at Bethel.

*Bethel Sighed Illinois Basketball star Tony Byrd.

75 Years Ago — The National Stores had an Easter Sale.

*A 49 ford Tudor Sedan was only \$1,537.16.

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Fireworks Top of McKenzie Agenda

The McKenzie City Council meets Thursday, April 11. On the agenda is an amendment to the Fireworks Ordinance concerning age and purchase times. The purposed sale dates fireworks within the City Limits would be on a seasonal basis from June 20 through July 5 and December 20 through January 1. With an allowance date to shot the fireworks off from June 27 through July 5, and from December 25th through January 1. The fireworks can be shot until 10 p.m., except for December 31st when they shall be allowed until 1:00 a.m. Adding to the amendment is to make it unlawful to sale to children under the age of 18 or to any intoxicated person. The purposed changes will be discussed during at 5:30 p.m. work-

shop before the Council meeting. Also on the agenda is the second and final reading of Ordinance 564 stipulating that manufactured homes must have permanent foundations, was passed on the first reading. The wording states, “The unit must have a permanent brick, block or stone perimeter and interior foundation system.” According to Codes Officer Jim Seaton, informed members of the Council that the ability to move the manufactured home must be removed, i.e., the tongue, wheels/axle. The current ordinance does not allow single-wide mobile homes. The Council will discuss Ordinance 567 to amend Ordinance 324 relating to State Wastewater Regulations. This comes

as the Tennessee Department of Environmental Control has adopted new effluent standards for industrial class wastewater customers and has directed the City of McKenzie to amend its effluent standards accordingly. On the agenda is the first reading of Ordinance 565 to amend the text on permitted uses in B-1, B-3 and B-4 (Local Business Districts); Resolution 24-001 is the adoption the State holiday calendar offering the same holiday calendar days to the city employees ; and the discussion on the purchase a F150 and a F250 truck for the Water Department through the State. The Council meeting is at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

THP Graduates 49 Troopers

NASHVILLE (April 5) — Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff Long and Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Colonel Matt Perry welcomed the newest graduating classes of Tennessee State Troopers. The department simultaneously instructed a regular 17-week trooper cadet class and an 11-week lateral trooper cadet class. The lateral class returned from their district assignments for the graduation ceremony that took place at Donelson First in Nashville, Tennessee. Governor Bill Lee served as the keynote speaker during the graduation ceremony and swore in the new troopers as they delivered their oaths of office. Trooper Cadet Class 324 graduated 22 troopers. The Lateral Trooper Cadet

Class 224 graduated 27 troopers composed of all prior Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officers from across Tennessee. The lateral class brings a combined 187 years of prior law enforcement experience to the THP. “Countless troopers have laid the foundation of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, establishing it as one of the most well respected, premier law enforcement agencies in the country,” said Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff Long. “Generations of raw men and women have gone through the Tennessee Highway Patrol cadet academy, being molded into State Troopers upon graduation. Today, I am

proud to welcome and congratulate you for earning your right to be called a Tennessee State Trooper.” “Joining any law enforcement agency makes you a part of something far bigger than yourself” said Colonel Perry. “Today, you represent the Tennessee Highway Patrol while in uniform and out. You will be held to a higher standard – not only by the public but also by your peers and your leaders.” Trooper Anthony Wilber of class 324 was named the top cadet for his class and was presented with the Trooper Calvin Jenks Memorial Award for Excellence for his leadership, work ethic, and academics. The award was named in honor of the late Trooper Calvin Jenks, who was killed in the line of duty in January 2007.

Cancer Bake Auction Has Good Year

MCKENZIE — The Carroll County American Cancer Society netted \$12,689 in its five days during the annual Cancer Bake Auction. The event was held each afternoon, Monday

through Friday, March 25-29 with baked items and other items sold during a live radio auction on WHDM radio. The proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. The event was started as

early as in the 1980s and held in the small WHDM studio at the corner of Lee and Main streets. Now it is held Easter week and in the McKenzie Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Overtured Tanker Blocks Highway

MCKENZIE (APRIL 2) — An overturned tanker loaded with herbicide blocked U.S. 79 on Tuesday evening. According to a very limited report from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the 2015 Freightliner was driven by Darryl Donnell Huggins, Jr., 45, of Baton Rouge. He was traveling north on State Route 22 exit ramp when it overturned on the ramp to U.S. 79. McKenzie Fire/Rescue, McKenzie Police Depart-



Numerous first responders were on hand after a tanker overturned on the Highway 22 exit ramp. Photo courtesy of McKenzie Fire/Rescue.

ment, and Tennessee Highway Patrol responded and remained on the

scene until the truck was uprighted and removed from the roadway.

Weakley County Officer-Involved Shooting Leads to TBI Investigation

COURTESY TBI NEWSROOM
MARTIN (April 4) — At the request of 27th Judicial District Attorney General Colin Johnson, TBI special agents continue to investigate a deadly officer-involved shooting early Thursday morning in Weakley County. The shooting happened at approximately midnight in the 400 block of Travis Road. Deputies from the Weakley County Sheriff’s Department and officers from the Martin Police Department had responded to the area on a report of a stolen vehicle that had been set on fire. Information gathered during their investigation led them to the home of

44-year-old Bobby Dickens, a resident in the area. After making contact with Dickens, however, a short standoff ensued when he refused to comply with officer commands. The deputies used tear gas and TASERS in an attempt to subdue Dickens, but the situation escalated when Dickens presented a knife/machete-type weapon toward the officers, resulting in at least one officer firing their service weapon, striking Dickens, who subsequently died. No law enforcement officers were hurt in the incident. TBI agents are working to independently determine the series of events leading to the shooting,

including collecting evidence and conducting interviews. Throughout the process, investigative findings will be shared with the District Attorney General for his further review and consideration. The TBI acts solely as fact-finders in its cases and does not determine whether the actions of an officer were justified in these types of matters. That decision rests with the District Attorney General requesting TBI’s involvement. The TBI does not identify the officers involved in these types of incidents and instead refers questions of that nature to the respective department to answer as it sees fit.

Obituaries

JOYCE HILL AL-KISHALY 1933 – 2024

FRANKLIN, Ky. — Joyce Hill Al-Kishaly, 91, died at home on Sunday, March 24 in Franklin, Ky. She was born in McKenzie, Tenn., to the late Evora Argo and the late Tommie Ernest Hill on March 6, 1933. The memorial service was Friday, March 29, 2024, at Gilbert Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. A private family graveside service was held at a later date. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Jane Hill Fortner of Trenton, Tenn. Joyce leaves behind her husband, S.J. (AL) Al-Kishaly of Franklin; four children, MaryAnn (Steve) Baker, Kathy (Jeff) Meyers, Thomas (Dian) Edwards all of Tennessee and Christine (Charlie) Styles of Arizona; 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gilbert Funeral Home & Crematory. The website is www.gilbertfhonline.com. The Facebook page is Gilbert Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. The obituary phone line is 270-586-8844.

MONDA JEWELL RIMMER 1941 – 2024

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Mrs. Monda Jewell Rimmer, 82, were Thursday, April 4, 2023, at 12 p.m., in the Hunt Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Republican Grove Cemetery. Her celebration of life will be officiated by Bro. Billy Hanks. Mrs. Rimmer, a retired food service supervisor for Milan General Hospital, was born in the Skullbone community on October 24, 1941, and passed away at her residence in Trezevant, Tenn., on April 1, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Willie Hampton; one brother, Flaxton Hampton; two sisters, Myrtle Reeves and Margaret Knott; three nieces and two nephews. She is survived by her husband, Gary Rimmer of Trezevant; one son, Gregory Alan Rimmer of

JAMES ROY ANDERSON 1957 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Mr. James Roy Anderson, 66, died at his residence on April 4, 2024. He retired from CSX Railroad as a signal maintainer. He was born in Huntingdon on September 6, 1957, to the late Fred and Ruth Johnson Anderson. There are no services scheduled at this time. It was his wish to be cremated. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marilyn Greenhalgh Anderson, a son, Stephen (Leah) Anderson, a sister, Jan Birmingham, a brother, Joe Anderson and granddaughter, Adalynn Grace Anderson — all of McKenzie. If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

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 - 1 large egg
 - 3 1/2 cups plain flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 1 cup oatmeal
 - 1 cup Rice Krispies
 - 1 cup coconut
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Mix together and chill. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 12-15 minutes at 350 degrees.

bacon strips and dressing. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

Sour Cream Cookies

- 1/2 cup shortening
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 4 cups all purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
- In mixing bowl, cream shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, soda and salt. Add to

creamed mixture alternately with sour cream. Mix well. Drop by teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Yields about 5 dozen cookies.

Sweet and Sour Green Beans

- 2 cans green beans
 - 1/2 pound bacon, cooked (reserve drippings)
 - 1 finely chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup vinegar, combined with bacon drippings
- Mix all ingredients in crock pot and cook at medium heat for 2 hours.

Tuna Casserole

- 1 can tuna fish, drained
 - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 cup noodles
 - Sliced cheese
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT MCKENZIE UNITED NEIGHBORS

McKenzie Senior Citizen Center is hosting a spaghetti dinner to benefit the McKenzie United Neighbors on Friday, April 13, 5 p.m. at the Center on South Main Street. Tickets are \$10 and includes spaghetti, garlic bread, drink, salad and dessert.

SHEPHERD'S TABLE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Shepherd's Table Community Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon will host a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the church located

at 19835 East Main Street on Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m. The Shepherd's Table Community Kitchen at has been serving delicious dinners for six years. This would not have been possible without the help from volunteers. If you have assisted or participated in any way, you are invited to attend. Lunch will be served with entertainment and an exciting announcement. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 10 by calling 731-986-5642. Please let us know how many will attend. Visit huntingdonpcusa.org.

MHS CLASS OF 2024 GREAT PRETENDERS

McKenzie High School Class of 2024 is hosting the Great Pretenders - a variety show featuring seniors and their parents in skits and musical numbers. The event is Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. at Bethel University Bouldin Auditorium.

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.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

REVIVAL AT FAIRVIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, McKenzie, is hosting a revival, April 7-12. Sunday services are 6 p.m. and Monday to Friday is 7 p.m. Speakers for the week are Paul Hollingsworth and L.C. Hollingsworth. A fellowship meal will be Friday night.

911 BOARD MEET APRIL 16

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District (ECD) Board of Directors meets in regular session on April 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is at 210 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon. Citizens desiring to publicly comment at the meeting on an agenda item must register with the district at 731-986-8911. A copy of the Public Comment Policy may be obtained at the district office at 101 Dillahunt Lane, Huntingdon.

SENATOR STEVENS TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER FORUM

State Senator John Ste-

vens (R-Huntingdon) - will speak at the Capitol Forum on Friday, April 12, at the Carroll County Civic Center, Huntingdon. The event starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 9 a.m. This is a free event sponsored by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

MACEDONIA COMMUNITY CAKE WALK

The Macedonia Community Center, 4680 Highway 423, McKenzie is hosting a cake walk on April 19. Hamburgers and hotdogs are available at 5:30 p.m. and the cake walk starts at 7 p.m. Live music will be provided. Bryce Webb is the auctioneer. The community citizens are proud of the updates to the Center. Come see the new lights and ceiling.

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.

TERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY

The Terry Volunteer Fire Department is having a fish fry on April 13, beginning at 5 p.m. \$15 per plate includes catfish, white beans, cole-slaw, French fries, hushpup-

pies, dessert and drink.

TREZEVANT TO DEDICATE CENTENNIAL BANK STAGE

The Town of Trezevant is holding a ribbon cutting for the opening of the Centennial Bank Stage at the Community Park beside West Carroll Elementary School. This will be held on Sunday April 14 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The public is invited to attend. Rain date will be Sunday April 21.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

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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 DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon. The annual Pasta and Politics Dinner is September 21, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.

MCLEMORESVILLE UMC FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING, ADD-A-DISH

McLemoresville United Methodist Church will host a fourth Sunday singing and add-a-dish meal on April 28 at the church located at 1800 College Street in McLemoresville, Tenn. Add-a-dish is at 5 p.m. and singing is at 6 p.m. by The Gospelaires. For more information, contact Phil Williams 731-225-5256.

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Bass Team Wins State BASS Nation Governors Cup

COURTESY BETHEL SID

EVA — The Bethel University Bass Team won the Tennessee State Governors Cup Saturday. This is the second win for the Bethel squad in the Tennessee State Governors Cup as Bethel took the Cup back in 2023 as well. The tournament was held at Eva, Tennessee in Benton County on Kentucky Lake. The TN BASS Nation hosted this championship event and the school with the most weight of five bass for their top three teams for each school is tabulated for the tournament. The top three boats for Bethel were Jeff Jones and partner Coleman Bingham who came in second place in the tournament with a total weight of five fish weighing in at 19.2 pounds. Bethel's Hunter Fillmore's and Dylan Fogarty finished in third place with a weight of 18.33 pounds and Bethel



Pictured (L to R): Tucker Dottley, Jordan Hampton, Coleman Bingham, Jeff Jones, Hunter Fillmore and Dylan Fogarty.

teammates Tucker Dottley and Jordan Hampton finished sixth with a weight of 17.78 pounds. These efforts helped push the Cats into first place for the win. The total weight of the three

Bethel boats was 55.21 pounds and fifteen fish weighed in by the top three Bethel teams. Hats off to Carson Newman for their first-place finish in the overall

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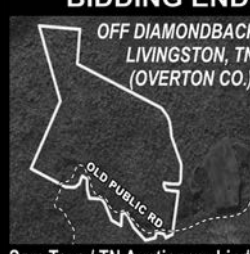
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Week 15 *See solution in next week's edition.*

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See solution in next week's edition.

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Answer: Kelli Giddish

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Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (April 5) — The following cases were heard in the Carroll County General Sessions Court on April 5.

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

Thomas Blackmon, Medina-Humboldt Highway, Medina, bound over on charges of Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange; Simple Possession; Schedule V Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess; Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Stacy Layann Myers, Springdale Lane, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture,, Deliver, Sell, Possession with Intent.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

James Anderson, Tennessee Street, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1,500 fine, supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign.

Kenneth Ray Beckham, Dollar Hill Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Revoked Due to DUI Conviction, \$250 fine, six months

sentence, suspended except two days, probation.

Khylan Burton, Cobblestone Street, Humboldt, guilty, Driving While Canceled, probation, must obtain a valid driver's license; dismissed, Speeding.

Renae Justice-Wyatt, Cox Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, probation, not to drive for one year; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Display of Registration Plate.

Earl Kindler, Highway 114, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation, five days jail; guilty, Failure to Carry Drivers License; guilty, Failure to Appear; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kayla Miller, Highland

Avenue, Jackson, guilty, Probation Violation, 90 days jail, probation extended.

Eric Shaun Permenter, Courtland Street, Jackson, guilty, Public Intoxication, guilty, Public Intoxication, \$50 fine, 30 days suspended sentence, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling.

Joshua Adam Saylor, II, homeless, McKenzie, guilty, Public Intoxication, credit for time served, banned from the Bethel campus, must continue inpatient treatment; guilty, criminal trespass, 30 days jail.

The following cases were dismissed:

Rose Folkman, Highway 22, Huntingdon, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Matthew J. Rigney, Washington Avenue, Camden, dismissed, Escape.

Property Transfers

Darren and Gwen Parish to Aubrey Ray and Nathan Ray Chamberlain in District 11.

Samuel Tinker Bryant to Garry Hicks. No district listed.

Marvin Newman as Executor to Christy Lee-Ann Allen in District 4.

Debra Mae Kee to Eric and Anissa Swenson in District 11.

Eric and Anissa Swenson to Joshua Eric and Sara Anese McMackin in District 11.

Joshua Eric and Sara Anese McMackin to William and Rachel Carneal in District 11.

William Steven Cridler to Amy Reed in District 12.

James E. and Mary Jo Holmes to Brenda Carol Dorne in District 11.

Kevin M. and Felicia B. Thomas to Stephen and Vanessa Bobo in District 3.

Mark Ridings to Randall and Kristine Norris in District 16.

William Bradley Smith to Ricky L. and Connie F. Patterson in District 2.

James T. and Sharon D. Davidson to Clarence E. Bailey in District 11.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

McKenzie Special School District is seeking proposals for the Property, Liability, Student Accident, and Workers Compensation insurance coverage effective July 1, 2024, for a period of three years with two one year potential extensions.

Bid packages can be picked up at McKenzie Special School District on or after April 8, 2024. The bid packages outline the scope of insurance coverage required.

Proposals must be in writing and will be opened on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 10 a.m. in the central office located 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201.

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Sheriff's Reports

Domestic Assault — James Darrell Walker, 53, of Bruceton, on March 28 was reported to have punched Bruce King in the left cheek at Bruce's home. Walker supposedly stated to King that he needed to get out of his house that was left to Bruce King by his mother in a deed.

Drug/Narcotic Violation — Susan Denise Coplin, 58, of McKenzie, on March 28 was stopped by Sgt. Scott for a display of plate violation. Coplin appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicant when Scott was speaking with her. She stated that she only had a sip of alcohol but had also taken Xanax. Coplin was found to have an empty pill bottle with six Xanax pills with no readable label on it or proof that she had a prescription for the drug. She was then arrested for simple possession of schedule IV Xanax.

Domestic Assault — Terry Lee Watford, 58, of Atwood, on March 29 was arrested for Domestic Assault.. Based on the extent of the victim's apparent injuries and bruising, Watford was taken into custody. Watford has a prior domestic in July 2021.

Possession of Schedule II Drugs/Impersonation — Joey Daniel Miller, 28, of Wildserville, on April 1 was arrested for criminal impersonation and possession of schedule II meth. Miller was a passenger of a vehicle that had been pulled over for failing to stop at a stop sign. The passenger was not wearing a seat belt; so, he was asked his name when he gave a false name and birth date. After a search of the vehicle, inside a makeup compartment was a crystal-like substance that later tested positive for meth. The passenger claimed the meth as his, and the driver gave the passenger's name which showed he had active warrants out of Henderson County also.

Marriage Licenses

Tera Leianna Townsend, 26, of Huntingdon, to Tristian Emory Whigham, 27, of Huntingdon.

Amy Jo Eason Davis, 51, of Huntingdon, to Christopher Eric Jacobs, 55, of Madison, Alabama.

James Kasey Galloway, 36, of Atwood, to Anna Elyse Gibson Galloway, 37, of Atwood.

Nikisha Allene Israel Gipson, 37, of Bruceton, to Justin Brent Searatt, 43, of Bruceton.

BID NOTICE

CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING BIDS ON CLAY FARM RD 3.3 MILES TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 2024.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 731-986-1998 FOR SPECIFICATIONS.

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 14835 HWY 22, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 11, 2024, STARTING AT 8 A.M.** BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THIS TIME.

CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/ ALL BIDS.

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA47

ESTATE OF: MARK GRINNELL, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **27TH** day of **MARCH, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **MARK GRINNELL** deceased, who died **DECEMBER 7TH, 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 date of 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 27TH day of MARCH, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
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AMBER N. HOWARD, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE50

ESTATE OF: AGNES LEE MILAM BUSH, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **28TH** day of **MARCH, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **AGNES LEE MILAM BUSH** deceased, who died **FEBRUARY 7TH, 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:

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of that certain LEASE, dated September 1, 2023, between Grantor Global Real Estate, LLC and Trustee K. Brian Hay, recorded September 6, 2023 in the Register of Deeds office for Carroll County, Tennessee at Trust Deed Book 734, Pages 762 – 777.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that Charles M. Cain, II, as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee will, on Friday, April 12, 2024 at or about Noon, at the Carroll County Courthouse located at 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder for certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or lending institution pre-approved by the Successor Trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are express waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1, Parcel 1:

Being a parcel of land in the City of McKenzie, Twenty-Second Civil District, Carroll County, Tennessee, located in the Southwesterly quadrant of the CSX Railroad and North Highland Drive (U.S. Highway 79) and being more particularly described according to a survey made by Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc. Wendell H. Talky, Sr., Registered Land Surveyor No. 785, dated July 21, 1995, File No. 14767, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Southerly right-of-way line of North Highland Drive (U.S. Highway 79) said point being North 50 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds East, 163.00 feet from the Easterly right-of-way line of Oak Street (closed by City Ordinance 288, dated March 28, 1987, right-of-way not abandoned);

Thence with said Southerly right-of-way line of Highland Drive (U.S. Highway 79), North 50 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds East, 437.34 feet to a point in the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Transportation Railroad;

Thence, with said Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad the following calls:

South 45 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds East, 582.70 feet to a point; South 41 degrees 54 minutes 36 seconds East, 200.72 feet to a point; South 52 degrees 57 minutes 05 seconds East, 241.40 feet to a point; along a curve to the right 694.76 feet to a point, said curve having a central angle of 07 degrees 03 minutes 08 seconds a radius of 5,644.61 feet, a tangent of 347.82 feet and a chord of South 43 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds East, 694.33 feet; North 50 degrees 17 minutes 02 seconds East, 4.00 feet to a point; along a curve to the right 360.64 feet to a point at the intersection of the Westerly right-of-way line of said CSX Railroad and the Northerly right-of-way line of Kencindot Drive, said curve having a central angle of 03 degrees 39 minutes 29 seconds, a radius of 5,648.61 feet, a tangent of 180.38 feet and a chord of South 37 degrees 53 minutes 13 seconds East, 360.58 feet;

Thence, with said right-of-way line of Kencindot Drive, North 87 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds West, 984.50 feet to a point;

Thence, continuing with said right-of-way line of Kencindot Drive South 88 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 156.94 feet to a point in the Easterly right-of-way line of Oak Street;

Thence with said Easterly right-of-way of Oak Street, North 14 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds West, 232.64 feet to a point;

Thence, continuing with said right-of-way North 39 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West, 11.30 feet to a point;

Thence, leaving said Northerly right-of-way with a severance line the following calls:

North 50 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds East, 189.94 feet to a point, North 09 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West, 212.12 feet to a point, North 52 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West, 602.64 feet to a point; North 39 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West, 318.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 982,241 square feet or 22.55 acres, more or less.

Tract 1, Parcel 2:

Being a parcel of land in the City of McKenzie, Twenty-Second Civil District, Carroll County, Tennessee, located in the Northwesterly quadrant at the intersection of Kencindot Drive and Oak Street and being more particularly described according to a survey made by Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc., Wendell H. Talley, Sr., Registered Land Surveyor No. 785, dated July 21, 1995, File No. 14767, as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Northerly right-of-way line of Kencindot Drive and the Westerly right-of-way line of Oak Street;

Thence, with said Northerly right-of-way line of Kencindot Drive, South 88 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 305.00 feet to a point;

Thence, leaving said right-of-way line with a lease line North 50 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds East, 329.48 feet to a point in the Westerly right-of-way line of Oak Street (closed by City Ordinance 288, dated March 1987, right-of-way not abandoned);

Thence, with said Westerly right-of-way line of Oak Street, South 14 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds East, 209.87 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 31,201 square feet or 0.72 acre, more or less.

Tract 2:

Beginning at an iron pin on the South margin of Hwy #79 (this margin being 70 feet from center) and the Northeast corner of Wen-Su Mfg. Co.; thence South 40 degrees 00 minutes East 1,089.4 feet along Wen-Su East line to a railroad spike in asphalt; thence North 50 degrees 00 minutes East 240 feet to a point; Thence North 10 degrees 00 minutes -West 212 feet to a point; thence North 52 degrees 45 minutes West 602.64 feet to a point; thence North 40 degrees 00 minutes West 318 feet to a point on the South margin of Hwy. #79; thence South 50 degrees 00 minutes West 213 feet along margin to the point of beginning, containing 6.56 acres, according to survey dated 1/20/90 of Samuel K. Carrell, R.L.S., Tenn. No. 606-349, 1070 Main St. N., McKenzie, Tennessee 38201.

Being the same property conveyed from Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master, of the Chancery Court of Carroll County, Tennessee to the The County of Carroll, Tennessee by Clerk & Master's 2016 Tax Sale Deed of record in Warranty Deed Book 393, page 141, Register's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee, Dated May 8, 2020 and recorded on May 29, 2020.

Being the same property conveyed to FB Acquisition Property XXII, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company by Special Warranty Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure from G & F Partnership, LLC, an administratively dissolved Tennessee limited liability company of record in Book 375, page 106, Register's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee, dated June 22, 2016 and recorded on June 30, 2016, as corrected by Scrivener's Affidavit to correct Grantor's name (should have been "G & F Partners, LLC"), recorded on June 26, 2020 in Book 393 at page 575 in the same said office.

BEING the same property conveyed by Special Warranty Deed from FB Acquisition Property XXII, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company to Mark A. Hafner Family Trust UAD December 14, 2011, and its successors and assigns, as recorded on the 26th day of June, 2020 at 11:03 AM in Deed Book 393, Page 581 in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Reef Point, LLC (an Arizona limited liability company), Trustee of Chernobyl Strategies Business Trust (a Missouri business trust) by Quitclaim Deed dated September 1, 2023 from Mark A. Hafner Family Trust UAD December 14, 2011, filed of record in Warranty Deed Book 411 at page 630 in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Global Real Estate, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, by Special Warranty Deed dated September 1, 2023 from Reef Point, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, as Trustee of Chernobyl Strategies Business Trust, a Missouri business trust, of record in Warranty Deed Book 411 at page 634 in the Carroll County, Tennessee Register of Deeds office. Known as 15440 Highland Dr., McKenzie, TN 38201 Tax parcel #016D-C-001.01

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises may disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: **Reef Point, LLC, as Trustee of Chernobyl Strategies Business Trust, Global Real Estate, LLC**

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further notice or publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

DATED: March 13, 2024

Charles M. Cain, II
219 Third Ave. North, Franklin, TN 37064
(615) 599-1785

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McKenzie Police Reports

Juvenile Arrested With Guns, Drugs — A juvenile was arrested on April 2 and charged with Carrying a Weapon on Campus (Bethel), Simple Possession and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon after a traffic stop around 6:30 p.m.

Sergeant Cody Coleman was dispatched to the area of Cherry Avenue to be on the lookout for a Chrysler 300. He stopped the vehicle near the intersection of Highway 22 and 124.

There were three individuals in the vehicle. Officer Coleman said he could smell marijuana. After interviewing the subjects, he conducted a pat down on one subject, on which he was retrieved a bag of marijuana and a handgun. A second handgun was located in the glovebox. A computer search revealed the Glock was stolen out of Memphis.

The juvenile was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail. He was charged with Simple Possession Schedule VI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Pos-

session of a Weapon and Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds.

Driving on Suspended License — Fourth Offense — Shawn Tyrone Roy, 53, Birmingham Lane, McKenzie was charged with Speeding, Simple Possession, Tampering with Evidence, and Driving On A Suspended License after a traffic stop on April 3.

Officer Sean Beck stopped Roy's vehicle for speeding in a residential area. After stopping the vehicle, he learned Roy had prior offenses of driving on a suspended license. Recovered was a baggie of one gram of marijuana and a glass pipe, commonly used for smoking meth. He was transported to Carroll County Jail. Upon arrival at the jail, Officer Beck found an additional item in the back seat where Roy was seated. It was believed to be ecstasy pills. Roy was held without bond.

Controlled Substance, Window Tint — Titus J. Gordon, 45, Dresden was

charged with Illegal Window Tint and Sale/Delivery of a Controlled Substance — Schedule VI on April 1.

Sergeants Cody Coleman and Kyle Beauchamp both observed a blue Crown Victoria with excessive window tint. The vehicle was stopped and the officers reported smelling marijuana. They recovered three bags of a green-leafy material believed to be marijuana. It weighed 85 grams.

Gordon was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Public Intoxication — Michael A. Webb, 30, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie was charged with Public Intoxication on April 1.

Sergeant Cody Coleman was dispatched to Walnut Circle, the federal housing project, where Mr. Webb was running and out of a house and yelling, causing concern of the neighbors. A juvenile sneaked out one of the windows in the home to get clear of Webb. Mr. Webb was arrested for his and the public's safety.

County's Private Acts Moving Through General Assembly

NASHVILLE — The County of Carroll has requested two changes in its form of government. In February, the Carroll County Commission voted to request a reduction in the number of road supervisors and also to convert to centralized accounting - one accounting department for all the county's operations.

Carroll County is the lone county with two road supervisors with specific geographic regions of service. In years past, the county had four. All other counties have one. In February, the County Commission asked the Tennessee General Assembly to reduce that to one supervisor through a private act. The current supervisors will serve their current term of service to September 2026. Both are eligible to run for the single elective position in August 2026.

State Representative Brock Martin and State Senator John Stevens introduced both centralized accounting and a single road supervisor. Both measures are advancing through the General Assembly.

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

nessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-101.

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

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

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The bookkeeper role

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

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With the approval of the two Private Acts, they will now move to the Tennessee State Legislature. Once approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, they will return to the Commission for ratification, which will require a 2/3 majority vote.

McKenzie Baseball Defeats Westview, Stewart County

McKenzie Rebels baseball earned a 9-2 victory over Martin-Westview Chargers on Thursday, April 4 and a 5-1 victory over Stewart County Rebels on Friday, April 5.

At McKenzie against the Chargers, McKenzie had nine runs on 15 hits with 32 at-bats. Jake Cassidy was the winning pitcher.

Tate Surber scored 2 runs, Cassidy had 3, Lelan Gordon had 1, Gage Crossland 1, and KD Cunningham had 1.

Westview's runs were scored by Cooper Spaulding and Thomas Myers with one each.

At Stewart County, the McKenzie Rebels had 25 at-bats with 5 runs. Tate Surber had 2 tuns, Cole Brown 1, KD Cunningham 1 and Avery Brown 1.

Stewart County Rebels had 26 at-bats and 1 run. Ben Hendricks made the lone score.

Hayden Garrett was the winning pitcher.



Avery Brown pitches for the Rebels while Craegen Travis covers first base in the contest against Westview.



Eli Vinson moves the ball toward the goal for the Rebels.

McKenzie Soccer Defeats South Fulton

McKenzie Rebels Men's Soccer defeated South Fulton 5-0 on Thursday, April 4 in McKenzie.

Goalie Luis Renteria Tell-

ez had four saves, Skyler Fornera scored two goals, Guillermo Hickman scored once and had one assist, Eli Vinson scored once

and had one assist, Victor Laguarda Esteve had one goal and Stafford Roditis had two assists.



McKenzie Youth Soccer Kicks Off Season

McKENZIE (April 6) — On Saturday morning, despite cool temperatures, the McKenzie Youth Soccer League kicked off its season. With a full day packed of matches, players, parents, grandpar-

ents, fans and food trucks filled the fields adjacent to McKenzie Middle School. The four age groups, 3 to 4, 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and 11 to 14 were excited to start the season.

The opening day had each

team playing a double header of the six game regular season. May 11 starts the post season tournaments with the season's closing ceremonies scheduled for May 14.

Rebel Sports This Week

Tuesday, April 9
Baseball at Bruceton, 5 p.m.
Men's Soccer at home

against McEwen at 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 10
Baseball at Trenton, 5 p.m.

Soccer at Huntingdon, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 11
Baseball at home against Riverside, 4:30 p.m.
Softball at home against Clarksburg at 5 p.m.

NOTICE TO BID

West Carroll Special School District is accepting bids for seven (7) gas pack central units and a digital electronic marquee sign.

The gas pack central units bid pack and the digital electronic marquee sign bid pack may be obtained only after a physical walk through of the property with Mark Wright, Maintenance Director.

To set up an appointment, contact Mark at 731-662-4200.

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BID NOTICE

CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING BIDS ON CLAY FARM RD 1.5 MILES TO BE COMPLETED AFTER JULY 1, 2024.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 731-986-1998 FOR SPECIFICATIONS.

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 14835 HWY 22, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 11, 2024, STARTING AT 8 A.M. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THIS TIME.

CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/ ALL BIDS.

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Top Left, Boy’s Award Winners: Mr. Rebel, All District, Andy Camp Award — Tate Surber; Got to Have Heart — Carter Kee; All District — Hayden Garrett; Highest GPA, All District, Defensive MVP — Stafford Roditis; and Sixth Man Award, Barbara Boyd Scholarship — Drew Chappell. Top Right, Girl’s Award Winners: Most Improved — Molly French; Ms. Rebel (MVP) Savannah Davis; Got to Have Heart — Mikaela Reynolds; and Defensive Stopper — Sophie Pate. Above Left, Cheerleader Award Winners: Highest GPA Ava Mae Warman; Stunt and Sideline MVP — Brett Toombs; Most Improved — Brooke Murphy; and Rebel Pride — Macey Mayo. Above Right, Taylor Buckley Memorial Cheer Scholarships were presented to Abbie Young and Macey Mayo. They are pictured with Taylor’s mom, Shawna Fowler, and Taylor’s sisters and niece. Each year, the cheerleaders host a Taylor Buckley Cheer Camp for the young girls in the community to learn about cheerleading. Below Left, Andy Camp Memorial Award — Tate Surber and Mikaela Reynolds were the recipients of the annual Andy Camp Memorial Award to represent the characters of good sportsmanship and good citizenship. Pictured are Karen Camp, Tate Surber, Mikaela Reynolds, John Camp, (back) Brad Camp and Billy Hollowell — a classmate of Andy’s. Hollowell presented the awards on behalf of the family. Below Right, Barbara Boyd Memorial Scholarship Winners — Drew Chappell, Savannah Davis, and Mikaela Reynolds, pictured with Andrea Davis (Barbara’s daughter) and Jerry Boyd, widower of Barbara. Tim McBride made the presentation on behalf of the family.



McKenzie Rebels, Lady Rebels Feted at Banquet

McKenzie (April 7) — McKenzie Rebels and Lady Rebels, cheerleaders, and parents were feted at a banquet to honor the players and cheerleaders at the conclusion of the 2023-24 season.

Coach John Wilkins coaches both teams. Wilkins has accepted a coaching position in middle Tennessee and is leaving the McKenzie program after 12 years in McKenzie. He had high praise for the players, fans, and community, noting that many businesses and individuals supported the programs - especially in bearing the costs of travel and lodging for state tournaments.

During his tenure, the girls earned two state titles in back-to-back season and the boys advanced to the state championship series.

He praised the administrators, his assistant coaches



Basketball Cheerleader Squad with coach Brittany Colotta (L to R) — Front Row: Belle O’Brien, Macey Mayo, Brett Toombs, Abbie Young, Ava Jones and Ava Mae Warman. Back Row: Brittany Colotta, Brooke Murphy, Lydia Pate, Reese Gallimore, Aleecia Williams and Laila Scott.

and the community. Wilkins noted it was a tough decision for his family to leave.

“A lot of my heart is in McKenzie,” said Wilkins.

Dru Emerson has been named as the new girls’ coach. A new coach for the

men has not been named.

Hunter Herrin will remain as the assistant coach for the men’s program.

The girls team roster included: Savannah Davis, Mikaela Reynolds, Sophie Pate, Molly French, Charli Weath-

erford, Ashley Dunavant, Madeline Gottshall and Zayda Scates. Carli Beeler, Allie Mansfield, Jaleah Moore and Jacey Pinson were managers.

The Rebels’ roster included: Christopher Beck, Drew Chappell, Hayden Garrett, Stafford Roditis, Landon Brown, Carter Kee, Cordell Orgain, Tate Surber, Martez Teague, Eli Vinson, Avery Brown, Cole Brown, Nolan Fawcett, Leland Gordan, and Jacobi Melton. Managers were Miles Beeler, Tobey Brooks, Landyn Smith and Carton Townes.

Cheerleaders were: Ava Jones, Macey Mayo, Belle O’Brien, Brett Toombs, Ava Warman, Abbie Young, Reese Gallimore, Lydia Pate, Laila Scott, Brooke Murphy, Madelynn Pewitt, and Aleecia Williams. They were coached by Brittany Colotta.

Huntingdon Middle School Third Quarter Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll

Huntingdon Middle School announces the students who made Honor Roll the 3rd quarter of school. Principal’s Honor Roll included students who made all A’s and Honor Roll includes students who made all A’s and B’s.

4th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Macie Kate Abbott, Ian Berryhill, Rylan Canovan, Chase Eatmon, Kash Hickman, London Jones, Audree Kinnard, Beckett McCaslin, Nolan Newsome, Jaxon Rich, Hannah Simpson, Eden Smothers, Ellie Tippitt, Cason Villalobos, Knox White and Tanner White.

A/B Honor Roll

Josie Cary, Lane Hanna, Kayleigh Kirby, Liam Martin, Madyn Moon, Eli Mullikin, Taylee Overall, Noah Pearson, Maddie Peck, Aaliyah Rougeou, Kylie Smith, Ma-

son Smith, Jeremiah Stewart, Kaci Thomas, Jackson Walker, Olivia Walters, Essie Williams, Taitum Williams, Luke Wilson, Ransom Wilson and Claire Woodell.

5th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Ella Atkins, Banks Butler, Harlon Butler, Isaac Delaney, Ivy Dillahunt, June Dillahunt, Brycen Futrell, Cohen Gray, Arianna Henson, Tinley Johnson, Iliazual Jordan, Christian King, Aubri Laman, Bryce Maddox, Maggie Mitchell, Anderson Pearson, Bennett Ramsey, Macie Roberts, Madeline Sanders, Jackson Vinson, Luke Williams and Collins Wood.

A/B Honor Roll

LaCari Bailey, Hadley Brockman, Jase Byrd, Piper Carey, Alissa Chasse, Bryson Collins, Reagan Dretzka, Jannah Florence, Molly Foster, Tucker Fuller, Laekyn

Gilbreath, Adilyn Hastings, Hayden Haynes, Zoey Hays, Khaleesi Hudson, Nathan Huss, Haley Johnson, Cecil Lessenberry, Richard Les-tienne, Ryder Maness, Ava Martin, Caroline McDowell, Carson Meggs, Ealon Prater, Aelynn Sevarns, Griffin Todd, Tres Villalobos, Colton Ward, Jameion Williams, Skylynn Williams and Evan Wilson.

6th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Cooper Bergman, Courtney Brewer, Tyler Brinkley, Isabella Cabanas, Christian Cerda, Addison Click, Davie Crews, Jacob Fortner, Garrett Fowler, Vincent Galindo, Mikel Grogan, Elijah Harris, Max Kelley, Caelyn Kissell, Lizzie Latch, Case Raines, Elijah Simpson, Vivian Singleton, Emily Smith, Sholden Taylor, Conner Thomas, Nolan Tippitt, Hayden Weathers, Addy Welch, Aubree Wilkes and Emory Williams.

A/B Honor Roll

Jodi Beecham, Bryson Bolen, Cheyenne Brooks, Khloe Brown, Colton Castleman, Cooper Cobb, Emma Davidson, Raygen Dunbar, Kaylee Eatman, Carlee Evans, Breona Garriott, Caylee Glisson, Noah Goble, Aniyah Gordon, Ava Gordon, Jake Harris, Andre Hernandez, Harper Hodge, Cloe’ Hooper, Brielle Johnson, Allison Jones, Layne Kyle, Trinitee McKinnie, Jamison Middleton, Dayton Miller, Schuyler Moon, Ava Napier, Derius Pratcher, Zoeii Preston, Aryanna Roberts, Emma Smith, Bailey Swafford, Jessiana Toler, Mason Townsend, Gabi Vinson, Presley Walker, Bakari Weatherford and Parker Wilkinson.

7th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Kyle Byrd, Kayla Campbell, Harley Chandler, Kiley Crossno, Cody Curtis, Nich-

olas Elliott, Ali Harris, Bryson Lankford, Millie Luther, Carly Miller, Marcie Mitchell, Cody Partridge, Eden Pritchard, Kate Radford, Rush Sanders, Mary Cardon Smothers, Kiyah Strozder and Avery Todd.

A/B Honor Roll

Emma Adkins, Madelyn Anderson, William Boals, Alex Bos, Calla Brewer, Wyatt Cary, Will Eldredge, Hailey Foster, Eugene Gordon, Lorie Hager, Wylie Kee, Charlotte Laughlin, Addison Lestienne, Johns Nolen, Benton Norman, Apryl Reindl, Avah Roberson, McKinley Spellings, Mia Villalobos and Claudia Williams.

8th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Cody Abel, Grier Bartholomew, Knox Bennett, Wyatt Bradley, Brooklyn Brooks, Kaylen Cary, Lilly Cumba, Bryce Daily, Haven Dillahunt, Brylee Douglas,

Brandon Fairly, Gavin Gray, Lexie Green, Cannon Heath, Caomhe Henson, Cadence Holifield, Maddox Holmes, Owenn Hugueley, Brady Johnson, Liam Jones, Garvin Kee, Nelson Kelly, Colt Luther, Emalynn Maness, Naomi Martin, David Ou, Myles Pelonero, Lila Reed, Rayne Reindl, Tatum Rich, Robyn Rogers, Evan Rotger, Camdyn Sellers, Madison Smith, Savannah Vinson, Skylar Walters and Ellie Wilson.

A/B Honor Roll

JP Arnold, Simon Avalon, Markayla Buckley, Daniel Campbell, Deice Connolly, Khloe Decanter, Hayes Eubanks, AJ Florence, Cy Hankins, Malya Harrell, Colby Jewell, Ben Kee, Adelyn Lay, Khloe Meggs, Cruz Perez, Katherine Shelton, Breanna Smith, Luke Smith, Lizzy Swisher, Brylon Weathers, Harmony Webb, Linsman White, Destani Whitson and Colt Wood.

McKenzie Beauty Review Winners



McKenzie Marching Rebels hosted the annual McKenzie Beauty Reviews on Saturday, April 6 at Bethel University's Bouldin Auditorium. The winners were as follows: Top Left, Miss McKenzie — Queen: Brett Toombs, 18, Parents: Casey and Johnna Toombs. 1st Maid: Laken Fisher, 16, Parents: Valerie McMackin and Adam Fisher. 2nd Maid: Brooklyn Nunnery, 18, Parent: Micah Hodge. 3rd Maid: Kamryn Brewer, 17, Parent: Josh Brewer. Top Right, Teen Miss McKenzie — Queen: Addison Davis, 13, Parents: Chad and Amanda Davis. 1st Maid: Madeline Gottshall, 15, Parent: Megan Gottshall. 2nd Maid: Madelynn Pewitt, 14, Parent: Tiffany Pewitt. 3rd Maid: Belle Glisson, 13, Parents: Corey and Krystal. 4th Maid: Carleigh Lunn, 14, Parents: Craig and Traci Lunn. Above Left, Junior Miss McKenzie — Queen: Alayna Twitty, 10, Parents: Micah Hodge and Deandre Twitty. 1st Maid: Sami Mathis, 11, Parents: Jason and Beth Mathis. 2nd Maid: Lily Baker, 12, Parent: April Baker. 3rd Maid: Meghan Cowan, 12, Parent: Amanda Cowan. 4th Maid: Genevieve Phipps, 10, Parent: Adam Phipps. Above Right, Little Miss McKenzie — Queen: Callie Davidson, 9, Parents: Jonathan and Lesley Davidson. 1st Maid: Marlee Wheat, 8, Parents: Jonathan and Heather Wheat. 2nd Maid: Presley Shipp, 9, Parents: William and Ashley Shipp. 3rd Maid: Haizley Mann, 6, Parents: Dusty and Kara Mann. 4th Maid: Hannah Winstead, 7, Parents: Austin and Keliea Winstead. Below Left, Mini Miss McKenzie Ages 4-5 — Queen: Callie Mae Hatcher, 4, Parents: Jasmine and Wes Hatcher. 1st Maid: Ella Manns, 5, Parent: Clint Manns. 2nd Maid: Vivian Hartz, 4, Parents: Liz and David Hartz. 3rd Maid: Ella Rose Butler, 5, Parents: Griffin and Valarie Butler. 4th Maid: Harley Smith, 4, Parent: Susan Smith. Below Center, Little Mister McKenzie — King: Kody Cowan, 7, Parents: Amanda Cowan and Brent Cowan. 1st Page: Bryson Butler, 8, Parents: Griffin and Valarie Butler. Below Right, Miss McKenzie — Brett Toombs is the 18-year old daughter of Casey and Johnna Toombs. Brett plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and pursue a career as a Child Life Specialist. Photos courtesy Jessica Martin



Coach Hodge Welcomed to McKenzie

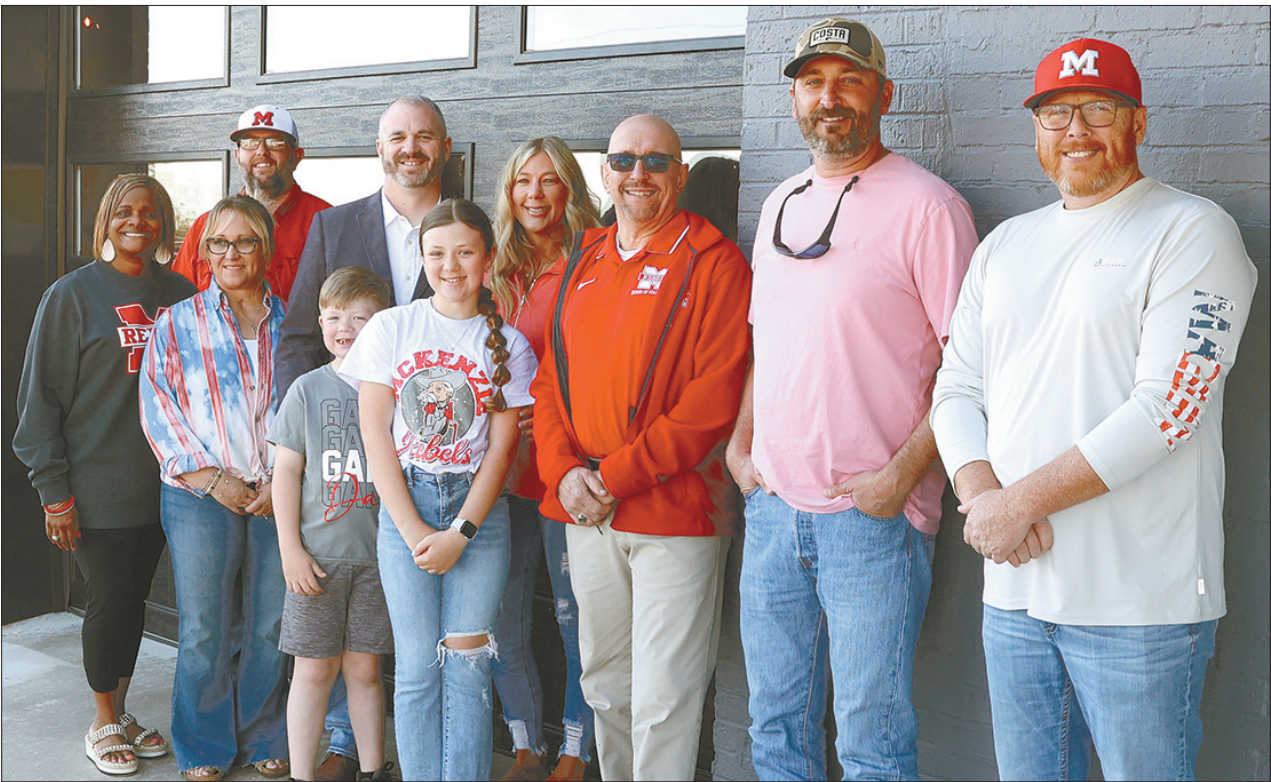
MCKENZIE (April 6) — Keith Hodge, the new head football coach at McKenzie High School, was welcomed to McKenzie on Saturday, April 6 during an informal meet and greet at Hometown Hangout.

Hodge was welcomed by members of the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education and many in the community during the come-and-go event.

Coach Hodge is married to Ashley Hodge, and they have two children- Elle and Maddox. Coach Hodge is a Business teacher and looks forward to the opportunity to work with MHS students in the classroom. He has an Ed.S. from the University of the Cumberland, a Master's degree from Tennessee Tech, and completed his undergraduate work at UT Martin.

The family plans to continue to reside in Paris. The children attended Lake-wood School north of Paris.

Hodge was the 2023 Dresden football coach that blemished the Rebels' undefeated regular season. Both Dresden and McKenzie teams met in the semi-final with the Rebels advancing to the state championship game.



New MHS Football Coach Keith Hodge, his wife, Ashley, and children, Elle and Maddox were welcomed to McKenzie during a reception on Saturday, April 6 at Hometown Hangout. Pictured are members of the McKenzie School Board, Director Justin Barden, and the Hodge family. (L to R) LaShonda Williams, Misty Aird, Justin Barden, Maddox Hodge, Keith Hodge, Ashley Hodge, Elle Hodge, Bobby Young, George Cassidy and Chad Brown. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

The coach said he is eager to develop relationships in the community and meet the athletes and work with the coaches.

Coach Hodge was the head coach at Dresden High School (2021-2023, 2009-2013) and Murray High School (2014-2021). Coach Hodge has had several other assistant coaching stints during his 19-year career. Coach Hodge has seen extraordinary success during his head coaching tenure.

While at Dresden, the Lions were the State Runner-Up in 2011, had State Semi-Finals appearances in 2012, 2014, 2020, and 2023, and made a 2018 quarterfinals appearance. Coach Hodge and the Lions were also re-

ing awards during his time as a head coach. Northwest Tennessee Coach of the Year in 2012, Region Coach of the Year in 2012, and Region Coach of the Year again in 2023 are part of his impressive resume. McKenzie SSD's Director of Schools, Dr. Justin Barden, shared "I am excited to welcome Coach Hodge to the McKenzie Rebels family! Coach Hodge has an excellent resume and has proven himself as a coach who knows how to grow young men into exceptional members of the community and at the same time win ballgames and create an excitement for the game. McKenzie SSD is excited for the future of Rebels Football with Coach Hodge at the helm."

Coach Comer, head coach at McKenzie for 24 years with four state championship appearances and one championship, accepted the head coaching position at Milan High School. He and son, Bryant, an assistant coach at McKenzie, are both leaving the McKenzie program to coach at Milan. Other football coaches at McKenzie had considered joining Comer at Milan but chose instead to remain in McKenzie.