

McKenzie Police Reports

Victim Drowns in Motel Bath — A Dyer, Tennessee woman is believed to have drowned in the bathtub of the Relax Inn Motel, McKenzie, on July 10.

According to a report filed by Darren Davis, officers responded to Relax Inn, Room 115, Highland Avenue, at 5:23 a.m., where they found Laquita L. Powell, 51, Freemont Street, Dyer, Tennessee, unresponsive. Officer Matthew Cunningham, Dustin McClure and Sergeant Davis were nearby when the call came into MPD.

The report indicates officers entered the motel room and found two males present in the main room and the victim lying on the floor of the bathroom. Officers checked for a pulse without success and determined the temperature of her body was warm. CPR was initiated and an ambulance was called. CPR continued as the patient was loaded in the ambulance. The EMTs determined rigor mortis had set in and contact between the EMTs and a medical doctor allowed CPR to cease.

The report indicates the body possibly was in the water a significant time, contrary to the statement by the two males, who indicated they had last seen her one hour prior to MPD's arrival.

Sergeant Austin Jones and Officer Dalton Raspberry ar-

rived with Chief Ryan White to help with the investigation. The incident remains under investigation.

Driving On Suspended — Brenna Danyell Blakemore, 26, Murfreesboro, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Speeding and Following too Closely on July 13.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Blakemore's vehicle traveling 63 in a 45-mile-per-hour zone and initiated a traffic stop on Highland Drive. A check of the license revealed the Suspended status. She was charged as listed above and cited into General Sessions Court.

Violation of Probation — Christopher Mann, 44, Rochelle Road, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding warrant of Violation of Probation on July 13.

Officer Dustin McClure responded to a call of a truck in the roadway on Spruce Street around 10:20 p.m. The caller indicated excessive noise as individuals worked on the vehicle. McClure observed a male sitting in a nearby car, where he found Christopher Mann and transported him to jail.

Leaving the Scene of an Accident — Christie Smothers, 35, Locust Street, McKenzie was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Officer Shy'Ann Williams reported an Audi was parked in a parking lot and was damaged by another

vehicle, which drove from the scene. A license number was provided. Officer Williams found Smothers and cited her for leaving the scene.

Failure to Appear — Sean Rodrick Adams, 56, Hazel Circle, McKenzie was arrested on an outstanding warrant in Weakley County for Failure to Appear.

Officer Timothy Dillon reported he, Patrolman Scott, and Sergeant Jackson went to the Adams' home and made the arrest. Adams was handed over to Weakley County authorities.

Outstanding Warrant — Brianna Pug, 33, Thompson Road, Huntingdon, was arrested on an outstanding warrant, bench warrant out of Carroll County.

Sergeant Cody Coleman reported MPD had an anonymous caller stating Pugh was at a Walnut Circle address. Officers arrived and found Pugh in a back room of the apartment. She was held under a \$10,000 bond.

Shoplifting — Tina M. Younger, 56, Big Sandy, and also had a McKenzie address, was charged with Shoplifting on July 9.

Officer Dustin McClure responded to Dollar General, Highway 22 where he reviewed security footage of Younger reportedly concealing merchandise in her clothing. A warrant was issued for Younger and she was additionally banned from the store.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Stolen Trailer — On July 6, Deputy Sunny Crews-Sherwood and Deputy Mark Boaz were dispatched to a home in Hollow Rock for theft of a 16-foot enclosed trailer. The owner of the trailer, Kevin Hilliard, stated he left the trailer at the house where they were working. Inside the trailer were many tools valued at \$8,000. On July 8, Mr. Hilliard called dispatch advising that the Halfway Market has it on video going down Reynoldsburg Road across Hwy 641 to Rushing Road towards Big Sandy being pulled by a silver 4-door GMC truck. On July 9 the stolen property was recovered and returned to the owner.

Assault — Robert Wayne Walker, 40, of Dyersburg, was cited for Assault on July 6 following an incident at Clay Hill Motor Sports. The victim, Zachary Farmer, advised that they were racing on the track when in between laps there was shoving between vehicle's and once they stopped Robert Walker exited his vehicle and approached Farmer's car, slapped the hood, and then struck Farmer in the face. Farmer had a busted nose and a small laceration on the top of his nose. Walker advised that it did get heated between the two on the track and he did go to Farmer's car and smack his helmet. Farmer wanted Walker charged for assault and did write a statement for the assault. Walker was cited and advised he had ten days to book into the jail and would be given a court

date from there.

Domestic Assault — Bruce Edward Brown, 51, of Milan, was arrested for Domestic Assault on July 6. Dispatch was called to a home in Westport for domestic assault happening in the early morning hours. When arriving at the home, the accused, Bruce Brown, answered the door but didn't want to let the police inside. After deputies got inside the home, they asked Brown multiple times what happened the night before and he would say nothing happened and appeared to be intoxicated. The victim, had obvious signs of domestic assault present. Because of the victim's statements and markings, Brown was arrested for domestic and aggravated assault.

Possession of Schedule II — Heather Dawn Ford, 48, of Bruceton, was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine on July 8. Deputy Thomas observed Ford drive over the fog line three times while going south on Hwy. 70. Deputy Thomas initiated a traffic stop on Ford. Ms. Ford gave vague answers to the deputy's questions which led to a search of the vehicle. In the vehicle under the driver's seat was a small bag of meth. After being told she was going to jail, Ms. Ford handed over a pipe and more meth from inside her pants. She had 2.5 grams of meth total.

DUI — Melissa Ann Moore, 57, of McKenzie, was charged with a DUI on July 10. Deputy Jeremy Smith received a motor vehicle ac-

cident call on Hilliard Road. Upon contact with the defendant, he immediately noticed she had slurred and slow speech along with a strong odor of alcohol coming from her person. She admitted to drinking two orange alcoholic beverages and a bottle was located inside the vehicle so she then took a field sobriety test and performed poorly.

DUI — Yaritza Jasiel Vargas, 32, of McKenzie, was charged with DUI on July 4. Dispatch received a call from an anonymous caller stating that they wanted to report a drunk driver. They stated that it was a female driver named Yaritza, and she would be driving a 2003 silver Toyota Tacoma. They advised she was on Leach Road and would be going to Highway 22 headed towards McKenzie. Officer Townes got behind the vehicle and advised that she did a rolling stop through the four-way intersection of Veterans Drive and Paris Street. Officer Townes ran a registration of the vehicle, and the tags came back expired. After talking to the defendant, he asked to get out of the vehicle. She did poorly on her field sobriety tests and was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Stolen Items — On July 7, Gary Lindsey reported to the Sheriff's Office that he had three firearms stolen from his residence. There was no forced entry to the residence. Lindsey has suspicion of who may have stolen his guns.

Tennessee Announces \$11 Million In Infrastructure Planning Grants

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter announced today the 50 recipients receiving funding through the Infrastructure Planning Grant (IPG) program.

The \$10.7 million in funding is part of the Rural Economic Opportunity Act and will assist communities and utility districts across Tennessee with long-term planning for their water and sewer systems.

The area communities receiving grants were:

City of McMoresville \$65,170

South Carroll Utility District \$190,000

Town of Hollow Rock \$95,000

Gibson County Municipal Water District \$189,000. "Ensuring all Tennesseans have access to clean water starts with investing in the right infrastructure," said Gov. Lee. "I thank our General Assembly for funding this program and commend the 50 grantees for stepping up to help our communities strengthen local infrastructure and plan for the future."

The IPG program is open to utility systems that serve distressed counties and rural communities on the

financially distressed utility system referral list. Funds can be used in the following program categories: water system mapping and modeling, water system analysis, sewer system mapping and modeling, sewer system analysis, asset management related activities and regionalization studies.

"Without strong infrastructure, communities cannot grow or attract business and industry," said Commissioner McWhorter. "I congratulate those receiving funding through the IPG program and look forward to seeing how these 50 projects will spur future economic growth.

Local Industry Conducts School-Supply Drive

It's school time again. Most local students return in early August with the Carroll County Schools starting Tuesday, August 6 for one-half day.

McKenzie Valve and Machining, located in the McKenzie Industrial Park-South at the airport, is conducting its second annual backpack and school supply drive for area school children.

Donations and contributions can be dropped at the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce at 9 Broadway Street or at McKenzie Valve and Machining, 145 Airport Lane from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Monetary donations are also accepted - all until July 19.

Last year the manu-



facturing company, with help from local citizens, helped students at seven local school systems: McKenzie, Huntingdon, West Carroll, Bruceton, Clarksburg, Henry, Gleason and Dresden. Last year, there were 160 supplied-filled backpacks distributed.

The industry created a donation list based on local schools' supply lists, taking note of general supplies needed at all schools across all grades. All donations were then packed into backpacks, which will be distributed to each school during the

first week of classes.

This year, the list includes #2 pencils Ticonderoga (no plastic-coated pencils), cap erasers, glue sticks and Elmer's bottle glue, pencil pouch/box, earbuds (wired), notebook paper-wide ruled, composition notebook, dry erase markers, 24-pack Crayola crayons, scissors - safety tip, regular tissues, Clorox wipes, plastic folders with brads, highlighters, and backpacks.

For more information, phone the Chamber at 731-352-2004.

Kustoff Meets with Israeli Prime Minister

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman David Kustoff (R-TN), Chairman of the House-Knesset Parliamentary Friendship Group, traveled to Israel at the invitation of Speaker of the Knesset Amir Ohana to officially launch the House-Knesset Parliamentary Friendship Group in Jerusalem.

Congressman Kustoff delivered a historic address to members of the Knesset to reiterate the United States' support for Israel's efforts to eradicate Hamas and other Iranian-backed genocidal terrorist groups.

Following the address, Kustoff met with Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, to discuss

Israeli defense efforts in the North against Hezbollah and the success of the war in Gaza. Additionally, Kustoff reassured PM Netanyahu that House Republicans will continue to stand with Israel and ensure they have the resources they need to defend their nation.

Congressman Kustoff also joined the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on a visit to Kfar Aza, a kibbutz in southern Israel, as well as the Tribe of Nova music festival grounds. These two locations were targeted by Hamas terrorists during the October 7, 2023, invasion.

"It was an honor to travel to Israel to officially launch the House-Knesset Parlia-

mentary Friendship Group at the Knesset," said Congressman Kustoff. "I thank Prime Minister Netanyahu and Speaker Ohana for meeting with me to discuss how the United States can continue to support Israel in her fight for freedom against radical terrorism. As Chairman of the House-Knesset Parliamentary Friendship Group, I will do everything in my power to make sure that Israel has the tools it needs to defend herself and destroy the forces that seek not only Israel's destruction, but the destruction of the entire western world and the values we all hold dear."



McKenzie Rotary Club President Christy Williams (left) with featured speaker Travis McLeese.

Rotary Hears from Travis McLeese

Travis McLeese, a Bethel graduate and former director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, was the featured speaker at McKenzie Rotary Club on Tuesday, July 9.

McLeese is now working with Bluespire Media, a new company that works with entertainer Darryl

Worley and his Wisdom and Whiskey Podcast, Highway 57 Music Festival in Covington, and the Bluespire Kitchen - a cooking show.

Bluespire is also developing a project around the Kentucky Lake. That project is yet to be announced, said McLeese.

He said he gets to work with many talented people and travels to Montana for some of the gigs. This week, the crew is at the Republican National Convention.

McLeese resides in Paris, Tenn.

Pictured is Rotary President Christy Williams and Travis McLeese.

Milan No-Till Field Day to Share Latest Weed Control Solutions

MILAN, Tenn. — Weed control is an essential component of no-till agriculture, allowing row crop producers to eliminate unwanted plant pests that could impact yield. During the 33rd Milan No-Till Field Day on Thursday, July 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AgResearch and Education Center at Milan, agricultural experts from across the region will provide the latest research-based weed control solutions.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn more during the tour "Herbicide-Resistant Weed Management" held at 11 a.m. Larry Steckel, row crop weed specialist with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), will partner with Taylor Singleton from the University of Georgia for the presentation.

"We have seen serious infestations of goosegrass, junglerice, barnyardgrass and more, especially in soybean and cotton fields," says Steckel. "Many producers think it is because

these plants are resistant to glyphosate and other pesticides, but that is only part of the challenge."

Dicamba, often used to control Palmer amaranth, can greatly inhibit the effectiveness of other herbicides, particularly if combined in a tank or sprayed consecutively in the same field over a short period of time. For many producers, frequent rainfall events have even washed herbicides off plant leaves or delayed application altogether, further limiting weed control.

"Each growing season has new challenges," says Steckel. "One of our missions at UTIA is to ensure producers can continue growing crops using no-till agriculture. I encourage anyone in the area struggling to manage weeds to come out and explore our recommended solutions to help you protect your plants."

Milan No-Till Field Day first began in 1981 as a way to teach producers about the benefits of no-till farm-

ing over traditional tillage. Today, it continues to attract thousands of people from across the nation interested in improving soil conservation and agricultural production. Certified Crop Adviser and pesticide recertification points will be offered for attendees.

The AgResearch and Education Center at Milan is located at 3A Ledbetter Gate Road in Milan, Tennessee. Sponsorships and exhibitor spots are currently being offered. Contact LesLee Smelser at 731-686-7362 for more information.

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is comprised of the Herbert College of Agriculture, UT College of Veterinary Medicine, UT AgResearch and UT Extension. Through its land-grant mission of teaching, research and outreach, the Institute touches lives and provides Real. Life. Solutions. to Tennesseans and beyond. utia.tennessee.edu.

Three County Schools Offer Free Lunch

CARROLL COUNTY — Three county schools are offering students both free breakfast and free lunches. Huntingdon, West Carroll, and Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central are all offering free breakfast and lunch.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton

and its Partners in Education are offering free basic school supplies for all students.

McKenzie Valve and Machining in McKenzie is conducting a ‘school supply’ drive to provide free basic supplies for students in McKenzie, Huntingdon,

West Carroll, Bruceton, Clarksburg, Henry, Gleason and Dresden. Last year, the industry, located in McKenzie Industrial Park-South, distributed 160 backpacks filled with school supplies.



Members of the Webb School Alumni Association and friends during their presentation to the Tennessee Historical Commission in an effort to add Webb School to the National Register of Historic Places. File photo

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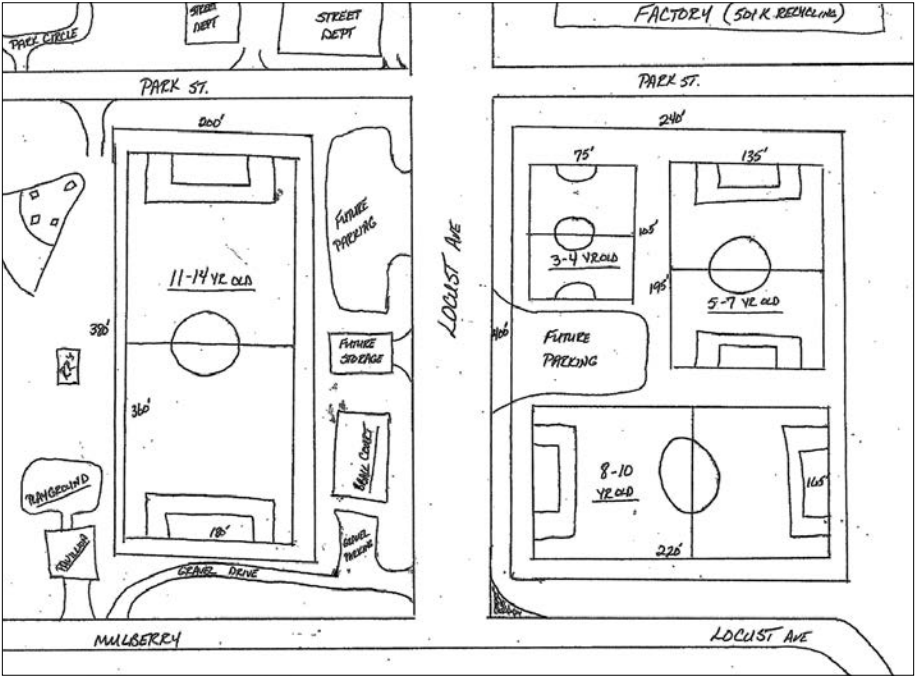
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Saturday’s event will feature remarks by Webb Alumni National President

Neal Williamson, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler, McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, State Representative Tandy Darby and State Senator John Stevens. A presentation of the Nation-

al Register and recognition of alumni and others will follow.

RSVP to Webb Alumni Marketing Director Kimberley Bell Webb at 731-697-5468.



A hand-sketched plan for the Mulberry Park project was provided by City Parks Director Billy Hollowell. File photo.

Soccer

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Jason Arnold spoke on behalf of the youth soccer league. Arnold stated he along with others have spoken at length about

incorporating the plans drawn up by the City of McKenzie and the needs of the soccer league along with the residents in the Mulberry community.

There were discussions about improved lighting, modifications to existing facilities, and the possibility of upgrades. The actual

cost was not discussed.

While including the National Guard was mentioned, it does not seem likely they will be included in the next stages of discussion.

The next meeting will occur at Mulberry Park on August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

West Carroll to Lease Vehicles to Sheriff’s Office

BY BRAD SAM
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ATWOOD (July 11) — The West Carroll Special School District will lease three school safety vehicles to the Carroll County Sheriff’s Department for use at the three school campuses.

During Thursday’s meeting in the junior/senior high cafeteria, Director of Schools Preston Caldwell presented the idea to board members. He noted that, since the vehicles were purchased with federal money, they couldn’t be sold for profit. He stated that the district had “no interest” in keeping and maintaining the vehicles, but offered a novel solution: lease the vehicles at no cost to CCSD to be used by the full-time resource officers stationed at each school. After brief discussion, the board unanimously approved the measure.

Members also approved a bid from Atlas Greenhouse for additional repairs following hail damage to the green-

house. Atlas is the original supplier of the greenhouse materials.

The board approved the resignations of Kayla Benson, Melissa Glow, Lindsey Morton and Melanie Scates; yearly memberships in TSBA, TSSE, AIM’s and Sam’s Club; the yearly field trip list; and the consolidated application for IDEA/ESEA.

The district’s Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority (DHA) will include: Regina Alred, Jennifer Hames, Crystal Polinski, Kellie Rollins, Jaxon Stringer, Joe Tetletton, Brandi Tolley, Jackie Wester, Jessica Williams and Adam Douglas. Prior to unanimous approval of the DHA, there was brief discussion of inclusion of a parent on the authority. District attorney Chris Hayden discouraged this due to liability issues. “I’ve seen it go wrong in a lot of different ways,” he said.

Policy amendments were approved on the first of two readings. Notable changes include:

*A new Code of Conduct

for visitors to the schools.

*A new procedure for identifying the source of a fire alarm prior to evacuation.

*The addition of Family Life Education to Wellness class.

*Policies regarding artificial intelligence, including a list of approved AI programs.

*The addition of voluntary retention as an option for third and fourth grade students.

*The prohibition of substitute teachers who have lost their teaching licenses in any state.

During his monthly report, Director Caldwell announced that the new budget was on schedule to be approved during the August 8 meeting. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. and will include a reception for new hires.

Approximately one hour into the meeting, Attorney Hayden, Director Caldwell and board members went into executive session.

The meeting adjourned following the session.

Broadway

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The McKenzie Banner addressed the council during the workshop to encourage them to vote “no” on Ordinance 569, which would have converted Broadway to a one-way street. Mayor Ryan Griffin informed the council it was in his opinion that Broadway was better left as a two-way street.

During the roll call vote of the meeting, the council voted 5-0 against Ordinance 569, it’s second and final reading.

In other business, the council voted to allow the McKenzie Police Department to purchase two additional F-150 trucks. The funds to pay for the vehicles were provided by the department’s Drug Fund and the Safestreet Account (camera tickets).

During department reports, Police Chief Ryan White stated the Police Department received 1932 calls in June. Battalion Chief Jason Arnold noted the Fire Department received 44 calls in June; 10 were medical assists and one tractor fire.

Under general government, the City of McKen-

zie has received numerous calls regarding the garbage cans not picked up by the Republic, the City’s formers provider of solid waste. No date could be provided on when Republic plans to pick up the remaining cans. McKenzie contracted with RaeKar starting July 1 for weekly garbage pickup.

Codes Officer Jim Seaton stated he issued 30 violations in June with four remaining non-compliant. He added several properties were cited in court on August 5.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the McKenzie City Council is August 8.

Standoff

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At that time, a parameter was set up, and officers and family members started communications with Mr.

Kroner.

For 6 .5 hours, negotiations continued and Mr. Kroner came outside several times armed with a handgun. At 6:05 a.m. Mr. Kroner came outside unarmed and was taken into custody.

He was transported to

the Henry County Jail and booked on reckless endangerment and resisting arrest with a bond of \$10,000. Mr. Kroner will also have charges in Benton County.

Also assisting on the scene were Paris Police Department.

Motel

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Election

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of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Henry/Carroll with campuses in both McKenzie and Paris and welding classes in Dresden.

Jake Bynum, mayor of Weakley County, was selected to serve as the chief of staff at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He started with UT-Martin on May 1.

Both unexpired terms as mayor will be filled during the August 1 election.

Carroll County

In Carroll County’s election, the ballot contains a few contested local school board races.

McKenzie Special School District Board of Education has four candidates seeking three at-large seats for a four-year term. Candidates are: Misty Aird, Chad Brown, Karen T. Fowler and Patrick Ross.

South Carroll (Clarksburg) School Board of Education has four candidates for three positions. They are Corey Bartholomew, Nick Cobb, Donna McDaniel-Cox, and Colton Lynn Moore.

West Carroll School Board has all incumbents running unopposed. They are William Robinson (Old Atwood); Jeremy Jackson (Old County); and Misty Mitchell (Old Trezevant District).

Huntingdon School Board has two incumbents running for two at-large seats. They are Dr. Lee Carter and Brittany Cobb Foster.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton School Board has no contested races. Brad Hurley is the lone candidate for 16th District-Bruceton; Tim Runions for 16th District Hollow Rock; Jim Holder for 17th District-Vale; and Nick Maness for 17th District Vale.

Carroll County Board of Education:

District 1 — Harold McLain, Jr.

District 2 — Larry R. Overman and Hal Eason.

District 3 — Kenna Bailey and James Randy Kelley.

County Commission District 4 — Unexpired Term.

Morris Rogers and Ronnie Webb.

*Party primaries for U. S. Congress, State Senate, and State House races.

Republicans:

Marsha Blackburn and Tres Wittum for U.S. Senate.

David Kustoff for U.S. House District 8.

John Stevens and Charles Cooper for Tennessee Senate District 24.

Tandy Darby for State House District 76.

Brock Martin for State House District 79.

On the Democrat Ticket:

U.S. Senate — Marquita Bradshaw, Lola Denise Brown, Gloria Johnson, Civil Miller-Watkins.

U.S. House of Representatives District 8 — Sarah Freeman, Leonard Perkins,

Lawrence A. Pivnick, Lynnette P. Williams, and Brenda Woods.

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Two judicial retention votes are also on the ballot. Voters will be considering to retain or replace two judges: Dwight Tarwater on the Tennessee Supreme Court and Matthew J. Wilson on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Henry County

Two candidates are seeking the unexpired term of Henry County Mayor. They are Randy Geiger-a Republican and Tim Wirgau, independent.

County Commission District 1 (unexpired term) Dorothy Cook, David Flowers, Ted Kern, Gatlin Primrose.

County Commission District 5 (unexpired term) Jay Travis.

Assessor of Property — Scott Morrison (Republican) and Robert Abbott, Jr. (independent).

Supervisor of Roads — Richie Chilcutt (Republican).

Road Board Chairman — Matthew Craig.

Road Board District 2 — Kyle Norwood (Republican).

Road Board Commissioner District 5 — Clarence “Roy” Henry.

County School Board:

District 1 — Russell Orr.

District 3 — Jordan Beddies (Republican).

District 5 — Jill Coker.

Constable District 1 (unexpired term) — Chad Farthing.

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Weakley County

County Mayor (Unexpired Term) — John Robert Freeman (Republican), Dale Hutcherson (I), and Danny Powers (I).

Assessor of Property — Lisa Odle (R).

County School District

1 — Gath Meeks.

County School District 3 — Jeffrey L. Floyd.

County School District 5 — Wendell Cates (R) and Margaret Lewis.

County School District 7 — Doug Sims (R).

County School District 9 — Joshua Moore (R) and Shannon Taylor.

Constable District 1 (unexpired term) — Philip Russell (Republican) and Adam Ledezma.

Constable District 4 (unexpired term) — Derek Coble (Republican).

Constable District 5 — no candidate.

Constable District 9 — Austin Powell (R) and Keith Sumner.

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THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

What if John Wayne Had been Black?

Growing up, I was mesmerized by every single movie that starred John Wayne. The characters he portrayed were strong, morally conscious men who fought for what’s right, even if they stood alone. They defended the defenseless and were usually fiercely patriotic. Even though I knew nothing about his private life, I wanted to be like John Wayne.

Now, as I approach my seventh decade of life, something recently happened that showed me that as a Caucasian I took all of that for granted. I had never considered what it must be like to be a child of color and never see a Black actor consistently portraying those qualities.

You’re probably familiar with the 2018 movie ‘Black Panther’ with Chadwick Boseman playing the title role. I enjoyed it so much I saw it twice. But I saw it as a White person and never thought about what it might have been like to watch it as a Black person.

It was a replay of an episode of “The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon” that showed me how impactful Chadwick Boseman’s portrayal had been and continues to be. African Americans were asked to share their thanks and admiration for the film. Here’s what some of them had to say:

- “I just want to say thank you so much for making ‘Black Panther.’ I can’t express how much it means to me and the community and my family. Thank you from the very bottom of my heart for all that you’ve done, for really being a hero that we really need in a time like this. Thank you so much.”
- “It means a lot to see a movie that’s not, like, a ‘Black movie,’ but it’s just a great American superhero movie with people that look like me.”
- “For me, as the mother of a young son, my son’s childhood has been defined by Barack Obama and now Black Panther, so thank you.”
- “As a creator, as an entrepreneur of color, just seeing this movie made me realize that our stories need to be told. There’s so many of us out here who are trying to create great things. I was just so inspired as someone who wants to make movies one day, wants to inspire people, that art can really change the world.”

- “I absolutely loved Black Panther. On a personal note, my father is African. He’s from Ghana. He’s a scientist. My mother, my sisters — brilliant African American women. So basically, everything that represents me, was honored in this movie.”
 - “I am a Howard University student, and that is your alma mater. I am so, so, so very proud to say that a Bison is the Black Panther. It was a big deal for me and my friends. I just want to say thank you so much for showing us that there are avenues for us.”
 - “I want to thank you for making ‘Black Panther’ for the kids. Representation is very important. It gives the kids hope.”
 - “Words can’t even describe what this movie has meant to me and to other Black people.”
- After watching and listening to these people, it convinced me I grew up as a person with White Privilege and that Institutional Racism is a real thing. Those are the only reasons I can give for why more Black actors weren’t given the kinds of roles John Wayne portrayed.

Individual racism is more easily recognized because of its overt nature, but institutional racism is less perceptible because of its far more subtle nature.

I get it when people say how you are raised determines what kind of person you become. I, too, agree with that statement, but only to a point, because environmental forces also play a role, along with personal choice.

What if?
What if generations of Black boys had grown up watching someone demonstrate those kinds of traits that John Wayne portrayed?

Of course, no one can say what the answer might be. But at the least, each of us can:

- Be more conscious of White Privilege and Institutional Racism
- Speak out against it when we see it
- Correct it in our own lives
- Give people of color the benefit of the doubt before we jump to conclusions
- Have conversations with people of color with the intent of listening and understanding them

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

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Blackburn, Cantwell, Heinrich Introduce Legislation to Combat AI Deepfakes

NASHVILLE — U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), member of the Senate AI Working Group, introduced the Content Origin Protection and Integrity from Edited and Deepfaked Media Act (COPIED Act) to combat the rise of harmful deepfakes. The bill would set new federal transparency guidelines for marking, authenticating, and detecting AI-generated content, protect journalists, actors, and artists against AI-driven theft, and hold violators accountable for abuses.

“Artificial intelligence has given bad actors the ability to create deepfakes of every individual, including those in the creative community, to imitate their likeness without their consent and profit off of counterfeit content,” said Senator Blackburn. “The COPIED Act takes an important step to better defend common tar-

gets like artists and performers against deepfakes and other inauthentic content.”

“The bipartisan COPIED Act I introduced with Senator Blackburn and Senator Heinrich, will provide much-needed transparency around AI-generated content,” said Senator Cantwell. “The COPIED Act will also put creators, including local journalists, artists and musicians, back in control of their content with a provenance and watermark process that I think is very much needed.”

“Deepfakes are a real threat to our democracy and to Americans’ safety and well-being,” said Senator Heinrich. “I’m proud to support Senator Cantwell’s COPIED Act that will provide the technical tools needed to help crack down on harmful and deceptive AI-generated content and better protect professional journalists and artists from having their content used by AI systems without their consent. Congress needs to step up and pass this

legislation to protect the American people.”

The Act:
Creates Transparency Standards: Requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop guidelines and standards for content provenance information, watermarking, and synthetic content detection. These standards will promote transparency to identify if content has been generated or manipulated by AI as well as where AI content originated. The bill also directs NIST to develop cybersecurity measures to prevent tampering with provenance and watermarking on AI content.

Puts Journalists, Artists, and Musicians in Control of Their Content: Requires providers of AI tools used to generate creative or journalistic content to allow owners of that content to attach provenance information to it and prohibits its removal. The bill prohibits the unauthorized use of content with provenance information to train AI models or generate AI

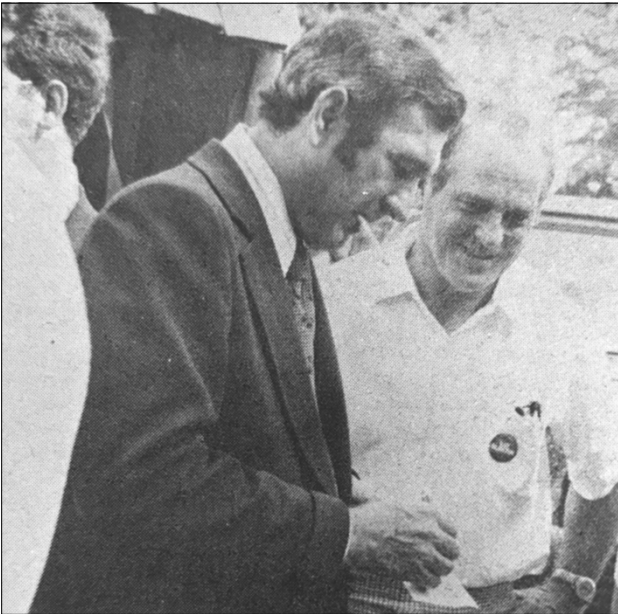
content. These measures give content owners—journalists, newspapers, artists, songwriters, and others—the ability to protect their work and set the terms of use for their content, including compensation.

Gives Individuals a Right to Sue Violators: Authorizes the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and state attorneys general to enforce the bill’s requirements. It also gives newspapers, broadcasters, artists, and other content owners the right to bring suit in court against platforms or others who use their content without permission.

Prohibits Tampering with or Disabling AI Provenance Information: Currently, there is no law that prohibits removing, disabling, or tampering with content provenance information. The bill prohibits anyone, including internet platforms, search engines, and social media companies, from interfering with content provenance information in these ways.



Above, 10 Years Ago — The McKenzie Rebels football program and programs from Obion, Dyer, and Henry County got the opportunity to practice at Wildcat Stadium. The picture shows the Rebel’s defensive converging on the Dyer County receiver. Below Left, 25 Years Ago — Eight-year-old Kyle Trevathan caught a 6 lb. 4 oz. bass. When he made the big catch, Kyle used a jig and pig for bait. Below Right, 50 Years Ago — Huntingdon’s Earnest (Pug) Vickers Jr. accepted the position as Carroll County Co-Chairman “Blanton for Governor.



Looking Back from Our Archives

10 Years Ago — Patrick Willis held his 2nd Annual Procamp. Willis gave Camden girl Lauren Richardson a handoff during the camp.

* The last annual Vol State Road Race crossed Carroll County. Tim Scott of Newport News, Virginia, ran for Dry July, an organization that supports

adults living with cancer. Ed Masuoka of Laurel, Maryland, ran for “just the heck of it.”

25 Years Ago — Four Huntington High School cheerleaders were named All-American cheerleaders at the NCA camp held at UT Martin. All-American: Lauren Webb, Kaythryn Douglas, Konstance

White, and Amanda Powell.

* Trent Johnson and his daughter, Dusty, changed the aeration system hoses to determine the best piping for the African fish at the McKenzie greenhouse.

50 Years Ago — Bethel Basketball Coach, Lionel Sinn announced the signing of 6’4” All-State forward Rick Staley from Indiana.

* Carroll County had a 4th of July celebration. There was an array of activities which included

Dwayne D. Maddox on the dunking machine.

75 Years Ago — Park Theater showed the movie “Mother is a Freshman,” which starred Loretta Young and Van Johnson.

* Chevrolet put an ad in the newspaper for their new car. The ad stated the car had a world champion engine, fisher body styling, and many other features.

* An ad was put in the newspaper for an auction sale held at the First Baptist Church Auditorium.

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FROSTED PEANUT DROPS

1 1/2 cups dark brown sugar, packed
1 cup butter
2 eggs
2 cups sifted all purpose flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup salted peanuts
1 cup quick oats, uncooked
Beat together sugar, butter, and eggs until creamy; add flour and baking powder, mix well. Stir in peanuts and oats. Drop by spoonfuls on foil lined cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Cool. Frost with peanut frosting
Peanut frosting:
Mix 3 cups confectioner's sugar with 1/3 cup milk. Blend in 1/2 cup peanut butter. Mix until smooth. Spread on cookies.

POTATO CHIP COOKIE

1 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon soda
1 cup sugar
2 cups quick oats
2 cups flour
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup shortening
2 cups crushed potato chips
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cream sugars and shortening; add eggs and vanilla. Sift dry ingredients together

and add to creamed mixture. Add nuts, chips and oatmeal. Drop by teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and mash down. Bake at 375 degrees for 12-15 minutes. For variations, add chocolate chips, dates or raisins. Makes approximately 10 dozen cookies.

SEVEN LAYER COOKIES

1 stick butter
1 cup graham crackers, crushed
1 cup shredded coconut
1 (6oz.) chocolate chips
1 (6oz.) butterscotch chips
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 cup chopped nuts
Melt butter in 9x13x2 inch pan, making sure all sides and bottom are covered. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs evenly over the bottom of pan. Cover with coconut. Sprinkle chocolate chips and butterscotch chips over coconut. Drizzle condensed milk over chips. Top with nuts. Bake in pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

BAKED STEAK

1 large sirloin steak
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup ketchup
3 tablespoons Worcester-

shire sauce
1/2 cup butter, melted
1-3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 clove garlic minced
1 (4oz.) can sliced mushrooms
1 large onion, sliced
Place meat in shallow roasting pan; brown under broiler. Season meat with salt and pepper. Combine all other ingredients, except onion; pour over meat. Arrange onion slices over meat. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees until desired doneness of steak.

SAUSAGE AND VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

1 lb. sausage, browned
1 small onion, chopped and sautéed
1 pkg Broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower (cooked, directions on package)
1/2 cup shredded sharp cheese
1 (5oz.) Tomato sauce
Place cooked sausage in casserole dish; place vegetables on top. Cover with sharp cheese and tomato sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Heat in over at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

SAUSAGE LINKS OVER RICE AND GRAVY

1 pkg sausage links
1 can mushroom soup
1 1/2 cup water
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
2 cups instant rice
Brown sausage, drain. Add soup, water and seasonings. Bring to a boil, then add the rice. Simmer 2 minutes, cover and remove from heat. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve immediately

Obituaries

DERRICK POTTER 1991 – 2024

McKENZIE — Joint funeral services for Derrick L. Potter and Elisha Miller Potter were 2 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2024, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Friday, 12-2 p.m. Interment followed at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.
Mr. Potter, 33, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle wreck. He was born in Valparaiso, Ind., on April 16, 1991, to Brian Potter and Julie Hofferth Potter. He was co-owner of Liberty Hardscapes and Excavation, LLC.
He is survived by his sons, Micheal Potter and Dominic Potter, his parents, Brian and Julie, all of McKenzie, a sister, Danielle Potter of Portage, Ind., and paternal grandparents, George and Ginny Harness of Hebron, Ind.
He is preceded in death by his wife, Elisha Potter, a brother, Dustin Potter and maternal grandparents, Melvin and Rhoda Hofferth.
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ELISHA POTTER 1993 – 2024
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Mrs. Potter, 31, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle wreck. She was born in Camp Lejeune, N.C., on February 18, 1993, to Jack Miller and Bridget Tuohy Helms. She was co-owner of Liberty Hardscapes & Excavation, LLC.
She is survived by her sons, Micheal Potter and Dominic Potter of McKenzie, her mother, Bridget (Aaron) Helms of Wheatfield, Ind., father, Jack (Stephanie) Miller of Terre Haute, Ind., two sisters, Erica Helms and Emma Helms and a brother, Aaron Helms all of Wheatfield, Ind., and maternal grandparents, Edward (Margaret) Tuohy of De-motte, Ind., Rex (Donna) Myers of Wheatfield, Ind., and paternal grandparents, Jack (Joyce) Miller of De-motte, Ind.
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She is preceded in death by her husband, Derrick Lee Potter and grandfather, Jack Helms.
Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

JOHN T. GULLET 1964 – 2024

A memorial service for John T. Gullet will be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Gullet, 60, died Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Milan General Hospital. He worked at Prysmian Group in the maintenance department. He was born in Milan, Tenn. on June 3, 1964 to Tommy Gullett and Mary Smith Crider. He is survived by his wife, Lynette Ross Gullett, two sons, Cody (Brooke) Gullett of Atwood and Trevor Gullett of Atwood, his mother, Mary Crider of Greenfield, a sister, Patricia (Gary) Hutchison of Greenfield, a brother, Tommy (Patricia) Gullett of Beach Bluff, and four grandchildren
He is preceded by his father, Tommy Gullett, and step-father, Charles Crider. If you need further assistance please call Brummitt

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DONNA SEGRAVES 1949–2024
CLARKSBURG — Ms. Donna Segraves, 75, of Clarksburg, Tennessee, died Friday, July 12, 2024, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab.
Funeral services were Monday, July 15 at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial was at Roans Creek Cemetery.
Mrs. Segraves was born on June 6, 1949 in Huntingdon to the late Basil Adron Taylor and Melba Jean Fronabarger.
She was preceded in death by a grandson, Daniel Hays and a great-granddaughter, Adrian Linton.
She is survived by a daughter, Tammy Hays (Dwight) of Clarksburg; two sisters, Brenda Burchett of Clarksburg, and Judy Alexander (Joe) of Lexington; a grandchild and three great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

BILL BYARS 1943 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Billy Wayne "Bill" Byars, 80, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Lakeside Senior Living.
Funeral services were Friday, July 12, 2024 at 11 a.m.. at the Huntingdon Church of Christ. Burial was in Long Rock Cemetery.
Mr. Byars was born August 18, 1943 in Huntingdon to the late Wayne Albert Byars and Mildred (Kirby) Byars. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Betty Jane Byars and a daughter, Laura Byars.
He is survived by two sisters, Brenda Barkley of Lady Lake, Florida and Karen McCadams of Jackson, Missouri and numerous nieces and nephews.
Chase Funeral Home.

Bethel/Eastside FCE News

Seven members, one guest, Thelma Rougeau, and our favorite agent, Lacy Yeley, met at Penny and Mary Mays's home for the July 11 meeting. The vice president, Penny Mays, called the meeting to order. She read the 23rd Psalm for our devotion. We all read the Homemakers Club Pledge in unison. The minutes were read from the May meeting because the June meeting was canceled. The treasury report was given and approved.
Old business: The cake idea for nursing home birthdays was discussed. It is to be looked into further by Mary Mays and then tabled until the August meeting. July 19th is cluster meeting in Decatur. July 31, 2024 is another County Council meeting at 10 am at the complex.
New business: August 6 is a mini-conference at Clarksville. Our cultural art exhibits that won 1st and 2nd will now be judged at district level. Be sure to get your items to Lacy's office for pick up.
August is our picnic month, and we agreed to meet at Old West Steak-

house in McKenzie at 11:30. The hostess, Danita Laman, gave the program on Carroll County and the Civil War. Several markers commemorating this era are located around Carroll

County. It was mentioned that we should take a Saturday and explore these markers, culminating with lunch. Nothing was decided, but everyone was in agreement that we should.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEBB SCHOOL NATIONAL REGISTER CELEBRATION

The Webb Alumni Association is planning a celebration and ribbon cutting on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the school, located at 938 Walnut Street West, in McKenzie to commemorate the addition of Webb Public School to the National Register of Historic Places. You are cordially invited to attend.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

- Back to School Bash at Long Heights Baptist Church - McKenzie on August 4 from 5-7 p.m. featuring water slides and food trucks! Long Heights Baptist Church is located at 260 Old Paris Rd, McKenzie, TN 38201.
- Urban Trading Company in McKenzie is having a Back to School Bash on July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with several vendors. Urban Trading Company is located at 55 Broadway St, McKenzie, TN 38201.
- Make plans to attend the Back to School Jumpstart happening on July 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Mulberry Park. There will be snow cones, food, games, school

supplies and LOTS of fun! Mulberry Park is located at Mulberry St, McKenzie, TN 38201.

- Back to School Bash at Veterans Park in Huntingdon — Sunday, August 4 from 5-7 p.m., Huntingdon students (K-12) and their families are welcome to join a fun-filled evening with free food and school supplies, lots of games and ice cream. Veterans Park is Located at 605 Northwood Dr, Huntingdon, TN 38344.
- Hometown Health Clinic hosts a Back to School Blitz - Homer's Fun Day on the Farm Wednesday, July 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 205A Hospital Drive (pediatrics entrance) featuring giveaways, a petting zoo (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), Homer and Friends, Sno Cones and a "Dress Like a Farmer or Farm Animal" contest.
- Webb Back to School Closet - Saturday, July 27 at Webb School, 938 Walnut Ave. W, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Free clothes and shoes (K-8), free haircuts and styles (by Tammy Lane, Shaun Hughes, Querida Carnes and A-La-Sonna Cobb), hot dogs, chips and drinks. For more info, contact Kimberly Bell Webb at 731-697-5468.

McKENZIE VALVE & MACHINING SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

McKenzie Valve & Machining is seeking contributions for a backpack and school supply drive for local area elementary schools. Donations can be dropped off at McKenzie Chamber of Commerce at 9 Broadway or at McKenzie Valve & Machining at 145 Airport Ln. from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday until July 19. Please make checks payable to McKenzie Valve and Machining. Items sought are: #2 pencils (Ticonderoga, no plastic-coated), cap erasers, glue sticks, Elmer's bottle glue, pencil pouches/boxes, earbuds (wired), notebook paper (wide-ruled), composition notebooks, dry erase markers, 24-pack Crayola crayons, scissors (safety tip and regular), tissues, Clorox wipes, plastic folders with brads, highlighters and backpacks.

HUNTINGDON QUARTERBACK CLUB 'MEET THE MUSTANGS' FUNDRAISER

The Huntingdon Quarterback Club hosts a "Meet the Mustangs" fundraiser Thursday, August 1 at Paul Ward Stadium. Fish fry dinners (3-piece, hush-puppies, fries, slaw and a drink) can be picked up from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at Small Town Blessings, Huntingdon Insurance, E3 Fitness or

Maddox Insurance for \$15. "Meet the Mustangs" begins at 7 p.m. The high school and middle school football teams and cheerleaders as well as the Marching Mustangs will be introduced. Entry is \$5.

MHS SCHEDULE PICK-UP

McKenzie High School schedules may be picked up at the school on Wednesday, July 17 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

McKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHER

McKenzie Elementary School hosts a Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, August 1 from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

McKENZIE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the MMS baseball team are Friday, July 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the city park.

McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the MHS baseball team are Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the city park. In case of inclement weather, tryouts will be held at the MHS indoor practice facility.

McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL KIDS FOOTBALL CAMP

MHS football and Coach Keith Hodge host a kids' football camp Tuesday, July 23 at the indoor practice facility. Entry is \$20; pay and register at the door. This event is open to all area youth ages 5-12.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

An AARP refresher driver's course is 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Carroll County Office on Aging, August 22 and 23 2024. Taking the course will help you brush up on driving skills, participants 50 and over may receive a reduction on automobile insurance, but must attend both days. Contact Office on Aging at 731-986-1985.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH HOSTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bethel Baptist Church in McKenzie is hosting Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Breaker Rock Beach" scheduled for July 15 - July 19, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. VBS begins with snacks and drinks at 5:30 p.m., classes

start at 6 p.m. and an adult class begins at 6:30 p.m.. Bethel Baptist Church is located at 21755 Hwy 22. You are invited to attend.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

The Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will distribute USDA Commodity giveaways for residents of Carroll County residents on July 17 and 18, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until food commodities are depleted. The address is 13355 Paris Street, Huntingdon.

This is a first-come, first-served basis. Residents must be registered to receive assistance. Attendees can register and prove eligibility while on site.

McKENZIE CITY MEETINGS

Planning Commission Meeting — Wednesday, July 24 at 3:30 p.m. No agenda provided.

Workshop / Public Hearing for Board of Zoning Appeals — Wednesday, July 24 at 4 p.m.

Zoning Board Meeting — Wednesday, July 24 at 4:15 p.m.

McKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETING

The Condemnation Board meets Monday, July 22. Old Business includes: 16 McClure Street - Randall Adkisson. New Business includes: 244 Oaklawn Drive-Charles Harrison, 569 Walnut Street - Bobby and Patricia Langley; and 50 Olivet Road - Olivet Missionary Baptist Church.

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY AT THE FAIR

August 8, Senior Day at the Carroll County Fair 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. Come out and have some fun. Vendors welcomed. Contact Carroll County Office on Aging at 731-986-1985.

MISS CCHS PAGEANT

The Miss Carroll County Humane Society Pageant will be held on Sunday, July 21 at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon. Doors open at 12 with the first category beginning at 1p.m.

\$5 entry per person to watch. Entry paperwork is available at CCHS or can be completed the day of pageant. Infant-2 years for boys and girls, 3-5 for Mini Mr. and Mini Miss, 6-9 Little Miss, 10-13 Junior Miss, 14-16 Teen Miss, 17-21 Miss CCHS and 22+ Adult Miss CCHS. \$35 entry fee beauty only and includes one admission plus con-

testant. Add \$5 for each side category: best hair, prettiest smile, best dress, best composure. Call or text 731-358-1019 for more information.

T.A.R.P. ADA CELEBRATION

T.A.R.P. Center for Independent Living is hosting an ADA Celebration on July 31 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1108 Tyson Avenue in Paris. Cake sponsorships and cake donations needed for cake walk. Call 731-644-0026, visit www.tarpl.org or email info@tarpl.org.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Dog Vouchers

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

Cat Vouchers

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

McKENZIE RIDERS CHAPTER X ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The McKenzie Riders Chapter X hosts a first-year annual celebration at Tom's Steakhouse in Paris Saturday, August 17 at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome; door prizes will be given.

McKENZIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S HOURS

The McKenzie Memorial Library, Broadway Street, is open, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer for the Summer Reading Program. Additionally, the library has programs on most Saturdays beginning at 11:30 a.m.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll Coun-

ty Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in February and July.

McKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS

McKenzie Industrial Board of Directors meets Thursday, July 18, 6 p.m. in the RailYard Workspace on Broadway Street.

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.

McKENZIE TOPS TO MEET

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FAMILY DANCE NIGHTS

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 47 is hosting family dance nights on Thursdays in July from 7-9:30 p.m. at Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon, located at 201 Fairgrounds Road. July 18 will be the Trailblazers Band and on July 25 Crooked Creek will perform.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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Inglenook Book Club News

Inglenook Book Club held its monthly meeting at Lakeside Senior Community Living in McKenzie on Wednesday, July 10 with 18 members in attendance.

President Gail Mack called the meeting to order and thanked the hostesses for the delicious warm peach cobbler with ice cream, assorted nuts and beverages they served. The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Motto were recited by all. Victoria Ard and Shirley Martin were the birthday ladies for the month of July. Happy Birthday was sung by everyone.

The roll call and reading of June minutes was completed with the minutes being approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the Treasurer's report, which was also approved as read.

President Mack called on the committee chairs to report, and there is a vacancy for a new member to join. If you have a name, get it to the membership chair. President Mack thanked the chair ladies for their participation and all they do for the club.

There was no unfinished business and no new busi-

ness to report, and President Gail Mack called on Beverly Mueller to present the program, as Zia Locke was unable to be present. Her topic was "Librarians"

Book passing was completed by book chair Mary Newman, and the next book passing date is July 24.

Announcement was made by Shirley Martin that Carroll Arts is sponsoring the Arts Exhibit along with music on July 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie.

The next meeting is August 14 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside. Hostesses are Mona Batchelor and Pedie Pedersen, and the program presentation will be by Mona Batchelor.

Remember to bring assorted individually-packaged food items for the school donations.

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

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Beverly Mueller

Annual Sales Tax Holiday Runs July 26 – July 28

NASHVILLE — Save the date and save! The State of Tennessee's annual sales tax holiday weekend is Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28, 2024.

Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

During this time clothing, school supplies and computers may be purchased tax-free. Certain restrictions apply. Items sold online are also eligible. Items must be purchased for personal use, not for business or trade.

During this holiday, Tennesseans can save nearly 10 percent on qualifying clothing, school supplies, and computers. Tennesseans can purchase clothing and school supplies tax-free if they are priced at \$100 or less and buy computers tax-free if they are priced at \$1500 or less. Qualifying

items may be purchased online and in stores.

"Tennessee's commitment to strong fiscal stewardship has allowed our state to cut taxes and put dollars back in the pockets of hardworking Tennesseans," said Gov. Bill Lee. "I encourage every Tennessee family to take advantage of back-to-school savings and thank the General Assembly for partnering to provide direct financial relief for taxpayers."

"With the start of the school year around the corner, we encourage Tennessee families to take advantage of these savings," Revenue Commissioner David Gerregano said. "This is the only sales tax holiday this year."

For more information about the sales tax holiday, including a list of qualifying items, visit www.tntaxholiday.com. You can also call 615-253-0600 or email revenue.support@tn.gov with questions.

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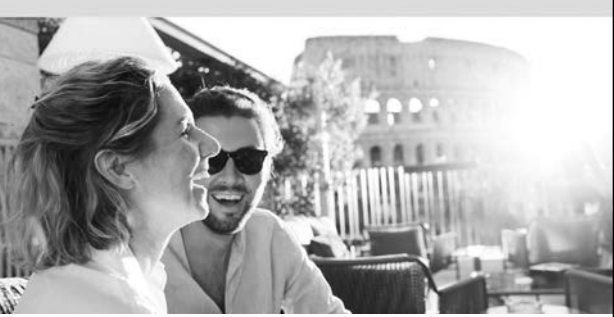
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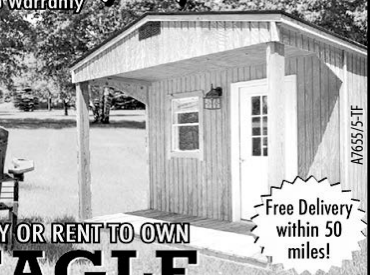
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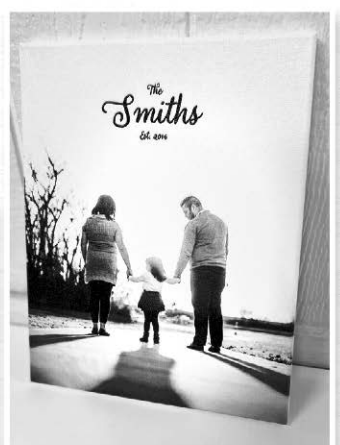
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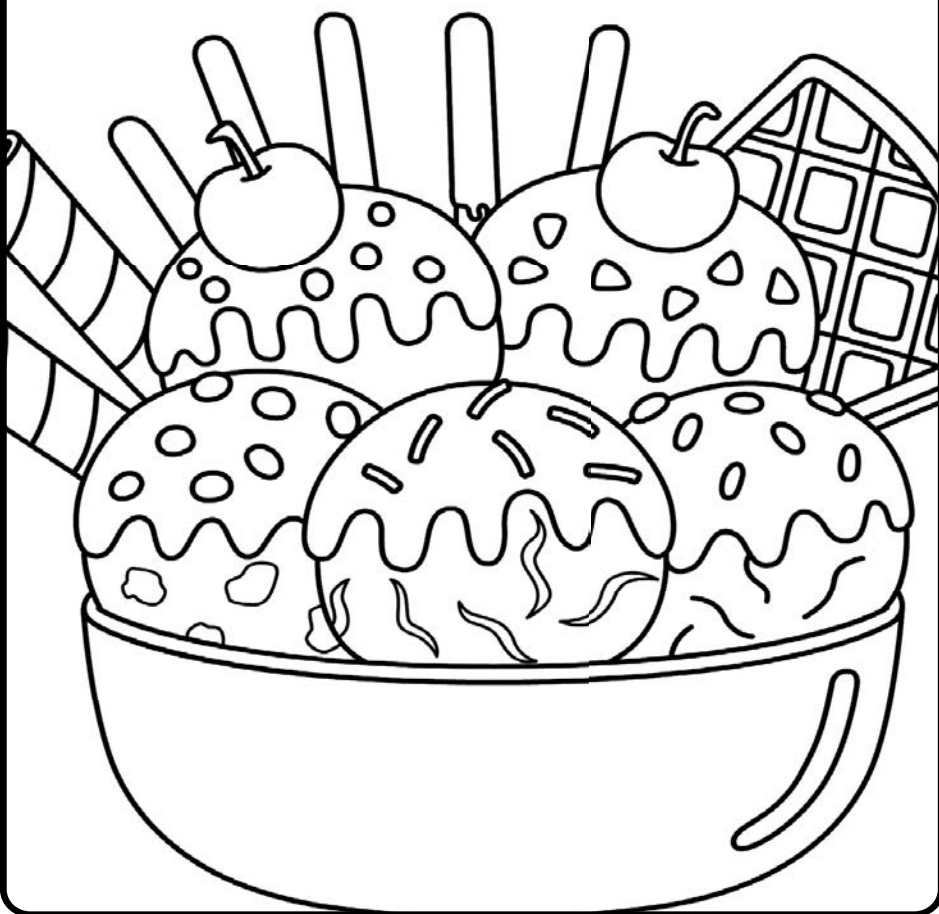
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1. A right conferred through legal means
2. American island state
3. Inflexibly entrenched
4. "Pollock" actor Harris
5. Foolish person
6. Follows a particular Chairman
7. Choose
8. Sunrooms
9. One hundred grams (abbrev.)
10. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
11. South American hummingbird
12. "Girl Chopping Onions"

See solution in next week's edition.

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- **1723:** JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH LEADS THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF HIS CANTATA *ERFORSCHET MICH, GOTT, UND ERFAHRE MEIN HERZ*, BWV 136.
- **1870:** THE FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL DECREES THE DOGMA OF PAPAL INFALLIBILITY.
- **1968:** INTEL IS FOUNDED IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA.

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to vacations.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 20 = **A**)

A. 20 16 2 8 10 20 26 23
Clue: Flying vehicle

B. 1 16 11 12 23 1
Clue: Proof of ride

C. 1 2 16 8
Clue: Journey

D. 25 23 20 11 3
Clue: Sandy location

Answers: A. airplane B. ticket C. trip D. beach

How many words can you make by rearranging the letters in the phrase below? Use each letter only once.

1. _____	11. _____
2. _____	12. _____
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10. _____	20. _____

I get answered even though I never ask a question. What am I?

Answer: A door knock or doorbell

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vacations.

LAEXR

ANSWER: Relax

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Carroll County General Sessions

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

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

Keith Hayes, Highway 18, Toone, Tenn., was bound over on charges of DUI - First Offense, Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence, Improper Lane Change, and Open Container.

Karrington D. Williams, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie was bound over on charges of DUI-First Offense; dismissed were charges of Implied Consent; dismissed, Driver's License Must Be Carried and Exhibited; dismissed, Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Improper Lane Change.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Rachel Campbell, Everett Street, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Retailer Sale of Alcohol to Minors; time served, supervised probation, 24 hours community service.

Brooke Alexander Chandler, guilty, Probation Violation.

Timothy Gene Chapel, Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, six months probation, must obtain valid drivers license.

Becky G. Hampton, Union Cross Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended five months, 20 days jail.

Octavia Grace Jones,, Oakland Estates Road, Paris, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment, time served, probation.

Lucielious Ray King, III, Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$250 fine, probation;

dismissed, Schedule II Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Sissy Munoz, Cotton Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Retailer Sale of Alcohol to Minor, time served, probation, 24 hours community service.

Rakan Nazi, Cedar Drive, Camden, guilty, Failure to Appear; dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Display of Registration Plates.

Deanta D. Pearson, Saddle Club Loop, Lexington, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$300 fine, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; dismissed, Light Law; dismissed, Simple Possession.

Perry Phipps, Florida Avenue, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Disorderly Conduct, time served, probation; dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Domestic Assault — David E. Myles, 49, of Huntingdon, was arrested on July 8 for Domestic Assault. Officer Brad Allen was dispatched to High Street for a domestic assault. Upon his arrival, he spoke with the victim who stated that her boyfriend, David Myles, and herself were sitting on the sofa and she wanted to leave, and he became violent and punched her in the head causing a cut on her forehead. Myles was located walking on Clark

Street and was taken into custody.

Criminal Trespass — William A. Hollowell, 63, of Huntingdon, was arrested on July 8 for Criminal Trespass and Public Intoxication.

Officer Townes responded to the railroad tracks behind Espey Oil in Huntingdon. A concerned citizen called emergency services to report a man walking in the middle of the railroad tracks and a train was coming. The caller did state that when the train

came the defendant did get off the tracks but then returned once the train went by. Officer Townes gave verbal commands for the man to get off the tracks many times as he was staggering and putting himself in danger. The defendant then attempted to run from Officer Townes, but she caught him after he got caught in some bushes. The defendant had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage and was taken to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

John Adam Phillips to Jacob L. and Anna C. Click in District 16.

Gwin Taylor to Winfred Ripley Johnson. No district listed.

M Land Inc. to Anthony Swank in District 18.

Anthony Swank to Rodd A. and Kelley J. Forringer in

Clint and Morgan Bea-cham to Kimberly Chasse. No district listed.

Mary K. and Joseph Kevin Kelly to John Grabiell in District 4.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated **March 4, 2020**, executed by **Desmond Taylor, an unmarried man**, to **The Jones Law Firm** as Trustee, for **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Traditional Home Mortgage, its successors and assigns**, and appearing of record on **March 5, 2020**, in the Register's Office of **Carroll** County, Tennessee, at Trust Deed Book 688, Page 105, and Instrument Number 181804.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to **Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC**, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of **Carroll** County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **August 15, 2024, at 2 p.m.**, local time, at the East Court House Door of the Carroll County Courthouse, located in Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds **ONLY**, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in **Carroll** County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Carroll, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: BEGINNING AT A STAKE ON THE EAST MARGIN OF HIGHWAY NO. 22 IN THE TOWN OF HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE, WHERE THE HALE SCHOOL STREET INTERSECTS SAID HIGHWAY, THENCE EAST WITH THE MARGIN OF SAID HALE SCHOOL STREET 100 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH WITH CORTEZ OLIVER TRACT 70 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE WEST 95 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT NO. 2: ADJOINING SAID TRACT NO. 1 ABOVE DESCRIBED AND BEGINNING AT A STAKE ON THE EAST MARGIN OF HIGHWAY NO. 22 AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HAROLD HOWARD LOT; THENCE SOUTH THE MARGIN OF SAID HIGHWAY 52 FEET TO A STAKE AT ROSALIE TOWNES PROPERTY; THENCE EAST WITH TOWNES 100 FEET TO A STAKE, THENCE NORTH 52 FEET TO A STAKE AT HAROLD HOWARD LOT, THENCE WEST WITH HOWARD 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FOR GRANTORS RIGHT TO CONVEY SEE DB 392, PG 111, ORCCT, TAX REFERENCE: MAP #73F, GROUP B, PARCEL #5.00, TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: **073F B 00500 000353**

Commonly known as **13350 Paris Street Huntingdon, TN 38344**

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: **Desmond Taylor; Johnsonville TVA Employees Credit Union.**

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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

Clear Recon LLC, Substitute Trustee
651 East 4th Street Suite 200
Chattanooga, TN 37403
Phone: (877) 319-8840
File No: 1154-140A

Newspaper: The McKenzie Banner
Publication Dates: 7/16/2024, 7/23/2024, 7/30/2024

Marriage Licenses

John Wayne Millsap, 64, of Blakely, Georgia to Kathy Lynn Corbin Fisk, 60, of Griffith, Ind.

Cory Michael Mattison, 44, of Paris, to Paige Nicole Holmes, 26, of Paris.

Jenny Lea Johnson Miller, 43, of Camden, to Ronald Dale Lewis, 59, of Humboldt.

ACCEPTING BIDS

The West Carroll Special School District CTE Department will be accepting bids until July 23, 2024, for the installation of quartz countertops for the Culinary Department. The counter tops will have a 12" backsplash in 3 separate kitchen areas. For more information on the exact measurements, contact Kristen Lindsey at 731-415-1868, or by email at Jennifer.Lindsey@wcssd.org.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, CARROLL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lacey Dawn Prater executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FirstBank, Lender and Wilburn J. Evans, Trustee(s), which was dated February 18, 2022, and recorded on February 22, 2022, in Book 715, at Page 662 in Carroll County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **August 27, 2024, at 10 a.m.** at the usual and customary location at the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

Located in the Town of Huntingdon and beginning on a stake in the West margin of Spring Street, the same being Ben Cockrill's Southeast corner, and runs South with the West margin of Spring Street 85 feet to a ditch; thence West with the ditch 130 feet to a post; thence in a Northern direction 73 feet to a stake and Cockrill's Southwest corner; thence East with Cockrill's South line 131 feet to the point of beginning.

Being that property known as 185 Spring Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

The above description is the same as in the previous deed of record.

For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 402, page 971, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Map 73-E, Group P, Parcel 8.00, Assessor of Property's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: **11-073-E-073-E-P-008.00**
Address/Description: **185 SPRING ST, Huntingdon, TN 38344**
Current Owner(s): **Lacey Dawn Prater**
Other Interested Party(ies):

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 24-15547 FC01

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of McKenzie, TN
City Hall, 2470 E. Cedar Avenue, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201

Separate sealed Bids for the electrical system upgrades and modifications at the water treatment plant, together with all related work as described in the Scope of Work, specified and shown on the Drawings, will be received by the City of McKenzie, TN, at their office located at 2470 E. Cedar Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201, until 11 a.m. (Local Time) on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, and then at said office opened and publicly read aloud.

The allotted time for construction is 630 calendar days.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, consisting of Information to Bidders, Bid, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Specifications, Plans, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of McKenzie, City Hall, 2470 E. Cedar Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201

Builders Exchange TN, 301 S. Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 100, Office 9, Nashville, TN 37211

West TN Plan Room, 439 Airways Blvd., Jackson, TN 38301

GRW Engineers, Inc., 404 BNA Drive, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37217

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS **MUST** be obtained at the office of GRW Engineers Inc., located at 404 BNA Drive, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37217, upon payment of \$170 for each set which includes a hard copy and a digital set. TO BID THE PROJECT, YOU MUST PURCHASE A FULL SET OF DOCUMENTS. Digital copies of the bidding documents are available for \$75 to Subcontractors and Manufacturers **ONLY**. Payment is **not refundable. Bids from anyone not on the Engineer's Plan Holders List will not be opened.**

The City of McKenzie hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The City of McKenzie is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Any contract that uses federal funds to pay for construction work is a "federally assisted construction contract" and must include the equal opportunity clause found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, unless otherwise stated in 41 C.F.R. Part 60. We encourage all small and minority owned firms and women's business enterprises to participate. No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Please Note: Official plan holders list will only be the list maintained by GRW Engineers, Inc. It is the sole responsibility of all plan holders, whether they have received digital downloads or paper copies of the plans and specifications, to periodically check for Addenda which may have been issued.

All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1994 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and be qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

This project is being supported with American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund grant funding. Therefore, certain restrictions and other federal requirements attach to this opportunity.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act is also applicable, which prohibits workers on construction contracts from giving up wages that they are owed. Contractor's must not appear on Sam.gov disbarment list.

A detailed listing of all subcontractors shall be provided by the Bidder. In accordance with the Contract Documents, documentation that the prospective General Contractor and its subcontractors meet minimum qualifications shall be provided and submitted. Subcontractors must also not appear on Sam.gov disbarment list. Mark-ups on subcontractor work or Cost Plus Overhead will be disallowed for reimbursement.

A bid bond or certified check for five percent (5%) of the total bid amount must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bonds in the amount of his bid.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

This project is being supported in whole or in part, by federal award number 21.027 awarded to the City of Henderson, TN by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

City of McKenzie, TN

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(L to R) Vol State runners Frederick F. Davis III of Ohio and Jason Postlethwait of Huntingdon and road angels Jennifer Nelson, Chris Nelson and Al Everett. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Welcomes Vol State 500k Runners

Huntingdon Man Among Competitors

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (July 11-13) — Participants in the Last Annual Vol State Road Race made their way through downtown McKenzie last week.

Despite the “last” in the name, the grueling event is held each year, with runners beginning a 500k (314 mile) journey from Dorena Landing, Missouri to Castle Rock, Georgia on Thursday morning. They have ten days to complete the course.

This year, 121 took the first steps, and as of Monday morning, 85 remained on the course, 34 had dropped out and two had completed the monumental feat.

For several years, local enthusiasts have played

the role of “road angels,” setting up an aid station at the Farmers Market to provide runners with some essentials and temporary comforts such as water and gatorade, bananas and other light snacks, first aid supplies and cots for sleeping. Contributing to this year's effort were Al Everett, Chris Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Todd Walker and Richard Ozment.

The quickest of the quick begin arriving in McKenzie on Thursday afternoon, with the bulk of runners passing through on Friday and stragglers (at risk of being paced out of the race) trickling in early Saturday.

Arriving at the oasis just minutes apart on Friday afternoon were Frederick F. Davis III and Jason

Postlethwait.

Davis, 76, of Ohio, has a full dozen attempts to his name with a whopping six finishes. Postlethwait, 48, of Huntingdon, is making his first attempt.

Davis is a “screwed” runner, meaning his only aid is what he carries and what he finds along the route. His thirteenth attempt would not yield a seventh finish as he dropped out in Huntingdon early Saturday.

Postlethwait is running “crewed,” with help along the way from his wife following in a vehicle. He told The Banner he was looking forward to sleeping in his own bed Friday afternoon, a luxury afforded to anyone who happens to live close enough to the route.

As of Monday morning, he was still in the race, having traveled 140 miles and approaching Hohenwald.



The Rebels brave the sweltering heat Wednesday in preparation for the upcoming season. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Resume Practice, Conclude 7-on-7s

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (July 15) — The McKenzie High School Rebel football team resumed practice last week following the summer dead period with the season fast approaching. The team traveled for a pair of 7-on-7's to conclude the week and held one final 7-on-7 Monday evening.

First-year Head Coach Keith Hodge updated The Banner Monday morning on the productive road trip. He said the team is “continuing to improve” after getting back in the swing of

things from the dead period.

Thursday, the team traveled to Camden for a 7-on-7 and lineman challenge, with Lexington also participating. Coach Hodge said the team “competed well and got tons of reps in” while focusing on communication. The Rebel linemen also competed well, winning several competitions.

Friday, they made the long trek to the University of North Alabama in Florence for a 7-on-7 tournament. Hodge described the day as “blistering hot... with no breeze at all.” He added that most of the 34 schools participating were larger.

The Rebels went 3-1 in four pool-play games to earn the sixth overall seed in the tournament. They won their first tourney game, but were defeated in the second round. The coach said it was “good conditioning” and a great opportunity for extra reps for the whole team.

Monday, McKenzie hosted Southside at Bethel University for one final 7-on-7. They'll practice in the evenings this week, and after a hard-earned Friday off, begin practicing in pads next week.

Coach Hodge expressed his eagerness to “get to some real football.”



Dem Cookiez owner Lacey Prater displays the watermelon cookies that earned Second Place and \$500 at the Chesoli's Race for Taste Competition in Huntingdon on July 6. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Dem Cookiez Wins at Huntingdon Competition

Broadway Bakery Remains Open Despite Prater's Closure

BY BRAD SAM
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One of McKenzie's newest businesses celebrated a big win on Saturday, July 6 at a nearby food competition.

Dem Cookiez owner and baker Lacey Prater won Second Place and a \$500 prize in the Chesoli's Race for Taste Competition in downtown Huntingdon. Her green watermelon cookie with pink icing and chocolate chip

“seeds” delighted the judges' eyes and taste buds.

But the young entrepreneur's elation was quickly mixed with trepidation as she learned that Prater's Taters, the Broadway business and building owned by her father Ed, from which Dem Cookiez operates, was closing immediately.

Fortunately for McKenzie's sweet-toothed citizens, Lacey has no plans to close or re-

locate. Her (now award-winning) specialty cookies, handcrafted lemonades and iced coffees (a recent addition) will continue to be available.

Dem Cookiez is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

The shop will stay open until 9 p.m. Thursday this week for Nights on Broadway.



New Security Lighting Added at Bethel

Bethel University received a safety grant from the State of Tennessee and the Office of Criminal Justice Programs in the amount of approximately \$306,000.

The grant is part of a statewide program known as the Tennessee Higher Education Safety Grant which was approved in the fall of 2023 for colleges and universities to invest in various safety and security improvements. The state legislature allocated approximately \$30 million for

the grant and has awarded funding to numerous institutions across the state.

Projects being worked on this summer at Bethel include upgrades and enhancements to the security camera systems across campus, including the Vera Low Student Center and Nursing Department, and upgrading the electronic access control systems in the dormitories.

Another major project started this morning, which is the upgrading of the park-

ing lot lights and many of the building security lights to new LED fixtures.

Additional parking light poles will be installed on Bethel Court in front of the Dickey Fine Arts Center and at the Dr. Deborah Thompson Tennis Complex as part of the safety improvements. This is expected to take several weeks to complete and we hope to have it finished by the first of August.

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RIBBON CUTTING

Ceremony celebrating that Webb Public School has been placed in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior.



The celebration will take place on

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at the

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938 Walnut Avenue West
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Refreshments will be provided



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West Carroll FBLA Students recently attended national conference. Pictured (L to R): Will Murray, Jack Robinson, Joe Vermillion, Olivia Arnold and Emma Stout.

West Carroll High School FBLA Members Participate in National Leadership Conference in Orlando

ORLANDO, Florida (June 28-July 3) — Five members of the West Carroll High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America qualified to represent Tennessee at the National Leadership Conference this summer.

The qualifying members

had the opportunity to participate in competition and leadership workshops with more than 16,000 other members from across the country and several international locations.

The WCHS FBLA chapter and their advisors thank

the following community leaders and businesses for their sponsorship: Dale's Recycling, Robinson Trucking, William and Michelle Robinson, Carroll Bank & Trust, Centennial Bank, G&C Supply Co., Reeves Trucking and the Town of Atwood.