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McKenzie Mayor Converts Broadway to One-Way Street

MCKENZIE (April 23, 2024) — Motorists in McKenzie may notice a change in how they navigate the downtown area. After roughly 100 years as a two-way street, Broadway, at the behest of McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, was changed to a one-way street without prior public notice or ordinance; then, the change was executed within the same business day on Tuesday.

According to the Waldren Street STP Lighting project plans on A2H's website, Broadway was supposed to remain a two-way street.

Broadway is an exceptionally wide street as it used to feature center of the roadway parking in the 1950s and 60s.

The manner in which Broadway was changed is also not customary. According to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) and state law, changes in the direction of travel on a roadway must be done by ordinance and public notice in the city's newspaper prior to the change.

The Banner reached out to McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, requesting insight into the decision-making process for changing Broadway to a one-way street without prior notice.

The Banner asked, "On Tuesday, Broadway Street was changed to a one-way street. We are working on a story about the change. Would you like to provide a comment regarding why Broadway Street was changed to a one-way street? Additionally, was changing Broadway to a one-way street part of the original plans from 2018 or was this a new decision? If so, what

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Changing Broadway Street to one-way was NOT part of the Waldren Street STP Lighting plan.
- MTAS and state law: An ordinance with two readings and public notice is required to change a street's travel direction BEFORE the street changes.
- Huntingdon recently changed a street by ordinance with two readings at the request of street residents.

Above, On Tuesday, April 23, new signage was installed on Broadway Street indicating the change in direction of travel. Below, A semi-truck and trailer with a delivery partially blocking Lee Street on Thursday, April 25 after the change of Broadway Street.



The first of three Ford F-150 pickup trucks that will be dedicated for use by the School Resource Officers (SROs) at the three McKenzie school sites. Submitted photo

McKenzie SROs Get New Trucks

MCKENZIE (April 29) — McKenzie Police Department took delivery of the first of three Ford F-150 pickup trucks on Monday that will be dedicated for use by the Student Resource Officers (SROs) at the three McKenzie school sites.

Ryan White, chief of police, said the new trucks are brand new and equipped just as other patrol vehicles with all the safety equipment. SRO Sergeant Andy Weaver was the first to receive a new truck. It has a big "M" with the word "Rebels" through the middle of the M on the hood and "Police, City of McKenzie" on the side door.

The trucks are beautiful, said Chief White. He said, McKenzie has the best-looking fleet of patrol vehicles, all painted the same gray color and decals.

Huntingdon Hears More Complaints About Water

HUNTINGDON (April 23) — Three citizens were in attendance at the Huntingdon Town Mayor and Council meeting on Tuesday, April 23 to verbalize their complaints with the Huntingdon Water and Sewer Department.

Barbara Knuutila, Allison Williams, and Marty Towater each had different concerns about the utility services.

Some of the ongoing complaints were addressed

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New Laws To Know In 2024

On Thursday, the 113th General Assembly of the Tennessee Legislature drew to a close. It was a tumultuous session marked by Tennessee teachers being allowed to enter the classroom armed, AI protection in the music industry, additional abortion legislation, and the school voucher bill failing. Included was the passage of Governor Lee's \$52.8 billion budget.

In this session, Governor Lee and the Republican majority of the General Assembly had many high-profile bills. What seemed to be one on the Governor's agenda

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Ernest Brown

TBI Agents Arrest Henry Man on Online Exploitation

PARIS — Special agents assigned to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force have arrested and charged a man in connection to an ongoing investigation into online child sexual exploitation.

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West Carroll Board of Education Agenda

May 2, 2024 6:30 p.m., West Carroll Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria .
Call meeting to order — Chairman Robinson.
Invocation.
Approve Agenda.
Approve Consent Agenda.
Approve minutes from April 4, 2024.
Approve resignations: Mr. Michael Nelson and Mrs. Amanda Noles.
West Carroll Special School District Retirement Recognition: Mrs. Kay Story and Mrs. Sherry Cockrill.
West Carroll Special School District Tenure Recommendation/Approval: Mrs. Brittany Scobey and Mrs. Kristin Mansfield.

WCHS Act Benchmark Recognition: Mr. Joe Tetleton and Mrs. Piper Jenkins.
WCHS Girls/Boys State Representatives.
WCHS FBLA State Conference Student Recognition.
WCHS FBLA Field Trip Request to the National Leadership Convention in Orlando, FL (One Reading Required).
WCPS/WCES HVAC bid opening (ESSER funds) -XIV.
WC Central Office Marquee Sign bid opening (ESSER).
Public Comment (*Prior Approval Required).
Principal Reports.
Director of Schools Report.



McKenzie Fire, Rescue Assists at Single-Car Wreck

MCKENZIE (April 29) — A single-car accident on Monday, April 29 around lunch caused a safety concern for the driver's safety and locomotive traffic on the nearby train track.
McKenzie Fire/Rescue, McKenzie Police Department and Carroll County EMS was dispatched to the intersection of Maple Street and South Stonewall. A car had driven into the deep side ditch

and against the bed of the CSX railroad track. A CSX representative was on the scene.
McKenzie Fire/Rescue used cribbing under the vehicle and a tow cable to stabilize the car as medical personnel and firefighters removed the driver. He was transported to the hospital.
D&D Wrecker Service was dispatched to tow the vehicle.



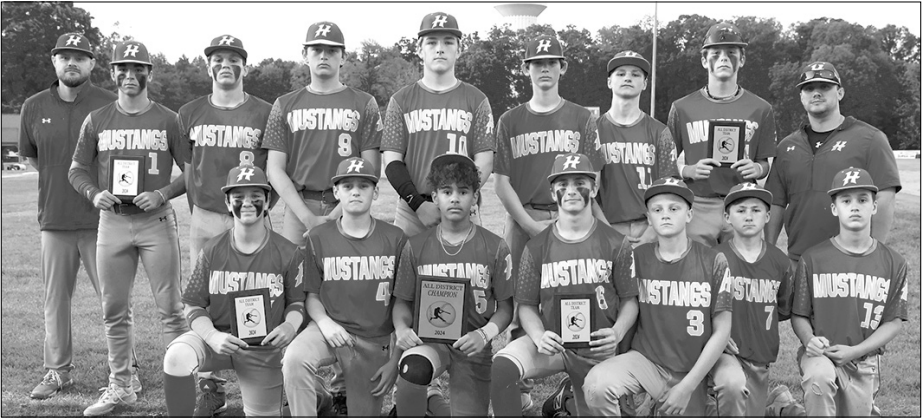
Lowery is McKenzie's New Basketball Coach

MCKENZIE (April 23) — McKenzie Special School District is excited to announce McKenzie High School has hired Justin Lowery to serve as head coach for the Rebels Basketball team for the upcoming school year.
Coach Lowery is joining the Rebels staff from Gibson Co. High School, where he has been head coach for the Pioneers basketball team since 2012. Coach Lowery holds several accolades from his time at Gibson Co. High, including being the winningest boys' basketball coach in Gibson Co. history. In the 2021-2022 season, the Pioneers first appeared in the sub-state in over 30 years. The following season, the Pioneers basketball team won their first-ever region title and made a back-to-back sub-state appearance. Lowery was chosen as the District 12AA Coach of the Year in 2023, and was chosen to coach the 2024 BCAT All-Star team. Prior to coaching the Pioneers team, Lowery also coached at Medina Middle and Dyer Middle. During his tenure, Lowery has also coached tennis, cross country, golf, and volleyball.
As a player at Bradford High School, Lowery demonstrated his abilities on the court and has since been inducted into the Gibson Co. Sports Hall of Fame.
Lowery fills the vacancy left by Coach John Wilkins, who accepted a coaching position in Middle Tennessee. Wilkins had a successful ten-

ure of 14 years at McKenzie.
McKenzie SSD's Director of Schools, Dr. Justin Barden, shared "I am excited that we have the opportunity for Coach Lowery to take the helm of the Rebels Basketball team for the 2024-2025 school year. He has a wealth of experience as a head coach and knows how to win ballgames. Justin also focuses on seeing young men grow and become the best versions of themselves and knows the work that needs to be done to help develop outstanding student-athletes who will be great community members when they leave the program. We are excited for the future of Rebel's program as Coach Lowery moves into the head coach role."
McKenzie High School principal, Mr. Kelly Spivey, noted "I am excited for the experience and enthusiasm Coach Lowery will bring to our team, and he is very excited to be a part of the MHS family."
Coach Lowery is married to Suzy, and they have two sons, Knox and Mac. Lowery has a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, focusing on K-12 physical education. He also earned an Associate's Degree from Jackson State Community College and played basketball for the Generals. Coach Lowery will serve as the Health/Wellness teacher at McKenzie High.
MHS is planning a "Meet the Coach" night but the date is still to be determined.

Huntingdon Wins Middle School Tourney

MCKENZIE (April 28) — Huntingdon Middle School Baseball was the winner of the Tri-County Middle School Baseball Tournament on Sunday in McKenzie.
The championship game was between Huntingdon and Stewart County with the Mustangs claiming the victory.
Teams participating were Bruceton, Camden, Dresden, Greenfield, Stewart County, Huntingdon, McKenzie, West Carroll and Henry County.
The All District players were: Bruceton — Garrett Ingram, and Mason McGee;



Dresden — Dawson Slone and Zach Coughenour; Camden — Harper French and Creed Townsend; Greenfield — Anderson Hayes and Phillip Scates;

McKenzie — Maddox Shiell and Cooper Davidson; Stewart County — Hargis Cherry and Easton West; Henry County — TalanPaschall and Dre Kemp; Huntingdon

— Cy Hankins, Colt Wood, Hayes Eubanks and Maddox Holmes; and West Carroll — Ethan Baker and Jason Roberts. Coach of the Year was Ryan Vincent, Huntingdon.



Treva Maitland, executive director of CASA-Midwest, cuts the ribbon for the new offices of CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates in Carroll County. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

CASA Opens New Offices in Carroll County

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (April 23) — Carroll County has a new service to benefit children who need an adult to advocate for their needs and rights. Many of these children are abused or neglected and placed in foster care. CASA advocates for that child.
Treva Maitland is the executive director, Kim Smith is the program director and Cammy Estes is the advocate trainer. The group

works with other volunteers in Carroll and Gibson counties.
Volunteers undergo 30 hours of training and donate their time and services to improve the lives of young people. Statistically, CASA volunteers help children find permanent homes and provide resources.
Judge King said these children are sometimes physically or sexually abused or neglected. Some have never been to school. Sometimes, their medical needs are not

met. Often, it's the CASA volunteer, an adult the child can trust to advocate for him or her.
The judge said the Department of Children's Services works to remove a child from an undesirable situation and place the child in state custody. Then, CASA works to improve the child's life.
Some 40 children in Carroll County are in CASA care. CASA operates off local donations and volunteers. State grants are also

available.
Dr. Lee Butler and daughter, Peyton provide the office space at 20565 E. Main, Huntingdon. Carroll Bank and Trust, Tosh Farms, and Mayor Joseph Butler and State Representative Brock Martin assisted with funding. For more information, visit casamvtn.org. Maitland's phone number is 731-414-3521, Smith's is 731-415-9824, and Estes's is 731-697-7495. Carroll County Chamber of Commerce hosted the event.

McKenzie School Board Agenda

Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m., MHS Library.
Hear correspondence addressed to the Board.
Public comment(s) on actionable agenda items (not to exceed 15

minutes)*.
*MSSD Board Policy 1.404.
NEW BUSINESS:
SCOPE Report—Mrs. Lowe and MHS students.
Discussion with Greg

Jones, Food Services Director.
First reading, amendments to the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education.
Policy Manual.
1.404 Appeals to and Appearance Before the Board.
6.204 Attendance of

Non-Resident Students.
Consider for approval purchase of Maintenance Dept truck.
Discussion of School Support Organization policy/handbook.
HR Report.
Director's Report.
Adjourn.

Water

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during the March meeting when the city voted to spend \$1,536,146 in two projects to replace aging water lines and to install all new self-reading, digital water meters. The new meters are expected to be installed in the coming months. Those will be read automatically and not be subject to human error in reading the meters.
Knuutila addressed the Council in March and registered her complaints about improperly read water meters and discolored water. She was on the agenda for April, however, Mayor Nina Smothers said she sent Knuutila a letter addressing each of the issues. Water Superintendent Randy Crossett helped with the response in the letter and each councilman received a copy of that response.
Allison Williams said her water bill was \$601 and had not been read in months until recently. The prior three months bills were \$89, said Williams. She said she was told the \$601 bill was a

caught-up bill since she had used the water and had been undercharged in previous bills. She said she phoned city hall and received no correspondence back. Williams said another water customer had his or her bill adjusted from \$800 to \$500. She noted the adjustment policy is inconsistent with the city's ordinance.
Mayor Smothers said some of the information provided by Williams was incorrect and requested to meet with her.
Marty Towater complained about the cost of a replacement grinder pump that was required for his sewer connection. It was installed on October 9, 2023 at a cost of \$3,400 after the original pump failed after more than 20 years of service. His property was annexed in 1997 and the city provided a grinder pump to install in his septic tank to connect it to the city's sewer system. The grinder pump allows the city to extend sewer services in areas where the cost of a sewer lift station is not feasible. Originally, the city provided the pump for free.
Towater said he phoned the water superintendent five times and another employee of the department

12 times before the pump was installed. The pump was installed on October 9, 2023. To his surprise, Towater received a \$3,400 invoice on April 12, 2024. Originally, the invoice had him incorrectly charged with two pumps, rather than just one.
Towater said he reviewed the public notice in the Carroll County News-Leader concerning a water rate adjustment, however, the notice said nothing about sewer grinder pumps. He spoke with the former water superintendent, who noted the grinder pumps were a way for the city to provide sewer without the cost to install a sewer lift station. That was a cost-savings for the city.
Mayor Smothers said the policy about water and sewer rates were all in a public notice, which was just a summary of the ordinance. That ordinance was approved after two separate readings by the Council and a public hearing.
City Attorney Robert Keeton, III, who is also the mayor of Bruceton, said the public notice is a summary and not inclusive of all the provisions of the ordinance. The city followed a state regulatory agency and the city's insurer recommenda-

tion that grinder pumps be purchased by the individual property owner to limit liability for the city.
In other business, the Council voted to call for an election for the office of mayor and four at-large councilmen for four-year terms.
They approved Arrow Paving Company's bid to pave at a rate of \$152 per ton for an estimated total of \$291,780. Jones Brothers bid \$190.00 per ton for an estimated price of \$451,577. It is to pave five city streets.
A bid to purchase a breathing air compressor for the Fire Department was approved from the low bidder, Breathing Air Systems at \$42,590. The system is to refill the self-contained breathing apparatus worn by firefighters when they enter a burning building. Three other bids ranged in price from \$43,790 to \$55,853.
An ordinance was approved to change the setback requirements for corner lots in residential zones. A change was also made to the Alcoholic Beverage retail store ordinance. Election day was eliminated from the days of prohibited sales for alcoholic beverages.

TBI

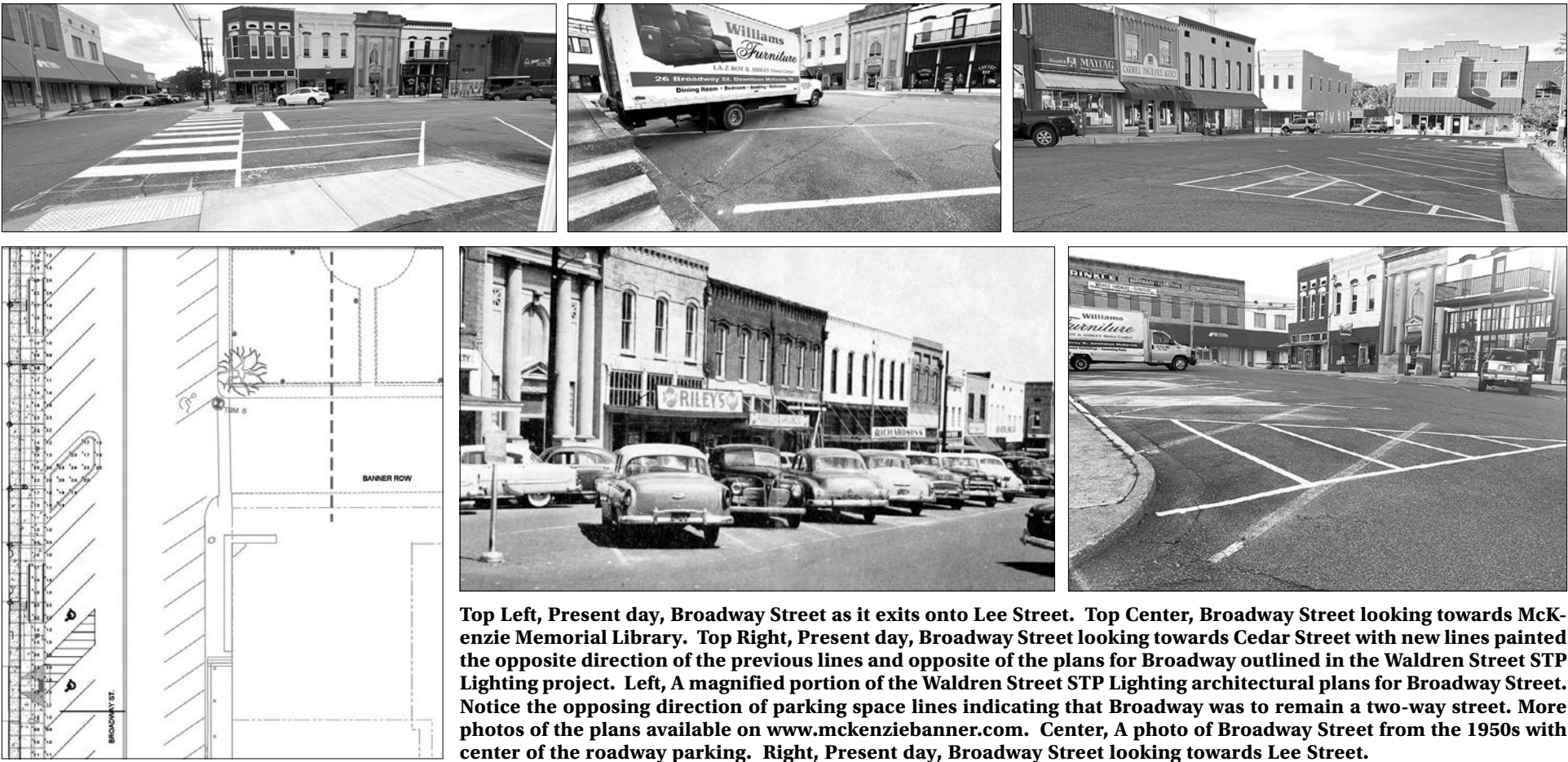
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TBI agents began the investigation after receiving information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about an individual, later identified as Ernest Brown (DOB 3-17-1979), who possessed and distributed multiple files of

child sexual abuse material through Facebook. Agents subsequently determined Brown to be in possession of more than 5,000 files of child sexual abuse material.
Today, agents, with the assistance of TBI's Criminal Investigation Division, TBI's Cybercrime & Digital Evidence Unit, the Henry County Sheriff's Department, and Homeland Security Investigations, searched Brown's home, seized 10

electronic devices, and arrested Brown, charging him with 10 counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and two counts of Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Authorities booked him into the Henry County Jail on \$500,000 bond.
The investigation remains ongoing and anyone with information about Brown, in relation to these alleged crimes, should contact TBI at 1-800-TBI-FIND or Tips-

ToTBI@tbi.tn.gov.
The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is an ICAC affiliate of the Tennessee ICAC Task Force. Anyone with information about cases of online child exploitation should contact the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Tipline at 1-800-TBI-FIND, TipsToTBI@tbi.tn.gov, or report via the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTipline at CyberTipline.org.



Street

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was the date of the council meeting when it was discussed? How did the council vote? Can you provide a copy of the minutes from the meeting?"

McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin provided the following statement, "After consulting with Chief [Ryan] White, Director [Johnny] Mercer, and our contractor, the decision was made that for public safety, it was best to make it a one-way street. Time constraints precluded the convening of a formal meeting, yet, this matter will be deliberated and voted upon at the forthcoming May meeting. I've also sought the insight of MTAS, whose concurrence underscores the importance of safety in our considerations. As mayor, public welfare remains my utmost priority."

On Tuesday morning, The Banner witnessed Mayor Griffin on Broadway Street talking to workers, gesturing to the road and pointing to both ends of Broadway Street. However, this did not seem out of the ordinary as Mayor Griffin is regularly seen downtown talking to workers.

That same day, contract work crews were busy repainting lines and installing new road signs on Broadway that indicate the change of travel. The crews were likely on scene to continue work according to the Waldren Street STP Lighting project plans, but at some point during the day the plan deviated from the approved architectural drawings to

implementing the change in the direction of travel on Broadway Street.

The direction of travel on the entire length of Broadway is now from Cedar Street (the location of Super Drugs and the Park Theatre) to Lee Street (the location of the Wrinkle Hardware Building). Compared to Broadway, Lee Street is a narrow one-way street that exits onto Main Street (in front of Smith & Smith Optometry). Lee Street requires motorists to turn left at the end of Broadway. Banner Row is a one-way street running from Main Street to Broadway.

On Wednesday, The Banner contacted MTAS representative Dana Deem about the change of Broadway Street.

"Does a municipality have to give public notice or hold a public meeting to change the direction of a city street?"

Deem replied, "Making a street "one-way" must be done by ordinance. This ordinance will require two readings on separate days and public notice must be given for both meetings."

The Banner found two sources on MTAS Library website that align with Mr. Deem's advice.

In "Converting two way streets to one way streets" written on March 19, 2007, MTAS Public Works Consultant and Technical Consulting Program Manager Sharon Rollins said, "As we discussed during my visit, whenever traffic patterns change, there may be some initial confusion and even an increase in accidents until users become accustomed to the new traffic flow. For those reasons, it is extremely important that (1) the public be alerted to the proposed

changes by newspaper notices, by written notices, town hall meetings, personal visits, etc. and (2) that intersections and parking zones be clearly marked with appropriate signage."

Also, "One way street ordinance" written in 2015, by John Chlarson, is an ordinance template made available for other municipalities to use when changing a street from two-way to one-way.

Another local municipality recently changed the direction of travel of a roadway.

On February 28, 2023 the Town of Huntingdon heard its first reading of the ordinance converting Ashbury Circle to a two-way street, at the request of its citizens.

During that meeting, Tim Atkins, pastor of the Huntingdon First United Methodist Church, spoke in favor of converting Ashbury Circle to two-way from the current one-way street. The street circles the church and serves the church and a few residences.

The Town of Huntingdon approved the Ashbury Circle ordinance after its second reading on March 21, 2023.

According to Tennessee Code Annotated:

6-54-512. Actions of governing body to be by ordinance. The following actions of the governing body of a municipality shall be by ordinance unless otherwise allowed by general law to be done by resolution: (1) Any action required by general law or the charter of a municipality to be by ordinance; or (2) Any action that: (A) Levies a tax; (B) Makes a special assessment; (C) Is permanent in nature; or (D) Has a regulatory or penal effect.

6-32-202. Passage,

amendment and repeal of ordinances.

(a) Each ordinance, before being adopted, shall be read at two (2) meetings not less than one (1) week apart, and shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption; provided, that, where an emergency exists and the public safety and welfare requires it, an ordinance containing a full statement of the facts and reasons for the emergency may be made effective upon its adoption if approved by a majority of the members of the council on two (2) readings on successive days. As used in this subsection (a), "read" means the reading of the caption of the ordinance.

(b) At least the title and a brief summary of each ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, shall be published in the official city newspaper at least one (1) week before final passage, either separately or as part of the published proceedings of the council.

6-32-204. Preservation and publication of ordinances.

(a) All ordinances and their amendments shall be recorded by the clerk in a book to be known as the "ordinance book," and it shall be the duty of the mayor and clerk to authenticate such records by their official signatures. A separate record shall be maintained for resolutions. The original copies of all ordinances, resolutions, and motions shall be filed and preserved by the city clerk.

(b) At least an abstract of the essential provisions of each ordinance shall be published once in the official city newspaper within ten (10) days after its adoption, except that only the title

shall be so published of any technical code adopted by reference.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, "One-way streets tend to have higher speeds which creates new problems. If a street is converted to one-way, it should be evaluated to see if additional changes should be made, especially if the street or lanes are overly wide. Also, traffic circulation in the broader area must be carefully considered before conversion to one-way streets."

"As a system, one-way streets can increase travel distances of motorists and create some confusion, especially for non-local residents. One-way streets operate best in "pairs," separated by a block to no more than one-quarter mile. Conversion costs can be quite high to build "crossovers" where the one-way streets convert back to two-way streets, and to rebuild traffic signals and revise striping, signing and parking meters."

"Conversions can go the other way as well: some places are returning one-way streets back to two-way to allow better local access and to slow traffic. Two-way streets tend to be slower due to "friction," especially on residential streets without a marked center line."

After reviewing the Waldren Street STP Lighting Project plans, it is clear that changing Broadway Street to a one-way street was not part of the project and therefore was not passed via ordinance or by providing prior public notice as state law dictates.

Changes to roadways can be disorienting for drivers, in early April of this year, a McKenzie resident struck

the new curbed sidewalk in front of McKenzie Station Bar and Grill at the corner of Lee Street and Broadway.

Both The Banner and Williams Furniture receive daily or bi-weekly shipments via semi trucks that park on Lee Street.

Sometimes deliveries temporarily obstruct the flow of traffic. An issue that may soon be more pronounced by the rerouting of all Broadway traffic to Lee Street.

According to the bid notice dated March 9, 2018, The Waldren Street STP Lighting project plan involves street light installation, curb ramp installation, and sidewalk replacement to comply with ADA regulations. The project is located in the City of McKenzie, Tenn., on Waldren Street, South Main Street and Broadway Street.

The bidding process for this project was closed on August 31, 2023. Architectural drawings illustrate Broadway as a two-way street.

MTAS was created in 1949 to provide technical assistance to municipal governments within the state of Tennessee. MTAS assists with municipal management, legal assistance, public safety, finance and more.

According to MTAS' website, municipal management consultants work one-on-one with city officials to solve problems and answer questions. MTAS' legal consultants help city officials navigate the municipal legal environment. Services offered by MTAS attorneys include drafting ordinances and resolutions, providing copies of sample ordinances from other cities, writing legal opinions, and preparing and revising city charters.

Laws

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was the school choice voucher bill, while the bill was not approved by the State House, it will become a "zombie bill" and arise from the dead expectantly in the next session.

Armed Teachers Bill: Select Tennessee school faculty or staff can carry a concealed handgun on the grounds of the school they work at, including inside classrooms, without notifying parents. Teachers wishing to carry firearms on school property must obtain a valid handgun carry permit, undergo fingerprinting and background check, receive a psychiatric certification, and complete 40 hours of training in school policing. They must also receive permission from the school district, the school principal, and local law enforcement.

AI Protections for Musicians: Lawmakers approved the Ensuring Likeness Voice and Image Security Act, or ELVIS Act, which creates voice protections against deepfakes and unauthorized uses of artists' voices and likenesses. A host of celebrity musicians and songwriters testified in committee and joined Lee at bill announcements and signings – includ-

ing CMA Entertainer of the Year Lainey Wilson, singer and actress Chrissy Metz, songwriter and producer Jamie Moore, and country star Luke Bryan.

Banned 'chem Trails': The law bans the intentional release of chemicals into the air, a widely debunked conspiracy theory that the federal government is spreading chemicals for nefarious reasons.

Centralized Case Reporting System: Lawmakers approved a measure to require the state to establish a centralized court reporting system, which will in part enable background checks for firearms sales to accurately reflect current case dispositions and keep guns out of the hands of people who are not lawfully allowed to have them.

Jillian's Law: In a bill named for slain Belmont University student Jillian Ludwig, lawmakers passed a bill to block criminal defendants who are deemed mentally incompetent and unable to stand trial from legally buying or possessing a gun, and require them to be committed to a facility for mental health treatment.

Death Penalty For Child Rapists: Lawmakers voted to allow the death penalty for defendants convicted of raping a child under 12 – to challenge a 2008 U.S. Su-

preme Court ruling. Senate Bill 1834 would allow capital punishment for adults convicted of raping a child, with certain aggravating factors.

Penalties for Helping Minors with Abortions without Parental Consent: Adults who assist minors seeking an abortion or abortion pills could face jail time if they don't first get written, notarized permission from the child's parent.

Reformed Certificate of Need Requirements: Current law requires state approval before providers can build or expand healthcare facilities and services. Lawmakers approved a measure to phase out a certificate of need permit requirements for new healthcare facilities to open in counties that do not already have hospitals, in an effort to increase access to emergency care.

Child Autopsies Closed to Public Review without Parental Consent: Lawmakers passed legislation requiring autopsies of children killed in violent crimes will not be open to public records requests without parental consent, unless the parent has been named a suspect in the child's death. Autopsy records must be reviewed in person, and no photographs or reproductions can be made.

Required School-Based Gun Safety Training: Law-

makers approved a bill to require public schools in Tennessee to teach children age-appropriate, politically neutral firearms safety concepts as early as pre-kindergarten. School children will be taught concepts such as "how to avoid injury if a student finds a firearm," "never to touch a found firearm," and safety relating to firearms beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

Required Age Verification and Parental Consent for Social Media Sites: Lawmakers approved the Protecting Children from Social Media Act to require parental consent and age verification before children are allowed to create social media accounts. Similar laws in other states have faced legal challenges.

Required Students to View Political Fetal Development Video: School children in most Tennessee counties will be required to view a three-minute animated video depicting fetal development, such as one produced by anti-abortion political action group Live Action, regardless of parental consent, beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

Increased K-12 Funding By \$261M: Lawmakers included a \$261 million increase for the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement funding structure for

K-12 education. The funding increase will continue working toward a minimum starting salary of \$50,000 for Tennessee teachers by 2026.

\$15M for Charter School Facilities: The budget also included \$15 million for public charter schools to acquire facilities. Separate legislation would give charter schools first right of refusal to lease or purchase vacant and underutilized public school facilities, a measure criticized by opponents as a "land grab."

Opened Liability for Out-Of-State Travel with Minors for Transgender Therapies: Lawmakers passed a bill to designate civil liability for adults who "intentionally recruit, harbor, or transport" unemancipated children for the purposes of receiving transgender-affirming medical treatments, therapies, and procedures already outlawed in Tennessee without consent from a parent or legal guardian.

Extended Sexual Assault Suit Statute of Limitations: The Lawmakers approved a measure to extend the statute of limitations from one year to three for victims of rape, sexual assault, and sexual battery to bring lawsuits.

A Historic Bible is an Official State Book: The Aiken Bible – the first edition of the Bible printed in the United States during the

Revolutionary War – is an official state book, along with nine other works including George Washington's "Farewell Address" and Alex Haley's "Roots."

Tightened Immigration Reporting: Local law enforcement is required to report individuals' immigration status to federal enforcement authorities passed and was signed into law, despite opposition from immigrant rights groups.

Expanded Secrecy for Tourism Records: Lawmakers approved a bill to keep certain records at the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development secret if the agency's commissioner and attorney general deem them "sensitive."

Required Distinct Emergency Alarms In Schools: Lee signed into law a measure to require all schools in the state to create a new fire alarm policy – an effort backed by parents from The Covenant School following the deadly shooting there last year. The new law requires all schools to develop emergency procedures to determine the cause of an activated fire alarm.

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THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Masks

I've written about suicide, talked to people about suicide, been in schools and work settings to help them formulate a plan for dealing with losing a coworker or student to suicide, and I've counseled untold numbers of people left behind in the aftermath of suicide. I've also worked with people in the aftermath of a mass shooting event. You know what? I don't have the answers to the questions everyone asks. What I DO know is that everyone needs to be more attentive to the people around them. Listen better. Tell people what it is about them that you appreciate or love. Ask them to do things with you. Share pieces of your life with them so they know

your life isn't perfect. Get your head out of your phone and pay attention to any changes in them and ask if anything's going on. If you have a relationship with Christ that has brought you peace and contentment, share that with them in a calm and reasoned manner, and don't get offended if they don't want to hear that. It's okay. You've planted a seed, and that's enough. What shocks people sometimes is when a person commits suicide who always seemed happy, positive, and joyful and never appeared to be depressed. That's because we all wear masks. Because of that, let me share with you what those masks of depression and distress look like: 1. Sad and tearful. This face is easy to recognize because this is how we expect depression to look. 2. No interest in doing anything. Unfortunately,

we sometimes mistake this for a boring, uninteresting person. 3. Withdrawn, few friends. This can be mistakenly seen as someone who doesn't want friends and is stuck up. The opposite is the truth. It's that they've given up on making friends. 4. Normal. They seem to function fine in life. A solid student or worker. Committed to family. Friendly. 5. Jovial/Always happy. It's like they have no problems at all. Everyone envies their positive attitude and likes to be around them. You see? Depression and distress look like all those things. YOU CAN'T KNOW what's going on with a person if you don't know them, and even then, they might keep the truth hidden from you. But at least we can all try harder. *Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume 1: I Didn't Know Donkeys Could Laugh.



Georgia Tann with an unknown child.

Georgia Tann

Part II: The Dark Legacy of a Child Trafficker

Tann employed a range of deceitful tactics to procure children, often preying on vulnerable families under the pretext of providing them with better opportunities. Many of the children taken into TCHS's custody were born to unmarried mothers, who were coerced or deceived into relinquishing their parental rights. Tann's ability to manipulate and exploit the vulnerabilities of these families underscored her cunning and ruthlessness. In addition to targeting unmarried mothers, Tann also exploited the racial prejudices of the time, profiting from the sale of "desirable" white children to affluent families while relegating children of color to inferior treatment and placement. This discriminatory practice further highlights the depths of Tann's moral bankruptcy and the extent of her exploitation.

Alma Walton and Regina Warner worked for Tann and made a trip every three weeks with four to six babies in tow: Walton to California and Warner to New York. They would rent hotel rooms where they would meet with prospective adoptive parents, most of whom were wealthy. Under Tann's direction, TCHS operated as a highly profitable adoption racket, catering to the demands of affluent clientele, including Hollywood celebrities, politicians, and wealthy families across the United States. Exploiting her extensive network of contacts, Tann facilitated the illegal adoption of children to eager adoptive parents, charging exorbitant fees for her services. Each couple would pay \$700 in a check made out to "Georgia Tann."

Tann would charge prospective parents for background checks she had never pursued, air travel costs at exorbitant rates, and adoption paperwork at five times the actual cost. The state of Tennessee contributed \$61,000 a year to the agency, with 31 percent of that money going toward the Memphis branch. Profits were kept in a secret bank account under a false corporation name. It is alleged that she pocketed 80 to 90 percent of the fees from these adoptions for her personal use. She also failed to report the income to the Society's board or the Internal Revenue Service. In a 1979 interview with the Los Angeles Times, Tennessee special prosecutor Robert Taylor reported that 1,200 children were adopted out of the home between 1944 and 1950, with a few of them remaining with Tennessee families.

Tann destroyed records of the children who were processed through the TCHS. As a result, the Child Welfare League of America dropped the Society from its list of qualifying institutions in 1941. Many of the files of the children were fictionalized before being presented to the adoptive parents, which covered up the child's circumstances before being placed. When an adoptive parent discovered that the information on the child was incorrect, such as in cases of falsified medical histories, Tann often threatened the adoptive parents with possible legal action that would force the surrender of their children. Tann's threats were fulfilled with the aid of Shelby County Family Court Judge Camille Kelley, who used her position of authority to sanction Tann's tactics and activities.

Tann would identify children as being from homes that could not provide for their care, and Kelley would push the matter through her dockets. Kelley also severed custody of divorced mothers, placing the children with Tann, who then arranged for the adoption of the children into "homes better able to provide for the children's care." However, many of the children were placed into homes where they were used as child labor on farms, or with abusive families.

Bypassing Shelby County Probate Court, most of the adoption cases were handled in the counties of Dyer, Haywood, and Hardeman. Tann had connections with former Memphis, Tennessee, mayor E.H. "Boss" Crump, who continued to have an influential political presence until his death. He had long been known to take bribes from unlawful establishments (e.g., brothels and gambling halls), a fact which Tann used to her advantage. She enjoyed a lavish lifestyle and was widely respected in the community, counting among her friends prominent families, politicians, and legislators.

While in her care, the children were mistreated by Tann, with reports of neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and murder. With no housing facilities, the society held children awaiting placement in public facilities and foster homes.

In the 1930s, Memphis had the highest infant mortality rate in the nation, largely due to Tann. In 1943, a wealthy businessman donated the mansion at 1556 Poplar Avenue to the society. The offices and intake rooms were put on the bottom floor, while the nurseries were upstairs.

The all-female staff wore all-white nursing uniforms, even though they were mostly untrained and even substance abusers. The children were frequently sedated and those who were difficult to place were allowed to die of malnutrition. Tann regularly ignored doctors' recommendations for sick children, denying them care or medicine, which often led to preventable deaths from illnesses such as diarrhea.

Some of her victims are known to be buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee, other children were never accounted for, and the exact number of deceased children remains unknown, with estimates of about 500 deaths due to mistreatment.

At the time, so-called "black market" adoptions were not illegal but were considered ethically and morally wrong. Information about the child's heritage and medical history was lost, and adoptive parents were unaware of any physical or mental illness.

The Tennessee governor of the time, Gordon Browning, launched an investigation into the society on September 11, 1950, after receiving reports that the agency was selling children for profit. Memphis attorney Robert Taylor was assigned to the case.

Two days later, the story was published in the media nationwide, including in the Memphis, Tennessee Commercial Appeal and The New York Times. Public Welfare Commissioner J. O. McMahan accused Tann and her cohorts of receiving as much as \$1 million in profits. Three months after Tann's death, the state of Tennessee sued Tann's estate for \$500,000.

The case was settled out of court with her beneficiaries ceding two-thirds of her \$82,000 estate to the Tennessee Children's Home Society. The Tennessee Children's Home Society was closed in 1950.

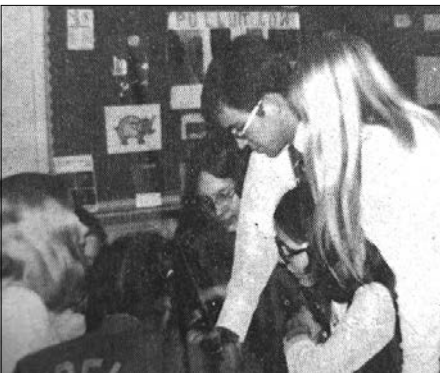
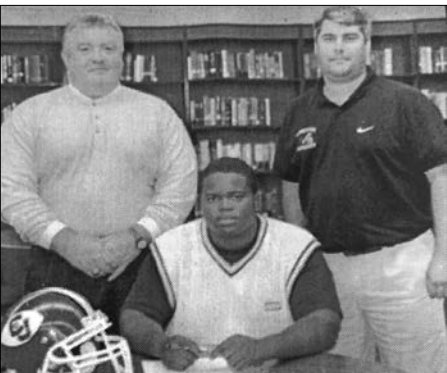
Tann is estimated to have stolen over 5,000 children. New York and California vowed to take action, but the children's adoptions were never investigated, and no children were restored.

In the next edition, I will wrap up the story of Georgia Tann and her demented practices with the Tennessee Children's Society.

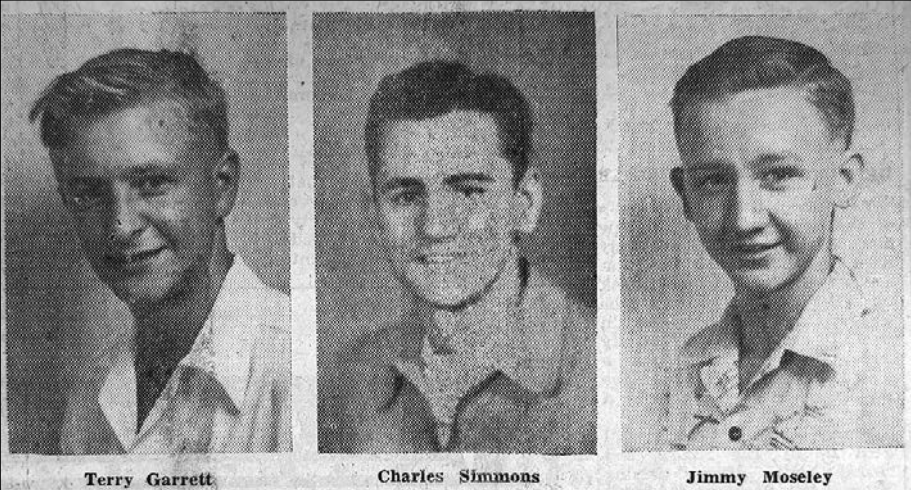


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Top, Angela Beecham Bartholomew, Carie Neal Bradfield, representing her mother inductee Bette Smith Edwards, Michael Hayes, Patrick Hicks, Malcolm Pendergrass, and Luke Welch were all inducted into the Carroll County Hall of Fame. Above Left, 25 Years Ago — Earl Dinwiddie received a scholarship to play football at Cumberland University. Dinwiddie was joined by Huntingdon Coach Mike Mansfield. Above Right, 50 Years Ago — Mr. Jimmy Hampton's seventh-grade science class conducted an observational period. This life science class observed grasshoppers to learn their parts and how similar they are to a higher form of life. Below, 75 Years Ago — A tragic accident happened when two cars smashed together, killing six people. The dead included Terry Garrett, 17; Charles Simmons, 18; Jimmy Moseley, 16; Jean Gooch and her two sons Jonny and Jerry. From the appearance of the car two cars, it was suspected that the Gooch car crashed into the Garrett car at almost the center of the right door.



Looking Back from Our Archives

10 Years Ago — Madison Graves placed third in the Eighth District 2014 Congressional Art Competition. Madison Received this award from Congressman Stephan Fincher for her piece titled "Get a Grip." * Collin Smith was greeted by all his celebrating teammates after he hit a home run against Central High School. **25 Years Ago** — The Kelly Miller Bros. Circus presented two shows after McKenzie Lions Club sponsored them for a showing.

* Ken Reitz signed an autograph for little league player at the dedication of the Kelley Sports Complex. **50 Years Ago** — Mary Ann Kirk, Marion Cawood, Marsh Hudson, Robert Steobel, and Thomas Kartak performed at the Henry M. Dickey Fine Arts Auditorium on Bethels College Campus. They performed Under the direction of Henry Fusner. The two Operas presented that night were Mozart's "Impresario" and the contemporary opera by Thomas Pasatieri, "La Divina." * McKenzie's art classes

focused on a new viewpoint of the art around them. They learned about Greek and Roman art as well as the Renaissance. They studied art to get a new perspective on their creations. Several of these students' artworks were exhibited in the scholastic student art competition at Southland Mall in Memphis. **75 Years Ago** — B-R-Y-A-N-T-S Flower Shop put an ad in the newspaper for Mother's Day. They believed flowers were the way to express love for a mother. * McKenzie Park Theatre had a showing. They played Apartment for Peggy, who killed Doc Robbin, Here Comes Trouble, and Sealed Verdict, along with other Cartoons and News.

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Obituaries



SABRINA SNIDER
1963 – 2024

GLEASON — Services for Sabrina Dawn Snider, 60, of Gleason, were Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Martin, Tenn. Burial was in New Valley Cemetery in Gleason.

Mrs. Snider is survived by her husband, Mike Snider of Gleason. She is also survived by two children, Katie Snider of Gleason and Blake Snider of Thompson Station, Tenn.

She was born on June 22, 1963, and died on April 24, 2024.

She leaves behind two siblings, Benita (Hoyt) Giffin and David (Jennifer) Godwin, both of Union City, Tenn.

Mrs. Snider was preceded in death by her parents, Harold David and Betty Godwin.

Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

BENJAMIN THOMAS
1973 – 2024

Mr. Benjamin Charles Thomas, 50, of McKenzie, died Monday, April 22, 2024, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Church In Paris (CIP). McPhearson-Rawls Funer-

al Home is in charge of arrangements, 731-642-1515.

KENNETH FOWLER
1963 – 2024

BUENA VISTA — Mr. Kenneth “Kenny Dale” Fowler, 61, of Buena Vista, Tenn., died Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 27, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home, with Bro. Matthew Floyd officiating. Burial was in Prospect Cemetery in Hollow Rock.

Kenny Dale was born February 10, 1963, in Huntingdon, Tenn., to the late William” Rab” Fowler and Vonnell (Hampton) Fowler, who survives. He was employed with Fowler Construction and attended Humbles Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a brother, Keith “Re-Run” Fowler, and a grandson, Peyton Everett Fowler.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Fowler, a daughter, Amanda Sauls (B.J.) of Hollow Rock, a son, Kenny Dale Fowler, his mother, Vonnell Fowler of Huntingdon, four sisters, Teresa Tate (John) of Munford, Auga Floyd (PeeWee) of Bruceton, Sha Reynolds (Brad) of Bruce-ton, Charity Pinkley (Robert) of Trezevant, and two grandchildren.

ANGIE HICKMAN
1966 – 2024

Funeral Services for Angie Hickman is Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Wednesday at the funeral home, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery.

Mrs. Hickman, 57, died Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital. She at-

tended Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the Stafford Store Community and retired from McKenzie Medical Center. She was born on May 25, 1966, in Huntingdon to George and Bernice Rushing Moore.

She is survived by her husband Freddie Hickman, son Andrew (Katie) Hickman, grandson Waylon Hickman, mother Bernice Moore and brother David Lambert all of Gleason.

She is preceded in death by her father George Moore.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Gideon's or Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Youth Fund.

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

DOROTHY MOODY
1936 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Dorothy Moody, 88, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Friday, April 19, 2024, at Huntingdon Health & Rehab.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 27, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Sellers Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Moody was born January 31, 1936, to the late Albert Miller and Effie Ringold Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Moody; one son Greg Boyd; two brothers Harold Miller and Jimmy Miller.

She is survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, one daughter Teresa (David) Loyd of Huntingdon, Tenn., one son, Jeff (Tena) Moody of Huntingdon, Tenn.

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



Quick and Easy
Cobbler

Melt 1 stick of butter in pan.

Mix 1 cup flour 1 cup sugar 1 cup milk 1 teaspoon baking powder.

Pour batter over butter in pan. Pour fruit over batter. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Most any fruit will do. If using fresh or frozen fruit, sweeten to taste.

Chicken and Rice

1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of chicken

soup

1 can cream of celery soup

1 cup uncooked rice

8 boneless chicken breasts

Place rice in greased casserole dish and top with 3 soups already mixed together. Place chicken on top and dot each piece with butter. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for about 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Taverns

2 lbs ground beef
3/4 cup catsup
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1 onion, sliced
Salt and pepper
1 cup water
Put all in a pot and simmer for about one hour. Serve, with a slotted spoon,

on hamburger buns. This makes a great sandwich - like sloppy joe.

Praline Sticks

2 sticks butter
1/2 cup sugar
Bring these two ingredients to a full boil. Boil for 2 minutes. Place 12 graham crackers in 9x13 pan. After butter mixture has boiled, add 1 cups chopped pecans and pour over crackers. Bake in 325 degree oven for 9 minutes. Let cool and cut into squares.

Jello Pound Cake

1 box yellow cake mix
3/4 cup water
1 box jello (small) strawberry, orange, lemon
3/4 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs (white)
Mix all together. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

McKenzie Garden Club News

The McKenzie Garden Club met for its April meeting at the lovely home of Mona Batchelor. Marlene Kreuter gave the devotional and chose as her topic the Cactus Flower, and using Isaiah 35:1 as her reference.

Marlene spoke about how the cactus stores water and sunlight to ensure they continue. They not only survive but thrive. She shared the qualities of one cactus with a beautiful flower that blooms only once, and at night. The magnificent bloom opens in hues of peach, gold and green, and flourishes, but only for one night, then fades and droops by morning. Our lives are much the same - fleeting - but what we do with them is important. Like the cactus, we need to store up nourishment that we receive from Gods word to get us through our desert wanderings and hard times and help us flourish, not just survive.

Following the devotional, Mona treated all the members to a lovely light luncheon, after which the meeting began.

There were corrections made to the minutes of the previous meeting; they were then approved as was the financial report.

Correspondence chair Marcia French reported on birthday and get-well cards sent throughout the past month. No activity for the past month was reported from the Civic and Conservation Committee. The phone committee was thanked for their reminder calls to all the members. Photography and Scrapbook committees had no new report.

Victoria Ard reported that a date in May was chosen for a workshop at Lakeside Senior Living Center to help the residents put together small mixed planters for their rooms or balconies. Several members have volunteered to help with this project. Marie Lozinsky reported that she and Karen Forrester are still gathering information to make and take planters to the local nursing homes for the patients there. She is hoping to start with seven to ten planters, but the project is still in it's planning stage. Brenda Smith reported the check designated for Habitat for Humanity was ready to be received, and volunteers will be available to put

in the plants we are buying for the project.

With no New Business pending, Mona Batchelor gave her program about her experience with Raised Bed Gardening.

Raised Bed Gardening is not a new concept - it came into vogue fifty or sixty years ago. Mona and her husband decided to try it as an alternative to chasing Bermuda grass. They began with a 6 x 6 cedar bed that they planted with iris, sedum and zinnias. The iris grew exponentially, but the bed fell apart. She told the group that two years ago, they chose to replace wooden beds with metal ones. Her friends and neighbors first mistook them for cattle troughs! The metal beds come in pieces. After working with them for a few years, Mona presented her comparison of the two growing experiences:

The advantages Mona saw in the metal beds included better control of the soil, and she reported to the group that she had fewer weeds to pull. The beds can be configured for aesthetics and are ergonomically better because they are high enough to work in without as much bending and stretching. The metal beds can extend your growing season, and voles

cannot reach the plants they contain.

The disadvantages include cost. Metal beds are pricey compared to constructing your beds from wood. Because of their shape, planning the shape and location of your bed needs to be considered and well as the building and installation. Metal beds also need to be watered more frequently.

Metal beds are bottomless. In filling them, you need to add wood, straw, or other materials to the bottom, and then equal parts of sand, humus, and good soil.

Raised bed gardening always includes a learning curve, with several decisions: Whether to use wood or metal; choosing flowers or vegetables; growing perennials or annuals. Mona finished her presentation by encouraging each of the members to discuss their experiences with raised bed gardening, and then took everyone out to see her metal beds as well as the lovely iris that she propagates. In returning to her home, the members recognized those celebrating birthdays in April with lovely potted flowers and the singing of Happy Birthday. The meeting was closed with the reading of the Collect.

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Tri-County Unemployment Remains at Historic Lows

NASHVILLE — Unemployment rates in the tri-county area remain at or near historic lows, at least the last fifty years, as reported in the March 2024 Labor Force Estimate by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Carroll reported a rate of 3.3 percent unemployment, up from the 3.1 rate in February but down from the 3.7 percent rate one year earlier. From a labor force of 11,868, there were 397 unemployed.

Henry County reported a rate of 3.4 percent in March, up from 3.3 one month earlier and down from 4.0 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,673, there were 470 unemployed.

Weakley County reported a rate of 3.1 percent, up from 2.8 one month earlier and equal to one year earlier. From a labor force of 15,139, there

were 470 unemployed.

In March, compared to February, the rate decreased in 12 counties, increased in 73 and remained the same in 10.

The highest unem-

ployment rate is in Clay County at 4.6 percent. The lowest is Williamson County at 2.2.

Tennessee's overall rate was 3.2 percent and the U.S. rate was 3.8 percent.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HUNTINGDON ELKS LODGE TO HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Huntingdon Elks Lodge and Veterans Honor Guard of Parkers Crossroads are hosting the third annual golf outing on Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. at Carroll Lake Golf Course. All golfers will receive a ticket for the Ricky Crider Fish Fry lunch at the Lodge after the event. Prizes awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and longest

putt. To register, contact Joe Kordik 815-409-2579 or John Williams 731-571-6958 or register at the Lodge. Proceeds benefit the Veterans Honor Guard and to purchase Christmas food baskets.

COUNTY CHAMBER TO HOST NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2024 National Day of Prayer. The event is at the Carroll County Airport on Thursday, May 2, at 8 a.m. The 73rd annual National Day of Prayer theme and Scripture reference is "For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God-His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." — 2

Samuel 22:29-31. The general public is invited to attend. The event is sponsored locally by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please contact 731-986-4664.

McKENZIE TO HOST HOMELESSNESS FORUM

McKenzie is Hosting a Homelessness Forum on Monday, May 13, 6 p.m. in the Park Theatre. The event is to raise awareness of the homeless situation and the resources available to assist these individuals. The panelist: Hometown Health Clinic, Carey Counseling Center, Inc., Tennessee Homeless Solutions, Beating Hearts Help Center, West Tennessee Continuum of Care, United Neighbors, and others. The event is free of charge.

McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Saturday, May 4 — Larry Morgan Dance Party starting at a new time, 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Sunday, May 5 — Dinner and a Movie, 5 p.m. Hot dogs, chips and tea will be provided. Bring other sides if you would like. The movie will be shown on the television. We will be showing "Ordinary Angels." Free for members and \$5 for guests.

Both events are at the Center, 172 Main Street S., McKenzie.

CALLED 911 MEETING

The Carroll County E911 Communication District Board of Directors is meeting May 6, 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Sheriff's Office. The one item of business is the discussion related to a new administrative headquarters for 911. The agenda indicates 'consider architectural schematic plans.

MEMPHIS WRESTLING RETURNS TO WEST CARROLL

Memphis Wrestling returns to West Carroll High School Gym on May 3, 7 p.m. to benefit West Carroll Football.

LIBERTY ALL HOMECOMING

The annual First Sunday in May Homecoming at Liberty All Church, 2415 Old Stage Road, Huntingdon is Sunday, May 5. The morning worship service is 10:30 a.m., led by church pastor Jennifer Sauer, followed by singing by Rita Jones and Debbie Wilson, Wendy Price and Pastor Sauer. Lunch is provided after the singing. Everyone is welcome.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

The Carroll County Humane Society yard sale is

Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 at 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.

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CARROLL 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 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 REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

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Congressman Kustoff Visits Carroll County

HUNTINGDON (April 25) — Congressman David Kustoff (R-Germantown) spoke at a forum hosted by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce on April 25 at the Carroll County Civic Center. Local political leaders, Chamber members, and members of the Carroll County Leadership Carroll County class were in attendance.

Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Kustoff. He said he was first elected on November 8, 2016 and has served as the district's congressman for 2,670 days. Kustoff visits Carroll County each year on Good Friday, said Hurley, however, a conflict this year caused the congressman to reschedule for April 25.

Kustoff spoke of the challenges in Congress, the need to support Israel, Ukraine



LCC Graduation Class and Congressman Kustoff, who presented each with a plaque for their graduation. Pictured: Nichole Baker—Zline; Preston Carter—Carroll Bank and Trust; Scott Carter—Huntingdon Special School District; Dreama Dolan—Life Care; Adriana Ezell—Office of the County Mayor; Myles Hebrard—Hollow Rock-Bruceston Special School District; Carrie Hollowell—WRAP; Ashley Horn—L.I. Smith; Derrick Hubble—Bethel University; Rakaya Humphreys—Northwest Tenn. Head Start; Audra Leggett—Huntingdon Health and Rehabilitation; Heather Megaw—Bethel University; Jeffery Roney—Tennessee Valley Realty; Emily Sublett—Centennial Bank; Brittany Twilbeck—TCAT Henry/Carroll; and Brittany Webb—Harmony Hill. Not Pictured: Skylar Hurley, TEC and Allison Keen, Carroll Bank and Trust.

and Taiwan, plus the strong economy in West Tennessee, thanks, in part, to the new Blue Oval campus in Stanton, Tennessee.

Kustoff said the Blue Oval campus continues to add manufacturing jobs thanks to recent announcement by additional supplier to the Ford automotive plant, now under construction. It is an estimated 7,800 jobs on the campus when all the industries are operational.

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Kustoff said he voted to support legislation to fund Ukraine's war against Russia, to support the defense efforts of Israel, and support Taiwan. The legislation also required TikTok, a social media and media platform, to divest ownership away from China.

Kustoff said it's important to support the allies against the new Axis of Evil - China, Iran, Russia and North Korea. Israel, the lone democracy in the region, was attacked by Hamas and Iran. Kustoff said it's imperative to support Israel, the U.S.'s longtime friend.

He noted the COVID pandemic made the U.S. realize the U.S. dependence on Taiwan for computer chips and the supply chain disruption the pandemic caused.

Great Britain and the U.S. were isolationist at the beginning of WWII, vowing not to get involved. Then the war came to both. Kustoff said if Russia is successful in overtaking Ukraine, then other countries will soon at risk, such as the NATO allies.

Other legislation to be considered is the five-year reauthorization of the FFA

and the Farm Bill. The most pressing issue is the security of the U.S. border. He said HR2 - Secure the Border Act was passed by this term of Congress, however, the Senate never advanced it.

He also noted Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expires at the end of 2025. The major federal tax overhaul raised the standard deduction and lowered the upper tax bracket from 35 percent to 21. It also increased the estate tax exemption. Tax professionals and estate planners are in a difficult position by not knowing of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will sunset on January 1, 2026.

When asked about the Republican Caucus in the House, Kustoff acknowledged the debate is strong, fierce and emotional with some members with strong opinions. There is a motion for Speaker Johnson to vacate his chairmanship. Kustoff said he will survive the vacate motion.

Kustoff said he considers it a privilege to serve as the U.S. Congressman and serve his constituents.

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See solution in next week's edition.

Answer: Lance Bass

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Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (April 24) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Five defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court.

Ferguson Armour, Sand Hill Road, Lavinia, bound over on charge of DUI-Second Offense, Driving While Revoked, Simple Possession, Registration Expired, Violation of Financial Responsibility; Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Titus J. Gordon, Southfield Dr, Dresden, bound over on Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; bound over on charge of Window Tinted.

Draven McKeithan, Jackson Avenue, Paris, bound over, Schedule II Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; bound over, Driving While License Suspended.

Stephen Milton, Enterprise Street, Bruceton, bound over on Evading Arrest Flight - Vehicle.

Brandon Westphal, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on a charge of Driving While License Revoked (second or subsequent offense) Due to Conviction of DUI.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Cloise Bolin, Cades-Atwood Road, Milan, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, 11/29 supervised probation, no contact with West Carroll Schools, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling.

Beverly Ann Cole, John Rice Blvd., Murfreesboro, guilty, Driving While Canceled-Second or Subsequent, \$250 fine, 10 days jail, probation; dismissed, Violation of Disobeying Stop Signs.

Rudi Cuz, Memorial Drive, Paris, guilty, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Charles Hill, McCall Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1000 fine, 16-day sentence, probation, forfeit \$384 money seized; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Julius Dean Owens, Kemp Street, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1000 fine, probation, forfeit \$75,000; \$8,639.55 returned to defendant/attorney; dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs; dismissed, Possession of

Drug Paraphernalia.

Robert Reynolds, Jax Road, Milan, guilty, DUI Second Offense, \$600 fine, 45 days jail, probation, DUI School, Alcohol and Drug Evaluation, in-patient treatment in lieu of jail on day-for-day substitution.

Shawn Roy, Mathis Road, Martin, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, guilty, Driving While Canceled-Second or Subsequent Offense, \$1000 fine, probation, must obtain Tennessee Driver's License; dismissed, Tampering with Evidence; dismissed, Simple Possession.

Daren Scott, Marlboro Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail, probation extended seven months.

Mark Thomas, Park Circle, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While Canceled, time served, supervised probation, must take steps to obtain driver's license; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Violation.

Christina Alexandra Vandyke, Mount Orange Road, Trenton, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, \$50 fine, 48 hours jail, must obtain a driver's license; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Registration Expired.

Daniel James Webb, Church Street, Greenfield, guilty, Failure to Appear, no sentence listed.

James D. Webb, Hillcourt Circle, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, no sentence listed.

Eric N. Wright, Main Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Aggravated 911 Calls in Non-Emergency Situation; \$50 fine, probation, must have a mental health assessment.

The following cases were dismissed.

Eron Dunagan, Buna Vista Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Mikayle James Warford, Fowler Circle, Hollow Rock, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Speeding.

Marriage Licenses

Luke Austin Ridgely, 22, of Lavinia, to Ashley Nicole Smith, 18, of Lavinia.

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Andrew Wayne King, 45, of Huntingdon, to Susan Renea Gilbert Casteel, 50, of Huntingdon.

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

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

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

CURRENT OWNER(S): WILLIAM CARTER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MCKENZIE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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

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

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
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Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:

GUNNER OAKLEY WAINSCOTT, NO. 24-JV-8942
DOB: 12/27/2015 Notice of Entry Required
A CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition to Adjudicate Dependency and Neglect, to Transfer Temporary Legal Custody, and for Ex Parte Order, the Motion for Service by Publication and the Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of Brian Wainscott are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search; therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Brian Wainscott.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that Brian Wainscott be served by publication of the following notice for four consecutive weeks in the McKenzie Banner, a newspaper published in Carroll County, Tennessee.

It is further ORDERED that if Brian Wainscott does not enter an appearance or otherwise Answer the Petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon Brian Wainscott by filing same with the Juvenile Court Clerk of Carroll County, Tennessee.

NOTICE

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against Brian Wainscott seeking to adjudicate dependency and neglect. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Brian Wainscott because their whereabouts are unknown. Brian Wainscott is hereby ORDERED TO APPEAR IN THE CARROLL COUNTY JUVENILE COURT IN HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE ON MAY 30, 2024, AT 9 a.m., to defend the allegations or a default judgment shall be taken against you. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Carroll County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Entered this 26 day of April, 2024.

Michael King, JUDGE

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Farmer-Belew (20630), Attorney for DCS
8600 Hwy 22, Dresden, TN 38225 731-364-6947

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE77

ESTATE OF: JUDITH BAKER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH day of APRIL, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of JUDITH BAKER deceased, who died MARCH 4TH, 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 15TH day of APRIL, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

CAROL JAMES, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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NOTICE

City of McKenzie Water Customers

The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for the City of McKenzie will be published in the May 7, 2024 Edition of the McKenzie Banner. This report will not be mailed to everyone individually; however, copies will be made available at McKenzie City Hall, and the McKenzie Water Dept. during regular business hours. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Earnest Umstead at 731-352-3114.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on May 22, 2024 on or about 11 a.m. local time, at the East door, Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by JAMES JEFFREY EDWARDS AND BARBARA ANN EDWARDS, to Michael M. White, Trustee, on November 20, 1998, at Record Book 438, Page 183 as Instrument No. 641474 in the real property records of Carroll County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Provident Bank Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-4, Home Equity loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1998-4

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

Beginning at an iron pin on the west margin of Griggs Chapel Road (25 feet at right angles from centerline) at the southeast corner of Jesse Edwards as recorded in Deed Book 237, Page 105, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; thence with the west margin of Griggs Chapel Road South 27 degrees 47 minutes East a distance of 302.71 feet to a pipe at the northeast corner of Linda Trull; thence with Trull's north line following a fence the following calls: South 76 degrees 19 minutes West a distance of 107.62 feet to a post; thence South 80 degrees 39 minutes West a distance of 128.09 feet to a post; thence North 78 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 97.54 feet to a post on the east line of Charles Curtis; thence with Curtis' east line North 5 degrees 18 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 234.51 feet to a car jack at the most eastern southwest corner of Edwards; thence with Edwards' south line North 73 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds East a distance of 215.81 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.70 acres, as surveyed by David Hall Land Surveying Company, R.L.S. No. 943, on November 13, 1998.

Being the same property conveyed to James Jeffrey Edwards and wife, Barbara Ann Edwards by deed recorded in Deed Book 245, Page 297, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Tax ID: 105-029.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: JAMES JEFFREY EDWARDS AND BARBARA ANN EDWARDS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 3355 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

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

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

MWZM File No. 19-000247-671-2

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
Cool Springs Commons, Suite 273
7100 Commerce Way, Brentwood, TN 37027
TN INVESTORS PAGE: HTTP://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP

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McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Child Abuse — Felicia Elen Sarkozi, 32, McKenzie, and Robert C. Warren, Jr., 47, McKenzie, were arrested on outstanding Child Abuse warrants on April 22.

Officer Dalton Raspberry and Sgt. Artymovich served active warrants at a Morris Court address. Three children were inside the home at the time of the arrest. Sarkozi phoned a neighbor to take care of the children. Inside the house, officers indicated they found a marijuana smoking pipe, a grinder, and a crystal-like residue. Mr. Warren admitted to using Meth earlier in the day.

Their bonds were set at \$150,000 each.

Domestic Assault — A warrant was issued for Kenneth R. Beckham, 37, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, after a threat of domestic assault on April 27.

Officer Tanner Jackson responded to Walnut Circle to where a female stated Beckham threatened her life if she told about his history of altercations with her. The female victim fled the scene and phoned police. Beckman had fled the original residence, so authorities issued a warrant for his arrest. He was on probation for a separate

Domestic Assault conviction with the same victim.

Driving on Suspended License — Trey D. Mitchell, 31, Buena Vista Road, Huntingdon, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on April 23.

Officer Sean Beck stopped Mitchell's vehicle because he knew of the suspended status.

Shoplifting — Kowasha Quinvette Smith, 41, West End Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with shoplifting at Dollar General on April 24.

Sergeant Cody Coleman was dispatched to the store, where Smith was identified as a possible shoplifter. Suspect items valued at \$57.20 were in her purse. She was cited to General Sessions Court.

Shoplifting—MPD investigated a shoplifting incident at Dollar General in which the suspect placed \$175.95 worth of merchandise in a cart and left without paying. The suspect was in a dark-colored Jeep Compass.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice L. Lawrence, 31, Coleman Road, Memphis was charged with Criminal Trespass on April 25.

Officer Bryan Batchelder responded to Pocket's where Lawrence has an ac-

tive ban notice. Lawrence was arrested.

Driving on Revoked — Jerry Gilbert, 47, Tumbling Creek Road, McKenzie, was charged wiht Driving on a Revoked License on April 24.

Sergeant Cody Coleman was dispatched to Highway 124 where Weakley County authorities reported a reckless driver entering the city limits of McKenzie. Officer Coleman attempted to turn around and follow the vehicle after witnessing it entering the city. He searched city streets and found the vehicle parked and the driver on the porch of a residence. Weakley County had an active warrant for Gilbert for Failure to Appear. His vehicle was seized and the driver was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — Maegan Mancel, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon reported a handgun was stolen and was first notice missing after she asked two visitors to leave her residence. She was unsure how long the pistol was missing.

Vandalism — A Cherrywood Avenue residence reported that her roadside mailbox had been vandalized or struck by a vehicle. The incident occurred on April 27.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Speeding and Driving on Revoked License — Timmy Aderinoye, 20, was arrested on April 21 for speeding and driving on a revoked license. Sgt. Tony King witnessed a vehicle going 70 in a 55

MPH zone and after conducting a traffic stop the driver was found to have a suspended license. The defendant was given a 10 day booking notice.

Shoplifting — Kaylee Mitchell, 20, of Milan, was

cited on April 14 for attempting to shoplift from Walmart in Huntingdon. After pulling Walmart security video Mitchell also stole on April 11 an air bed and gray rug.

Sheriff's Reports

Drug Violation — Wendy Love Calderon, 49, of McKenzie, concealed a hydrocodone pill in a clear plastic bag inside of her arm sling and brought the item into the jail. Jail staff discovered the pill during the defendants initial booking into the jail for her weekend time to serve.

Public Intoxication — Rodger Dale Lawson, 34, of McKenzie, was arrested for public intoxication on April 19. Lawson

was found close to Dollar General in Trezevant walking around very irate and yelling that his family members are being held hostage. He was arrested for his safety and the safety of others.

Theft of Property — Matthew Frank Long of McKenzie reported that his trailer was stolen. The trailer is described as a 2019 Ram Model and is 6x14 utility trailer with a ramp.

Assault — William

Alexander Raspa, 29, of McKenzie, was at the Baptist Emergency Room as an inmate when he assaulted the staff. Raspa assaulted a Correctional officer and two RNs. The victims stated that the offender struck Mr. Lease on the left side of the face with his fist. The offender then gained control of his Taser and drive-stunned Mr. Lease, and both the RNs while they were all attempting to take him to the ground. He was then restrained and taken into custody with no further incident.

Property Transfers

Mary Elizabeth Davis to Sammy Bettie in District 11.

Randy H. and Lisa M. McKnight in District 21.

Connie Allen to Syreeta and Eric E. Rutherford in District 22.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs to Thomas Hartigan. No district listed.

Jeff Pendergrass to Chris Smith. No district listed.

Carl Dean Kelly to Andrew C. Ridgely in Dis-

trict 6.

Darrell and MeKlisha Ridgely to Andrew Ridgely in District 20.

William Dale Harder to Arthur E. and Katrina H. Bessette in District 10.

Wesley T. and Carl L. Malone to Gary L. and Debby Flippin in District 4.

Brian A. and Whitney R. Phillips to Craig and Mary Moore in District 4.

Maverick Inc. to Tri Star Energy LLC in District 22.

Ralphy and Leah Doheny Ferrante to Emily Paige May.

Shane G. Wheet to Jennifer Alice Belisle in District 22.

Elsie R. Warrick to Layla D. and Matthew L. Langely in District 5.

Richard and Holly Knuth to Tyrel W. Mitchell. No district listed.

Denise Kannada to Michael A. Jaeger in District 16.

Classic Country Land, LLC to Nathaniel Searcy. No district listed.

McKenzie High School Weekly Sports

Tuesday, April 30

Baseball at Waverly.
Softball vs Houston County.
Soccer at Obion County.
Track at Regional Qualified in Jackson.

Thursday, May 2

Baseball District Tournaments.
Soccer at Westview.

Friday, May 3

Softball District Tournaments.

City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 641 Forrest Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 11I, Group D, Parcel 8). There are two (2) dilapidated structures on this parcel this is the eastern structure.

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

In accordance with section 13-203 of THE CITY OF MCKENZIE SLUM CLEARANCE ORDINANCE, a hearing has been set for 2 p.m., May 20, 2024 at McKenzie City Hall located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN. The owner and interested parties will have the opportunity to answer this complaint. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the Administrative Hearing Officers.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact the City of McKenzie Building Inspector at 731-352-2292.

Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

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

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City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 641 Forrest Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 11I, Group D, Parcel 8). There are two (2) dilapidated structures on this parcel this is the western structure.

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

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City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 191 Elm Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12K, Group B, Parcel 31.01).

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

In accordance with section 13-203 of THE CITY OF MCKENZIE SLUM CLEARANCE ORDINANCE, a hearing has been set for 2 p.m., May 20, 2024 at McKenzie City Hall located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN. The owner and interested parties will have the opportunity to answer this complaint. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the Administrative Hearing Officers.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA83

ESTATE OF: KEVIN LEE HOLLOWELL, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 19TH day of APRIL, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of KEVIN LEE HOLLOWELL deceased, who died OCTOBER 16TH, 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 19TH day of APRIL, 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

DYLAN ROMAN, Executor/Administrator
ANGELA SNIDER, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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State of Tennessee
Carroll County
Probate Division

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
As Required by TCA §30-2-306

Case Number
2024-PE-74

Estate of BARBARA J. HOLLINGSWORTH, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on 12TH day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Barbara J. Hollingsworth, who died February 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

Date: 4-3-24 Dwight E. Hollingsworth, Executor

Date: 3/25/24 Gary L. Hollingsworth, Executor

Date: 4-5-2024 John W. Whitworth, Attorney

Date: 4/12/2024 Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

A561/R23482/17-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE85

ESTATE OF: RANDALL HAMES, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of APRIL, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of RANDALL HAMES deceased, who died MARCH 8TH, 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 24TH day of APRIL, 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

DAVID RANDALL HAMES, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Pictured (L to R): Assistant Coach Zach Tippitt, Lane Anderson, Dawson Brush, Assistant Coach Josh Lamonte, Jake Cassidy, Hayden Garrett and Head Coach Chris Wall.

Rebels Celebrate Senior Night with Win
Coach Wall Picks Up 200th Win

BY GRACIE AIRD
banner@mckenziebanner.com

MCKENZIE (April 23) — On Tuesday, McKenzie hosted Gibson County for senior night. Despite a slow start the Rebels picked up the 4-3 win putting their record at 11-12 for the season.

Neither team was able to score until the third in-

ning. Gibson County got the first two runs of the game which put the Rebels down 2-0 going into the fifth inning. During the fifth inning, McKenzie and Gibson County both got a hit. In the bottom of the seventh inning, the Rebels rallied scoring three runs. The seventh inning recovery secured Coach Wall's

200th career win with a final score of 4-3. Seniors for the McKenzie High School Baseball Team are Lane Anderson, the son of Joey and Autumn Anderson; Dawson Brush, the son of Krista Walters and Dean Brush; Jake Cassidy, the son of George and Angela Cassidy; and Hayden Garrett, the son of Heather and Hunter Garrett.

McKenzie Falls to Defending State Champs



MCKENZIE (April 25) — On Thursday, the Rebels battled the defending state champions Madison Academic. After a hard battle McKenzie lost 3-0. Pictured are the McKenzie High School Soccer Seniors (L to R): Victor Laguarda, host parents David and Jessica Hochreiter; Mario Flores, son of Claudia Gonzalez; Luis Tellez, son of Edith Tellez; and Stafford Roditis, son of Spiros and Sandi Roditis. Photo by Gracie Aird/The Banner

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lady Rebels Win Against Peabody on Senior Night

BY GRACIE AIRD
banner@mckenziebanner.com

MCKENZIE (April 25) — On Thursday, the McKenzie High School Softball Team hosted Trenton Peabody celebrating senior night for their lone senior, Jaleah Moore. The Lady Rebels picked up a 3-2 win, improving their record to 4-9 on the season.

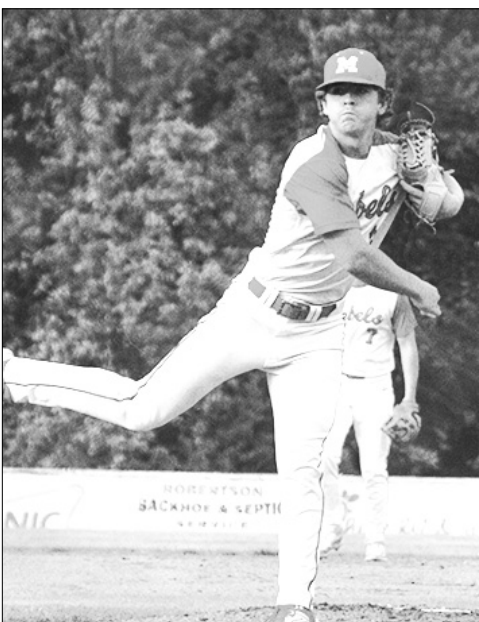
The Lady Rebels started off the game defending very well. There were a few fielding errors but the girls adjusted and got three outs without a run. In the bottom of the first inning Jaleah Moore got a hit that sent Haylee Bread home. Aubrey Jackson got a base hit that got Carli Beeler



Debbie Moore joins her daughter Jaleah Moore for Senior Night. Photo by Gracie Aird/The Banner

home which put McKenzie up 2-0 going into the second inning. Peabody got one run in the second inning. McKenzie was still up 2-1 in the bottom of

the third when Moore hit a double that got Beard home. Peabody scored one more run which ended the game 3-2 with the Lady Rebels on top.



Left, Lane Anderson pitching his third strike to get an out. Right, Cole Brown catching a fly ball. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner

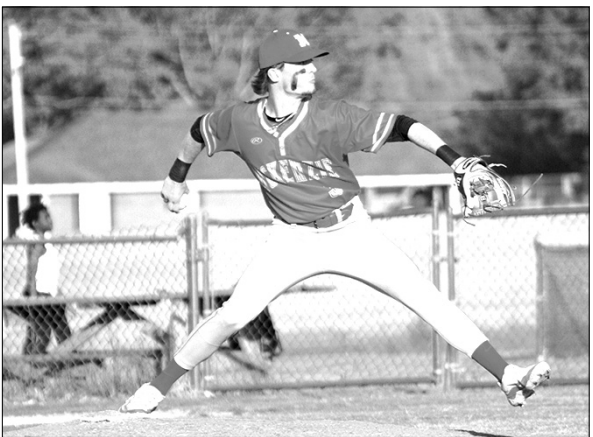
McKenzie Rebels Fall to Stewart County

BY GRACIE AIRD
banner@mckenziebanner.com

MCKENZIE (April 26) — On Friday, the McKenzie Rebels hosted the Stewart County Rebels. McKenzie had the first run of the night when Cole Brown hit an RBI

double that sent Fletcher Holt home. It was not until the top of the fifth inning when Stewart County got their first run of the night to tie up the game. Stewart County took the lead in the top of the sixth with two more runs.

KD Cunningham had a big catch to end the seventh inning to get the third out. Fletcher Holt walked advancing Ace Brown home, but the McKenzie was unable to rally another run losing the game 3-2.



Top, Hayden Garrett throws a strike out. Above, Lane Anderson gets a base hit. Below, Ashton Morgan sliding into third base. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner



Rebels Defeat Bulldogs

BY GRACIE AIRD
banner@mckenziebanner.com

GLEASON (April 22) — On Monday, the McKenzie Rebels made the short trip to Gleason to take on the Bulldogs. The Rebels picked up the easy win by a score of 15-1. McKenzie started the game off hot, scoring eight runs by the bottom of the second inning. Craegen Travis pitched

the first three innings for the Rebels. In the fourth inning, McKenzie hit a slight slump and made the pitching substitution for Hayden Garrett. In the fifth inning after Gleason scored their only run of the game, Xander Johnsey took the mound for McKenzie. The Rebels came back strong scoring seven more runs that ended the game in the fifth inning 15-1.



West Carroll Baseball Honors Seniors

ATWOOD — Five senior West Carroll Baseball players were honored on Senior Night at their home stadium. Each was presented a plaque, large, framed picture, and the honor of walking with their parents onto

the field to be announced publicly. After the short presentation, the moms each threw a baseball to their son. Leland Cox was escorted by JM Cox and Chanda Cox. He also enjoys bull riding and bass fishing. He

hopes to travel the world. Nolan Grant was escorted by Josh and Regina Grant. He wants to be a pipeline welder. Jayden Fowler was escorted by Trish and Mark Ulrich. He plans to attend TCAT-McKenzie for train-

ing in welding. Mason Cochran was escorted by Mike Scott and Darlene and John Adams. Jose Martinez was escorted by Daniela Perez and Karime and Gustavo Martinez. He plans to become a welder.

MMS Baseball Celebrates Eighth Grade Night



MCKENZIE — McKenzie Middle School Baseball honored its eighth grade players on Eighth Grade Night at McKenzie City Park. Each eighth grade player presented his mom with flowers as he met the parents at home plate for the introduction. Six players were honored. (L to R): Dylan Barton and parents, Nick and Chasidy; Malaki Harris and parents, Cornelius and Megan; Hunter Winstead and parents, Austin and Keliea; Alex Hughes and dad, Chris; Maddox Sheill and parents, Taylor and Cammy Estes; and Cooper Davidson and parents, Johnathan and Lesley Davidson. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Carroll County Electric Department Donates to Inclusion Park, Hears Update on Solar Project

HUNTINGDON (April 25) — Carroll County Inclusion Park, Inc. received another donation from a government entity in the county when the Carroll County Electric Department Board of Directors voted to provide a local donation of \$2,205 to be

matched by an equal donation by TVA. Ryan Drewry, general manager of CCED, said TVA started that matching grant was first available following the COVID pandemic. The Inclusion Park's needs meets the guidelines for the TVA's Community Care

Fund. In other business, the Board voted to delegate authority to Drewry to approve bids related to the Silicon Ranch Trezevant Interconnection Agreement. Silicon Ranch is building a large solar array adjacent to the power distributor's

substation at Power Station Road in Trezevant. Construction is expected to begin in July. The Board also welcomed Laura Keeton, attorney, who was selected to fill the vacancy following the recent death of her father, Robert Keeton, III.



Left, The ribbon was cut for the new Behavioral and Mental Health Department at Hometown Health Clinic in McKenzie. The medical providers and staff, and members of the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce participated in the event. Right, Dr. Terry Colotta, Becky Wall, Dawn Walker, Patty Cunningham, and Dr. Bryan Merrick. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Hometown Health Clinic Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Behavioral Health Department

McKENZIE (April 23) — Hometown Health Clinic, Hospital Drive, McKenzie hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Behavioral and Mental Health Department on Tuesday, April 23. The event was coordinated through the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce. The new department space provides a separate waiting room and clinic space, separate from the main patient area of the medical clinic. Dr. Bryan Merrick and Dr. Terry Colotta are the owner-physicians of the clinic. They along with practitioners Becky Wall, Dawn Walker and Patty Cunningham provide the mental and behavioral services. A new treatment modality is also available. It is a microcurrent neurofeedback service. For more information, phone 731-352-7907 or visit <https://hometown-clinics.com>.

McKenzie FFA Live Plant Sale



McKenzie High School held its annual live plant sale from its greenhouse. The plants include flowering and vegetable all grown in the greenhouse by the students. Pictured are (in no particular order): Nathan Lease, Gracie Goodrum, Sadie Goff, Caden Tucker, Tyler Puckett and Matthew Kovacs — all members of the school's FFA.

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Pictured (L to R): Steve McDaniel, Ashley Howell, Nola Hobbs, Toni Kee and Brent Cox. Photo by Jason R. Martin/The Banner

Browning Museum Receives Grant Check

McKENZIE (April 26) — On Friday, Ashley Howell, executive director of the Tennessee State Museum along with former State Representative Steve McDaniel, presented a \$14,700 check to the Gordon Browning Museum in McKenzie. The grants comes as part of a larger \$5 million appropriation approved by members of the General Assembly for the Tennessee State Museum in the 2023-24 state budget. The funds must be used for building and land improvements, including structural changes and renovations. Out of 170 applications, 108 museums across 58 counties were granted a full or partial awards from the State Museum. The money was made available to 501(c)(3) non-profits or museums affiliated with government entities through the Tennessee General Assembly's 2023-24 Appropriations Act. The projects covered by the grants have a completion deadline of June 30, 2024.

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Tips to Revitalize a Garden This Spring

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

Discard the dead weight. Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.

Test the soil. Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing the growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

Inspect your irrigation system. Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up.

Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up.

It's almost gardening season, which means gardeners can start on the necessary prep work to ensure their gardens grow in strong and beautiful this spring.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING FURNITURE

Buying furniture can be an exciting prospect. The opportunity to breathe new life into a home with the addition of different furnishings inspires many people. However, at the same time, searching for furniture can be a tad overwhelming, especially when homeowners do not know where to begin.

Statistics Canada reports that Canadians spend an average of \$934 on furniture each year. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that, in 2017, Americans spent an average of \$2,484 on furniture. While furniture may not be the most costly investment, it's also not the cheapest, which is why getting it right is important.

Determine Your Needs

The first step in purchasing new furniture is to decide what is needed. Assess current furniture and think about what works for certain pieces and what doesn't. Then you can gear purchases around desired features. For example, if you've determined chenille fabric holds on to too much pet fur, the next couch may be leather or microfiber.

Measure More Than Once

Measure your room multiple times and create a mock floor plan. This will help when figuring out if certain pieces can fit into the space. Some retailers even offer floor plan software on their websites so that you can upload the dimensions of your room and see how certain items will fit in your spaces. In addition, be sure to measure the width of doors to ensure that it's easy to get the furniture into the home when delivered.

Determine Your Style

Figure out which style best fits your personality and lifestyle. This may be traditional, transitional or modern. Incorporate pieces accordingly, or mix and match to create a look that is completely unique.

Confirm Materials

Consider your budget when choosing the construction materials for the furniture. Solid wood tends to be more expensive, but often more durable than engineered products. In addition, check to see how items are built. Pull out drawers and check hinges to ensure the quality is there.

Save Money On Sales

Furniture can be expensive, but there is room for savings. Shop when retailers offer seasonal sales. Consider warehouse retailers, which often sell select items at a discount.

Read Reviews

Before taking the plunge, be sure to read reviews of items and retailers. While items may appear perfect, reviews can shed light on how pieces stand up to wear and tear.

Shopping for furniture means taking steps to measure, match style, read reviews, and find pieces that fit homeowners' lifestyles.

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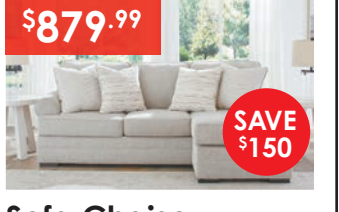
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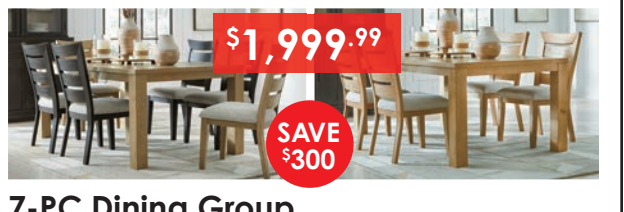
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Fun Ways to Celebrate The Arrival of Spring

Spring is a season of re-birth in more ways than one. Spring is when certain animals emerge from hibernation, while many species lay eggs or give birth this time of year. Flowers and trees also bloom in spring, providing spectacular foliage and awe-inspiring color.

People also may feel like they have a new lease on life as they shake away the doldrums of winter and embrace longer hours of sunlight and warmer temperatures. The arrival of spring is worthy of celebration, and these activities and ideas can be enjoyable ways to spend the first day of spring.

▲ **Spend time outdoors.** One is never too old for a picnic in a park or a bike ride along the trails. Spending time outdoors is beneficial because it exposes people to sunlight, which is a precursor to the development of vitamin D. Vitamin D affects muscles, joints

and tissues. It also can affect mood.

▲ **Plant a tree.** Honor the first day of spring, and Earth Day shortly thereafter, by planting trees. Trees provide habitats for wildlife, create shade, reduce air pollution by filtering the air, and produce oxygen. A sapling is a manageable tree to plant and something children can do as well.

▲ **Enjoy spring crafts.** Grab an inexpensive canvas and paint a landscape that is in full bloom. Use quick-set plaster to create stepping stones embedded with mosaic glass pieces for color that can be added to the backyard.

▲ **Host a spring potluck.** Put fresh spring vegetables and fruits on display. Options include artichokes, apricots, asparagus, carrots, dandelion greens, and

radishes. Put together a pasta primavera, which essentially is a spring pasta dish laden with fresh vegetables.

▲ **Decorate with flowers.** Bring fresh flowers indoors and put them on display in vases or table centerpieces. Cut stems on a 45-degree angle underwater to help flowers last longer. In addition, choose floral themed curtains and throw pillows to add some spring decor.

▲ **Create a water feature.** The sound and sights of cascading water can be both relaxing and picturesque. A water feature can be something as simple as a small fountain or more elaborate like a koi pond.

Spring is a time of year when people can enjoy seasonal activities that make the most of the warmer weather and blooming landscape.

Decor Ideas to Give Homes A Fresh Look This Spring

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and that spirit of renewal can take hold inside a home.

Warm weather and longer hours of daylight make spring a perfect time to imagine a home's interior design in a new light. The following are a handful of decor ideas that may inspire homeowners to give their homes an entirely new look this spring.

】 **Wallpaper:** Wallpaper fell out of favor years ago, but new styles that aren't so heavily patterned can make for wonderful additions to any room. Large-scale prints can give a room a whole new feel without giving homeowners or their guests the impression that they have stepped back in time. A simple, mural-style floral wallpaper on the walls surrounding a table in a

breakfast nook can bring nature inside.

】 **Pastel colors:** Nothing embodies the spring quite like pastel colors. If colorful, bright flowers dot the garden in the backyard, homeowners can bring those uplifting pastels inside by painting an accent wall or even adding some brightly colored accent furniture to rooms that could use a lift.

】 **Declutter:** Clutter is often conquered during spring cleaning sessions, but homeowners who want to create more free-flowing interior spaces can downsize their furniture and/or look for multipurpose features that make it hard for clutter to take over a room. Create more open space in entertaining areas by mounting the television and getting rid

of a bulky entertainment center. Create even more space by replacing rarely used end tables with a storage ottoman where books and magazines can be stored to give a room a fresh, clean look.

】 **Accent features:** Sometimes the smallest changes to an interior space make the biggest impression. Replace dated accents like vases and table lamps with newer items that reflect the latest styles and trends. Such adjustments won't break the bank, and they can give rooms a whole new feel.

Spring is a great time to reconsider home interiors. This spring homeowners can embrace various strategies, both big and small, to give their homes a whole new feel.

GREAT ACTIVITIES TO EMBRACE THIS SPRING

Spring arrives in the Northern Hemisphere on March 19, bringing with it visions of more hours of sunshine, warmer temperatures and ample opportunities to embrace the great outdoors.

Come mid-March, people who live in climates marked by cold winters have no doubt been anticipating spring fun in the sun for some time. Once spring arrives, the following make for some great activities.



Sports

Come spring, various sports fill up afternoon and weekend schedules. Whether these are professional sports or youth sports leagues, the games can be a great way to spend time outdoors in the fresh, suddenly warmer air.

Visit an Orchard

Spring is a season when many berries, such as strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries, begin to ripen. Find your local pick-your-own establishment to spend a day having fun (and getting a little messy) grabbing sweet berries for salads, jams and pies.

Hit the Links

It's time to dust off the clubs and play the greens at any of the thousands of golf courses in North America. The National Golf Federation says the United States is home to around 15,000 courses. The warmer temperatures are ideal for practicing your short game on the putting green or for playing all 18 holes.

Get the Patio Ready for Entertaining

Clean off patio furniture or start shopping for new items if you didn't partake in end-of-season sales. This is just the start of the outdoor entertaining season, and it pays to refresh the deck or patio and invest in some quality furniture to keep guests comfortable.

Plan a vacation

Many schools go on a hiatus for a week or two during the spring, prompting otherwise busy families to get away for some R&R. Book early to score the best deals on hotel rooms and flights.

Prepare Gardening Equipment

Before long, the grass will need mowing and the shrubbery will have to be pruned. Ensure that lawn and garden tools and equipment are in top form before they are called into action. Stock up on fuel for gas mowers and sharpen those pruning shears.

Visit a Local Garden

Enjoy the sights at a garden when the first spring blooms start to peek out of the soil. Spring is known for tulips, daffodils, crocuses, and snowdrops.

Give Your Bike A Tune-up

Take your bike out of storage and give it a once-over. Now is the time to put air in the tires, grease the chain and make sure that the brakes and other equipment are working properly. Most bike helmet manufacturers recommend replacing helmets every three years, even if you haven't been in a crash. That's because the polystyrene foam can degrade over time from environmental exposure.

Visit a Farm

Many farm animals give birth in the spring. Children may be excited to see piglets, foals, kids, and all the other adorable young animals draw their first breaths.

Spring's arrival presents the perfect opportunity to reacquaint oneself with the great outdoors.

Did You Know?

Outdoor living is wildly popular, as more and more homeowners are bringing elements once reserved for home interiors into their backyards. When designing outdoor living spaces, homeowners may learn about biophilic design, an architectural concept that aims to incorporate natu-

ral elements into outdoor living spaces. Proponents of biophilic design say it satisfies an innate human need to affiliate with nature, thereby helping to reduce stress that people may experience after being stuck indoors for much of their days. Biophilic design is often part of a

home interior design, but many homeowners also embrace it when designing their outdoor living spaces. For example, surrounding outdoor living areas with noninvasive plants, flowers and trees and using natural materials like wood and stone when building such spaces are great ways to embrace biophilic design and create a tension-free ambiance in outdoor living spaces.

Insurance Protection for Emergency Situations

Emergencies, especially storms, can be unpredictable and cause personal injury and costly damage to homes. The right insurance is essential to help mitigate damage from storms and soften the financial blow that such destruction can cause. Not all insurance is the same, and additional policies and riders may help reduce the impact of emergencies.

Homeowners Insurance

Standard homeowners insurance policies will cover a wide range of issues. American Family Insurance says damage from wildfires, wind storms, tornadoes, ice storms, lightning strikes, hail, power surges, and fallen trees is included. But additional coverage may be needed to cover excessive damage.

Matching Siding Coverage

Some homeowners may want to replace all of the siding on their homes if parts are damaged and color or siding materials cannot be matched exactly by patching up damaged areas.

Roof Replacement Insurance

This insurance will be used to pay for the full replacement of a roof, minus

the deductible, which may differ from what's covered through standard homeowners policies.

Sump Pump Overflow Insurance

Sump pumps are designed to engage and pump water out of basements and crawl spaces, helping to avoid flooding in the home. If the power goes out and the sump pump cannot work, or if the sump pump fails, homeowners typically are not covered for any ensuing damage. Sump pump overflow insurance provides additional peace of mind and protection.

Flood Insurance

Homeowners insurance may not cover flood damage, especially if a home is in a flood zone. Flood insurance can bridge the gap of coverage. The National Flood Insurance Program offers building coverage and contents coverage policies. Building coverage will cover carpeting, electrical and plumbing systems, window blinds, foundation walls, and more. Contents coverage protects curtains, personal clothing and furniture, artwork, and appliances, among other things.

Umbrella Insurance

According to Geico, umbrella insurance is extra insurance that provides protection that goes beyond limitations and coverage of other policies. It can offer coverage for injuries to people staying at your house or renting your property, property damage, personal liability, and certain lawsuits.

Renters Insurance

Renters insurance protects renters, yet the Independent Insurance Adjusters & Brokers of America says almost two-thirds of residential lessees in the United States do not carry renters insurance. Renters insurance can protect belongings destroyed in a fire or weather event; provide assistance should someone be injured in your apartment; or it can protect you if you were found legally responsible for damages to someone's property, according to State Farm Insurance.

Many types of insurance can offer various levels of protection in emergency situations. An insurance representative can walk interested parties through the policies available to customize an insurance package that will offer sufficient protection against emergencies.

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LOW-COST WAYS TO REVAMP LIVING AREAS

Home improvement projects require substantial financial investment. But just because a homeowner wants to bring a fresh look indoors doesn't mean he or she has to break the bank along the way.

Living rooms are some of the most frequently used spaces in a home, and they can use an update from time to time to stay on trend or to make the area more functional for a changing family dynamic. Here are some budget-friendly ideas for breathing new life into living room designs.

▲ **Establish the budget.** Homeowners should figure out how many dollars they can designate to a living room makeover before purchasing supplies or hiring out the work. Figure out the scope of the remodel, visit stores or suppliers to price out materials, get estimates from contractors, and then plan for some unforeseen circumstances along the way to determine if this type of renovation is affordable. If not, scale things back until the project more

closely aligns with your budget.

▲ **Change the paint color.** Lighter and brighter colors are on trend. A can or two of paint can do wonders for updating a space without a large financial commitment. Pair that new paint color with new window coverings and complementary throw pillows to pull the theme together with minimal expense.

▲ **Update the flooring.** Tired, outdated carpeting or other flooring can use an overhaul. While solid hardwood flooring may be preferable, there are many types of laminate flooring that mimic the looks of popular wood colors and styles for a fraction of the cost. Laminate flooring also may be a potential DIY job for a skilled homeowner, saving even more money.

▲ **Introduce a fireplace.** Fireplaces were once hot commodities, but that popularity waned in the 1970s and 1980s. Homeowners with chimneys may discover a fireplace was boarded over and

the bare bones still exist that can be renovated to bring back character. There also are ventless freestanding units that are quite affordable that can mimic the look of a built-in fireplace.

▲ **Reupholster instead of replace furniture.** There's no need to throw away quality furniture if the fabric is the only thing impeding design. New upholstery or even a slipcover can update designs.

▲ **Conquer clutter.** Rather than adding something to the living room, remove clutter to give the room a more airy feel. This can instantly change the look of the room. Use cord covers to tame plugs for electronics and remove unnecessary furniture from the room.

▲ **Improve lighting.** Another easy and often inexpensive fix is to change lighting fixtures, including using brighter, more energy efficient LED bulbs, and to assess lighting needs to eliminate dark corners of rooms that can make the space seem drab.

Living room spaces in need of an update often can benefit from improvements that go easy on the wallet.

Must-Have Features in Your Bathroom Remodel

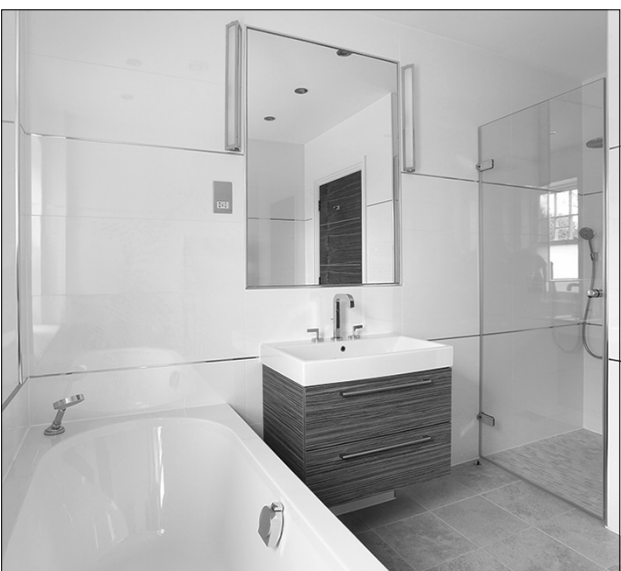
Homeowners recognize the value of remodeling their kitchens and bathrooms. An average bathroom remodel costs anywhere from \$5,500 to \$15,000 depending on the size and scope of the renovation. However, a bath redo can increase a home's resale value and can return as much as 68 percent of homeowners' investments. As homeowners plan their bathroom renovations, it's a good time to consider improvements that will improve function and add design appeal for years to come.

► **Floating vanity:** Add an airy feeling to the room by creating space between the vanity and the floor. A floating vanity can be a counter with a vessel sink or even have cabinets, as long as the vanity doesn't extend to the floor.

► **Freestanding traditional sink or tub:** There's something elegant about a freestanding tub or pedestal sink. There are options for any design style.

► **Frameless showers:** Switch to a walk-in shower option, which improves aesthetics and makes it easier to "age in place" in a home. Pair that frameless shower with clear glass shower doors so sightline in the space remains unencumbered.

► **Natural textures:** Create a calm and serene sanctuary in the bathroom with light,



natural hues and materials. Nature-inspired colors on tiles, walls and vanities can add to the spa vibe.

► **Dual sinks and vanities:** With a double vanity, two people can share the space and easily use the bathroom without getting in each other's way.

► **Small textured tile on shower floors:** Small textures are appealing and add safety. The added texture and grouting will keep feet from slipping on wet floors. Also, opt for mold-resistant grout to make cleanup even easier.

► **Special shower heads:** Invest in shower heads that can run the gamut from creating steam showers to rainfall effects. Some showers will have multiple shower jets to offer an

invigorating experience.

► **Improve drainage:** Increase the diameter of the drain pipe in the bathroom from the standard to a two-inch drain pipe. This will reduce the risk of clogs and overflow leaks.

► **Install a window:** Natural light and air flow can reduce the risk for mold and mildew growth, and windows add some aesthetic appeal to a space. Just be sure to choose frosted privacy glass.

Additional considerations for a bath remodel include heated floors, well-placed and attractive storage options and a toilet enclosure (water closet) for added privacy. These and other bathroom renovation ideas can add value and improve the appeal of the room.

Common Allergy Triggers

The human body is a well-oiled machine that is a wonder of biological efficiency when working properly. The body's immune system is integral to keeping a person healthy, and it does that by recognizing foreign invaders, such as viruses and bacteria, and then launching an attack to eradicate them. Sometimes, however, the body treats outside substances as harmful when they're really just nuisances. This is the case with allergens.

Allergens, according to eMedicine Health, trigger an immune system response to various substances the body deems harmful. In turn, the body overreacts to these substances, triggering allergic reactions. Allergic reactions may occur in one person and not another. The immune system produces antibodies, which can cause certain effects, including inflammation of the skin, sinuses, digestive system, or airways, depending on the allergen, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Many things can trigger allergies, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 50 million people in the United States have allergies. Here's a look at some of the more

common allergies that tend to rear their heads when weather warms up.

Pollen

The air is filled with pollen come the spring and summer. Freshly blooming grasses, trees, flowers, and even weeds produce an abundance of pollen this time of year. It may coat vehicles outside and make its way indoors when people throw open windows to enjoy warm breezes.

Pollen allergies are quite common and cause runny, stuffy nose, itchy eyes, sneezing, watery eyes, and itchiness of the skin or roof of the mouth in some instances. Decongestants tend to be recommended when pollen count is high. It's also best to leave windows closed during these times.

Mold

Mold are very small fungi with spores that float in the breeze like pollen. Mold thrives in damp areas. Mold may grow unchecked after spring rains or in piles of damp leaves. It also can be found in musty basements or bathrooms. Using a dehumidifier indoors can help alleviate mold, but outdoors it may be a little more challenging to control. When doing yard work in damp

areas, wear a mask to avoid breathing in spores.

Dust Mites

Chances are the arrival of spring may trigger the desire to do a little cleaning. In turn, it's highly likely that dust will be disturbed, and along with it, dust mites. WebMD says dust mites are microscopic and people may not even know they are around. Keeping a home free of dusty items can reduce dust mite numbers. Also, cover mattresses, pillows and wash sheets weekly in hot water to help alleviate dust mite infiltration.

Insect Stings

We tend to think of allergens in terms of small substances that are inhaled, but insects that are abundant in the warm weather can be troublesome, too. An insect sting or bite can cause hives, itching, swelling, shortness of breath, or even anaphylaxis. While there's no definitive way to avoid all insects, people can opt against brightly colored clothes and scented lotions or cosmetics. Insect repellents and skipping sweet foods or beverages at outdoor meals also may help.

Allergens are common this time of year, and people can take caution to feel better if they suffer allergies.

The Buzz About Bees

Warm weather and extra hours of sunlight spark flowering trees and plants to bloom anew. This is the time of year when the air is sweet with the aroma of blossoms and the familiar hum of insects can be heard all around.

Not all "bugs" are the same this time of year. While you probably won't want ants invading your backyard grill fest, the presence of bees nearby can be a good thing - even if those curious yellow-and-black critters get a little close for comfort from time to time. That's because almost 90 percent of wild plants and 75 percent of the leading global crops depend on animal pollination.

The following are some bee facts to buzz about. Save the Bees®, NASA, and the Texas A&M University Honey Bee Information Site.

▲ **There are roughly 20,000 species of bees around the world.** Most of them are solitary bees.

▲ **Bees have five eyes.** Two of the eyes are large compound eyes with hexago-

nal facets. The other three are small, simple eyes.

▲ **Honeybees have a move called the "waggle dance."** It is a clever way of communicating to tell them where to go to find the best sources of food.

▲ **Bees can carry up to 122 times their body weight in pollen and nectar.**

▲ **Bumblebees leave footprint scents behind.** They are able to distinguish between their own scents, the scent of a relative and the scent of a stranger as they look for food. They also can avoid flowers already visited.

▲ **Should a queen bee perish, the hive workers will select a new young larva and feed it a special food called "royal jelly."** The larva will develop into a fertile queen.

▲ **Bees flap their wings 190 to 200 times per second.** They can fly up to 15 miles per hour.

▲ **Female bees can sting; males do not.** Losing the

singer will cause the bee to die. The honeybee only can sting once because its stinger is barbed. Bumblebees and hornets can sting multiple times because they have smooth stingers.

▲ **It can require nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey.**

▲ **Many bees are not aggressive.** Simply moving away from them can prevent a person from being stung. Generally, bumblebees and honey bees will only sting by accident or if a nest is being disrupted.

▲ **Wasps are different from bees in that they are mostly known to be predators.** They eat other insects and often food that people eat, which is why wasps are more likely to be found around your cookout. Bees tend to be covered in hair, while wasps (which include yellow jackets) are smooth.

Bees are remarkable creatures and should be celebrated as the weather warms up.

Did You Know?

Though new flooring and ceiling tiles might not offer the wow factor of a remodeled kitchen, a 2019 study from researchers at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University found that replacing floors and ceilings was the most popular home improvement project in the United States in 2017, the most recent year for which data was available at the time of the study. More than five million homeowners replaced

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