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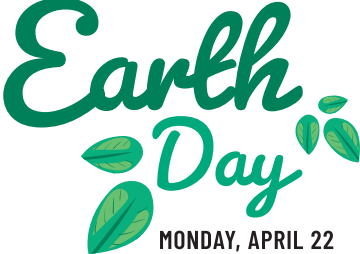
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— Henri Matisse



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Senator Stevens Supports School Vouchers

HUNTINGDON (April 12) — Tennessee State Senator John Stevens (R-Huntingdon) addressed Capitol Talk forum on Friday, April 12 to speak about the State of Tennessee and the General Assembly. Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, introduced Stevens to the attendees at the event, held at the Carroll County Civic Center and hosted by the Chamber. He noted Stevens has served 12 years and is now the vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

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CARROLL COUNTY



Left, Peyton Whitsell celebrates after a successful toss of the ring in the ring toss game. Center, Sawyer Jones throws the ball in the county's Special Olympics. Right, Alexis Rimmer stands tall as the McKenzie Middle School cheerleaders Lola Sumrok, Kinsley Wilson and Carleigh Lunn assist. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Students Participate In Special Olympics

HUNTINGDON (April 12) — Students with intellectual disabilities from the county's five special school districts displayed their prowess in sporting events during Special Olympics held at Huntingdon's Paul Ward Stadium on Friday, April 12. Elementary and middle school students were the star athletes who competed in disc toss, relay races, soccer, foam dart throwing, obstacle course run, ring toss, and ball toss. Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities

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The Dixie Receives Stand for The Arts Grant, Recognition

Spectrum today announced The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center (The Dixie PAC) will receive \$10,000 through the 2023-2024 Stand For The Arts Awards, a partnership with Ovation TV that recognizes local arts, cultural and educational organizations and programs. Since the initiative started in 2017, Ovation TV and Spectrum have given out 70 awards totaling \$700,000 towards arts education. "We commend this year's Stand For The Arts Award honoree The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center for their support of local creatives and advocacy for accessibility to the arts through preservation, education and

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Sol Doten with Ovation TV (left) presents Mayor Nina Smothers and Angela DeMaris, executive director of The Dixie and Zach Bates, representing Spectrum/Charter. The Dixie was presented a commemorative plaque to commemorative the award. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie Rolls Back Fireworks Ordinance

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McKENZIE (April 10) — After four years of tighter shooting and selling dates on fireworks, the City of McKenzie rolled Ordinance 566 back to the original two-week window. After the first reading, Ordinance 566 allows the sale and shooting of fireworks beginning June 20 through July 5 and December 20 through January 1.

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Commission Green Lights Paving Project

Bob Keeton, Jr. Remembered

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HUNTINGDON (April 8) — On Monday, the Carroll County Commission met approving a significant paving project to be undertaken by the Carroll County Highway Department. Carroll County received a \$3 million portion of the grant, \$2,961,173 from the state with the county spending roughly \$68,000. The Highway Department's match was factored into the FY Budget 2023-2024. To qualify for the proposed paving, the county road has to

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Trezevant Dedicates New Park

TREZEVANT (April 14) — Trezevant is proud of its new performance stage, playground equipment that complements its walking track, picnic pavilion and baseball fields. On Sunday, April 14, city officials and area citizens were in attendance for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open Trezevant Community Park, adjacent to West Carroll Elementary School. During the February 13 meeting of the Trezevant Mayor and Council, the board voted to

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ACT Honorees — (L to R) Front Row: Olivia Arnold, Bella Arnold, Ava Mae Warman, Skyelor DeLoach, Abby Quinn and Allison Mansfield. Back Row: Mandy Bryant — a Chamber Board Member, Will Woods, Casey Walker, Chandler Conrad, and Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Absent were Ava Flippin and Paridhi Patel.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Honors 11 Seniors

Earned 29 or Better on the ACT

CARROLL COUNTY — Eleven high school seniors from Carroll County were recognized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for their academic excellence by scoring a 29 or better on the national ACT test. The Carroll County Chamber hosted a luncheon on April 15 at Mallard's Restaurant to honor the students.

"These students are in the top nine percent in the nation of all the students who took the ACT exam," said Brad Hurley, Chamber President. "Their academic excellence is exemplary, and the expectations for these young women and men are extremely high." Bella Amold, Olivia Arnold, Chandler Conrad, Skyelor DeLoach, Ava Flippin, Allison Mansfield, Paridhi Patel, Abby Quinn, Casey Walker, Ava Mae Warman and William Woods make up the twelfth group of students to be selected for the Chamber's ACT Wall of Honor. The Wall was created in 2013, and a total of 151 students have been recognized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for their academic achievement.

"The Chamber's board and its membership are proud of these young women and men for striving to attain excellence," said Cliff Sturdivant, board chairman of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. "These students have set high standards for themselves, and we know that, by keeping their standards high, they will be successful in every endeavor they undertake."

American College Testing (ACT) is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admission. This 60-year-old test consists of four concentrations: English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning, with an optional writing component. The main four tests are scored individually on a scale of 1 to 36, and a composite score is provided, which is the whole number average of the four scores. "By recognizing these outstanding students, the Chamber acknowledges the great job our school teachers, administration, and staff are doing every day in our schools," said Brad Hurley, President of the Carroll County Chamber. "We know they are positively impacting the lives of our young people." The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1981 for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial, civic and general interests of the County of Carroll and its trade area.

The volunteer food servers were Brian Winston, Andrew Maddox and Jacob Smothers.

Bella Arnold of McKenzie plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to earn a bachelor's degree in biology or forensic science. Her goal is to become a forensic biologist or a forensic scientist. She is a member of the National Beta Club and participated in Project Graduation's Great

Pretender performance. She was named to Who's Who in Honors English II. She was also a four-year Honors Banquet attendee.

Olivia Arnold of West Carroll plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. Having received inspiration from her high school band director, she plans to major in Music Education in hopes of inspiring others. Olivia is a member of the National Beta Club and her school's marching band. She is a two-time state champion drum major and a two-time member of the UTM honor band. She is a graduate of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's Youth Leadership program. She has also received the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Chandler Conrad of McKenzie will be attending Murray State University after high school. He will be majoring in physics, which is a subject he enjoys. Chandler is a member of the yearbook staff at his school. He was the recipient of the Who's Who award for pre-calculus, as well as for geometry. Chandler has an avid interest in science and also plays the guitar.

Skyelor Grace DeLoach of McKenzie plans to attend Vanderbilt University with a major in computer science. She chose computer science because she enjoys solving problems and because tech is the fastest growing industry and will continue to be for more years. Skyelor is the founder and president of Interact, which is Youth Rotary, and a four-year cheerleader at her school. She received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and is a graduate of the Carroll County Chamber's Youth Leadership program. Skyelor currently works at Hometown Hangout and McKenzie Nutrition. She previously worked at Chic-fil-A.

Ava Flippin of Huntingdon will pursue a four-year degree in software engineering at Florida Polytechnic University. Software engineering is a career she has had planned for herself since the third grade. In high school she enjoyed visual arts and traveling. She was awarded an Academic Letter of Achievement and was also a Commonwealth Honor recipient. Ava has worked at the Paris Wheels Skating Rink for one year and two months. In the future, Ava plans to travel the world in her career and eventually settle down in Svalbard, Norway. Ladies and gentlemen, Ava was unable to attend the luncheon because she was on a field trip for gifted students.

Allison Mansfield of McKenzie plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She will major in biology in hopes of attending physician's assistant school after her undergraduate degree. Allison was the girls' basketball team manager for three years, two of those years for state champions. During each year of high school, she performed twenty-plus hours of community

service. Allison is a four-year attendee of the Honors Banquet and a graduate of the Carroll County Chamber's Youth Leadership program. She has worked at Hometown Hangout for almost a year and a half.

Paridhi Patel of Huntingdon was unable to attend because she was visiting Yale University. She is an early high school graduate, having earned her diploma in December. She plans to complete a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering to gain knowledge and experience for medical school to become an oncologist. Her top extracurricular activities were AB Club and HOSA. She received the AP Scholar Award by the College Board. She has worked at Subway.

Abby Quinn of Hollow Rock-Bruceton plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has an interest in interior design and architecture and has chosen Interior Architecture as her major. In high school, Abby enjoyed being a member of both the National Beta Club and Future Business Leaders of America. She received second place Beta drawing award at convention and is a recipient of the Distinguished Tennesseean Scholarship Award from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Abby is also a graduate of the Carroll County Chamber's Youth Leadership program. Abby has worked at Block City Pizza for a year and a half.

Casey Walker of Hollow Rock-Bruceton plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. His major will be environmental science, an area that is of interest to him. In high school he was a member of the National Beta Club and the History Club. In his junior year he placed third in the Beta state science test; in his senior year he achieved first place. Casey has worked at the Sonic Drive-In in Camden for about two months.

Ava Mae Warman of McKenzie plans to attend the University of the South at Sewanee and study pre-med. She chose pre-med because of her strong interest in biology and the desire to go into health care. Ava Mae enjoyed cheerleading in high school and received the Best Overall Cheer Award. She is a member of the National Beta Club and is a four-year honors student. An interesting fact about Ava Mae is that she is an art lover and has owned a small art business for the past six to seven years. In her spare time, she likes to be outside with her dog.

Will Woods of Clarksburg plans to attend UT Martin then enroll in law school with the goal of becoming a lawyer. His major will be political science. He is a member of the National Beta Club and the yearbook staff. He was a Boys' State delegate and he qualified to attend the National Beta Convention. Will works with his father in tax work and data entry.

Will was born on Leap Day, February 29, 2008 and was born with only one kidney.

Fireworks

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Added to the ordinance is no one under the age of 21 or anyone intoxicated can purchase fireworks.

In a workshop before the April meeting of the McKenzie City Council, brothers Bert and Matt Hudgins addressed the Council about what they thought was more fair to fireworks vendors within the McKenzie City Limits.

The Hudgins spoke at length about lost tax revenue and their lost profit margin when the City of McKenzie, in 2020, limited the sale window of fireworks. They stated Big Bang Fireworks missed out on about \$20,000 worth of sales and added their sales in Milan increased during that period through McKenzie residents. It was also said they were not concerned if the shooting window dates were adjusted, as they were good with the June 27 start date.

McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White said that selling the fireworks at one time and not being able to shoot them until a different date would only confuse. He recommended setting the dates currently and added that it would not increase his officers' workload.

It was also mentioned that in 2020, the Council was addressed by combat veterans who suffered from PTSD and was part of the reason for limiting the window on shooting dates. This statement caught no traction. The Council approved the Ordinance 566 on the first reading with a 5-0 vote. The second and final reading takes place during the May meeting.

Also on the agenda was the second and final reading of Ordinance 564



Bert and Matt Hudgins address members of the McKenzie City Council.

stipulating that manufactured homes must have permanent foundations, which 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 approved 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. This makes stricter standards of what is allowed to be dumped into the City's sewer system.

Ordinance 565 was approved on the first reading amending the text on permitted uses in B-1, B-3 and B-4 (Local Business Districts).

Resolution 24-001 was passed for the City to adopt the State holiday calendar offering the same holiday calendar days to the city employees. They also approved with no discussion on the purchase of an F-150 and an F-250 truck for the Water Department through the State.

During department head reports, Earnest Umstead, Water/Sewer superintendent, said the City's well near J&J Auto Racing was up and working correctly following repairs. The City had accepted a \$110,572 bid from Nation Waters Services to repair the well after a series of patches were no longer acceptable.

Jim Seaton, Code Enforcement, stated that 33 violation citations/warnings were issued over the last few days as the weather has improved and grass is beginning to grow. He added that local businessman Jack Martin was given 60 days to address the issues with his building.

Chief White stated the Police Department received 1472 calls in March.

Fire Chief Brian Tucker stated they received 55 calls in March with 26 classified as medical. He added that in the last quarter (January-March), the fire department received 169 calls with 88 classified as medical (EMS), which is nearly double the department's normal run rate. He also said the firefighters had amassed over 438 training hours in the quarter.

The next scheduled meeting of the McKenzie City Council is May 9.

Paving

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be classified as a state-aided roadway meaning that it must connect to a state highway. Delta Contracting of Jackson, Tennessee has been selected to lead the resurfacing project on behalf of the Highway Department. They have until June 30, 2024, to complete the proposed project. The country roads selected are Buena Vista (1.2 miles), Carroll Lake (1 mile), Davis Chapel (1.2 miles), Hinkledale Road (1.3 miles), Preacher Brown (2.06 miles), Macedonia (1.94 miles), Griggs Chapel (3.56 miles), Old Pishgah (1.72 miles), Rosser Circle (1.23 miles), Enoch Cemetery (4.11 miles), Dees (1.79 miles), Marlboro (2.6 miles), and Maytown (1.5 miles).

Recently, Governor Bill Lee proposed and the General Assembly passed the Transportation Modernization Act, which provided an additional \$300 million to be dispersed to counties.

In other business, the Commission approved Resolution 4-01-2024 amending the zoning to establish the requirement of site plan approval for structures proposed on properties that front the Lake Halford. The amendment would be in creating Section 7.5 as follows:

Before the issuance of preliminary approval of the zoning compliance permit for all properties that front the Lake, a site plan must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission. The site plan shall show: 1) relevant property information, such as property owner, property address, and zoning designation, 2) the boundaries of the subject property, 3) the north point and vicinity map, 4) the lake setback line, and 5) the as-built locations of all structures on the subject property. This site plan will serve to assure compliance with the Lake Setback requirement.

Community Planner Donny Bunton stated the site plan through a survey would help provide the 100-foot buffer required in the lake zoning. Bunton along with Mayor Joseph Butler and Commissioner John Austin could not provide a strong path of recourse if the zone ordinance was violated other than the perpetrator could be taken to



Above, Mayor Joseph Butler presented a proclamation in memory of Robert Keeton, Jr. Accepting the proclamation were Laura P. Keeton (spouse), Laura A. Keeton (daughter) and Robert Keeton, III (son). Below, (L to R) Road Supervisors Ronnie Wade and Ricky Scott explain the paving project to the Carroll County Budget Committee. File photo



document.

Upon completion of construction and before the issuance of final approval of the zoning compliance permit for the proposed structure(s), a second site plan must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission. This site plan shall show: 1) relevant property information, such as property owner, property address, and zoning designation, 2) the boundaries of the subject property, 3) the north point and vicinity map, 4) the lake setback line, and 5) the as-built locations of all structures on the subject property. This site plan will serve to assure compliance with the Lake Setback requirement.

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Also approved was Resolution 4-03-2024 to increase the threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 on public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required. This change comes at the recommendation of County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS). Resolution 4-02-2024 was approved reappointing Cayce Maddox to the Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals and Carroll County Regional Planning Commission.

Mayor Butler presented a proclamation in memory of Mr. Robert T. Keeton, Jr. and announced the resignation of Commissioner Lin Smith. Smith resigned two hours prior to April meeting after pleading guilty to felony theft.

The following notaries were elected Christy L. Williams and Elizabeth Yohman.

The next meeting is at May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex in Huntingdon.

Two Cars Struck by Lightning on Hwy 79

HENRY (April 11) — The Henry Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a vehicle accident in the 13000 block of Hwy. 79 South. Dispatch had advised that a car had been struck by lightning while driving down the highway and now the car smelled like smoke.

Engine 2 responded to the scene with four fire-fighters to find two vehicles had actually been struck by lightning while driving.

The surveillance video from a nearby business shows the moment lightning struck a white SUV on Hwy. 79 around 7:20 a.m. in the Skunk Hollow area.

Luckily the driver, Trista Jones was ok, just a mild headache. She was on her way to work at Henry County Medical Center.

"It completely locked up



Photo Courtesy Henry Volunteer Fire Department

my car, causing electrical failure and the power steering was lost," Jones said. "I was also unable to turn [the vehicle] off. My rear driver's side window was busted out from the impact."

Thankfully, Jones was able to safely get off the road.

The Henry fire crew disconnected all power from the vehicles, and covered up the rear busted window

before clearing the scene.

The second vehicle struck by lightning sustained complete electrical failure and some body damage.

No injuries were reported on scene. Also assisting were 911 dispatchers and the Henry County Sheriff's Office.

**Information provided by Shannon McFarlin of WENK/WTPR and Trista Jones of HCMC.*



Above, Trezevant Mayor Bobby Blaylock cut the ribbon to Trezevant Community Park on Sunday, April 14. City officials, citizens, and major contributors were in attendance at the event. Left, Paul Spain, Susan Fisher and Rita Foster of the Milan Healthcare Foundation, Andrea Browning (with her new grandchild) of Centennial Bank, Mayor Bobby Blaylock, Pam Inman of Centennial Bank, and Councilman Dan Dieringer stand in the rear of the new amphitheater at Trezevant Community Park. Below Left, The new playground equipment at Trezevant Community Park is well used by children throughout the area.



Left, Kyley Bogart navigates the obstacle course. Right, Brendan Emerson kicks the soccer ball into the net. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Special

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discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success.

The athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment—on the playing field and in life. Volunteers from each of the schools and Bethel University assisted with event. Student-athletes who excelled earned med-

als for the effort.

Huntingdon High School's Student Mentors and Health Council took a lead role in the event.

Students, parents, and supporters filled the stands to cheer the athletes.

Park

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name the upper park, where the new playground equipment, walking track and amphitheater are located as Trezevant Community Park. The lower area's ballfields are undergoing a renovation and will be named Trezevant Community Sportsplex.

Dan Dieringer, councilman and parks liaison, said park improvements

are being added as funds are available. He and Mayor Bobby Blaylock thanked special donors Centennial Bank and Milan Healthcare Foundation for generous donations to the improvement project.

The ribbon-cutting opened with a prayer offered by Bishop C.E. Pipkin.

Andrea Browning, President of Centennial Bank expressed her gratitude for the improvements in her hometown.

Paul Spain, Susan Fisher and Rita Foster represented the Milan Healthcare Foun-

dation at the event.

Dieringer said improvements to the ball fields and the picnic pavilion are continuing. The city is seeking donations to make future improvements.

One of the first events at the park is a community revival in May.

The gathering participated in two ribbon cuttings at the venue. One was at the main gate and the other at the amphitheater.

The town welcomes area citizens to enjoy the facilities.



\$10,000 Check Stand for the Arts Award — Sol Doten of Ovation TV, State Representative Brock Martin, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler, Angela DeMaris of The Dixie, Zach Bates of Charter/Spectrum, State Senator John Stevens, Huntingdon Mayor Nina Smother and McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Dixie

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opportunity," said Adam Falk, Senior Vice President, State Government Affairs for Charter Communications, Inc., which operates the Spectrum brand of Internet, TV, Mobile and Voice services. "Charter's partnership with Ovation TV will help strengthen and uplift these vital arts and cultural organizations and continues our commitment to invest in and support the communities we serve."

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center will use its 2023-2024 Stand For The Arts funding to offer scholarships for art classes to K-12 students in the community. The Dixie PAC offers academic enrichment in photography, pottery, painting, music, theatre, and art during the fall, spring and summer months.

"Thank you to Ovation TV and Charter for recognizing the value of art in our daily lives and how it has the remarkable ability to evoke emotions, challenge perceptions, and connect people from different backgrounds and cultures," said Angela DeMaris, Executive Director, The Dixie PAC. "Whether it's through painting or music, art enriches our lives and adds depth to our human experience and we at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center will always stand for the arts.

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center is one of 10 organizations receiving support in Spectrum markets across the country. Select arts organizations are awarded \$10,000 Stand For The Arts contributions based on the following criteria: support of creatives and artists via community-driven programming; as advocates for equity and access to the arts; and for providing accessible spaces for creative expression.

"Ovation TV and Spectrum continue to support and champion community-driven arts organizations across the country," stated Sol Doten, Senior Vice President, Head of Marketing and Communications for Ovation TV. "It remains the priority of our Stand For The Arts partnership – seven years strong – to honor these arts organizations as they encourage and uplift artists on a local level."

In accepting the honor, DeMaris said, "The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center is honored to receive such a prestigious arts award from Ovation TV and Charter Communications. When former Mayor Dale R. Kelley had the vision to revitalize the downtown area in Huntingdon by putting a Performing Arts Center right in the middle of the court square, I am sure there were hesitations. In fact Dixie Carter and Hal Holbrook themselves found it hard to believe. But here we are almost 19

years later engaging over 20 thousand individuals every year through a variety of performances, concerts, plays, community events, and art classes.

This award is a testament to the collective effort of many special people...the Dixie Staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, Town of Huntingdon employees, Town council and Mayor of Huntingdon, Nina Smothers. They were mentioned already... but We also wish to thank our public representatives who fight for the arts at a state level and our local mayors within the county and surrounding areas.... all of whom support us in dramatic ways.

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We plan to use this award to offer scholarships to K-12 students in our community for art classes in the upcoming years. The Dixie offers academic enrichment in photography, pottery, painting, music, theatre, and art during the fall, spring and summer months.

Stevens

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Stevens said the General Assembly should complete this term soon. Some of the major issues in the 2024 session is Governor's proposed bill to provide public funds for scholarships for students to attend private schools. Another matter is dealing with a possible lawsuit concerning the state's franchise tax on many of the state's largest employers. The state is also facing a reduction of revenues with the end of the COVID relief money sent to the states for infrastructure projects and schools through ESSER funds.

Tennessee is the fourth most business friendly state, number one in energy availability, and is experiencing great business and employment growth in rural communities, said the senator. The Ford/SK plants in west Tennessee is a \$5.6 billion investment.

In schools, the state has funded student resource officers, SROs, for on-site law enforcement officers at each school.

The state has also pre-



Senator John Stevens (center) speaks with Barry Mac Murphy and Dana Deem (right). Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

vented the teaching of critical race theory and worked to improve literacy in public schools, said Stevens.

The state is working to prevent any juvenile from obtaining a social media account without the consent of an adult.

Also, Tennesseans have the right to keep, bear and wear firearms, said Stevens.

Stevens supports school choice for students and scholarships for students to attend schools other than the local public school. He noted the state provides 70 percent of funding for local public schools, and recently added \$125 million to local

schools to provide raises for teachers, which should be a \$2,500 raise this year. In two years, the starting pay for a teacher is expected to be \$50,000 annually.

The state has provided the financial resources for local schools to improve test scores, with some schools systems not be accomplishing that goal. The scholarships would allow parents to choose their own schools.

Stevens commended the local school districts for have excellent schools, but noted some of the metro-area schools are not performing as well.

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I Didn't Know Donkeys Could Laugh

Recently, I saw a post on Facebook asking, "What's one thing you've done that you'll never do again?"

Without hesitation, I said, "Play in a donkey basketball game."

To this day, the memory of it makes me shudder and wince in pain.

If you're not familiar with donkey basketball, let me explain. Donkeys are fitted with rubber shoes and are ridden by players up and down a basketball court with the intent of scoring a basket.

I know. Sounds crazy, doesn't it?

Makes me wonder how it ever came about in the first place. My guess is it was started by somebody who lived in a rural area south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Back in the day, all basketball courts were made of wood and a new coat of varnish was applied every summer. High school basketball coaches protected those floors like the ark of the covenant.

If you walked on any part of it wearing anything other than tennis shoes, they'd yell, "Get off the floor in your street shoes!"

I'm guessing a coach was particularly exasperated by students walking on his floor one day and he yelled, "I don't care if a donkey walks on this floor as long as he's wearing rubber-sole shoes!"

Yep, that's all it took. That night, an enterprising student used a pocketknife to cut up the sidewalls of a bald tire and tied them on his donkey's feet.

Imagine that coach's surprise the next morning when he discovered a donkey standing idly on his gym floor wearing rubber-sole shoes and braying loudly.

(It's my understanding donkey basketball has recently undergone a change to make it safer for all the sissy Gen Xers and Gen Zers and whoever else is afraid of risking life and limb for the sake of entertainment. To all of them I say, "Ha!")

I'd heard of donkey basketball games but never seen one, so when I was asked to participate in a game as part of a fundraiser for a worthwhile cause (this was way before GoFundMe was a thing), I easily agreed.

"It'll be fun," I said to myself.

You know, I've learned the most traumatic events are the ones you don't see coming.

You don't see coming. The night arrived for the game. The gym was jam-packed. And I sat in a locker room with the other victims...er, participants... much like the gladiators of old. We thought we were the gladiators, but in truth

we were the Christians about to be thrown to the lions, who in this case were donkeys.

We joked and laughed at how much fun we were going to have.

As things turned out, it wasn't a proverbial last laugh, it was literally our last laugh.

A tiny warning bell went off in my head when they issued football helmets to us. That tiny bell turned into a clanging alarm when they gave us forms to sign that said we wouldn't sue the organizers if there was "injury, loss of limb, or death."

Our bravado disappeared and nervous laughter took its place.

To bolster my courage, I told myself I'd had plenty of experience riding horses. What could be so hard about riding a tiny burro?

As we walked single file into the boisterous coliseum, the blood-thirsty crowd roared.

The next thing I know, I'm handed the reins to the donkey assigned to me. No tiny burro this donkey—he was as big as a Clydesdale, ten times bigger than any donkey on the court.

Reaching up, I gently stroked his nose and in a trembling voice asked, "Are you going to be a good boy?"

Everything about him appeared relaxed, from his half-closed eyes to his rear leg cocked in a resting position, to his floppy ears hanging down. I completely misinterpreted those signs to mean he was docile. What they really meant was, like the lions and tigers, he'd done this before and knew what the outcome was going to be. The only thing missing was a toothpick out the side of his mouth.

Six or seven men in striped referee shirts were scattered around the floor I assumed to call fouls. I learned better. They were there to drag the dead bodies off the court.

One of them blew a whistle, which was our cue to mount the donkeys.

Did I mention there were no saddles on these animals? This was the bareback-bronc-riding event of a rodeo.

While several of the men were so tall and their donkeys so short they could straddle them while still standing, that wasn't the case for me.

Grabbing a handful of my donkey's mane, I pulled and jumped at the same time, landing perfectly astride my steed.

Little did I know my donkey had descended from a long line of donkeys that had inspired the invention of the catapult. A soon as my posterior barely touched the hairs

on his back, he bucked and sent me sailing over his head like a boulder meant to crush a castle wall.

It's funny how moments that only take a second can seem to move in slow motion. As I flipped head over heels, I saw the Roman hoards pointing at me, laughing and cheering with hellish glee. The first Christian to go down.

The only thing that kept me from sailing into the crowd was the fact I held onto the reins. It would have been better if I hadn't.

Suddenly, the reins jerked taut, and my body slammed against the wooden floor. Even though x-rays would prove otherwise, I promise you every bone in my body was fractured, except for my head that rattled inside the loose-fitting football helmet.

As I lay there, the only thought I had was, "David, you've made a serious error in judgment."

With great effort I staggered to my feet and turned to face the beast that'd dislodged me, expecting to see his nostrils flared and his eyes ablaze. Instead, he looked as calm as he had before I tried mounting him.

My second error in judgment was thinking, "Maybe I caught him off guard and scared him. Maybe he didn't mean to buck me off."

Stroking his nose and neck, I told him, "Easy does it, boy. I'm just going to climb on board. No need to —"

As I said those last three words, I swung onto his back. I never finished the sentence.

Once again, with seemingly effortless ease, he threw me over his head. This time I let go of the reins, hit the floor, and slid like a hockey puck into the bleachers.

Several nameless Romans hoisted me onto my feet and pushed me back onto the court. "Come on, David! You can do it!" they lied.

Looking around to see how the other players were faring, I saw an ambulance crew rushing to a man lying crumpled on the court. They rolled him onto a canvas stretcher and headed for the exit.

You know how crowds nowadays get really quiet when a football player gets injured during a game? Yeah, well, the murderous crowd that night showed no signs of sympathy.

At that point, I got angry at my donkey. (My third error in judgment.) He wasn't going to best me. I made up my mind I was going to ride him if it was the last thing I did.

Remember that phrase: "the last thing I did."

Grabbing a handful of mane, I sprung onto his back, squeezed my legs against his side, leaned forward, and threw my arms around his neck. I didn't care if it wasn't a good look for a bronc rider. I just wanted to stay on board.

He bucked, but I held on. Internally, I cheered my success. But evidently my donkey viewed my staying on as an insult.

Of course, I couldn't see it from my vantage point, but I'm certain he jumped straight into the air, all four feet clearing the floor. The jar of his landing nearly dislodged me, but I squeezed tighter. So, he went into his version of a tilt-a-whirl, spinning first one direction then another. I was a test tube in a centrifuge.

I lost my grip and flew across the floor directly into the path of a couple of burros who did the Mexican Hat Dance on me.

I rolled onto my all-fours and stared at my donkey who looked back at me.

I didn't know donkeys could laugh.

With the taste of blood in my mouth and my pride in shambles, I stood up.

My dad grew up the son of a sharecropper during the Great Depression. Oftentimes he would regale us with life on the farm and his experiences with mules. I'm aware our memories of stories can get a little fuzzy when it comes to details, but I distinctly remembered him telling about gripping a mule's ear in his teeth to make him stand still.

...Yes, I did.

I marched up to my donkey, grabbed one of his long ears, stuck it in my mouth, and bit down as hard as I could.

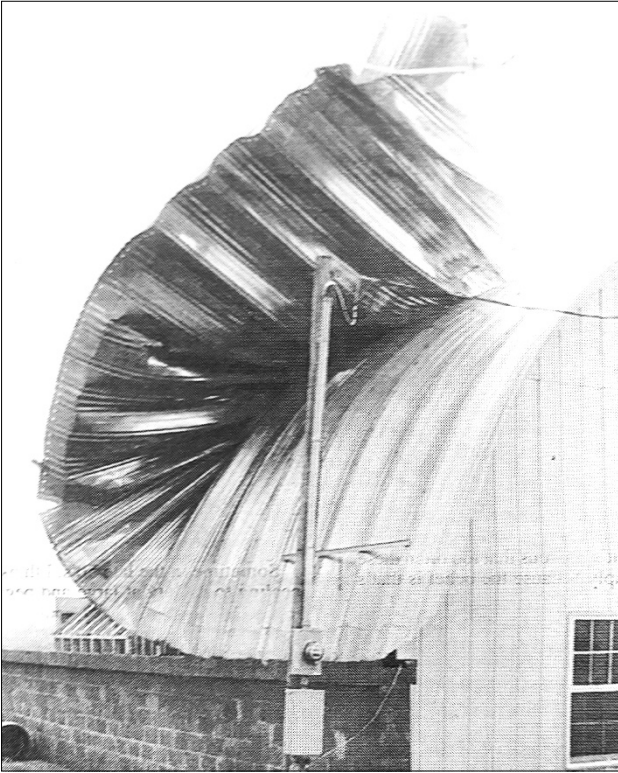
He didn't move. The challenge, that I hadn't thought about, was keeping his ear between my teeth while I swung onto his back. Thankfully, my donkey's ears were long enough to tie into a bow.

So, with my mouth full of donkey ear, I jumped onto his back.

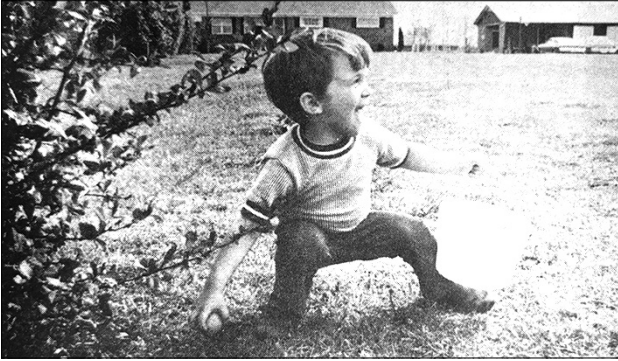
Let me say here, I'm thankful I didn't have false teeth back then, for if I had, they would have jerked out of my mouth, because that donkey bucked with such force I would have landed in the basketball goal if we'd been closer to it.

The score that night? Our team had one broken collar bone, one dislocated shoulder, a broken wrist, and two concussions. The donkeys won.

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



Top, 10 Years Ago — Baptist Memorial Hospital donated an ambulance to the McLemoresville Fire Department to use as an equipped truck. Above, 25 Years Ago — High winds and thunderstorms peeled back the Civil Air Patrol building while it was being constructed at the Henry County Airport. Below, 50 Years Ago — Kelly Spivey showed his excitement after finding an egg. Bottom, 75 Years Ago — Tri-County Motor Co. offered spring tune-ups for Ford vehicles.



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* United Neighbors celebrated 20 years of service.

25 Years Ago — Ray Boswell was honored for his years of service at the Green Thumb with a special gift.

* Lillie Mae Harris was presented with Hospital Volunteer of the Year, and Gene Rollins was presented with Hospice Volunteer of the Year.
- 50 Years Ago — McKenzie Flag girls, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ann Jackson, performed for the McKenzie P.T.A. members.

* Scouts were presented with their Wolf Badges and gold arrows.

75 Years Ago — McKenzie Park Theatre played the movie "When My Baby Smiles At Me."

* Sherwood Plumbing Company put an ad in the newspaper guaranteeing they could meet all your plumbing supply needs.

West Carroll FFA to Host Greenhouse Sale

ATWOOD — West Carroll High School is hosting a spring live plant sale on Saturday, April 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the greenhouse on the campus, 760 Highway 77, Atwood.

Noah Rogers, FFA teacher, said his students will have hanging baskets, bedding plants, vegetable

starters.

The five-inch potted plants are \$5 pot, or five pots for \$20. Those include ompatiens, lantana, wave petunika, petunia, angelonia, begonia, dianthus, pentas, coleus, snapdragon, vinca, gerbera daisy, celosia, deahia, ipomea, marigold, shrimp

plant, angle trumpets, succulents, geraniums.

Vegetable plants are four packs for \$2 or six packs for \$3. Those include jalapeno peppers, bell peppers, tomatoes, other vegetable plants.

Large pots and hanging baskets are: \$15 for 12-inch flowering hanging

baskets, \$15 for 10-inch spider plants baskets; \$15 for 10-inch white wandering jew baskets; \$15 for 10-inch bolivian jew; \$20 for 12-inch hanging boston fern; \$25 for 14-inch flowering porch pots and \$30 for 14-inch porch pot macho fern.

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Obituaries

HILMA CLARICE DINKINS 1935 — 2024

MILAN — Mrs. Hilma Clarice Dinkins, 88, died Sunday, April 7, 2024, at her home in Wesley Fountain, Milan, Tenn. Graveside services were Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie. She was born on April 15, 1935, in Dyer, Co., Tenn., to Joe Alsop and Dimple Mallard Nolen. Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Virginia Kee and a brother, Thomas A. Nolen, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Gough of Milan, a sister, Mary Nolen Newson, two brothers, Ronnie Nolen and Donald Nolen, two grandchildren, Lori (Sam) Smith and Kelli Gough, and four great-grandchildren Kylee, Zac, Everly and Michael. If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

MICHAEL D. BEAL 1975 — 2024

SPRING LAKE, N.C. (formerly Atwood) — Services for SFC Michael D. Beal, 49, are Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 2 p.m. at McLemoresville United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends on Friday at the church 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at McLemoresville Cemetery. Pallbearers to serve are Logan Beal, Joey Cherry, Jason Compton, Billy Aldridge, Greg Camper, and Tony Mitchell. Officiating the services is Phil Williams. He was born in Jackson, Tenn., on March 29, 1975, to Danny Joe Beal and Mary Ann Compton Smith. He was a graduate of West Carroll High School Class of 1994 and attended Lambuth University and Bethel University before deciding to join the U.S. Army. He joined the Army in September 1996, and retired with 20 years in September 2016. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. While in service, he served in Bosnia, Vilseck, Germany, Kosovo, Ft. Bragg, N.C., three tours in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan, Ft. Benning, Ga., and retired at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He was em-

ployed by Allied Solutions as a security supervisor. He is survived by his parents, Barry and May Ann Smith of Atwood, Danny Joe Beal of Fayetteville, N.C., two children, Logan Beal and Grace Beal of Fayetteville, a special person, Patricia Beal of Fayetteville, and Uncle Donald (Nancy) Compton of Henderson, Tenn., and an Aunt Barbara Bell of Henderson, Tenn. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, CMDR. Don and Catherine Compton of Henderson, Tenn., paternal grandparents, Joe and Marie Beal of McKenzie, Tenn., step-grandparents, James and Marcella Smith of Atwood and stepmother, Paulette Beal of Loretto, Tenn. If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

MILTON BERRY 1930 — 2024

MCKENZIE — Mr. Milton Berry, 93, a welder for TAMCO and a member of The Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness, died April 11, 2024, at his residence. There are no services at this time. He was born on October 24, 1930, in McKenzie to Pratt and Jessie McCausey Berry. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Novella Moyers Berry, two sisters, June Nanney and Peggy Sydnor, and three brothers, Don Berry, Horace Berry, and Tony Berry. He is survived by his sons, Douglas Berry and Marvin Edward Berry of McKenzie, two sisters Patty Price of Huntingdon and Cherry (Jay) Rittenberry of McKenzie, three grandchildren, Chad (Sarah) Berry, Tina Vester and Quentin Berry, and eight great-grandchildren. If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

ROBERT CHARLES 'SKIP' WOLFE 1939 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Robert Charles "Skip" Wolfe, 85, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at his home. Funeral services were pri-

vate for the family. Instead of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to your chosen charity. Mr. Wolfe was born January 29, 1939, in New Haven, Mo., to the late Roy Christian and Viola Myers Wolfe. A former college basketball player, teacher, and coach, he was inducted into the Memphis State University Hall of Fame, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, and the Carroll County Hall of Fame. He was a self-employed contractor and Palmer Shelter United Methodist Church member. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Wolfe, and a brother-in-law, Arnold Seitter. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janice Smith Wolfe, four daughters, Sondra Dawkins (David) of Oakland, Tenn., Marsha Johns (Brandon) of Huntingdon, Tenn., Trista Murphy (Jimmy) of Lakeland, Tenn., and Charla Wolfe, of Huntingdon, Tenn., two sisters, Marilyn Seitter, and Ruth Peirick (John) both of New Haven, Mo., and a brother, Roger Wolfe (Mary Lou) of Cordova, Tenn. He also leaves seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon, Tenn.

BARBARA PRIDDY 1961 — 2024

HENRY — Barbara Carol Malone Priddy, 62, of Henry, Tenn., died Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Henry County Medical Center in Paris. Barbara was born June 21, 1961, in Paris, Tenn., to the late Edward "CE" Malone and the late Helen Veniece Lawrence Malone. She was married July 7, 1979, to Charles Thomas "Tommy" Priddy, who survives, of Henry, Tenn. Along with her husband, she is also survived by her two daughters, Shelby (Joe) Chapman of Henry, Tenn., and Stephanie Priddy of Henry; one sister-in-law, Mary Malone of Henry; and three grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one brother, Eddie Carlton Malone. Arrangements are being handled by Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap Street/PO Box 788, Paris, TN 38242. Visitation was Tuesday, April 9, from 12-2 p.m. at Ridgeway Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 2 p.m. with Johnny Wall officiating. Burial was in Palestine Cemetery in Paris, Tenn.

ROUND THREE County's FY 2024-25 Budget Nears Completion

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HUNTINGDON (April 11) — After three rounds of meetings, the Carroll County Budget Committee is one step closer to setting the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. Thursday's meeting revisited several department budgets to address proposed expenditures along with adjustments to various line items. The Election Commission and the Highway Department had line adjustments. The Election Commission added \$12,000 in expenses for election works. Then the Highway Department had an increase in revenue from the wheel tax up from roughly \$419,000 to \$537,571. Members of the Budget Committee were not in favor of the 8% salary increase request made by the Carroll County Court Clerk's office. Chairman Commissioner Darrell Ridgely stated the County gave the clerks 6% last year and offered 4% for this fiscal year. He reiterated his point saying that's a 10% pay raise over the last two years. If the County were to give that department 8% and only 4% to other departments then it would set a precedent that would only "open a whole other can of worms."



Bethany Patton of the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center address the Carroll County Budget Committee.

The Committee voted against a \$10,000 salary item classified as "training" for the retiring clerk to stay on part-time to make sure her replacement was fully trained following her departure. On the County Library's budget, the Budget Committee balked at the requested salary increase and adjustment to staffing. Adding the staff member would add to the County's maintenance of effort toward the library which creates an added burden to the taxpayers. Committee members also broached the subject of increasing the Rural Fire Department's budget for vehicle maintenance. After a few minutes of discussion on what assets belong to the County versus others along

with the lack of answers to the questions regarding insurance, the Committee decided to leave the line item as is until leadership can provide a better plan. Lastly, non-profit contributions were addressed. Bethany Patton of the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center requested an additional \$1,000 for the center. She stated the Carroll County program with the help of Joanna Allen has been successful in finding jobs for the disabled. She added that 74 individuals with disabilities from Carroll and Benton counties are taking part in the center's programs. The Committee agreed to provide \$25,000 to the Carl Perkins Center; \$10,000 to the Carroll County Shooting Park; \$8,000 to the Carroll County Rescue Squad; \$6,000 to the McKenzie Memorial Library; \$5,000 to the Gordon Browning Museum; Wo/Men's Resource and Rape Assistance Program (WRAP) \$3,823; and \$1,500 (a \$1000 increase) to the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center. The Budget Committee agreed to not provide \$200 to the McKenzie Senior Citizen Center as the Center has not personally requested the money in the last two years. The next meeting of the Budget Committee is May 9 at 9 a.m.

Governor Lee Signs Tennessee Disability, Aging Act Into Law

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Governor Bill Lee signed the Tennessee Disability and Aging Act, legislation that merges Tennessee's Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) and Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD), creating a new Department of Disability and Aging (DDA). The bill received unanimous, bipartisan legislative support and was backed by numerous stakeholders. Adults 65 years and older are the fastest-growing demographic in Tennessee. With a rapidly increasing aging population, the state must ensure it has the infrastructure in place to serve the needs of older adults. TCAD is Tennessee's federally designated "state unit on aging," currently overseeing Older Americans Act programs and providing leadership relative to aging issues throughout state government. Tennessee is one of two states that did not previously house its "state unit on aging" within a cabinet-level agency. Additionally, there are many similarities in the supports and services DIDD and TCAD provide to enhance the quality of life and independence of the populations they serve. Unifying these two agencies will provide for better coordination on areas of shared priorities. "The consolidation of these government agencies will enhance coordination and advocacy for all Tennesseans to live and age with as much independence and dignity as possible. I appreciate Governor Lee for his commitment to ensuring our government operates efficiently while also providing better services to

our citizens." -Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson, R-Franklin "Tennessee is a model for the nation when it comes to making government work more cooperatively and efficiently for our citizens. Unifying these agencies will enable better coordination and stronger advocacy helping all Tennesseans live and age with as much independence as possible." -House Majority Leader William Lamberth, R-Portland "The merging of the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability is an advantageous step in ensuring all Tennesseans can live and age with independence. I was pleased to sponsor this legislation so both individuals with disabilities and our seniors can be represented by a Commissioner and Department that totally focuses on issues and services important to them. I am confident the newly formed Department of Disability and Aging will offer exceptional service and provide a voice for these valued citizens." -Senator Becky Massey, R-Knoxville

"People with disabilities and older adults should have the opportunity to age in place while having independence, health, and a high quality of life. I'm excited to work with our partners in both communities to ensure the Department of Disability and Aging is doing all it can to support people to live the lives they envision for themselves." Commissioner Brad Turner, Department of Disability and Aging "We are witnessing a significant milestone with the creation of a new cabinet level department merging the state department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the Commission on Aging and Disabilities. This is an important step forward for the aging community for today, tomorrow and generations to come. Community advocates representing the 129,000 Tennesseans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in addition to the over 360,000 family caregivers celebrate the actions taken here today. -Janice Wade, Whitehead, Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability, President & CEO of Alzheimer's Tennessee.

McKenzie Rotary Continues to Grow

MCKENZIE (April 9) — On Tuesday, the McKenzie Rotary Club welcomed two new members into the club. Bethel University men's basketball coach Jeff Britt and paralegal Phoebe Presson were inducted by Club President Jason R. Martin, who explained the significance of Rotary locally and globally. Each new member received a certificate of membership, a challenge coin, and a welcome packet explaining about Rotary. Since July 2023, the McKenzie organization has inducted 13 new members representing 41% growth. The club was founded in 1937 in McKenzie. It has a sister foundation, a local fund known as the Fanny Baxter Moore Fund that assists worthy, needy McKenzians. Rotary is a club network of over 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe and in our local communities. For many years, the McKenzie organization has purchased winter jackets for needy children, hosted honors banquets at the middle and high school, provided scholarships, and helps those in need.



Phoebe Presson (left) and Jeff Britt (right) are welcomed by Rotary President Jason R. Martin.

Rotary has worked to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort. Polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan while other cases have been discovered in the United States. The McKenzie Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at

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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.

CARROLL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Bingo, White Bean Supper
Friday, April 19 at the Carroll County Civic Center Exhibit Building in Huntingdon, 6-9 p.m.
The building is located behind the main building. Prizes, concessions, and a grand prize for the last game.

All you can eat white beans with cornbread and a drink for \$10. Desserts, chips, candy and drinks \$2. Bingo cards 10 for \$5, 20 for \$10 and 42 for \$20. Admission is free and this is a family event for all ages.

Yard Sale

Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 is at our shelter location, 21822 Highway 22 in McKenzie. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., both days. We are now taking donations for the sale and will accept new and gently used items. If you want to donate clothing/shoes, please make sure they are in good condition. We cannot accept used socks, undies and mattresses. We are excited to have Twizted Tot Munchie Truck with us both days serving breakfast!

Dog Vouchers

We are currently selling spay/neuter vouchers for dogs. The cost is \$50 and surgeries will be done at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic. Must be 6 months or older at time of the appointment. No residency or income requirements. Vouchers must be purchased in person at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. We are running low on spay vouchers so

hurry if you want one. We have several more neuter vouchers. Cash or card only.

Cat Vouchers

We always have spay/neuter vouchers for cats at a cost of \$50 and to be used at Paris Vet Clinic. If you need to pay with cash, come by the shelter to purchase. Otherwise, we have a NEW NUMBER to purchase using a credit/debit card. Please leave a message and the volunteer will return your call very soon. 731-514-0878.

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.

HUNTINGDON SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

The Huntingdon Board of Education meets

Wednesday, April 17, 5 p.m. at the Central Office, 585 High Street. Individuals desiring to address the board concerning an item on the agenda must contact the director of schools office by 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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.

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 informa-

tion, contact Phil Williams 731-225-5256.

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.

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.

Local Nonprofit Co-Founders Among Most Influential in West Tennessee

JACKSON (April 9) — Dr. Julie Hill and Stacie Freeman, MSSW, were honored by the Jackson Area Business and Professional Women as winners of Sterling Awards 2024: 20 Most Influential Women in West Tennessee. Hill of Union City and Freeman of Dresden, the co-founders of Global Citizen Adventure Corps, a nonprofit travel, service, and education organization, were honored for their many years of service to their students and their contributions to the community. Global Citizen Adventure Corps partners with Bethel University to provide transferable college credit for its programs to locales such as Guatemala, Mexico, Italy, and Brazil. High school and college students as well as community members make up the volunteer teams. Both Hill and Freeman are educators and business owners. The Sterling Awards were created by Jackson Area Business and Professional Women to honor women in the West Tennessee area who have achieved a significant level of success. The criteria include the nominee living/working in West Tennessee outside Shelby County, serving as a leader and role model in business or her profession, displaying creativity and innovation to the growth of her profession and contributing time and energy



Dr. Julie Hill of Union City (left) and Stacie Freeman of Dresden were named among the 20 Most Influential Women in West Tennessee during an April 9 ceremony in Jackson.

to community betterment. In his nomination letter of Freeman and Hill, McKenzie Banner editor Joel Washburn underscored the two women's dedication to providing travel service-learning opportunities to students who are from Title 1 high schools and often first-generation university students. He noted the establishment of the nonprofit makes possible the fundraising needed to supplement the participants' travel costs. Washburn also serves as the GCAC Vice

Chair. Winners this year are Crockett County: Meredith Marbury; Dyer County: Vanedda Webb; Fayette County: Dr. Versie Hamlett; Haywood County: Sheronda Green, Dr. Stephanie Barnes; Henderson County: Amy Allison; McNairy County: Jessica Huff; Obion County: Dr. Julie Hill; Weakley County: Stacie Freeman; Madison County: Olivia Abernathy, Tausha Alexander, Renee Jones, Lauren Kirk, Wendy Mercer, Monique Merriweather, Dr. Mechelle Moragne, Leigh O'Neill, Rachel Ryan, Melinda Reid, and Brenda Triplett. The Sue Shelton White Award winner is Rayna Bomar, Career Law Clerk, US District Court. The Outstanding Woman Military Veteran Award honors is USMC Master Sergeant E8 (Ret.) Gloria Holiday, Chester County.

McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Board Discusses Budget, Upcoming Facility Repairs

BY BRITTANY MARTIN
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McKENZIE (April 9) — McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the McKenzie Middle School Library for their regular monthly meeting to discuss budget amendments, and roofing and paving updates. Budget amendment #16, amended the school-wide pool budget to reallocate \$8,000 from equipment to additional medical insurance for special education employees. Budget amendment #17, amended the general purpose budget to reallocate \$20,000 to mowing, including \$18,150 for tree cutting and stump grinding at the elementary and middle schools; \$50,000 was added to building maintenance and \$5,000 for technology software. MSSD purchased four automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for \$7,832 and is working with Baptist Memorial Hospital on reimbursement for one AED, a donation valued at \$1,958. MSSD Director Dr. Justin Barden stated that ES-SER 3 is paying \$51,100 for extended contracts this year and \$47,974 was saved on medical insurance for the year. Budget amendment #18, a revenue increase of \$15,000 from Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) was reallocated to the office of the principal (other charges). Budget amendment #19, amended the budget to replace 14 damaged condenser coils on HVAC units at the high school

after hail damaged almost every HVAC unit on the roof. The insurance, Tennessee Risk Management Trust, covered the cost of \$68,887 to replace the units. The district paid a \$500 deductible. Dr. Barden requested that the board surplus 100 metal student desks and two metal teacher desks. Chairwoman LaShonda Williams asked if the desks can be donated. Dr. Barden said some desks are damaged, but some might be able to be donated and the usable desks will be kept. Board Member Misty Aird made the motion to surplus and Vice Chairman Chad Brown seconded. Roofing for the high school and paving for the high school and middle school were discussed. MSSD is working with TLM, an architect firm from Jackson and Lashlee-Rich to put together a bid packet for roof repair at the high school. Dr. Barden said because of the scope of work, an architect is needed. Martin Paving of Medina offered a courtesy estimate of \$750,000 to help prepare a bid packet for paving. The scope of work includes culverts, curbing, repaving, and resurfacing of the parking lots. The board hopes to have the bid packages ready by the summer. McKenzie Middle School students made a presentation about the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) House System. The Ron Clark Academy House System features eight houses, McKenzie utilizes six of the houses: Altruismo, Isibindi, Réveur, Sollevaré, Nukumori, and Onraka. The houses are learning and leadership communities for students. Each House has unique properties such as its own color, symbols, nation of heritage, history, and more. According to the Ron Clark Academy website, Schools around the world have implemented the RCA House System, a dynamic, exciting way to create a powerful and positive school climate. Students are celebrated for their efforts through a process that builds character, empowers academic excellence, fosters school spirit, enhances relationships, and promotes a culture of belonging for all. The website offers downloads, histories, quick facts, cheers, and more for each house.

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See solution in next week's edition.

April Fools	Cackle	Comedy	Giggles	Laugh	Relief
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Bray	Chuckle	Crying	Hiccup	Mood	Snickers
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Answers: A. joke B. funny C. chuckle D. smile

1. _____	11. _____
2. _____	12. _____
3. _____	13. _____
4. _____	14. _____
5. _____	15. _____
6. _____	16. _____
7. _____	17. _____
8. _____	18. _____
9. _____	19. _____
10. _____	20. _____

Answer: A towel.

Answer: Comic

Answer: Bill Belichick

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Carroll County General Sessions

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

One case was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court.

Colton Blake Kyle, Green Valley Road, Bruceton, was bound over to the Grand Jury on Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Allysa C. Burnett, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 jail suspended except 30 days; dismissed, Disorderly Conduct; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Keith Butler, Imogene Street, Memphis, guilty, Driving While Suspended-Second Offense, \$250 fine, probation.

Jimmy Fuzzell, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Theft, supervised probation, two days jail, no contact with victim.

Tyler Christopher House, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, pre-trial diversion, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$350 fine, probation; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Light Law Violation; dismissed, Financial Responsibility.

Allison Lawrence, Johnson Road, Atwood, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 30 days jail, not to drive for one year; dismissed, Evading Arrest Flight-Vehicle.

Joey Miller, Wildersville, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 180 days jail to run concurrent with Henderson County sentence; dismissed, Criminal Impersonation.

Jordan Nolen, Mill Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Theft of Merchandise - Shoplifting, 48 hours jail, \$99.27 restitution to retailer, probation.

Robert Nunn, Cherrywood Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, \$100 fine, time served, supervised probation for six months.

Dawn Sherri Richie Pillow, Spring Street, Dickson, guilty, Public Intoxication, probation.

David Alton Puckett, Spruce Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail, can receive day-for-day credit for successful rehabilitation treatment; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kieavn Tharpe, Wren Avenue, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail, probation extended for five months.

The following cases were dismissed.

Cody Bourne, McAdams Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Reckless Endangerment, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care; dismissed DUI-First Offense.

Rasshad J. Brown, Arbor Place, Memphis, dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Failed to Stop at Stop Signs; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Steven E. Crawford, Main Street, Trezevant, dismissed, Criminal Impersonation; dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Amanda L. Powers, Christian Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Failure to Appear; dismissed, Forgery (four counts).

Kaitlynn Autumn Webb, Palmer Street, Union City, dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

McKenzie Police Reports

Sale/Delivery of a Controlled Substance — A juvenile male faces charges of Sale/Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Driving on a Suspended License, Illegal Window Tint, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after a traffic stop on April 9.

Officers Jason Artymovich and Dillon participated in the arrest of the juvenile. MPD received a call about a Nissan Altima entering McKenzie at a high rate of speed. The suspect car was stopped at the Relax Inn. The suspect exited the car and was told to stand beside the patrol car. A check of his license revealed a suspended status for failure to appear in courts in Carroll and Henry counties. The suspect handed a bag of 19 pills to Officer Dillon. There were five more in a plastic baggie in the suspect's sock. Officers located a grinder, marijuana vape, a white powder. The window tint was measured and determined to be too dark. The juvenile was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — Eric Permenter, 34, Courtland Street, Jackson, was arrested on an outstanding capias after he called the law to report a female friend had stolen money from him.

Officer Jason Artymovich filed a report stating MPD responded to a report of money theft at a residence on Ruth Street. Permenter stated a female friend stole \$160 from him. Police searched the female and found only \$4 in her possession. However, a computer check revealed Permenter had an outstanding capias warrant for Public Intoxication. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Hit and Run — Officer Matthew Cunningham is investigating a hit and run incident on April 11 that occurred on Carroll Street.

Tyler Proctor said he was backing into his driveway when a Chevy Malibu sped along Carroll Street and struck the front bumper of his pickup truck as he was backing into the driveway. He and passenger stated it was a white female driving with a white male passenger in a beige Malibu. MPD is seeking additional information as they attempt to identify the driver.

Violation of Order of Protection — Raymond D. Boyd, 68, Spruce Street, McKenzie was charged with Violation of a No Contact Order after he reportedly phoned and came 'by' the victim's house, all on April 11 and 12. The original order of protection was signed on March 24. A warrant was signed against Boyd for Violation of No Contact Order.

Runaway Juvenile — McKenzie Police Department issued a report to the Department of Children's Services and other agencies about a runaway juvenile after the juvenile male's mother reported him missing from their Walnut Circle residence.

Officer Jason Artymovich reported the boy's attire and that he was carrying three big bags. However, the juvenile returned home that evening and the missing person report was canceled.

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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Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Revoked, Speeding — Amber M. Hillard, 36, of Huntingdon, was arrested on April 7, for Driving on a Suspended License. Officer Townes initiated a traffic stop when the radar picked up Hilliard driving 72 in a 55-mph speed zone. A computer check confirmed Hillard had a suspended license.

Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Contact, Assault on a First Responder (Simple) — Juvenile, of Huntingdon, was taken into custody on April 4 after being under investigation for making threats to cause bodily harm towards other minors and possibly have an assault rifle in possession. Officers received permission to search the residence by the juvenile's mother but did not find an assault rifle. Officers received information shortly after leaving the residence that the juvenile had the rifle in his possession moments before they arrived. Officers went directly back to the address and the juvenile and his sister would not follow commands. They were put in handcuffs and taken into juvenile court. The gun was found under the mother's bed and was a BB gun that just looked realistic.

Property Transfers

Linda Wayland to Samantha Barrow. No district listed.

James M. and Sandra D. Gentry to Dawnell R. Gentry in District 6.

David Horst to Michael Wayne and Donna Evelyn Britt in District 6.

James and Ruth Vaala Strong to Michael Terry Jr. and Shawanna Marie Kelly in District 7.

John T. Rushing as Executor to John T. and David W. Rushing.

Gerry L. and Lisa E. Hillard to Guy and Chris Williams in District 15.

Matthew West to Brandon and Kimberly Smith in District 8.

Christina Teree and Joe Nathan Pryor to Michelle Ashley Wightman in District 11.

Johnny and Rita Crocker Horton to Jessica and Nicholas Ferlito in District 11.

Brittany Webb to Ronnie Reed in District 11.

Nesbitt Ferrell to Edward Ray Johnson in District 16.

Woods and Water Properties, LLC to Trevor Smith. No district listed.

Carol Spivey to Haley Hood in District 13.

City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held March 25, 2024: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at Cedar Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 9, Group M, of Tax Map 12L believed to be addressed as 2368 Cedar Street.

This cause came to be heard on March 25, 2024, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance of the center section of the commercial building.

Present at the hearing of March 25, 2024, was Codes Consultant Jim Pillow on behalf of the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White, Fire Chief Brian Tucker, and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup. Codes Officer Jim Seaton was not in attendance due to sickness. Jack and Shirley Martin the property owners were not in attendance. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have sixty days (60) days from April 17, 2024, to pull the proper permits and repair or demolish the center section of the structure. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY JIM PILLOW, Master Code Professional, Certified Building Official, Certified Fire Marshal

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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 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 TRIPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

AMBER N. HOWARD, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Sheriff's Reports

Domestic Assault — Dennis L. Pruitt, 50, of Hollow Rock, was arrested on April 9, for Domestic Assault. The sheriff's department was dispatched to a home in Hollow Rock for a domestic situation when upon arrival the victim's brother stated that they were in the back room yelling at each other. As the deputies entered the room, they could smell alcohol and witnessed Pruitt and the victim lying in bed and arguing with each other. When asked what's going on, the victim claimed Dennis hit her in the eye. Dennis claimed he bumped her with his elbow and did not deny hitting her first. Dennis was noticeably intoxicated and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Jail/Prison/Corrections Facility — Curtis William Kaehler, 27, of Barstow, California, was being booked on April 6 when he was asked to be put through the body scanner. While running the scan, a watch-like object was seen in the rectal area. When the inmate was asked about the object, he stated it was an Apple watch that he was going to use to make calls with in jail.

Driving Under the Influence — Jason Duane Lillie, 47, of Yuma, was arrested on April 5 for Driving under the Influence. Lillie was pulled over after he failed to stop at a stop sign. Lillie smelled of alcohol and did poorly on the field sobriety test.

Domestic Assault — Andrew Arnold Tosh, 36, of Clarksburg, was arrested on April 7 for Domestic Assault. On April 5, Carroll County Dispatch received a call about Tosh tearing up a family member's house. When the deputies arrived, Tosh jumped over the fence and ran away. The caller stated she was in fear for her life and safety when the defendant was in her residence. On April 7 the caller stated the defendant was back at the residence when she pulled into the driveway. She said he started to get upset towards the victim, so she left and called 911. Sgt. Tucker, Deputy Davis, and Deputy Birmingham contacted Tosh and put him under arrest.

Marriage Licenses

Jay Brandon O-Rourke, 55, of Hollow Rock to Rosemary Perry Grizzle, 54, of Hollow Rock.

Benjamin J. Borntrager, 23, of Huntingdon to Ester E. Yoder, 21, of Bruceton.

Kendra Leigh Gilmore, 30, of McKenzie to Jason Tyree Smith, 34, of Union City.

Donald Keith Hyatt, 65, of Bruceton to Rhonda Carol Brown, 62, of Bruceton.

Sarah Elizabeth Cole Hunley, 28, of Huntingdon to Mark Anthony Elsner, 32, of Huntingdon.

City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held March 25, 2024: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 16 McClure Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 19, Group D, of Tax Map 12N.

This cause came to be heard on March 25, 2024, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of March 25, 2024, was Codes Consultant Jim Pillow on behalf of the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White, Fire Chief Brian Tucker, and City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup. Codes Officer Jim Seaton was not in attendance due to sickness. Randall Adkisson the property owner was in attendance. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have ninety days (90) days from April 17, 2024, to pull the proper permits and repair or demolish the structure. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY JIM PILLOW, Master Code Professional, Certified Building Official, Certified Fire Marshal

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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:

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

This 28TH day of MARCH, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

JAN M. SCARBROUGH & SUSAN M. FISHER, Executor/Administrator
DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Left, Morgan Little hitting a triple to tie up the game. Right, Carli Beeler fielding a ball. Below, Molly French ready to steal second. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner

Lady Rebels Take Down Clarksburg

BY GRACIE AIRD
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McKENZIE (April 12) — Clarksburg started off the game hot and the Lady Rebels were trailing early. Morgan Little Hit a triple to tie up the game 2-2. Clarks-

burg came back with two runs of their own and went into the bottom of the fourth 4-2. McKenzie came back with seven runs in the fourth with a score of 9-4. McKenzie scored one more run ending the game 10-4.



Rebels Fall to Riverside

BY GRACIE AIRD
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McKENZIE (April 12) — Jake Cassidy started off pitching for the Rebels. Riverside got the first run of the night. Hayden Garrett tied up the game in the second inning by hitting a single. No one scored until the top of the seventh when Riverside got two runs. McKenzie did not get a run and the game ended with Riverside on top 3-1.



Jake Cassidy throwing a strike. Photo by Gracie Aird/The Banner

McKenzie High Sports Schedule

Tuesday, April 16	Thursday, April 18	Track and Field at Union City.
Baseball at McEwen at 6 p.m.	Baseball at Westview at 4:30, plus a JV game.	Friday, April 19
Soccer at Union City at 6 p.m.	Soccer at home against Trenton at 5 p.m.	Baseball at home against Dresden at 5 p.m.
Track and Field at South Gibson	Softball at home against McEwen at 5:30 p.m.	Softball at Camden at 5 p.m.



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Diane Stafford, Sandi Roditis, Stafford Roditis, Spiros Roditis and Margaret Stoner.

Stafford Roditis Signs With Bethel Football

McKENZIE (April 11) — Stafford Roditis will continue his sports career at Bethel University — just one block from his home. Roditis committed to Bethel football during a signing ceremony at McKenzie High School on Thursday, April 11.

Roditis is a three-sport athlete at McKenzie High, playing football, basketball and soccer. He specialized as a punter/kicker for the Rebels and played as an end and receiver. Roditis had the privilege of highly successful

seasons for the Rebels as they played in the state Class 1A football championship for three years, earning the state title in 2022.

He was joined for the signing ceremony by his family, classmates, teammates and coaches who also celebrated his success.

Bethel coach Dustin Kincaid said the local university is happy to sign Roditis, who is relentlessly tough, is a winner, and knows how to put points on the board or give the team great field position.

The Bethel coaches have watched Roditis in his high school career as a multi-sport athlete.

Kelly Spivey, principal of McKenzie High School, said Roditis has worked in the classroom and on the field. He has attended sports camps to improve his skills. He said he is eager to watch Roditis as he represents Bethel in his hometown.

Stafford plans to reside at home and study mathematics.

Greenfield's Tess Darby Extends Career as Lady Vol

BY DR. JOSH GREER
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Lady Vols basketball is thrilled to announce the return of guard Tess Darby. Darby decided to take advantage of the additional year of eligibility granted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Darby's decision was announced five days after Kim Caldwell was named the new coach of the Lady Vols.

In a heartfelt announcement shared on social media, Darby expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to represent the university she loves and the immense blessings it has brought her. She stated, "I am thankful for the opportunity to represent a university that I love and one that has blessed me so much. I'm so excited about the future of Lady Vol Basketball and thrilled to spend my final college season on Rocky Top! GBO!"

Darby, a 6-foot-1 guard from Greenfield has been an integral part of the team. She is currently number 5 all-time with 170 career 3-pointers for the Lady Volunteers.

Darby's decision to return showcases her unwavering commitment to the program and her determination to leave a lasting legacy



31 career record with eight NCAA Tournament berths in eight seasons as a head coach, most recently led Marshall University to a school-best 26-7 overall record and a 17-1 league mark in her first year there in 2023-24. She was named the 2024 Spalding Maggie Dixon NCAA Division I Rookie Coach of the Year and the Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year after directing the Thundering Herd to both the league's regular season and tournament titles as well as the school's second NCAA Tournament berth ever and first since 1997.

Prior to that, she served as head coach at NCAA Division II Greenville State, leading her alma mater to a pair of DII Final Four appearances and the 2022 national championship. From 2016-23, she directed GSU to six Mountain East Conference regular season titles (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023) and four MEC Tournament trophies (2018, 2019, 2020, 2023), earning MEC Coach of the Year honors four times in 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023, and accepting the WBCA's Pat Summitt Trophy as the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year in 2022.

on the court.

The news of Darby's return has ignited a wave of excitement and anticipation among fans, the new coaching staff, and her teammates. Her presence on the court will undoubtedly elevate the Lady Vols' performance and add another dynamic to the team, providing a strong foundation for future victories.

The Lady Vols basketball program proudly embraces the return of Tess Darby. With her exceptional skills and leadership, she is poised to make a substantial contribution to the team's success in the upcoming 2024-25 season.

Caldwell, who has a 217-



McKenzie Senior Center volunteers host a spaghetti dinner to benefit McKenzie United Neighbors.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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McKENZIE (April 13) It was neighbors helping neighbors when members of the McKenzie Senior Citizens Center decided to host a spaghetti dinner to benefit the McKenzie United Neighbors.

Carol Armpriest said the seniors sold approximately 100 tickets at \$10 each for a plate of spaghetti to benefit

the non-profit McKenzie United Neighbors, an organization that serves the lower income individuals in the community by providing clothes, food, and other assistance.

The cooks for the event were Mike Goodwin, Tammy Host, Gary Crawford, and Stella Hughes.

The McKenzie Senior Citizens Center hosts regular events including exercise classes, movie outings, cake

walks, karaoke, crafts, dances and potluck dinners.

Anyone aged 50 and over can join. Some of the events are free. Games include canasta, bingo, dominoes, and billiards.

Each month, the center hosts a movie at Park Theatre. The price is \$5 for movie, soda and popcorn.

McKenzie Senior Citizen Center is located on Main Street South adjacent to E.W. James Supermarket.