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Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky."

— Rabindranath Tagore

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Retired Bethel President Dies



Dr. Reverend Robert Prosser

Bethel Experienced Great Growth Under Leadership Of Bob Prosser

McKENZIE — The Bethel University and McKenzie communities are mourning the death of Dr. Reverend Robert (Bob) Prosser, who died Thursday.

Prosser was a Bethel graduate and

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Huntingdon Citizen Disputes Requirement for Water Rate Increase, Calls for Transparency

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (August 27) — One citizen, who is also a candidate for town council, has taken issue with the handling of water rate increases by the Huntingdon Mayor and Council.

Barbara Knuutila, who is on the November ballot for a council

seat, presented a hefty packet of documents and delivered a verbal presentation at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting laying out the findings from her investigation into the town's water system.

The crux of Knuutila's grievance is the language used by various

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GLEASON



Above, A giant American Flag was presented by Woodmen of the World. Below, Gleason Mayor Charles Anderson with his 1949 Packard.

Tater Town Special Celebrated its 51st Year



GLEASON — Gleason celebrated its 51st Tater Town Special during the final week of August, always culminating the weekend of Labor Day. The Gleason Gazelles started the event in the 1970s as a way to showcase the city and its pride for all things Gleason. The lone year without the event was 2020, the pandemic year.

The week-long event featured worship service, car shows, 5K run, barbecue cooking, music, a junior parade and a grand parade, and culminating with the annual Gleason School reunion and worship service.

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Relay For Life is Saturday

Carroll County Relay For Life, the annual American Cancer Society fundraising event, is Saturday, September 7 from 4-9 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center.

The theme of this year's event is Superheroes for Hope.

Activities confirmed so far are: Bethel Renaissance Bluegrass Band, Cherrywine 451 Band, cake walks, hair tinsel, Massage by Brenna, children's superhero items for sale, UT Vols game viewing, pirate ship jumper, fire truck expo, ambulance expo and Army truck expo.

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TVA



Vickie Williams was welcomed as the new board member of the Carroll County Electric Department. Pictured is Williams and Ryan Drewry, general manager.

Electric Rates to Increase Next Month

HUNTINGDON (August 29) — Electric rates in Carroll County and throughout the TVA service area will increase in October after the federal electrical producer raised wholesale rates by 5.25 percent effective October 1, board members of the local electrical distributors were told during the regular monthly meeting.

Ryan Drewry, general manager of the Carroll County Electric Department,

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Newly-elected members of the Webb Alumni Executive Board (L to R): Rosetta Clark, Priscilla Williamson, Michael Tate, Ike Gilbert, Kim Webb, Rosella Glenn, Scottie Clark and Gloria Harris. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Webb Alumni Association Elects New President, Officers

McKENZIE (August 31) — Members of the Webb Alumni Association met at the historic Webb School Saturday to elect leadership for the coming years. The gathering comes as the organization cele-

brates its 55th annual Labor Day weekend Homecoming.

Ike Gilbert was elected national president, his second tenure in that position. He replaces Neal Williamson, who served as president for the

past eight years. Williamson retains the role of West Carroll Chapter president.

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Above left, “Old Folks” Molly (Denise Sam) and Bert (Jason R. Martin) enjoy a relaxing evening on the porch. Above center, Scott Armpriest tries to woo Leigh Goodwin with a cheesy pick-up line. Above right, Anna Moore administers the “Redneck Census” to Andrew Evans. Below, Noelle Hennis and Isaac Walker give an out-of-this-world performance as two Martians trying to blend in on Earth. Photos courtesy Carol Armpriest

Carroll Arts Presents Southern Fried Funnies During Sweet Tea Festival

MCKENZIE (August 22, 24) - Local talent was on full display Thursday and Saturday as Carroll Arts, Inc., presented the annual Southern Fried Funnies at the historic Park Theatre. The Thursday evening show unofficially kicks off the Sweet Tea Festival in downtown McKenzie, while the Saturday afternoon encore is at the apex of the festival, providing an entertaining reprieve from the August heat outside. The show features classic comedy sketches from favorites such as The Beverly Hillbillies, Hee-Haw and The Carol Burnett Show, as well as music. Performers include: Dr. Andrew Evans, Anna Moore, Chelsea Fuller Brown, Mitchell Brown, Jon Eaton and family, Jason Martin, Denise Sam, Brad Sam, Veronica Davis, Joseph Keenan, Carol

Armpriest, Scott Armpriest, Glynda Rich, Leigh Goodwin, Mike Goodwin, Noelle Hennis, Nancy Hicks, Missy McDonald, Isaac Stephen Walker and Allison Cummings. Mayor Ryan Griffin made a special surprise appearance. Casey Crosser provided lights and sound. Southern Fried Funnies is directed by Glynda Rich and Denise Sam.



Above, The new scoreboard was partially installed last week and will be completely installed by the first home game on Friday. Below, The remaining parts of the new scoreboard, including the main sponsor, Granges.



Rebel Stadium Has New Scoreboard

MCKENZIE — McKenzie has a new video scoreboard that will be operational by the first home high school game. The sign is totally sponsored by Granges, Pepsi, Carroll Bank and Trust, McKenzie Banking Com-

pany, and 4Front Promotions. It was designed by Varsity in Kentucky. The MSSD Board of Education unanimously approved the purchase with a budget \$110,000 from all donated funds.

Washburn to Retire October 1

MCKENZIE — After 45 years of service at The McKenzie Banner, former publisher Joel Washburn is semi-retiring on October 1, 2024. Washburn began working at the newspaper and print shop in the 1960s. His first job was sweeping the floor one day weekly for \$1. He later worked in the print shop, operating a hand-fed letterpress. As a child, he followed his editor father, the late James Lloyd Washburn, as his father worked at meetings, birthday parties, anniversaries, and ballgames. In 1972, he was asked by retired teacher Nancy Holland to be the high school yearbook photographer and to submit photos to the newspaper. He continued to cover sporting events throughout high school. A short break in service occurred when Washburn attended Union University. While at Union, he worked three years as a darkroom technician and a photographer at The Moore Studio for Mitch Carter. On the weekends, he came home and worked at the Ben Franklin Family Center, owned by Dennis L. Smith.

Washburn returned to the family newspaper and printing business in 1979 upon graduation. The elder Washburn died in 1985 at the age of 57, leaving sons, Joel and Jeff, who managed the formerly family-owned Dresden Enterprise, to continue the business along with their mom, Ramona. Jeff and Joel bought their mother's ownership in 2015 and later, Joel purchased Jeff shares in 2019. On October 1, 2023, Joel and wife, Teresa, sold the business to their daughter and son-in-law, Brittany and Jason Martin. At that time, Joel announced his intent to retire after spending more than four decades in the business. After one year under the new ownership, Joel is now officially semi-retiring, in which he will still report on a few news events and work from home or from other countries as he travels and volunteers with the service-learning company, Global Citizen Adventure Corps. He will still maintain a handful of meetings as his “news beat” and maintain a photography business, but will not be involved in the day-to-day operations.

Milton Leads War Eagles to 2-0 Start

COURTESY MICHAEL ODOM
Mirror-Exchange

West Carroll senior Jayden Milton is proving to be one of the best running backs in West Tennessee through the first two weeks of the season. After rushing for 232 yards and three touchdowns in Week 1, Milton followed that up with 336 yards and five touchdowns on 37 carries to help the War Eagles beat Harding Academy 42-15 in Week 2. West Carroll (2-0) hosts First Assembly Christian School Friday. Milton has now accounted for 568 yards and eight touchdowns this season. But it was sophomore Zac Fowler that got the scoring going against Harding Academy. Fowler scored from 16 yards out and then scored the two-point conversion for the 8-0 lead with 9:05 remaining in the first quarter. With 2:02 left in the quarter, Milton scored his first touchdown from 16 yards out for the 14-0 lead. Harding Academy opened the second quarter with a field goal to cut the War Eagles' lead to 14-3, but Milton scored on a 30-yard touchdown run

with 3:44 remaining in the first half for the 20-3 lead at halftime. West Carroll's defense kept the Lions in check most of the game. The defense held Harding Academy to 156 yards of offense – 76 yards rushing and 80 yards passing. And in the third quarter, Milton wore out the Lions' defense. He scored his third touchdown on a nine-yard run, and he scored on a two-point conversion for the 28-3 lead. Harding Academy answered with a 10-play drive, capped off with a two-yard touchdown run to cut West Carroll's lead to 28-9. But Milton went back to work, scoring on a 27-yard touchdown run for the 34-9 lead and a four-yard touchdown run – combined with a pass from Ben Pruitt to Jace Hammett on a two-point conversion – for the 42-9 lead. Harding Academy scored once more on a kickoff return, but West Carroll didn't give up another score. West Carroll finished with 400 yards rushing and only attempted one pass during the game. Mason Taylor rushed for 29 yards, while Pruitt rushed for 25.



1. Gleason Cheerleaders carried the Welcome to Tater Town Special banner. 2. Gleason Class of 2004. 3. Keith Radford Trucking and family was the grand marshal. 4. Weakley County Mayor Dale Hutcherson, wife, Sam, and daughter Mila. 5. Tumbling Creek Baptist Church. 6. Tater Town beauty review winners. 7. McKenzie Marching Rebels provided musical entertainment during the parade. 8. Gleason Cumberland Presbyterian Church. 9. Santa's Helpers of Weakley County. 10. Girl Scouts. 11. Gleason Class of 1974. 12. Beech Springs Baptist Church. 13. Maker's Bin.

Tater

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Saturday's junior and grand parades provided 45 minutes of entertainment.

The Keith Radford family was the grand marshal and they rode in an antique pickup truck, which was followed in the parade by a huge dump truck. **Tater Town Parade Winners:** Most Original Float — 3rd

Place — Tumbling Creek Baptist Church, 2nd Place — Cruise — Tate Kwon Do; 1st Place — Beech Springs Church. Most Beautiful Float — 3rd Place — Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2nd

Place — Girl Scout Troop 40173, 1st Place — Santa's Helpers. Community Spirit Award — 3rd Place — Class of 2004, 2nd Place — Class of 1974, 1st Place — The Maker's Bin.

McKenzie City Council Agenda

McKenzie Mayor and Council convenes Thursday, September 12, 6 p.m. at City Hall, 24700 Cedar Street for the monthly meeting.

The following items are on the agenda.

The council follows Robert's Rules of Order

when conducting a council meeting.

Call to Order.

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance: Bobby Young.

Roll Call.

Mayor's Welcome.

Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2024.

Financial Matters: None.

Prosser

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returned to his alma mater as president. His career had been in servant leadership, serving as pastor of the McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 15 years, as Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (15 years) and president of Bethel College, later Bethel University, also for 15 years.

The McKenzie campus experienced its first new building construction under his leadership. It was a new dorm, named in his honor. New construction on the McKenzie campus included a new science building, another new dorm, and a new student center. A new physician assistant campus in Paris was built and many satellite campuses were opened throughout the area, including Jackson, Memphis and Clarksville, to name a few.

"He was a visionary," said Walter Butler, who followed Dr. Prosser as president of the local university. Butler said Dr. Prosser sought the input of the faculty and staff and was willing to start new programs that helped the students. One such program was the Renaissance program of music and theater. It provided an outlet for talented students to continue performing and learning new skills in the performing arts, even though those students were not majoring in the subject area. The students received scholarships - just as athletes receive

scholarships.

Butler praised both Dr. Prosser and wife, Toni, who was the director of development during Prosser's presidency. "They loved Bethel," said Butler of the Prossers.

Butler returned to Bethel University after first serving as a student recruiter for Bethel in the 1970s, then as Carroll County Trustee, County Mayor, and as a cabinet member during the Governor Sundquist administration. "He (Dr. Prosser) gave me a great opportunity to return to my alma mater," said Butler, who worked as the business manager of the university before being named interim president in 2013 and president in 2014.

The following is the obituary for Dr. Robert Prosser.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Rev. Dr. Robert Prosser (Bob) is Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McKenzie. An announcement will be made at the service about how to make donations in lieu of flowers.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Prosser (Bob) was born in Lebanon, Missouri in 1940. He received a BA from Bethel College and a Bachelor of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary followed later in life by a MA from The University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Mr. Prosser was awarded an honorary doctorate from Bethel University and The College of the Ozarks. His professional life consisted of 15 years in the ministry, primarily serving the McKenzie First Cumberland

Old Business:

Discussion / Approval for 2nd reading of Ordinance 570 for the Revision of the Adopted Fence Requirements.

New Business:

Citizens Input.

Approve Paving Quote.

Department Head Reports.

Council Comments.

Adjournment.

Presbyterian Church, fifteen years as the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination, and 15 years as the President of Bethel University in McKenzie Tennessee.

Bob Prosser dedicated his life to his family, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and youth and young adults starting their life. His contributions to the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination, Bethel University, and the local McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Church have left lives enriched and changed for the better. He was an avid outdoorsman, and he expressed his love for God through his love of nature.

Bob was married to his wife Tony for 61 years and they had two children. In addition to his wife Tony Walker Prosser, he is survived by two children, his son, Steven (Rina) Prosser of Henry, Tenn., and a daughter, Cynthia (Scott) Bowker of Nashville, Tenn. They also have seven grandchildren, Colby Prosser, Shelby (Andrew) Shankle, Luke Prosser, Abbey Prosser, Josh Nienaber, Zachary Nienaber, and Sarabeth Nienaber, along with three great-grandchildren, Boone Shankle, Sawyer Hampton, and Haylen Shankle. He is preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Alice Prosser, a brother, Forest Prosser, and is survived by a sister Mary (Wally) Bunton.

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



The Webb Alumni executive board and chapter presidents (L to R): Seated — Rosetta Clark, Michael Tate, Ike Gilbert, Kim Webb and Ruby Hunt. Standing — Scottie Clark, Gloria Harris, Brenda Smith, Rosella Glenn, Peggy Hillsman, Joyce Pate, Neal Williamson, Annie Alexander and Mary Jordan. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Webb

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Other new officers are: Michael Tate, first vice president; Rosetta Clark, national secretary; Scottie Clark, treasurer; Kim Webb, finan-

cial secretary; Joyce Pate, budget committee; Gloria Harris, assistant secretary; Rosella Glenn, assistant financial secretary; Priscilla Williamson, local board chair; and Mary Jordan, historical museum director. Executive board officers serve four-year terms.

Other new chapter presidents are: Brenda Smith, McKenzie; Ike Gilbert, Huntingdon; Ernest Fitzgerald, Nashville; Annie Alexander, Milwaukie; Peggy Hillsman, Cedar Rapids; Ruby Hunt, Cham-paign; and Booker Bolton, Chicago.

Disputes

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town officials over several years indicating that the increases in water rates are required by the state. She presented email correspondence with the Comptroller's Office stating, "[Our] office did not specifically outline for the Town to implement an 'automatic annual increase,' only for them to adopt the recommended rate structure proposed by the third-party expert (which appears to have been a one-time increase during the 2017 rate study). With that being said, local governments are within their statutory authority to set rates and fees necessary to operate the utility system, many utilities choose to implement an automatic, yearly increase in order to combat inflation and to provide customers with an anticipated and uniform increase to their monthly bills. The Town of Huntingdon appears to have chosen to implement this rate structure under a 2017 ordinance, so while it is not a requirement from our office, it would be considered a self-imposed requirement, as all local governments are bound by what is set in their charter/municipal code."

Knuutila noted the ordinance in question includes the language, "The Mayor and the Town Council may reject the automatic adjustment by passage of a resolution for a specific fiscal year prior to the beginning of that year."

She contended that each year since 2017, the increase was presented to the council as a requirement, "never a discussion that the increase could be rejected by resolution."

She said in her verbal comments, "This is not a complaint, but a petition for transparency with the citizens of Huntingdon and especially transparency with the members of the council who vote on issues presented on behalf of the citizens. I want to make it perfectly clear that the city council members are not to blame for the annual water/sewer automatic rate increase. They can only rely on information provided to them and they should be able to trust that information."

Knuutila said at another point, "There is no transparency to this group of elected council members that the voters have entrusted to act in their best interest. I have attended numerous meetings and there is never discussion on agenda items."

Knuutila pointed to an exchange during the first vote on the increase for this year in which Councilper-

son Kelly Eubanks inquired, "Is this a mandate?" and was met with the response (from someone) "Yes, it is a requirement." According to Knuutila's account, Eubanks responded, "I guess if it's a mandate I vote yes."

Knuutila said, "Wouldn't it have been transparency with the council at this point to say, 'Well, no, you can make a motion for a resolution to reject the increase this year.' Would it have changed Mrs. Eubanks' vote? I don't know, but she should have at least had accurate information before casting her vote."

After Knuutila concluded her comments, Mayor Nina Smothers read an email (which was also included in Knuutila's packet) from Ross Colona, Assistant Director in the Tennessee Comptroller's Division of Local Government and designated manager to the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation (TBOUR): "Our office and the TBOUR fully endorse automatic rate increases, such as a Cost of Living Adjustment [COLA], for utility rates... We mentioned [in our utility manual], 'some utility systems have an annual cost of living rate increase that is adopted once and then rates adjust at an inflationary percentage each year.' Since this is in our manual, we definitely encourage this practice. Furthermore, there have been rate studies conducted as ordered by TBOUR that have resulted in the recommendation for an automatic rate increase, and the TBOUR has supported the adoption as such for local government utilities. Furthermore, in 2017 when Huntingdon adopted an automatic rate increase, the WWFB (now TBOUR) supported this endeavor. Had we found this to be a poor practice, we would have ordered the utility to desist."

Town attorney Robert Keeton commented, "When the state makes a suggestion on utilities, towns really have no other choice other than to adopt that, because next thing you know, it could become an order that you have to. And if the water/sewer system is not making a net profit, a positive net position change, if they do that for more than two years in a row, then the state can come in and set a rate much higher than anything that COLA addresses. COLA is an attempt to avoid having to do like [other towns] and raise rates 25 percent, 17 percent. There are several towns around here that have had to have very large jumps simply because they do not keep up with the inflation. If you don't keep up with inflation, the state's going to make you at a greater rate than what this council is doing."

Knuutila requested to respond to those comments, but Smothers declined her request.

In other business, the council approved on second and final reading an amendment to the zoning ordinance allowing the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve uses similar to permitted uses and uses permitted on appeal in residential districts.

Another amendment approved on second and final reading to Title 12 of the Municipal Code to bring the town into compliance with the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance energy code language. The new language provides for less stringent inspection requirements.

A resolution was adopted unanimously calling on the U.S. Postal Service to improve local service and return mail processing operations to Jackson. In 2012, the operations were relocated to Memphis, ending next-day local first-class mail delivery for residents and businesses in Huntingdon. The resolution states since the relocations, service has significantly declined and become unreliable.

On another unanimous vote, the town entered into an agreement with Community Development Partners, LLC for administrative and program management services on the water system improvement project. The contract amount is \$60,000.

Two requests were approved for the use of Edwards Park. The Carroll County Juneteenth Committee hosts a BBQ Cook Off on the weekend of October 25-26. Shane Atwater and Jobina Gordon made a request for a basketball tournament with other activities on Sunday, September 1.

Lori Dillahunt, chairperson of the Carroll County Inclusion Park board, addressed the council to thank the town and many other entities and individuals for their contributions and to pass on the care and upkeep of the park to the town. She relayed important information about the upkeep and cleaning of equipment and bathrooms, announced some upcoming additions to the park and discussed a system for providing reservations.

Dillahunt also reported that a pamphlet was being produced that would be placed in welcome centers on I-40, and that the company that provided equipment for the park is including the Huntingdon park in a catalog to be distributed to municipalities and schools systems across the country to encourage inclusion play pieces.

The meeting adjourned after 30 minutes.

Electric

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said ratepayers of the local distributor can expect an increase of 3.2 percent as a pass-through cost. Ratepayers throughout the TVA pay an average of \$138 monthly and will experience an average rate of \$4.35 monthly. Drewry said the local ratepayers will be affected less since CCED's rates are less than the valley's average rate. The Board welcomed new member Vickie Williams, who replaced Marty Hurley as the Hollow Rock-Bruceton area representative. Williams is the executive assistant to the president at Bethel University. In informational updates, Drewry said construction of the 6.5-megawatt solar farm by Silicon Ranch in Trezevant should begin in September and possibly be online by mid-year in 2025. CCED is constructing a new power line to connect with the Milan utility and upgrading its substation at Trezevant to accommodate the new power-generating array. One of the main electrical components, a 69KV

breaker, is expected to arrive in May, which will allow the solar array to connect to CCED's distribution system in June and take advantage of the longer days of sunlight. Silicon Ranch is a Tennessee-based company. The installation will be a win-win for the local utility by providing locally generated electricity at a lower cost than TVA. The construction of a new power substation in the Leach Community is still being developed. Drewry said CCED's contractors and TVA will ensure the construction will match up as both build out their infrastructure to connect with TVA's overhead high-voltage lines. CCED plans to provide an outage map for customers to see where outages are located on the system. Honeywell provides the mapping for the CCED employees to inspect, however, the company is having difficulty interfacing it for the online viewing. Drewry said CCED's system is a first-of-a-kind for the data provider. CCED is also working to upgrade its after-hours dispatch system and provide more exact information about the outage and allow customers to upload

photos of damage and send those to dispatch. An aging two-way radio system is also causing problems and needs to be updated. Radio communications between dispatch, the service crews, and handheld radios have been less than ideal since the department was forced to place its main broadcast antenna on a lower-elevation tower near Carroll County Jail. The antenna was previously on a Charter Communications tower with a higher elevation, however, Charter planned to remove the tower and required by the county emergency services and the electric department remove their equipment. CCED crews have difficulty communicating in some areas of the county. A solution is to transfer to a different network, Tennessee Advanced Communications Network. The department would have to purchase approximately 30 digital radios to make the transition. West Tennessee Public Utilities is using that network with success, said Drewry, who said CCED will first test the system before committing to purchasing all new equipment to replace the 15-year-old radios.

Relay

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Teams and their offerings confirmed so far: AHC-McKenzie — hairtinsel; BMH-CC — Rib-eye steak sandwiches with grilled peppers/onions, chips, desserts, canned drinks, hot fudge cakes, pirate ship jumper; Carroll Bank & Trust — free bottled iced water; Davis Chapel Church — BBQ nachos with toppings, strawberry shortcake with ice cream, children's superhero items, UT Vols game viewing at booth; Hexpol — grilled hot dogs; Huntingdon Health & Rehab — popcorn, pretzel

bites; Rich family — BBQ bologna sandwiches, pecan tassies, sweet tea; Tosh Farms — pork tenderloin sandwiches, chips, cookies.

Tentative Schedule:

4 p.m. — Opening ceremony with Carl Byars: survivor check-in, welcome, opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem — Nicole Todd, moment of silence in honor of all loved ones with cancer, luminary information, sponsor recognition, team recognition, Honorary Chair — Cliff Sturdivant

4:30 p.m. — Bethel Renaissance Bluegrass Band.

4:30 p.m. — Cake walk.

5:45 p.m. — Cherrywine 451.

6:30 p.m. — Survivor recognition and lap.

7:15 p.m. — Cherrywine 451.

7:15 p.m. — Cake walk.

8 p.m. — Luminary remembrance ceremony and silent lap.

8:30 p.m. — Cherrywine 451.

8:30 p.m. — Cake walk.

9 p.m. — Closing ceremony: team awards, sponsor appreciation certificates.

Attention all survivors: Please register for your free survivor shirt at www.relayforlife.org/carrollcountyttn.

Upcoming Relay For Life Meetings:

September 3 at 6 p.m. in BMH Cafeteria.

September 6 set-up at 6 p.m. at civic center (bring appetizers to share).

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I Still Owe Mr. Motheral A Hundred Dollars

Believe me, I understand it is football season. Major League Baseball, as it does every September, separates the pretenders from the contenders. The kids start back to school. And college campuses are filled with wide-eyed 18-year-olds full of wonder, anticipation, and maybe, just a tad of trepidation.

I have centered my life, at one time or another, on all of the above. Listen, I got hit so hard in a football game against Milan in 1964 that it knocked my gall bladder completely through my sacroiliac! What little brain I had did a tap dance on the front of my skull to the tune of Chuck Berry's "Rock and Roll Music, any old way you choose it...."

When I came to, I wasn't even on-the field. I was way down past the end of our bench and Willie Lowe was fanning me with a towel. I finally managed to ask him if he got the license plate number of that Mack truck....

The St. Louis Cardinals, during the "autumn stretch run," have broken my heart more times than Carter had boxes of "little liver pills." I remember the excitement of going back to school "wearing off" before we got to lunch on the first day. As one of those wide-eyed 18-year-old college freshmen, I can tell you my trepidation outweighed my wonder and anticipation by a country mile!

The coming of September and fall never disappointed, became routine, or let us down in any way!

And boy howdy, we were sooooo ready for it. I don't care how Indian the summer was, September brought some relief. We near 'bout smothered during July and August! Air conditioning hadn't been invented yet. You won't believe how many nights I spent out on the porch with the dogs, hoping for any kind of breeze that might bring me, Duke, and ole Blaze a breath of coolness.

The air seemed lighter when autumn finally rolled around. The sky was a little higher. I don't know about humidity, dewpoints, and such. I do know when sweat is rolling down the small of my back...and when it isn't!

Food tastes better in the fall. The walk to town is not as long. Girls are prettier. You can run faster. Time moves at a more tolerable rate. Your brothers don't annoy you as much. Of course, the dogs kinda miss you....

The fall I got run over by the Mack truck, a girl from Paris, Tennessee, took to

riding the early Saturday morning Greyhound bus the 20 miles over to McKenzie to check on me. She'd walk the couple of miles from the service station that doubled as the bus depot out to our house.

I think she wanted to know if I had lived through the high school football game the night before. It is eight o'clock in the morning for goodness sakes! It hurts to open my eyes. Chuck Berry is still playing in my ears. I'm trying to get my gall bladder back on the proper side of my sacroiliac.

To get away from the prying eyes of my brothers, and the astonished look on Mom's face at this early morning rendezvous, I take the girl for a walk. The fall breeze bounces lightly through the maple trees and off our faces. The temperature is just right. The soreness in my legs, back, and frontal lobe has mysteriously dissipated into the near-perfect morning. It IS a beautiful day in the neighborhood!

I start humming, "As I was a motivatin' over the hill, I saw Maybellene in a Coupe de Ville...." I was about down to "nothin' will outrun my V-8 Ford" when the girl looked me right in the eye and said, "Neither of us has eaten anything today."

I wasn't sure she was pretty enough to spend money (that I didn't have) on. But remember, it is an extraordinary, drop-dead, gorgeous fall morning after an insufferable long, hot summer.

We strolled all the way to town and eased ourselves onto a barstool at John Motheral's Drugstore. I ordered two chocolate malts with a pained look that alerted Mr. Motheral immediately to the fact that I didn't have the price for one milkshake, much less two.

We laughed and drank our way into the early afternoon.

As we turned to go, I quickly and quietly laid all the money I had on the sparkling clean Formica top. Mr. Motheral just as quickly and quietly picked up the 36 cents (on an 80-cent bill) and with a smile and a nod said, "Kes, good to see you, you come back anytime."

We were walking past the American Legion Hall and the ice house, on our way out to the bus station, when the eternal truth of the goodness and beauty of fall days and small hometowns....riveted itself into my heart forever....

**Respectfully,
Kes**

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Self Acceptance or Self Improvement

Climbing the stairs to coach Gibson's office, I wondered what I was in trouble for.

I grew up in a time when, at age fifteen, you always assumed you were in trouble if you were called to someone's office. This is in sharp contrast to today's youth who assume they're never in trouble; it's that entitled attitude they project.

Knocking on his door, I wait for his response.

"Come in," he barked.

Coach was sitting in his desk chair with his feet propped on his desk. Looking up, he noticed me.

"Oh, hey Johnson, come on in."

Coach Gibson was one of three different basketball coaches I had the three years I played high school basketball. You might assume that's because I changed schools three times, but you'd be wrong. I was at the same school all three years. (Coaching never has been an easy profession.)

Knowing anything I say can and will be used against me, I kept quiet, waiting to see which way the wind was going to blow.

Folding his hands, coach's face took on a somber expression. "Listen Johnson," he began, "we've got to put some meat on your bones."

I flipped my hair out of my eyes and said, "Huh?"

"Your weight son, your weight. You're six feet two inches tall, right?"

Stretching to my full height, I replied, "Yes sir."

"And how much do you weigh?"

My shoulders sagged a bit. To say I was slim in high school is to put a kind spin on the truth. I was the butt end of all the skinny jokes. The kid

that was so skinny that when he turned sideways and stuck out his tongue, he looked like a zipper was me. Yes, I could stand underneath a clothesline during a rainstorm and stay dry.

"145 pounds, coach," I lied.

His raised eyebrow told me he knew better.

Looking at the floor, I mumbled, "140."

"Exactly," coach concurred. "And we're going to do something about it."

I looked up, intrigued by his optimistic tone.

"I want you to drink two milkshakes with raw eggs in them every night before you go to bed," he said emphatically.

Either my lack of an enthusiastic response, or my dumbfounded look, or both, prompted an explanation.

"I want your parents to get a blender and make the milkshakes. You know — ice cream, sugar, milk, and two raw eggs in each. Drink them every night before you go to bed. I want you to try it for six weeks. That'll put some pounds on you."

Let's you suspect Coach Gibson had a more sinister motive for dealing with the lack of talent on his team, I think it's only fair to point out when I was growing up we were clueless to the dangers of salmonella in raw eggs. Not that that would have mattered, because I was raised on the maxim, "Rub a little dirt on it. It'll be alright." This amazing recipe was the cure for a bloody nose, a lacerated chin, or a sprained ankle.

Now that the mission was clear to me, I answered, "Yes sir, coach."

Like a dutiful soldier, I marched home and reported the General's orders to my Quartermaster.

Mom said, "We'll talk about it."

I realized her reply was about counting pennies to determine if buying a blender, ice cream and extra eggs and milk could be worked into the family budget. Living on the salary of a minister was not easy back in those days.

The next morning, I was told that a blender would be bought and the "milk shake mission" would begin that night.

Two milkshakes every night sounded like every teenager's dream. I couldn't believe how lucky I was.

I don't believe I had ever heard the phrase, "be careful what you ask for" when I was a teenager, but I quickly learned its meaning.

When does a milkshake taste like medicine? When you have to drink two a night for six weeks.

I never thought I would gag on a milkshake.

But retreat was not an option, especially since my parents had made a significant financial investment in the campaign.

At the end: I climbed on the scales feeling swollen and bulked up.

The scales mocked me by reading "140 pounds."

It was true. I didn't gain an ounce. The mission was an utter failure.

My friends who were aware of what I was trying to accomplish were both amazed and empathetic. But no one decided they would "unfriend" me (to use the Facebook vernacular of today). Actually, nothing changed in my world as a result of my failing to gain weight.

It was at that point that I made an important shift in my view of self. I decided God made me the way I was even if I was thin. It was other people

who seemed to be more obsessed about it than I was. So I quit worrying about it.

All of us have things about ourselves we're not happy about. Some of those things are cosmetic in nature (weight, kinky/smooth/straight hair, height, etc.). Other things are performance related (as an athlete, grades, job position, etc.).

When you find yourself feeling unhappy about some aspect of yourself and your life, let me recommend two approaches.

The first is self improvement. Throw yourself into becoming better at whatever it is you want to become. Do research. Make a plan. Practice. Be diligent. Don't give up too soon. There's much about ourselves that we can improve on. One of the awesome things about us human beings is we can continue to evolve, even up to the time of our death.

The second approach is also very important — self acceptance. There may be some things you can never achieve. I hate to tell you that because I see the sadness and defeat in your eyes. But my commentary isn't meant to create hopelessness. Rather, I'm talking about being more accepting of who you are, exactly the way you are.

Relax and embrace the uniqueness of who you are.

Breathe deeply and take pleasure in the things you do well.

Our world needs people just like you.

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

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Obituaries



REVEREND DR. ROBERT PROSSER 1940 – 2024

HENRY — A memorial service celebrating the life of Rev. Dr. Robert Prosser (Bob) is Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McKenzie. An announcement will be made at the service about how to make donations in lieu of flowers.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Prosser (Bob) was born in Lebanon, Mo., in 1940. He received a BA from Bethel College and a Bachelor of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary followed later in life by a MA from The University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Mr. Prosser was awarded an honorary doctorate from Bethel University and The College of the Ozarks. His professional life consisted of 15 years in the ministry, primarily serving the McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, fifteen years as the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination, and 15 years as the President of Bethel University in McKenzie Tennessee.

Bob Prosser dedicated his life to his family, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and youth and young adults starting their life. His contributions to the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination, Bethel Uni-

versity, and the local McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Church have left lives enriched and changed for the better. He was an avid outdoorsman, and he expressed his love for God through his love of nature.

Bob was married to his wife Tony for 61 years and they had two children. In addition to his wife Tony Walker Prosser, he is survived by two children, his son, Steven (Rina) Prosser of Henry, and a daughter, Cynthia (Scott) Bowker of Nashville. They also have seven grandchildren, Colby Prosser, Shelby (Andrew) Shankle, Luke Prosser, Abbey Prosser, Josh Nienaber, Zachary Nienaber, and Sarabeth Nienaber, along with three great-grandchildren, Boone Shankle, Sawyer Hampton, and Haylen Shankle. He is preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Alice Prosser, a brother, Forest Prosser, and is survived by a sister Mary (Wally) Bunton.

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JAMES R. DENMAN 1938 – 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for James R. Denman were Friday, August 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Everett's Chapel Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Denman, 86, died at his residence on August 27, 2024. He was born in Dayton, Tenn., on March 15, 1938, to E.H. and Lela Cox Denman.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Grissom Denman of McKenzie, a daughter, MeLisa (Hank) Greve of Milan, a son, Michael (Kimberly) Denman of Henry, two sisters, Roselyn Witherspoon and Sarah (Don) Payne, all of Maryville, five

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Carolyn Leonard, Mary Ruth Hankins, Rachel Denman and two brothers, Leland Denman and E.H Denman, Jr.

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AUSTIN P. GARRETT 1993 – 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral Services for Austin P. Garrett were Monday, September 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Tumbling Creek Baptist Church.

Mr. Garrett, 31, died at Baptist Hospital Huntingdon on August 27, 2024. He was a member of Tumbling Creek Baptist Church, a phlebotomist and the owner of Garrett's General Store. He was born in Union City on August 18, 1993, to David and Michele Cunningham.

He is survived by his parents, David and Michele Garrett, his wife, Nicole Huisman Garrett, daughter, Maggie Rose Garrett and brother, Ryan Bomar.

For more information, contact Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

JANICE BRANNON 1954 – 2024

BRUCETON — Mrs. Janice Cynthia Brannon, 70, of Bruceton, died Monday, August 26, 2024, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Brannon was born March 12, 1954, to the late Rosendo Martinez and Mary Gonzales Martinez.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tracy Lynn Brannon, six brothers, Joe Martinez, Benny Martinez, Lee Martinez, Robert Martinez and Larry Martinez; one

sister, Mary Rose Mora.

She is survived by her husband Harold Wayne Brannon of Bruceton; three daughters, Sonya Marie Tedrow, Nicole Ross Brannon and Tricia Amber Haymond, two sisters, Loraine Vialpando and Kathy Snurr. Carter-Dilday Funeral Home.

LAURA LEE 1944 – 2024

BIG SANDY — Funeral services for Laura Lee are Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 5-8 p.m. and Wednesday, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee, 79, died at her residence surrounded by her family on August 31, 2024.

She was born in Greenfield on December 17, 1944, to Brooks and Pauline Drewery Smith.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tammy (Mike) Frazier and Trina (Johnny) Clifton all of Big Sandy, three sisters, Pearl Burke of Bradford, Betty Dunning of Greenfield and Pam (Ronnie) Parks of Milan, eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Walter Lee, daughter, Tina Nelson and son, Tony Rimmer.

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BILLY JOE HIGDON 1942 – 2024

YUMA — Mr. Billy Joe Higdon, 82, of Yuma, died Saturday, August 31, 2024,

at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services are Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Prospect Cemetery with Bro. Chase Sanders officiating.

The family will receive friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Wednesday, 5-8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until time of service.

Mr. Higdon was born June 18, 1942, in Bruceton, to the late Orville Higdon and Lura Beasley Higdon.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mrs. Patsy Higdon, daughter Susan Smith (Kent), two sons, Ricky Higdon (Diana) of Lexington and Chris Higdon (Windy) of Westport, and a sister Betty Foreman of Huntingdon. He has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Millard Higdon and James Higdon and four sisters, Lorene King, Onellia Kirk, Lawana Smothers, and Dorothy Edwards.

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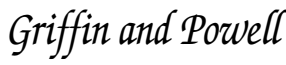
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Corn Casserole

2 cans whole kernel corn
8 oz. cream cheese
1 stick butter
2/3 cup milk
Mix together in casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees until slightly brown.

Ground Beef Casserole

1 1/2 pound ground beef
1/2 cup chopped onion
3 oz. cream cheese
1 can mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup ketchup
1 teaspoon salt
Canned biscuits
Brown ground beef and onion and drain. Mix cream cheese and other ingredients. Put all above in baking dish. Bake 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Put unbaked biscuits on top. Bake until golden brown.

Rotel Potatoes

5 lbs red potatoes
1 lb Velveeta
1 can Rotel, diced
1 can cream of mushroom soup
Wash and slice potatoes. Leave peeling on. Boil on top of stove until done; let

cool. Melt Velveeta and Rotel in microwave. Add cream soup. Layer potatoes in a casserole dish and pour Rotel mixture over potatoes.

Chicken Breast Supreme

Chicken breasts
Jar dried beef
Bacon
1 carton sour cream
1 can cream of mushroom soup
Salt and pepper
Split chicken breast. Roll up one thin slice of beef and insert. Wrap slice of bacon around breast. Secure with toothpicks. Mix sour cream, soup, salt and pepper. Pour over breasts. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.



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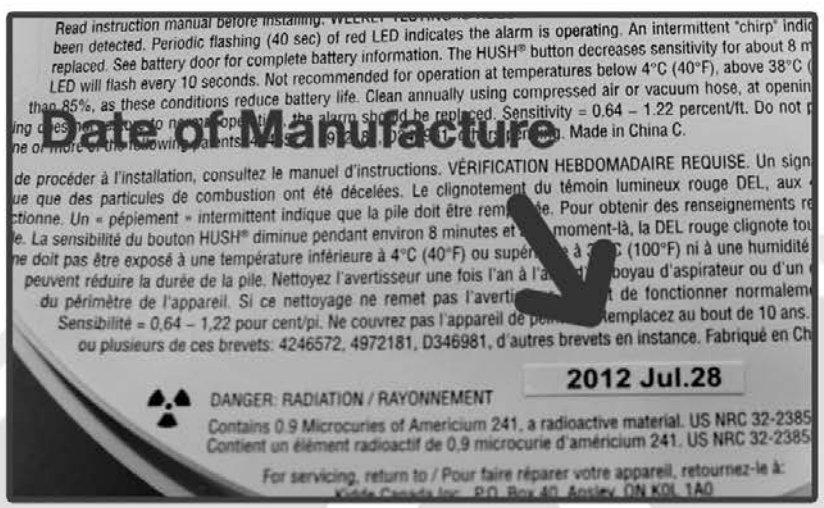
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Simple Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Angel Furr on August 24, Deputy Furr was dispatched to a home on Milam Road in Huntingdon in reference to a male subject wanting to file assault charges on his father-in-law. The caller advised that his father-in-law hit him in the stomach and made him get out of the vehicle. The victim, Trenton Laplace, said he was in the vehicle with **Terry Evans, 62, of Huntingdon** when the two got into a verbal argument. Trent said Terry hit him across his stom-

ach while slamming on the brakes. After CCSO arrived at Terry’s home, he admitted to hitting Trenton and booked into Carroll County Jail.

Drug/Narcotic Violation — According to a report made by Deputy Jeremy Smith on August 25, Cpl Sierra Denny was going through the personal belongings of **Donna Shadix, 22, of Camden**, to be entered into property when he found a cigar with marijuana rolled up in it and a white powdery substance on foil which tested as methamphetamine.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (August 28) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on August 28.

Cases bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court were:

David W. Brown, Boyd Lane, Jackson, bound over, Evading Arrest-Flight, Vehicle; bound over, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search.

Christopher A. Lane, Big John Dr., Martin, bound over, Theft of Property, Burglary, Vandalism.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Johnny McKenoly Burrow, Jr., Jax Road, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, in-patient alcohol and drug treatment program.

Jonathan Choate, Freemont Street, Dyer, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended six months.

Jaylean Daquan McClerkin, Florida Court, McKenzie, Probation Violation, extended for six months.

Jeffery Wayne McPeake, Center Point Road, Reagan, Tenn., guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days time served, probation.

The following cases were dismissed.

Maurice Lawrence, Coleman Road, Memphis, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

William Timothy Vestal, Clearview Drive, Trezevant, dismissed, Aggravated Child Abuse/Endangerment; dismissed, Driving While Revoked; dismissed, Meth - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; dismissed, Simple Possession, Casual Exchange; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Colton J. Williams, Maytown Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Allowing Dog to Run At Large.

REAL ID Required to Fly, Enter Certain Federal Facilities

NASHVILLE — A nationwide mandate is coming to fruition on May 7, 2025 with the implementation of the REAL ID.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 established minimum security standards for license issuance and production. These standards provide an additional level of security to protect your identity. It also prohibits Federal agencies from accepting driver’s licenses and ID cards from states that do not meet the Act’s minimum standards. Beginning May 7, 2025, everyone must have a REAL ID license or passport to enter certain Federal buildings, military bases, nuclear power plants, or board commercial flights within the United States.

The Tennessee Real ID is your driver’s license with a star imprinted on it to designate the Real ID status.

Tennesseans are not required to obtain a REAL ID-compliant license or Identification credential. You do not need a REAL ID to: drive, vote, purchase alcohol or cigarettes, access hospitals, visit the post office, access federal courts, or apply for or



receive federal benefits such as Social Security or veteran’s benefits.

A REAL ID will cost the same as a current Tennessee driver’s license or photo ID. If it is time to renew your license, the cost to obtain a REAL ID driver license or photo ID will be the standard renewal fee of an eight-year credential. For a standard Class D license, the fee is \$28.00 for a eight-year period. However, if you are not within your renewal period and you wish to obtain a REAL ID compli-

ant credential, you will be charged a duplicate fee. Drivers’ testing facility and many county clerk’s offices can provide a Real ID certification.

These documents are required if you already have a Tennessee Driver License or ID and are applying for a REAL ID compliant credential for the first time or if you are a new Tennessee resident and were previously issued a REAL ID in a different state.

You will need to present the following documents

when applying for a REAL ID:

1. Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Presence
2. Proof of your full Social Security Number
3. Two proofs of Tennessee Residency

You should also be prepared to provide documentation of any name changes that may have occurred. This may require the presentation of multiple documents.

Note: All documents must be originals or certified. No photocopies will be accepted.

TOWN OF TREZEVANT

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a special called meeting September 3 at 6:30 p.m. for the first reading of the Town of Trezevant 2024-2025 budget amendments ordinance at the Trezevant Community Center.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will hold a Board meeting on Friday, September 20, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting will be physically held at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office located at 938C Walnut Avenue W., McKenzie, TN and held virtually by Zoom.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA158

ESTATE OF: ATTICUS ECKER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **28TH** day of **AUGUST, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of ATTICUS ECKER deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(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.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA150

ESTATE OF: MARIANN M. DRAPER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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REBEKAH K. DRAPER, Executor/Administrator
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A561/R24267/35-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE157

ESTATE OF: IRENE EATON, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **28TH** day of **AUGUST, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of IRENE EATON deceased, who died **FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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A561/R24331/36-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE154

ESTATE OF: MICHAEL JAY HAMPTON, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **23RD** day of **AUGUST, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of MICHAEL JAY HAMPTON deceased, who died **MAY 18TH, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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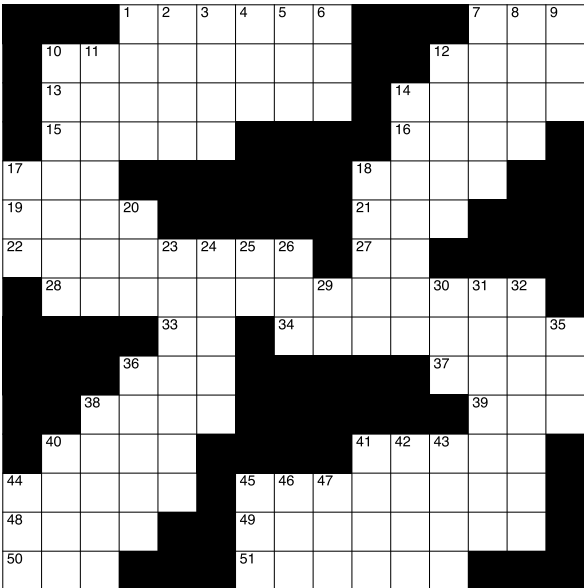
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Current unit
- 7. Reciprocal of an ohm
- 10. God of the sea
- 12. A way to disfigure
- 13. Positioned
- 14. Tall tropical American tree
- 15. Large deciduous trees
- 16. ___ and ends
- 17. Part of a machine
- 18. Brews
- 19. One who leads prayers in a mosque
- 21. Indian state
- 22. Partisans
- 27. Top lawyer in the land
- 28. Former Dodgers MVP
- 33. Title for women
- 34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool
- 36. Copycat
- 37. Sounds
- 38. One-time Israeli diplomat
- 39. Part of (abbr.)
- 40. Hateful
- 41. Collide
- 44. European football heavyweight
- 45. One who works for you
- 48. Song
- 49. Ancient marvels
- 50. Bridge building degree
- 51. Delivery boys

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Continent

Week 36



- 2. Submissive
- 3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 5. Court decision ___ v. Wade
- 6. Finish line
- 7. Young women
- 8. Hives of activity
- 9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
- 10. Eastern U.S. river
- 11. Popular cooking ingredient
- 12. Greek mythological princess
- 14. Scent for men
- 17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 18. Once more
- 20. Irate
- 23. Triangular spaces above a door
- 24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. Natural logarithm
- 30. Talk incessantly
- 31. Went by
- 32. Strives
- 35. Fall back
- 36. Manila hemp
- 38. Not easily explained
- 40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers
- 41. Mollusk
- 42. Capital of Togo
- 43. Letter of Semitic scripts
- 44. Founder of Babism
- 45. Indicates near
- 46. Family of regulator genes
- 47. Indicates before

See solution in next week's edition.

Healthy Aging Word Search

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M A S E B Y O A Y F B F A D N I M A L P
P F Y W O M E F P T E X E X O T Y U A T
Y R P C N W P X M I E G E M B W R U C D
C Y R R V L T O A G O L V A D C O X I O
D I E S A Y L P Y M F N I M R B M V S C
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W G T I B L D I S E U T O T G I P C T P
O A I N Y E E X F A G W R D I S A C U I
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G C N S L Y C U I A F V O O N B N N N U
D Y F T E C G P W B R V I L H O S E I S
E Y D P H H V M U D I R A D R G B G N L
A W L A R P C O E B Y L E U R V B I A N
F D G N A B Y A M D O U I F N A O P O W
P I C O G N I T I V E D C T E U C A N F
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SUDOKU

WEEK 36

2		8						9
					9	7		
		1		4		3	6	
		3			7		1	
	7	4	9				3	6
	8		4	5	3		2	
			3				9	1
			6	9	2			4
		9	1				7	

Level: Beginner

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to healthy aging. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = I)

A. 22 19 9 9 23 19 24 24
Clue: Well-being

B. 17 18 16 2 7 2 16 11
Clue: Doing something

C. 18 13 8 23 2 16 2 13 23
Clue: Mental action

D. 19 20 17 4
Clue: Medical test

Answers: A. wellness B. activity C. cognition D. exam

LETTER MIX-UP

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

WELLNESS

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

Riddle Me This

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

Answer: Their middle names.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to healthy aging.

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Answer: Seniors

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 35 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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A	L	L						S	H	A	M
D	A	U	B					C	I	G	A
M	I	T	O				U	G	H		L
A	R	E	N	A			E	N	E		E
N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	H	O	O	D
					A	A	R		R	A	G
					B	U	N	K		O	G
					E	R	A		M	E	I
					T	E	N	N	I	S	M
V	E	I	N		A	L	B		C	H	A
O	P	S			T	S	K			A	B
C	O	S	T	A						D	I
E	X	U	R	B						T	E
	Y	E	W							S	S

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 35

4	2	3	9	1	7	8	5	6
8	6	1	2	5	3	9	7	4
9	7	5	6	8	4	1	2	3
2	5	9	1	4	6	3	8	7
7	1	6	3	9	8	5	4	2
3	8	4	7	2	5	6	1	9
5	9	7	4	3	1	2	6	8
1	4	2	8	6	9	7	3	5
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Above, Rebel Cayden Gordon cuts to avoid a defender. Below Left, War Eagle Parker Newman runs to the edge with Rebel Dawson Reeder (20) in pursuit. Below Right, War Eagle Ethan Baker spins down Rebel Zayden Webb for a loss. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Top War Eagles, 46-22

BY BRAD SAM
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ATWOOD (August 29) — The West Carroll Junior High War Eagles hosted McKenzie Thursday night at the halfway mark of the middle school football season.

The Rebels jumped out to an early lead and stayed out of reach despite some bursts from the War Eagle offense. McKenzie led 30-6 at the half, and a high-scoring third quarter was followed by a quick, scoreless fourth for a 46-22 final.

McKenzie won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.

A short kick started the Rebels near midfield. Dawson Reeder took the first handoff 15 yards, then Cayden Gordon followed for 17. Reeder made a short gain, then quarterback Parker Ross kept it for a 19-yard touchdown. His pass fell incomplete on the two-point attempt, and McKenzie led 6-0 a minute and a half into the contest.

War Eagle Parker Newman had a pair of short gains before a fumble on third down was recovered by Rebel Zack Lewis at the West Carroll 34.

Ross moved the chains down to the 24 on the first snap and two plays later went 16 yards for the score. He ran it in for two more points, and McKenzie led 14-0 with three minutes to play in the first quarter.

War Eagle Jason Roberts had three carries on the ensuing drive, includ-

ing one to convert a third down and move the ball into Rebel territory as the first frame ended. Spencer Long took the first snap of the second quarter 35 yards for a touchdown. Long was stopped short on the two-point try, but the deficit was cut to 14-6 early in the second.

The Rebels again started near midfield with a Reeder carry for 15. Bryson Smith followed for six, and Ross moved the chains with an eleven-yard keeper. Reeder gained nine, then Ross took it to the end zone, but a penalty negated the touchdown. Two plays later, Ross got in clean from 13 yards out. He kept it again for two points, and McKenzie led 22-6 with five minutes to play in the first half.

A pair of fumbles doomed West Carroll's next possession as they turned the ball over on downs near midfield.

It was a quick drive for the Rebels as Smith broke loose for a 28-yard run and Reeder carried it the last 18 yards. Ross threw to Seth Stafford for two points, and McKenzie led 30-6 two minutes before the break.

West Carroll failed to gain any traction on the next drive. Despite a McKenzie penalty resulting in a first down, it was quickly third-and-long. Izzy Stensrud's pass was intercepted by Rebel Marsha Johnson with just a few seconds on the clock.

The Rebels took a knee to send the game to halftime leading 30-6.

The War Eagles received the ball to start the second half, but an early fumble was recovered by Lewis, his second such recovery of the night.

McKenzie struck quickly on the turnover with a 36-yard touchdown by Reeder. Stafford threw to Jaden Blanton for two points, and the Rebel lead was 38-6.

A determined Newman answered for West Carroll with a 75-yard touchdown run, and Roberts ran it in for two. With 4:37 to play in the third, McKenzie led 38-14.

Smith dominated McKenzie's next possession with a 38-yard run and an eight-yard touchdown. Stafford, who took over under center at the half, kept for two points to make it 46-14 with three minutes left in the third.

The final score of the game came on a 60-yard Newman run. Roberts added two, and the McKenzie lead was 46-22 with two minutes to play in the third. Stafford and Zayden Webb kept it on the ground to finish out the third and eat up the clock in the fourth before ultimately turning the ball over on downs with under two minutes to play.

West Carroll ran three plays, earning one first down on a 14-yard carry by Newman, before time expired.

The Rebels host Stewart County Thursday, while West Carroll hosts Henderson County South.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Above, Lady Rebel Macy Brooks readies to tag Millie Luther out at second. Below Left, Huntingdon's Tinley Johnson slides in safely for a triple. Below Right, Lady Rebel Sami Mathis catches a fly ball. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Fillies Shut Out Lady Rebels, 9-0

HUNTINGDON (August 29) — Huntingdon Middle School hosted McKenzie softball Thursday. The Fillies played well on both sides of the ball, including a shutout by pitcher Marcie Mitchell, for a 9-0 victory.

Huntingdon scored two

runs in the first, three in the third and four in the fourth.

Anderson Pearson had two triples and a double for the Fillies with three runs scored. Collins Wood had two hits, including a double, and scored two runs. Gracey Martin scored

three runs on three walks. Tinley Johnson had a triple and a run scored.

Mitchell recorded eleven strikeouts in the five-inning shutout.

Lady Rebels Willow Stenberg and Charlie Cassidy each had a hit.

Wildcats Win Home Opener

COURTESY BETHEL SID

McKENZIE (August 31) — A packed Walter Butler Stadium for the first night game in three years saw the No. 8 Bethel Wildcats outlast the Point University Skyhawks Saturday night. The Cats won 20-6 in the season opener for both squads.

Both defensive squads had their way in the first half. The only score was a pick six by Bethel's Jacious Clark who intercepted a Point pass and returned it for 53 yards and a score. The point after by freshman Stafford Roditis gave the Cats a 7-0 lead. It was the only score of the first half by either team.

After a scoreless third stanza, Bethel's offense got on the board early in the fourth quarter when Offensive Coordinator Jay Bright pulled out a trick play. QB Avaun Rucker handed the ball off to Will Secker who in return gave the ball back to Rucker who found Avont Burrus open in the endzone for a 27-yard touchdown.

Point cut the Bethel margin to 14-6 with 11:34 to play but the Wildcats put the game away when Rucker hit newcomer TeeJay Taylor from four yards out and the Wildcats won 20-6. Taylor caught six passes for 73 yards. Secker had three receptions for 37 yards. Jordan Cason carried the ball 12 times for a



Bethel's TeeJay Taylor turns up field.

team high 63 yards. Rucker finished 7-of- 12 with two touchdowns and 72 yards. Newcomer Kade Hewitt had 65 passing yards and 38 yards rushing.

Bethel had 299 total yards on offense.

Defensive Coordinator Chris Springer saw his defensive unit hold Point to just 185 total yards. The Wildcats picked off our passes and limited the Hawks to just 12 rushing yards. Gianni Gamble led Bethel with five total tackles. Brody Franks and Jazzir Merricks each had four total tackles and an interception. Point was just 4-of-14 on third down conversions.

Coach Michael Jasper said, "We are really proud of our program for gutting out a tough win. Point flat

out came to play and we had to find ways to make plays. Once again, our defense was lights out, with multiple guys stepping up and making plays. The offense was hard to come by early, but we stayed the course and finished some drives we needed in order to come away with a win. There is a ton of work to do, but the kids this year are special and won't shy away from the hard work we have to put in."

The Wildcats will play host to Mary Hardin-Baylor Saturday with action beginning at 1 p.m. The Cats Walk will begin at 11:15 a.m. with gates opening at that same time. It will be the first ever meeting against the Crusaders.

City of McKenzie

HEARING/ORDER

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Present at the hearing of August 26, 2024, was Jim Seaton, Codes Enforcement Officer, for the City of McKenzie. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White, Fire Battalion Chief Jason Arnold, and City recorder Jennifer Waldrup. No representatives were present for the property owner. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

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Rebels Top TSWA Poll

NASHVILLE (September 2) - The Tennessee Sports Writers Association announced football rankings after Week 2 on Monday, with the poll presented by CoachT.com.

McKenzie retains the top spot in Class 1A with 168 points, including 16 out of 17 first place votes. West Carroll enters the mix just outside the top ten with 15 votes.

Huntingdon, who had a bye last week, slipped one spot to number eight in Class 2A.

The top ten teams in each classification were selected by TSWA members with first-place votes in parentheses and total points, based on ten points for a first-place vote through one point for a tenth-place vote.

- Class 1A
1. McKenzie (2-0) – 168 (16)
 2. Gordonsville (2-0) – 144 (1)
 3. Coalfield (2-0) – 128
 4. Whitwell (2-0) – 108

5. Union City (1-1) – 97
6. Oliver Springs (1-1) – 66

7. South Pittsburg (1-1) – 54
- t8. Moore County (1-1) – 32

- t8. South Fulton (2-0) – 32
10. Chattanooga Prep (1-1) – 21

Others receiving votes: West Carroll 15, McEwen 13, Halls 12, MASE 10, Middle College 9, Clay County 7, Cloudland 7, Oakdale 4, Harriman 3, Midway 3, Jo Byrns 2

- Class 2A
1. East Robertson (2-0) – 169 (16)
 2. Decatur County River-side (1-1) – 125
 3. Milan (2-0) – 123
 4. Marion County (2-0) – 106 (1)
 5. Fairley (1-0) – 92
 6. Bledsoe County (2-0) – 82
 7. East Hickman (2-0) – 65
 8. Huntingdon (0-1) – 50
 9. Loretto (1-1) – 29
 10. Forrest (2-0) – 24

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Rebel Timmy Arline is all alone on a 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Center, Brick wall! Rebels Gage Crosland (8), Skyler Fornera (1) and Lelan Gordon (28) deny Lion Tanner Oliver at the line of scrimmage. Right, Rebel quarterback Tate Surber gets McKenzie on the board with a 52-yard touchdown run. KD Cunningham keeps pace to protect the ball carrier. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Rebels Rout Dresden Lions, 49-7

BY BRAD SAM
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DRESDEN (August 30) — Head Coach Keith Hodge took his McKenzie Rebels to Dresden High School Friday to face his former team and to make a statement in Class 1A after a barnburner win to start the season last week against historical rival and Class 2A powerhouse Huntingdon.

The host Lions struck first, but the Rebels responded with seven unanswered touchdowns for a 49-7 victory.

Dresden won the coin toss and chose to receive the opening kick, but went three-and-out and punted.

McKenzie also went three-and-out on their first possession, and a good punt return by Lion Ignacio Becerra gave Dresden great position at the Rebel 31.

Two runs by quarterback Luke DiPietro and one by Tanner Oliver left the Lions facing fourth-and-four. DiPietro threw to Jayden McRee for nine yards to move the chains, then found McRee again for a 16-yard touchdown. The PAT by Colton Hendrickson was good, and Dresden led 7-0 halfway through the first frame.



Left, Rebel Colt Norden sheds a defender for extra yardage after a catch. Right, Rebel Skyler Fornera makes a wide-open catch in the middle of the field. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebel Timmy Arline received the kickoff near the 15 and returned it to the Lion 48. Quarterback Tate Surber kept the first snap and took it all the way. Skyler Fornera kicked the point-after, and the game was knotted at 7-7 with 5:38 remaining in the first quarter.

A sputtering drive saw Dresden convert twice on fourth-and-short only to stall out completely near midfield. The punt by McRee set the Rebels deep at the 17 as the quarter came to a close.

Surber started the second frame with passes to Cole Brown and Colt Norden for two first downs, then hit Norden again for a 59-yard touchdown. Fornera kicked, and the Rebels led 14-7 early in the second.

McKenzie's Barry Swalley and Landon Brown each had big tackles to contribute to another Dresden three-and-out. McRee's punt was downed at the Rebel 32.

Surber threw to C. Brown for 15 yards, and two plays later found L.

Brown for 14. He threw to Norden for nine, then to Fornera for 22 and a first-and-goal. Arline finished the drive with a seven-yard touchdown. Fornera's kick was good, and McKenzie led 21-7 with 6:30 to play in the half.

The Lions went three-and-out again and punted.

The Rebels faced some obstacles on the ensuing drive, including three third downs and three costly penalties, but key receptions by L. Brown, Arline and Martez Teague led to a 22-yard touchdown

catch by C. Brown. Fornera kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 28-7 with just a minute to play in the first half.

Dresden ran three plays before time expired.

The Rebels received the second-half kickoff, which Arline returned 70 yards for a touchdown. Fornera kicked, and the lead was 35-7.

Another three-and-out for Dresden led to another McRee punt.

Surber threw to Norden for a 65-yard touchdown on the first play, and after

the kick, the Rebels led 42-7 with under ten minutes to play in the third frame.

The Lions threw incomplete three times and punted.

Surber started again with a throw to Norden, this time for 30 yards. Surber followed with a seven-yard keeper for the final touchdown. Fornera stayed perfect, and the lead was 49-7 with 4:38 left in the third.

Dresden managed two first downs but ultimately punted again early in the fourth quarter, with both teams substituting heavily.

McKenzie kept the ball on the ground to run out the clock.

Rebel quarterback Tate Surber was 12-for-16 passing for 286 yards and three touchdowns. He rushed for 69 yards and two touchdowns. Colt Norden had four catches for 146 yards and two touchdowns.

Landon Brown led the McKenzie defense with six tackles. Tate Surber had three tackles and three assists. Craegen Travis had two tackles and four assists. KD Cunningham had one tackle and six assists.

The Rebels (2-0) host Chester County Friday.

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Left, Lottye Choate shows some of the 185 cards she received for her birthday. Right, Lottye Choate (left) is joined by her sister, Floy Teague.

Lottye Choate Turns 95

Receives 185 Cards Birthday Cards as Surprise Gift

McKENZIE (August 27) — On Tuesday, Lottye Choate celebrated her 95th birthday. As part of her birthday surprise, her daughter, Teresa Matlock, asked Facebook friends to send her mother birthday cards. Hoping for 95 cards to match her mother's age, Matlock was able to surprise Mrs. Lottye with 173 cards.

Matlock said, "She said she loved her surprise party and getting 173 cards. She wants everyone who sent a card to know how much she appreciated the love and kindness that each card brought to her. One of her favorite cards came from Joel Summers and family. Back when Joel was a little boy and came to the dentist he hated the fluoride treatment, his sister was with him and she carried a switch. Joel would look up at her and say old bat. They now fondly call each other bat. He gave her a gift bag with her favorite chocolate. The bag also contained 95 bats."

After Tuesday's party, additional cards made their way through the postal service and the count is now up to 185.

Lottye Coleman Choate was born on August 27, 1929, to Grady and Mary Morgan Coleman of the Big Buck Community in Carroll County. She was one of seven children; four girls (Lottye, Rebecca, Geneva and Floy) and three boys (William, Johnny and Jimmy).



Lottye Choate celebrates her 95th birthday with her daughter Teresa Matlock.

After graduating from McKenzie High School, she took a job at Ben Franklin dime store owned by James Williams. She also worked as a babysitter, picked strawberries and had other odd jobs. She went on to marry James Choate. She and James liked to fish, go on bus trips with her church, First Baptist. She loved going to the mountains and going to Cades Cove to see deer and bears. In 1953, she gave birth

to their daughter, Teresa. Around this time, Mrs. Lottye took a job with the telephone company in McKenzie, a job she held for 16 years. She later worked for Dr. Harold Russell for over 30 years as a dental assistant.

Mrs. Lottye has enjoyed her 95 years. Her birthday was filled with love from her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and countless friends.



Left, Noah Rogers, West Carroll Junior/Senior High School. Center, Ginger Taylor, Huntingdon High School. Right, Dana Christian, Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School.

Carroll County Teachers Participate in WestTeach

Three Carroll County teachers are taking part in the fall 2024 WestTeach leadership program at the University of Tennessee at Martin: Dana Christian, Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School; Ginger Taylor, Huntingdon High School; and Noah Rogers, West Carroll Junior/Senior High School.

WestTeach held its first program, a look into agri-

culture and entrepreneurship, on August 26 and 27. There are four more programs during the semester throughout West Tennessee, including the December 10 graduation program at UT Martin.

WestTeach is the premier leadership program for teachers in the 21 counties in West Tennessee and is a function of the university's WestStar

Leadership Program. Its mission is to engage and equip West Tennessee teachers with tools and leadership skills for success in and outside of the classroom.

For more information about the WestTeach or WestStar program at UT Martin, call 731-881-7298 or email weststar@utm.edu.

Jenna Tucker Earns 2024 Hutchins Scholar Award

McKENZIE — Jenna Tucker of McKenzie earned the 2024 Hutches Scholar Award. It is presented each year to the rising senior with the highest GPA, recognizing academic achievement.

Jenna is a McKenzie High School graduate and the daughter of Brian and Amanda Tucker.

Established in 1976 to honor the generosity and Christian ideals of George and Lottie Mae Hutchins, this award reflects the values that Bethel University continues to uphold today. Bethel officials are incredibly proud of Jenna's dedication and excellence.



Pictured with Jenna Tucker is Bethel University Vice-President of the College of Arts and Sciences, Cindy Mallard.



Western Day at Lakeside Senior Living Community.

News From Lakeside Senior Living Community

Greetings, Last month we gave a shoutout to our loyal volunteers, but it's a privilege this month to thank the wonderful staff that work with the residents of Lakeside. Cris Stafford manages a crew of knowledgeable, caring, and dedicated staff who make all the difference for the residents who choose to call Lakeside their home.

We enjoyed the beautiful weather and had ice cream sandwiches on the porch. We also went shopping at Dollar Tree. We dined at the Sunrise Café for their Saturday Breakfast Buffet and visited the Amish Store. We attended the Senior Citizen Dance at the Carroll County Civic Center and danced to some fine tunes by the Trailblazers. This occurs the first Tuesday of each month, so join us next time. Our biggest trip this month was to the Carroll County Office on Aging Senior Day at the Fair. We loaded up a group ready to enjoy some freebies, door prizes, Bingo, music, food and competitions. Our very own Bobby Pate won Ugliest Legs, Thai Saul won Prettiest Legs, Robye Lindsey won Oldest Lady at 97. Elbert Hatley was Honorable Mention for Oldest Man. In the Beauty contest Harry Walch won

first runner-up for King and Robye Lindsey won Queen, Lonnelle McMillin won first Maid and Thai Saul won second maid. If you missed this year, don't fret. You can come next year, and we'll be there for sure!

One morning we sat around two bushels plus a mess of purple hull peas and reminisced about many a summer day spent this way and then our talented kitchen staff cooked a resident's choice meal of squash dressing, greens, fresh peas, homegrown tomatoes, deviled eggs, sliced onion and cupcakes. We were almost too full to play Bingo that afternoon, mind you, I said almost.

School is back in session and that means Friday night football games and that equals hungry football players. The ladies made 70 box lunches for players to enjoy after their opening game.

August 15 was National Cowgirl and Cowboy Day, so we decided to have a Yeeee Haw Hoe Down. We wore our best western attire, and donned our cowboy hats and bandanas. We sang along to old Western hits and were entertained when Rita Trevathan sang Coal Miner's Daughter for the group. We had a posse round-up with manager Cris Stafford being

the bank-robbing bandit and the winner, Marilyn Ward, scored the bag of "loot" as a reward. We inflated Bessie the cow and had a cow milking showdown between Team Iris and Team Sunflower with the Irises taking the win and being rewarded with Milk Duds, Cow Tails and Malted Milk Balls. Then we had a lassoing contest and Charles Garner proved to be a roping pro. We feasted on Goldfish crackers from the fishing hole, hay bale rice Krispy treats and drank Muddy Creek Water Fruit Tea. We rustled up a good ole time at our western party.

We celebrated four birthdays in August: Carlene Kelley, Faye Jones, Alberta McCulley and Kay Ward. We celebrated the anniversary of Patricia and James Pitt. Congratulating them on 70 years of Holy Matrimony and we welcomed new resident Faye Hicks to the Lakeside Family.

The biggest news has yet to be shared. If you haven't seen us in a while we are undergoing a remodel, and our new flooring was installed this month. We are proud of our beautiful home and love to show it off so stop in for a visit.... Until Next Time.



West Carroll High School Greenhouse Receives Updates

ATWOOD (August 28) — West Carroll High School has completed essential updates to its greenhouse just in time for the new growing season.

Originally built in 2012 by Mr. Dennis Stokes and his students, the greenhouse has been a cornerstone for West Carroll's agriculture program. The facility's clear polycarbonate walls and ceiling,

which have a lifespan of about ten years, were replaced thanks to grants and other funding.

Agriculture teacher Noah Rogers emphasizes the greenhouse's role in providing hands-on learning. Students grow hydroponic tomatoes, lettuce in the fall, and flowers, ferns, and vegetable seedlings in spring. The greenhouse is managed by

work-based learning students who have completed plant science courses, offering them leadership opportunities and practical experience.

The culmination of their efforts is showcased during the annual public sale in late April, where the community can purchase the students' produce and plants.

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