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Grand Jury returns indictments; serious crimes among charges

The February session of the McNairy County Grand Jury resulted in more than 25 individuals being indicted on a variety of charges, including attempted first degree murder, child abuse,

domestic assault, drugs, burglary, and theft. It is important to note that those who were indicted are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Those who were indicted include the following:

•Colton Anglin – Possession of Schedule II (Meth) w/intent to deliver .5 grams or more, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest, Evading Arrest, Possession of Schedule VI

(Marijuana) w/intent to deliver ½ oz or more, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Evading Arrest, Speeding, Driving while License Suspended/Canceled/Revoked.
 •Johnny Barton Brown –

Burglary other than habitation, Vandalism under \$1,000.
 •Justin Brown – Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Felony Reckless Endangerment (3 counts),

Employing a Firearm during a dangerous felony, Simple possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana).
 •Infinity Chandria Chandler –

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TRAGEDY - LOSS - VICTORY

Local widows who lose husbands to workplace accidents fight to improve workers compensation for families



Photo by Russell Ingle

Kara Jordan (left) and Candy Garrison (right) both lost their husbands to terrible workplace accidents; leaving them and their families to pick up the pieces. Together, they are working with regional and state lawmakers to see workers compensation laws changed to better benefit families.

Meet Candy Garrison and Kara Jordan, two women who lost their husbands to terrible workplace accidents and have had a divine appointment to take their loss and benefit others who have or will experience similar circumstances.

Candy's husband Charlie passed away on July 25, 2014. Kara's husband Jesse passed away July 29, 2021. Both died as a result of a workplace accident. Their hurt and the circumstances that followed, ultimately brought the two women together; not just as comfort for one another, but as women with a purpose to see workers compensation laws changed.

"My husband and daughter's father was killed in an accident when he was only 31 years old," said Jordan. "After being placed in a worker's compensation death benefits case, I learned what all stipulations were placed on the surviving family. I learned that my daughter would have to go to a university type college to receive her inheritance that he left behind, a total of 4.5 years of her benefits. I learned that at 29 years of age mine and my daughter's life would be placed on hold, because of a tragedy that took place at work. I learned that your life at work is worth less than if you lose a limb."

"I researched the numbers for a child growing up without a father figure at home," said Jordan. "I found that 85 percent of youths in prison, 71 percent of high school dropouts, 90 percent of all homeless and runaway children, and 60 percent of youth suicides all come from fatherless homes. My daughter was 9 years old when she lost her daddy. I learned the importance of

time in a child's life. We have them for 18 years. I only had 9 more to go before she would be out on her own and she needed someone in her life. If I were to remarry I would lose half my daughters benefits that her father left behind. I felt these were all injustices and chains that needed to be removed."

"Kara reached out to Senator Page Walley, and Representative Ron Gant," said Garrison. "Together they started looking at

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what happens to families that lose a worker. I knew I wanted to be a part of what they were trying to accomplish due to our family's experience with worker's compensation. Losing Charlie to an incident involving a forklift was excruciating.

When you lose your spouse it's like you have lost your identity. God is the only one that was there for me whenever I needed Him at any time."

Some parts of worker's compensation only worsened our experience."

"I feel that reform will benefit families that lose a worker," said Garrison. "Those left behind need to be able to move forward with their lives unencumbered. Currently, you lose a family member,

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and then you are given stipulations that must be followed to receive the benefits. An example is a widow cannot remarry and keep the benefit that the worker died to receive.

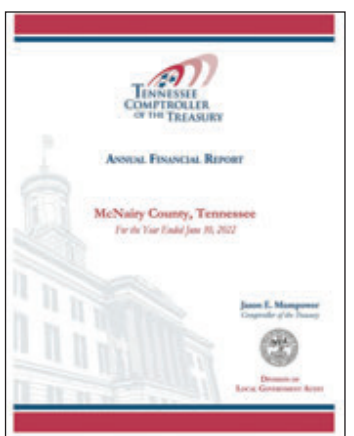
"Candy's husband, Charlie, was killed 7 years and four days before Jesse's accident," said Jordan. "She reached out to me after his death and was there for me cheering me along with many prayers. She showed me what all she had tried without



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Kara Jordan (left) and Candy Garrison (right) recently shared their stories with state leaders. Senator Page Walley and Representative Ron Gant have sponsored the Garrison-Jordan Survivor Benefits Act, which thus far has passed unanimously and will soon head to the Governor's desk.

Near Perfect - State audit results in one finding for county office



The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury has audited the basic financial statements of McNairy County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. A year after dinging multiple offices for minor infractions, McNairy County had a near perfect audit, with only one office being dinged. According to the report released by the Comptroller of the Treasury, Jason E. Mumpower, "Our audit resulted in one finding and recommendation, which we have reviewed with McNairy County management. The detailed finding, recommendation, and management's response are included in the Single Audit section of this report."

According to the report, the Solid Waste Department had operating deficiencies. According to the report, there were several instances in which the Solid Waste Department did not make deposits within the required three days of receipt. Also, according to the report, employees did not always use same receipt book; therefore, consecutively numbered receipts were not issued as required by Section 9-2-104, TCA. The report also indicated there were some instances of funds being received from customers and deposited with the county trustee without a receipt, as well as multiple employees operating from the same cash drawers. The Comptroller's office sug-

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Corrections

In the March 2 issue of the McNairy County News, Ian McKinney, a student at Selmer Elementary, was named as "her" and should have been "him".

In a McNairy Central basketball picture in the March 2 edition, Sophomore Brooklyn Hopkins was incorrectly identified as a freshman.

In the March 9 edition in the McNairy Middle School baseball story, it was reported that Ridge Rankin walked nine while pitching against Henderson North. That was incorrect. Rankin walked zero. He pitched 3 innings, allowing 3 runs on 7 hits, walking none.

We apologize for these errors.



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responses. She encouraged me to pray. She is one reason I woke up from the darkness that was around me."

"Kara and I were united by a horrible tragedy," said Garrison. "Losing Charlie and Jesse was life altering for our families. Though no two experiences are exactly the same, many of the same things assaulted our families: grief, fear, hardship."

"I spoke with Ron Gant via email in October after the accident happened," said Jordan. I reached out again after a large push from God and reading his word. God wants us to fight for what's right. I found 76 Bible verses about how widows should be treated. I also found 27 Bible verses about fatherless children and orphans. This was my push. Exodus 22:22 is plain and simple, and our laws did not follow it. So in March I set up a meeting for and traveled to our State Capitol to tell Jesse's story. I would like to see other changes be made especially when workplace negligence is a major cause in a person's death. I was unable to get this change, but I feel with time God will place those changes amongst us in our state."

"I was blessed to be able, along with Kara, to share our family's journey involving worker's compensation with the Tennessee Senate Committee of Labor and Commerce on February 28, 2023," said Garrison. "The committee listened intently, and as hard as it was to share that

story, I recognize what an honor was given to me and Kara by Senator Page Walley and the committee. I will continue to watch as this bill moves forth and pray for its passage. I do believe that passage of the bill will remove some of the burdens imposed on families by the current worker's compensation."

Garrison and Jordan's work to see change has been a success. Both Representative Ron Gant and Senator Page Walley have helped position the ladies and their work before state leaders.

"Last week, the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee advanced legislation I am sponsoring named the 'Garrison-Jordan Survivor Benefits Act,'" said Senator Walley. "The bill, Senate Bill 97, expands death benefits for surviving spouses and dependents of individuals killed in workplace accidents. Two brave women from our district widowed by workplace accidents told their stories to the committee and testified about how the bill would help families who receive death benefits. They spoke about the importance of the legislation to not only increase death benefit payments but also to allow benefits to continue to dependents if a surviving spouse remarries. I want to thank Candy Garrison and Kara Jordan from McNairy County for their testimony and for bringing awareness to this important issue. Their remarks played a vital role in the passage of this legis-

lation in the committee."

Senator Walley said the act passed the Senate 33-0 and will now go to the House, where Representative Gant will push for its approval.

"I'm carrying it in the House," said Representative Gant. "It's working its way through the committee process and I should have it on the floor in the next couple weeks and then to the Governor to sign into law."

"I am so thankful for Kara Jordan, D. J. Norton, Senator Page Walley, and Representative Ron Gant for all the hard work they have put in on this bill," said Garrison. "We are blessed to have a Senator and a Representative that listen and have compassionate hearts for the people they serve. Having the legislation named after our families is such an honor."

"I would like to thank Page Walley and Ron Gant for opening their offices and hearts for me, as well as, DJ Norton for bringing all to my attention that I consider unfair and guiding me in whom I should contact to make this bill change possible," said Jordan. "It makes me very happy that the act is named after our families. I want to show our daughter that we all have a purpose and this may be one of ours. We may have lived a nightmare and lost our person here on earth, but we can do anything if we put our hearts in the right place. We cannot live in misery and we have to shed



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Representative Ron Gant (far left) and Senator Page Walley (far right) are pictured with Kara Jordan and Candy Garrison.

light on a very sad world. I also feel like Jesse is in heaven and very proud. Jesse took pride in being a husband and father. Now Jesse's last name will be represented on a bill to help other children and mothers that lost their person at work. Jesse is smiling."

Both women were more than happy to share their heart and advice with those who may have or will go through similar experiences.

"A piece of advice I can give any young widowed mother is take your time and spend it with God," said Jordan. "When you lose your spouse it's like you have lost your identity. God is the only one that was there for me whenever I needed Him at any time. Many will talk about you

or even say things like 'if it were me, I would,' but there is no way to know what you would do. The only way you will know is if it actually happens to you. Do not worry what others will think. This is your life, not theirs. Also, reach out to other widows in the community that can help you and inspire you. Most of my friends now are widows and they are very special people."

"My advice for any family with a work place death would be two verses of scripture; Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2, Proverbs 3: 5-6" said Garrison.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 states, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2 a time to be born and a time to die,"

Proverbs 3: 5-6 states, "5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

"Knowing that God called Charlie home and that I could count on Him was my bedrock," said Garrison.

"Many thought no changes would be made, but with God on my side I think that there will be," said Jordan. "I was a very broken woman when all of this took place. Slowly and surely God is putting my life back together. God deserves all the glory. Always remember, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me' Phillipians 4:13, and never give up."

AmeriCorps Week - Organization making a difference throughout the community

AmeriCorps Week is March 12-18, 2023. AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP is generated by a federal grant under AmeriCorps and has local offices inside the senior centers in McNairy & Hardin Counties and covers McNairy-Hardin-Hardeman Counties. The Adamsville office is where you normally find Pamela Carroll, Director, who has been with AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP since February, 2009, and Dana Scroggins, Volunteer Coordinator, who came onboard in June 2021. AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP organization has been around locally since 1974 and under the sponsorship of the Adamsville Lions Club.

Who can serve?

AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP recruits Seniors 55 and older to volunteer in non-profit agencies, schools, government agencies, faith-based or community organizations.

How can I serve?

AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP programs make an impact in the community through a variety of ways. When you join AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP, you choose how you want to give back. Work in the local thrift stores, food bank, deliver meals or groceries to individuals with limited to no support such as an elderly neighbor with no family locally, support a family impacted by a natural disaster, or simply by donating your time and energy to cooking/baking for someone at church. These are just a few of the opportunities available through AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP. Every year AmeriCorps matches over 200,000 volunteers with service opportunities offered by partner organizations such as AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP. Seniors who volunteer in the local AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP choose how, where and when they want to serve, with commitments ranging from just 1 hour to 40 hours per week. AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP Volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served their community.

Combined, McNairy-Hardin-

Hardeman Counties currently has 472 volunteers with approximately 194 actively volunteering at all times.

Benefits?

You'll forge new relationships with people in your local community and make a significant difference in the lives of others.

The local AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP also offer supplemental insurance to volunteers while they are volunteering.

Purpose?

The AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP program provides grants to organizations with a dual purpose: to engage Americans 55 and older in volunteer service to meet critical community needs, and to provide a high-quality experience for the volunteers. AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP is one of the agency's most flex-



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County Mayor Larry Smith is pictured with AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP Director Pam Carroll and Volunteer Coordinator Dana Scroggins.

ible grant programs. Organizations determine where the need is greatest

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and how volunteers can respond to the need as long as it falls within one of AmeriCorps' six focus areas: Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, Education, Healthy Futures, and Veterans & Military Members.

Responsibilities and Expectations of AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP?

Develop the strategy to respond to identified needs in the community, recruit volunteers 55 years and older, manage and place volunteers

in local organizations, taking special efforts to recruit diverse individuals, and meet the performance measures that will be identified in the grant application.

Pamela Carroll has enjoyed working with AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP volunteers and agencies for the past 14 years. When asked what makes her job enjoyable Carroll said, "It's my seniors. I love each one of them and you never know what will happen from day to day. Each day is a new adventure."

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MCNAIRY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO ELECT NEW LEADERS AT REORGANIZATION CONVENTION

ALL COUNTY DEMOCRATS ARE WELCOME

The McNairy County Democratic Party will hold a Reorganization Convention to elect new leaders on March 28, 2023. The meeting will take place at the Democrat Headquarters, 136 Court Avenue, Selmer, TN. Doors open for registration at 6:00 p.m. Convention start time is 6:30 p.m.

Local Democrats will elect a Chair, two Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Executive Committee members from each of the 7 county districts for a two year term. All Democrats who are residents of and who are registered voters of McNairy County are urged to attend to discuss the party's agenda and events for 2023-2024. During the Convention, the voting delegation will adopt County Party bylaws and elect new leadership.

The County Party Reorganization welcomes all McNairy County Democrats. Anyone who plans to vote on the above issues and/or run for office must be a registered Democrat and pledge to support the party nominees. Attendees should arrive early to complete credentialing forms to be admitted to the convention prior to 6:30 when the meeting will begin.

For more information, contact Martha Glover at 731 645-0478.

The Democratic party also has a Facebook page with information about all events for each month.

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Chief Carr and Battalion Chief Roberts attend Tennessee Fire Chiefs Day on the Hill



Selmer Fire Chief Anthony Carr and Battalion Chief Darrel Roberts were among the hundreds of fire chiefs from around the state to attend last week's Tennessee Fire Chiefs Day on the Hill in Nashville. Joining with their fellow fire chiefs, Chiefs Carr and Roberts attended the Day on the Hill in support of a variety of bills, including the Dustin Samples Act, a bill that provides support for firefighters who have experienced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The act is named after firefighter Dustin Samples, a Chattanooga firefighter who took his life in December 2020. Chiefs Carr and Roberts also joined with fellow chiefs in hopes of seeing a new EMS Board of Directors put in place, as well as increased sprinkler system requirements that would require more local communities to make sprinkler systems a requirement.

While there, Chiefs Carr and Roberts visited with Governor Bill Lee, Senator Page Walley and Representative Ron Gant. Senator Walley and Representative Gant are working to increase funding for local fire departments such as the Selmer Fire Department. Chief Carr returned to Nashville this week for another visit with Governor Lee.

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gested the following steps to make corrections, "All funds should be deposited within three days of collection, and official pre-numbered receipts should be issued in consecutive order for all collections, as required by state statutes. To strengthen internal controls over cash collections, deposits should be made intact. Management should segregate duties to the extent possible using available resources. Each

employee should be assigned their own cash drawer."

As the Solid Waste is under the County Mayor's supervision, the Mayor's Office offered the following corrective action, "We will take the recommendations of the Comptroller's Office and implement them to the best of our ability to correct the deficiencies. Official pre-numbered receipts will be issued in order. Collections will

be deposited within three days and intact. We will work to properly segregate duties, and employees will be assigned their own cash drawer."

Addressing the audit's findings, McNairy County Solid Waste Director Steve Beavers easily explained the department's processes and procedures.

"Each Solid Waste deposit is made the following day to the

Trustee's Office," said Beavers. "The only times deposits exceed the three-day limit is when there is a Monday holiday or longer holiday period such as Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Beavers added the following:
 • The Trustee's Office is closed on Wednesday which also pushes a Tuesday deposit to Thursday.
 • Numbered receipts are

only used for payment of tires and when customers come in after office drawers have been closed for the day.

The Solid Waste Office consists of two full-time employees and an employee who works only 16 hours a week.

"There are several times during the year that only one person is taking payments," said Beavers. "This office doesn't not have four or five

people on staff to take payments ... due to employees being off or handling other duties at the Recycling Center, we might have only one person taking payments on some days."

Duties are now segregated in the office, according to Beavers.

"During my time here, the Solid Waste Office has always done everything in its power to correct issues pointed out by auditors," said Beavers.

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Aggravated Assault.

•Joshua Aaron Chapman - Theft of Property (\$2,500 - \$10,000).

•Jamie Lee Cross - Child Abuse (child 8 years of age or less).

•Darius A. Dancer - Possession of Schedule II (Meth) w/intent to deliver .5 grams or more.

•Noah Danovski - Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Aggravated Assault, Vandalism Under \$1,000, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Theft under \$1,000, Theft under \$1,000.

•Anzerio Savon Donis - Aggravated Assault

•Christina Scott Farris - Felony Evading Arrest, Reckless Driving, Speeding, Domestic Assault, Felony Reckless Endangerment (6 counts).

•Chet Grant - Violation of Sex Offender Registry (2 counts), Aggravated Domestic Assault by Strangulation, Domestic Assault.

•William A. Hancock, III - Aggravated Rape (Mentally Defective Person) 3 counts, Incest (3 counts).

•Susquahanna D. Hummer - DUI, DUI Per Se, Failure to Exercise Due Care.

•Jonathan Dewayne Jarmon - Trafficking for Commercial Sex Act (2 counts).

•James M. Johnson - Trafficking for Commercial Sex Act (2 counts).

•Charles C. Lindsay - Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Felony Reckless Endangerment (3 counts), Employing a Firearm during a dangerous felony.

•TalinnCrystinn Loveless - Felony Evading Arrest, Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest, Theft of Property (\$2,500 - \$10,000), Reckless Driving, Aggravated Assault by Strangulation.

•Richard Mahig - Aggravated Domestic Assault by Strangulation.

•Kaleb Mealer - Possession of Schedule I (Psilocyn/Psilocybin) w/intent to deliver, Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana) w/intent to deliver 1/2 ounce or more, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia,

Possession Firearm during commission of dangerous felony (2 counts).

•Zeabious A. McLemore - Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Felony Reckless Endangerment (3 counts), Employing a Firearm during a dangerous felony.

•Tyler R. Mercer - Felony Evading Arrest Endangering others, Speeding, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, Reckless Driving.

•Zachary R. Miller - Aggravated Assault

•Timothy Robert Mitchell - Theft of Property (\$2,500 - \$10,000).

•Kenneth Monk - Assault Against First Responder (2 counts), Domestic Assault, Resisting Arrest.

•Darnell Neely - Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Felony Reckless Endangerment (3 counts), Employing a Firearm during a dangerous felony.

•Kameha Newsom - Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Felony Reckless Endangerment (3 counts), Employing a Firearm during a dangerous felony.

•Frank Darrell Parker - Rape of a Child

•Jason Lynn Parker - Trafficking for Commercial Sex Act.

•Michelle Patterson - Attempted First Degree Murder, Employing Firearm during commission of dangerous felony.

•Preston Pettigrew - Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon, Driving while License Suspended/Canceled/Revoked, Simple Possession of Schedule IV (Clonazolam), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

•Henry Rutledge - Aggravated Domestic Assault (3 counts), Domestic Assault (2 counts), Aggravated Domestic Assault by Strangulation, Casual Exchange to a Minor (2 counts).

•Daniel Dewayne Sagely - DUI, Prior DUI, Driving While License Canceled/Suspended/Revoked,

Unlawful Use of Handheld Device, Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility.

•Christopher C. Shook - Burglary Motor Vehicle, Theft Under \$1,000, Burglary other than habitation, Burglary other than habitation, Burglary Motor Vehicle, Theft Under \$1,000, Theft of Property (\$2,500 - \$10,000), Burglary other than habitation, Vandalism (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Aggravated Burglary, Theft Under \$1,000, Burglary other than habitation, . Vandalism under \$1,000, Burglary other than habitation, Theft Under \$1,000, Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon, Burglary other than habitation, Theft of Property (\$1,000 - \$2,500), Burglary Motor Vehicle, Theft Under \$1,000, Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon, Burglary other than habitation,

Theft Under \$1,000.

•Jennifer Stancill - Aggravated Domestic Assault.

•Gemeyal Strowder - Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon, Theft under \$1,000.

•Paul Bryan Wallace - Attempted Aggravated Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools.

•Shawn A. Wiley - Aggravated Domestic Assault by Strangulation (2 counts).

•Quenton Devon Woods - Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assault (2 counts).

•Earl Dujan, Wyke Jr. - Aggravated Domestic Assault by Strangulation, False Imprisonment, Criminal Trespass.

•Charles Edward Wynn aka Big Baby - Possession of Schedule II (Meth) w/intent to deliver .5 grams or more, Simple Possession

of Schedule VI (Marijuana), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

•Amanda Lee Franks - Possession of Schedule II (Meth) w/intent to deliver .5 grams or more,

Simple Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Filing a False Report to Law Enforcement.

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NEWS

Hee-Haw cast preparing for Spring Shows

Kornfield County is filled with interesting and entertaining characters. Their lives are a throwback to simpler times. Their brand of humor and antics played out on the popular television show Hee-Haw. Much like its television counterpart, the McNairy County Hee-Haw show has been produced for more than 30 years. Originals such as Ray Prather, Pat Knight, Jackie Pickle and Buddy Sisk have given a large portion of their time and life not only to entertain, but more importantly, raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The Hee-Haw 2023 Spring Shows will be held Thursday, March 30th, Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st at the McNairy Central High School Little Theater. Shows will begin

each night at 6:30 p.m. For the past few weeks the McNairy County Hee-Haw cast has been working hard to insure this year's shows are among the best yet. This year's cast members include the following performers and the characters they will portray:

- Emma Harris – Sunshine
- Colton Whir – Laverne and Tex
- Chloe Strickland – Artie May
- Pat Knight – Archette
- Ray Prather – Doc
- Steve Richard – Grandpa
- Emily White – Stella Joe
- Jackie Pickle – Rooster
- Amanda Ashcraft – Nurse Good Body
- James McNeil – JMac
- Amelia Sanders – Minnie Pearl
- LaNora Sanders – LuLu
- BJ Martin – Lee Greenwood

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 Landon Richard – Lights
 Lisa White – Treasurer
 Other performers include Leanne Taylor, Michael Wiggins and Buddy Sisk.

This year's Hee-Haw shows will be in part to celebrate McNairy County's 200th birthday. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 7-12 years of age, and free for children six years of age and under. Concessions and auction items will be available. Cash or checks will be the only accepted form of payment. All proceeds will go to benefit the American Cancer Society.



Photo by Russell Ingle

The cast of McNairy County Hee Haw are planning for sold out performances of their upcoming spring shows at the MCHS Little Theater.

Local attorney warns residents to beware of Publishers Clearing House Scam

Longtime attorney Paul Simpson is warning residents to be aware of a scam that is currently making the rounds. According to Simpson, he and others have been contacted by someone saying they are with Publishers Clearing House and informing them they are big winners. According to Simpson, those who are contacted are told they have won a prize and that they have to send money or give personal information to receive the prize. Simpson said no legitimate prize giveaway requires you to send money to receive your prize. Simpson also noted

that most of those contacted have been senior citizens.

The real Publishers Clearing House does not request any information when their winners are initially notified. If you have any questions as to whether or not you actually are a winner of a Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes, you should call their customer service number of 1-800-459-4724. Don't trust any other telephone number that may be provided to you by anyone informing you of your win.

AAA Tennessee grant funds safety gloves & lighting for SPD



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The Selmer Police Department recently received a AAA Tennessee grant that allowed the department to purchase traffic safety gloves from Haltz Gloves and traffic safety lighting from Powermoon.

According to the SPD, the gloves are high-visibility; making it easier for the officer to be seen by motorists. The gloves are primarily used to direct traffic during nighttime hours.

The Powermoon lighting was purchased to provide lighting during Sobriety Checkpoints to make it safer for the officers and drivers alike.

The Selmer Police Department would like to thank AAA Tennessee for providing the funds to purchase these items.

School Board approves variety of items during most recent meeting

The McNairy County Board of Education met in regular session last Thursday evening. The School Board continued its tour of local campuses by holding the meeting at the Michie Elementary School. After an opening prayer, MES student Sam Rhinehart led the Pledge of Allegiance. School Board Vice Chairman Jarrell Stanfield led the meeting in Chairman Ricky Whitaker's absence. Before moving to items for approval, the School Board approved the Certified and Classified Personnel Reports. These reports address retirements, leave requests, resignations, employments, substitute teachers and transfers.

Under items for approval the School Board approved the following items:

- 2nd reading of an Emergency Allergy Response plan policy.
- 1st reading of a Code of

Ethics policy revision.

• 1st reading of a Conflicts of Interest policy revision.

• Purchase of math textbooks from Savvas Learning Company for grades K-5 in the amount of \$540,162.40, which will be paid with ESSER and local funds.

• Technology Department Network Equipment bid by Wrightcore/Coverageone Company in the amount of \$58,042.00.

• Technology Department Chromebook bid by Y&S Technologies in the amount of \$123,252.50.

• HVAC units for Adamsville

and Bethel Springs Elementary Schools in the amount of \$86,185.00. \$85,000 will come from ESSER Funds, while \$1,185 will come from local funding.

• Agreement between the McNairy County Board of Education and the City of Selmer for the use of Selmer Elementary Storm Shelter in the event of a

storm emergency. With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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NEWS

FORDS & FIDDLES Part II

By Dr. Shawn Pitts

Earl Latta was a Ford man, through and through. Latta was born in the Gravel Hill community of McNairy County, TN in 1895, just two years after Henry Ford produced his first automobile. The young Latta took a job at 18 years old, servicing Model T Fords at a garage in nearby Selmer. Intelligent, a born salesman, and enamored of the new advances in personal transportation, he quickly absorbed a good working knowledge of the new motorcars and the burgeoning American automobile industry. Henry Ford was a role model for the budding entrepreneur, and Latta followed the auto tycoon's career with great interest. What he learned, coupled with what he already knew about West Tennessee music, would serve him well in the years to come.

When Latta shipped out for active duty in France during World War I, he had never been more than a few miles from his boyhood home. After completing a tour of duty he returned to Gravel Hill where a disagreeable turn in farming was enough to convince the young man that agriculture was not in his future. He moved to Selmer and resumed his lifelong love affair with the automobile as an employee at the local Ford dealership.

By 1926 Latta had saved enough money to purchase his own Model A Ford coupe. He must have been a dashing figure—a young man with money in his pocket motoring about a rural Tennessee town where mules and wagons were far more common. The same year Latta bought his first automobile, an old-time music craze was sweeping the country. Curiously, the car and the craze sprang from the same fertile imagination.

In the mid 1920s, Henry Ford began systematically promoting old time dance and music events—especially fiddle contests—through his rapidly expanding network of automobile dealers. With the Roaring Twenties well underway, Ford felt the excesses of the Jazz Age were eroding the simpler times and wholesome entertainments of his youth. He mobilized local Ford dealers who sometimes partnered with booster clubs, civic groups, or fraternal organizations to host



Here is a picture of the boys as they gathered on the steps of the Ryman Auditorium this morning, all set and ready to throw a fiddle fit. An all-day elimination contest was conducted, which will be topped off tonight with keen competition between the six best fiddlers. Lower row, left to right—W. E. Poyne, Louisville; J. W. Bridges, 55, Cumberland Furnace; W. E. Working, 64, Nashville; G. G. Mason, 51, Springfield; J. L. Stevenson, Lynchburg; W. A. White, Spivey, Canal King, 31, Red Boiling Springs; Levi Duan, 53, Putnam county; Uncle Jimmy Thompson, 40, Martha; R. M. Bridges, 46, Cumberland Furnace; G. W. Fincher, 56, McMinnville. Second row—W. M. Baker, 63, Nashville; D. W. Thompson, 77, Nashville; Mack Horton, 49, Nashville; Jake Jones, 55, Gallatin; W. H. Duke, 69, Nashville; Albert Drayton, 70, Nashville. Back row—Bob King, Chestnut Mount; John F. McGee, 69, Franklin; William Cypore, 55, Macon County; Mary Todd, 44, Murfreesboro; T. E. Scales, 49, Nashville; S. J. Eberidge, 54, McKean; J. B. Blackstock, 62, Pickett; Wilson H. St. 37, DeKalb county.

The January 19, 1926 Nashville Banner covered the Ford sponsored Tennessee old-time fiddle contest finals. Some 25 fiddlers, primarily from Middle Tennessee, competed for the state title. Numbered among them were John L. “Uncle Bunt” Stephens (incorrectly identified here as J.L. Stevenson), Uncle Jimmy Thompson, and Marshall Claiborne (incorrectly identified here as William Clyburn). Stephens and Claiborne would play for Henry Ford later that year in Detroit, with Stephens claiming victory in the national fiddling finals which probably never took place. Thompson, the more seasoned and perhaps most talented musician of the group, was famed announcer, Judge George D. Hay’s, first guest on the Grand Ole Opry.

old-time fiddle contests as qualifying events, inviting the winners to compete for state and regional titles.

The Volunteer State naturally produced a respectable crop of fiddlers including John “Uncle Bunt” Stephens, “Uncle” Jimmy Thompson, and the one-armed fiddling sensation Marshall Claiborne who took top honors at Nashville’s Ryman Auditorium. The three Tennesseans then competed in Louisville, Kentucky for the “Champion of Dixie” title with Stephens and Claiborne supposedly advancing to Detroit for the finals. After that, things get a little more fuzzy.

Several fiddlers—Stephens among them—apparently did play for Henry Ford at a Detroit gathering of Ford executives and dealers, but there is no record of a fiddle contest taking place, let alone the crowning of a national champion. Stephens, whose yarn spinning rivaled his fiddling, told Nashville reporters that he attempted to bow out of the contest with the excuse that he’d only split enough wood to last

his family three more days. He claimed Henry Ford dispatched one of his agents to Lynchburg to provision the Stephenses with wood and other necessities, set him up in a private room at the Ford estate, and bestowed on him the title of national old-time fiddle champion. What really happened in Detroit is unclear, but a good Southern tale relies more on the quality of the story than the facts, so Stephens’s humorous version of events persists in Tennessee music lore.

McNairy County was not left out of the fun. An “Old Fiddler’s Contest,” sponsored by the Selmer Parent Teacher Association, took place on April 15, 1926. Though advertising for the event never mentioned the local Ford dealer, the contest undoubtedly grew out of the national enthusiasm for old-time music touched off by Henry Ford’s thinly veiled social agenda. A deep regional music tradition in Southwest Tennessee, and an incredibly strong crop of local fiddlers, certainly wouldn’t have hindered matters. The winners of the Selmer contest were

apparently never published, but you can bet fiddlers such as Con Crotts, Elvis Black and Waldo Davis were in the running.

It is impossible to know if Earl Latta was present for the McNairy County fiddle contest, but his longstanding affiliation with Ford, coupled with his personal affinity for old-time music, make it hard to imagine him sitting it out. The old-time music and dance craze left an indelible imprint on American culture, but the mix of merchandizing and music making that characterized the Ford inspired, fiddle mania influenced the young Earl Latta in unmistakable ways. Like Henry Ford, Latta would use the platform and resources afforded by successful business ventures to shape the music and culture of Southwest Tennessee in ways that are apparent even now.

Part III of this series will detail the legacy of Earl Latta’s famous garage jams at Latta Ford Motors in downtown Selmer, Tennessee. A fuller discussion of Latta’s role in West Tennessee music history was published in



Brothers Con (left) and Elvin (right) Crofts of Michie, Tennessee. Con was considered one of the best McNairy County fiddlers of his generation, winning multiple contests around the region. While no winner was published for a 1926 old-time fiddle contest held at Selmer, TN, Crofts would definitely have been considered a front runner for the local title.

my essay, Everybody Who’s Anybody: Making Music for Earl Latta and Stanton Littlejohn, Volume LXXI, Numbers 1 & 2 (double issue) of the Tennessee Folklore Society Bulletin.

DISCLAIMER: The research and writing of this story was conducted by (Dr. Shawn Pitts) who is solely responsible for its content. The McNairy County News has not independently verified any information contained in this story and cannot agree or disagree with its content.

The four part series, Fords and Fiddles, appears as a guest column in the March 2023 issues of The McNairy County News.

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Locals meet with Rep. Ron Gant



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Keith Price of Price Sawmill in Selmer along with Jacky Robbins of Thompson Machinery stopped by Rep. Ron Gant's office in Nashville recently to discuss how they can work together to further their important industries that help increase the West Tennessee economy.



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Left to right: John Roberts, Rep. Ron Gant, John Bowers, and Ronnie Brooks of Pickwick Electric Cooperative visited Nashville recently. Rep. Ron Gant commented, "these gentlemen are one of the many reasons why Tennessee is such a great state. It is people like these men that have such a tremendous impact on us all, and I greatly appreciate them for what they do in the community."

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) awards a \$500,000 grant



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RCORP Project Director Debra Corzine, LPN; Lifespan CEO Janie McGinley; Hardin County EMS Director Brandon Morris; and HMC CEO Jim Edmondson examine the new equipment purchased with the RCORP grant.

Access to healthcare in a rural setting is often a topic negatively discussed in the news, especially with many rural areas sadly losing their hospitals at alarming rates and also access to local healthcare options. Overlaying the opioid epidemic and the rise in drug abuse to a medical emergency and fast access to care is even more critical.

The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high-risk rural communities such as Hardin, Wayne, and McNairy counties.

Lead applicant Lifespan Health, along with Hardin Medical Center, Hardin County

Schools, Aspell Recovery, Jack Gean Shelters, Hardin County Healthcare Foundation, and Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, applied for and were awarded a \$500,000 grant over the next four years from RCORP. The RCORP grant is provided to build a collaborative response to opioid and substance abuse in the community.

As part of the grant, Lifespan purchased \$32,009 worth of new equipment for Hardin County EMS that will greatly expand the capabilities of the ambulance service when responding to drug-related calls. The equipment included a ventilator, a stair chair, an auto pulse, and three small IV pumps.

Lifespan Health is one local facility that partners with other local healthcare providers and the hospital to seek grants that

can improve the quality of healthcare options close to home for the citizens of Hardin, Wayne, and McNairy counties.

Since 1995 Lifespan Health, a federally qualified health center (FQHC), has been serving the medically underserved populations of Hardin, Wayne, and McNairy counties in Tennessee, all of which are HRSA-designated rural areas and under the "Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer" and defined as eligible to apply for Rural Health Grants that significantly improve the quality of healthcare and life within these communities.

Hardin Medical Center, the local hospital since 1952, provides emergency services for residents experiencing substance abuse

and mental health crises such as overdose and suicidal self-injury. Aspell Recovery Center has served the West Tennessee area with a full spectrum of SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery support services since 1979. The Jack Gean Shelters provide outpatient substance abuse treatment. And finally, Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse supports families in preventing and dealing with child abuse and helps both parents and children meet the practical needs of preserving and improving the quality of family life.

The inclusion of The Hardin County Community and Healthcare Foundation (HCCHF), Inc. ensures ongoing financial viability and sustainability beyond

the project period. The foundation has a strong history of securing the financial support necessary to facilitate successful and sustainable programs within the community. The foundation was integral in securing nearly \$2 million in funds to launch the Darryl Worley Cancer Treatment Center in 2010, which provides much-needed cancer treatment services locally. The center serves approximately 800 cancer patients from Hardin and the surrounding region each month. The Hardin County Community and Healthcare Foundation has also pledged \$50,000 annually to Aspell Recovery Center to support the operation of their women's residential program. Their participation in the RCORP-Behavioral Health

Care Support (RCORP-BHS) Consortium will provide opportunities for the foundation to raise funds to support ongoing efforts to expand behavioral health programs in the service area, including RCORP-BHS Consortium program activities.

With the support of federal grants like the RCORP grant, the necessary funds are now available for reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD). Collaboration of major local healthcare providers is the key to addressing and improving the overall health outcomes of the citizens of Hardin County and the surrounding areas.

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March 22nd
•Spring Rummage Sale
 The Freed-Hardeman University Associates will be holding their Spring Rummage Sale, March 22nd-25th, 2023, at the National Guard Armory at 759 E. Main Street, Henderson. Times for the sale will be as follows: Wednesday, March 22nd - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all items full price, Thursday, March 23rd - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all items full price, Friday, March 24th - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all items half price, and Saturday, March 25th - 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon - bag day sale - fill a 13-gallon bag for \$5 or a 30-gallon bag for \$10. This project by the FHU Associates encourages friendships, spreads joy, and provides funds for student scholarships.

March 25th
•Historical Society
 Please join the McNairy County Historical Society for an exciting year celebrating our Bicentennial. In March we will celebrate with a presentation about Bethel Springs by Norma Smith. An Adamsville discussion will be presented by Gary O'Neal in April. The Historical Society meets the last Saturday of the month (March 25th), at 10:00 a.m. at the Jack McConnico Library, Selmer, TN. Individual dues are \$10.00 per year and a lifetime membership is \$100.00. Monthly meetings are FREE and open to the public.

•Pink Ribbon 5K
 Adora Butler with West TN Healthcare will be on site taking applications at the Pink Ribbon 5K on March 25th at 10:00 a.m. Selmer City Park. Mrs. Butler work with low income uninsured women to determine their eligibility for The Tennessee Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. For more information contact Edna Barnette 731-645-3799 or 731-610-6600.

April 15, 2023
•Annual Michie School Alumni Reunion
 The annual Michie School Alumni Reunion will be held April 15, 2023 at the Michie Civic Center. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and a potluck meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. All Michie School alumni, spouses and guests are welcome to attend. Please bring a favorite dish and join us for great memories, food and fun.

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 May 6th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Hillbilly Wing Shack, 26280 Hwy 68, Adamsville. Live entertainment by The TN Blues Brothers and Chelsea Rhodes. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Enjoy a day of fun. Every donation will help children that are being abused. For more information, call Roger or Regina at 731-439-1624.

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May 29th
•Annual Memorial Day Ride
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•Family Dance
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•Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
 The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Battle of Shiloh Camp #1454 meets the first Thursday of each month at the Shiloh Methodist Church in the fellowship hall (located in the basement) at Shiloh Park. Supper will be at 6 p.m. and the meeting will be at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•American Legion Seeking Members
 Are you a Veteran? Do you miss the comradeship between yourself and others who served their country? If so join the American Legion and be part of serving your community and other Vets that need your help. McNairy County has two American Legion Posts, Post 97 in Adamsville and Post 162 in Selmer. Both would be honored to sign you up as a member. If you are already a member please support your post by attending meetings. Contact Bob May at 731-607-1918 for info on the Adamsville Post and Ted Miller at 731-439-1830 for info on the Selmer Post. American Legion Post 162 monthly meeting is held the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Selmer Community Center at 230 N. Fifth Street. All Veterans and their spouses are invited to come and visit with us.

•Selmer Sons of the American Legion
 The Sons Squadron 162 of the American Legion Post 162 purpose is to assist the American Post in

helping veterans in our community. You can become a member of the American Legion family, and you do not have to a military veteran. As a member of the Sons of the American Legion you will receive a free Accident Life Insurance policy as well as many different discounts in many businesses. Any male at any age, (even a child at birth) who has a direct descendent, father, step-father, grandfather, who has or had military service qualifies you to join the sons. For further information contact Teddy Miller at 609-500-9796 or Nathan Meek 731-434-0332.

•American Legion Meeting
 American Legion Post 162 monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Selmer Community Center, 230 North Fifth Street. All veterans, and their spouses are invited to come, and visit with us. If you would like more information about American Legion Post 162 or Sons of American Legion Squadron 162 call Commander Ted Miller of (A/L) 731-439-1830. We are all about helping veterans, their families and community. Thank you for your service and our freedom. For God and Country.

•Disabled American Veterans meeting
 Disabled American Veterans Unit 58 meets the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at The Diner on Pleasant Street in Decaturville. We help disabled veterans get information for assistance. For more information contact Joe Griggs at 731-

614-4369.
•Multiple Sclerosis Support Group
 McNairy & Hardin County ASK (Alive & Still Kicking) MS Support Group. If you, a family member, or a friend suffers from this unpredictable, incurable disease, join us for a time to share and learn. You aren't alone. Sometimes talking and listening to others who share your same symptoms is the best medicine. Caregivers of MS patients are also welcome. Affiliated with the National MS Society, we meet at 6:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month, at the Adamsville Senior Center, Park Ave, Adamsville, TN. For more information please call Brandi at (731) 632-0013.

•Selmer Lions Club
 The Selmer Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Their mission is to serve our community through providing assistance to those with vision problems. All members are urged to attend.

•AA Meetings
 AA meetings are held at 654 Industrial Road in the Loaves and Fishes Building in Selmer on Saturday at 7 p.m. For more info, contact 731-645-5327 or 731-439-3254.

••• Fax your events for our community calendar to 731-645-7049 or e-mail them to suzanne@mcnairy-countynews.com.

Students honored on the Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University

More than 5,100 Baylor University students have been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's Academic Honor List, which recognizes Baylor undergraduates for their outstanding academic work during each semester. Students honored on the Dean's List earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours. As a preeminent Christian Research 1 university, Baylor's mission is to educate students for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community. Students are drawn to the University from all 50 states and more than 100 countries for the Baylor experience that combines Christian mission and academic excellence with a midsize university that maximizes opportunities and competes in Power 5 athletics. Baylor provides numerous academic and research opportunities across various disciplines through

127 baccalaureate programs in fields as varied as business, engineering, pre-medicine, computer science, nursing and music, along with 79 master's programs, 50 doctoral programs (including the Juris Doctor), the Education Specialist program and Master of Laws program. Through Baylor's Illuminate Forward strategic plan that builds on the University's historic strengths and strategically invests in new areas of research and service, Baylor University is one of only two private Research 1 universities in the state of Texas, along with Rice, and among an elite list of 39 private universities designated as R1 by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Through top-tier research, scholarship and external funding support, R1 uni-

versities bring their voice to bear in addressing the world's most significant challenges, with Baylor as a Christian research university infusing the quest for solutions, at the highest levels, with the University's distinct voice and mission. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 15 to 1, Baylor students interact with outstanding full-time faculty from their first days on campus through graduation. The University's vibrant campus life also includes more than 370 clubs and organizations and varsity athletics competing in the Big 12 Conference. For more information about Baylor University, visit www.baylor.edu.

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CHURCH EVENTS

March 22nd
•Spring Rummage Sale
 The Freed-Hardeman University Associates will be holding their Spring Rummage Sale, March 22nd-25th, 2023, at the National Guard Armory at 759 E. Main Street, Henderson. Times for the sale will be as follows: Wednesday, March 22nd - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all items full price, Thursday, March 23rd - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all items full price, Friday, March 24th - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all items half price, and Saturday, March 25th - 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon - bag day sale - fill a 13-gallon bag for \$5 or a 30-gallon bag for \$10. This project by the FHU Associates encourages friendships, spreads joy, and provides funds for student scholarships.

You may order ahead for take out if you wish. The location is 250 Chambers Store Road, Michie, TN 38357. You can find us on Facebook as well. Pastor Paul Chicoine (508) 922-9701.

Other Church Related News or Meetings
•Delicious Meal & Devotional
 Selmer First Methodist Church invites you to join them each Wednesday at noon beginning February 22nd for a delicious meal and devotional message. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Please call the church office to reserve your spot at 731-645-5267 leave your name and number attending. Selmer First Methodist Church is located at 1122 W. Cherry Avenue and we welcome everyone!!!

•God's Way Ministries Giveaway
 God's Way Ministries of Charity will be doing giveaways every Tuesday and Thursday from 3

p.m. to 5 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. They will be giving away clothes, dishes, home decor, and toys. God's Way Ministries is located at 1111 Peach Street in Selmer, TN. For more information call Sister Brenda Sanders at 731-610-7603.

•Grief Share
 Are you grieving the loss of a loved one or know someone who is, please tell them. First Baptist Selmer Grief Share will meet weekly on Tuesdays 4-6 p.m. at the church's main campus 310 W. Court Ave. Selmer.

*Fax your church events to 731-645-7049 or email to news@mcnairycountynews.com. These listings are free. Please keep them as brief as possible.

April 7th
•Good Friday Fish Fry
 Lebanon Church is having a fish fry on Good Friday, April 7th at 5:00 p.m. Each plate is \$10 and will include fish, french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, dessert, and your drink.

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OBITUARIES

Faye Milford Owen

Faye Milford Owen went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on March 10, 2023. Faye lived in McNairy County in various communities during her early years. She married Prince Owen in 1945 and they moved to Memphis, where she worked and retired from Kimberly Clark. She was a member of Fisherville Baptist Church and an avid prayer warrior.

Faye was an amazing gardener and shared her bounty with her family, friends, and neighbors. She also loved quilting.

Faye is survived by her son, Lonnie, who lives in Destin, FL with his wife Sharyn. She has one granddaughter, Kimberly Doonan, who lives in Bryant, AR with her husband Lindell and three great-grandsons Ryan (Amanda), Andy (Amy) and Jacob Doonan also in

Bryant, AR. Faye is also survived by her sister, Vicki Whitaker and her husband David of Midlothian, TX, their son, Brandon (Lori); Bobby Haskett, her long-time friend's son in Memphis.

Faye is preceded in death by her husband, Prince; her parents, Bob and Jewell Milford of Bethel Springs and three brothers, Welton, Jimmy, and Joe Neal Milford; one sister Mary Ruth Pickett; long-time friend, Robert Haskett.

Visitation will be 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023, and service at 3:00 p.m. at Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer, TN. Interment will follow at Lake Hill Memorial Gardens in Bethel Springs, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Fisherville Baptist in Fisherville, TN.

Ray V. Stutts

Ray V. Stutts was born June 14, 1939, in Michie, TN, the son of the late E. D. Stutts and Nellie Jane Goff Stutts. He departed this life on March 12, 2023, in Michie, TN at the age of 83 years, 8 months, 26 days.

Ray was united in marriage to Sinda Lou McAfee on December 14, 1958. He worked for Brown Shoe Company and started with PCA in 1961, retiring with 44 of employment. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Michie, TN. Ray was also an active 60-year member of Selmer Masonic Lodge #338, Corinth Valley Scottish Rite 32nd degree, Shriner - Al Chymia Temple, Pickwick Shrine Club, and past Master of Adamsville Lodge.

Mr. Stutts enjoyed golfing, riding Royal Blue Trail in East TN, attending his granddaughters' ball games, and he loved talking to Gennie McAfee and Barry Moore on the phone. One of his greatest passions was spending time with his grandson Griffin.

He is survived by his wife Sinda Stutts of Michie, TN; two daughters, Cathy Stutts Griffin

and husband Keith of Michie, TN, Lorrie Stutts Bodiford and husband Richie of Michie, TN; four grandchildren: Ashley Griffin Lambert and husband Jason of Savannah, TN, Lindsay Griffin Bishop and husband Brad of Corinth, MS, Chelsea Bodiford Cavaness and husband Austin of Michie, TN, Claire Hollan of Michie, TN; a great-grandson, Griffin Bishop of Corinth, MS; two sisters, Mildred Yates of Jackson, MO, Audine Rickman of Michie, TN; a host of special nieces and nephews; and Chris McAfee and Melissa Witt who he called his adopted son and daughter.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Stutts was preceded in death by his siblings: Laura Mae Stutts Hill, Joe Stutts, Wilma Stutts Lewis, Bill Stutts, Louise Stutts Jackson, Eva Stutts George, Renestine Stutts Graves.

Services were held on March 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Michie, TN in Michie, TN. Michael Harvill and Ben Martin officiated. Burial followed in the Lebanon Cemetery in Michie at Michie, TN.

John Lawrence Richard

John Lawrence Richard, age 69, passed away peacefully in his home March 8, 2023. He was born the son of the late Dudley and MaiDel English Richard of the Eastview community. In 2016, John was married to Diann Carlin, who passed away in 2022.

John was a master craftsman, having learned the carpentry trade from his father. He later worked with John Allen Construction Company in Jackson, TN for almost 29 years until his retirement in 2016.

He was creative, a perfectionist, a kind and gentle soul who loved his family, friends, and all animals, birds and flowers. John grew sunflowers that were fifteen feet tall and large vegetable gardens that he shared with family and others. After retirement, John assumed responsibility for the family's commercial blueberry orchard, which he continued until his death.

John was a careful observer of the natural world around him, an amateur historian, and one who enjoyed old western movies. He was one of John Wayne's greatest fans.

One of John's hobbies was creating whimsical birdhouses from the gourds he grew in his garden. He was an expert cook who liked to experiment with new pie recipes. His chocolate chip cookies and Christmas fruit salad in five-gallon buckets were legendary among family and friends.

Surviving John are his daughter, Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia, PA; his sisters, Doris Sutton, Sandra Scott, Marbary Segars and Quinnie Bell (Ron); brothers, Don Rayburn (Marjorie), David (Kathy), and Steve (Sandi) and a host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his fur baby, Duke.

In addition to his parents and wife, John was preceded in death by his sister, Gene Ingram and her husband Dan; brother, Mike Richard and wife Libby Jo; brothers-in-law, Burl Sutton, Ray Scott and Johnny Segars.

A celebration of John's life will be held on March 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Richard Family Lodge on Freddie Davis Rd in Selmer, TN.

Marion Elois Laycock

Marion Elois Laycock of Memphis, TN, stepped into Heaven on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Baptist Reynolds Hospice House.

She was born on February 12, 1933, in the Lawton community of McNairy County, to Tommy and Lora Roten. She graduated from Selmer High School in 1950. She worked for Sears Crosstown in Memphis, TN until she was introduced to and married her husband of 57 years, John Albert "John A" Laycock, Jr. She enjoyed spending most of her free time at their lake house in Cherokee Village, AR. She and her husband were long-term, active members of Kirby Woods Baptist Church. At her passing, she was a member of Ridgeway Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. She sincerely loved cooking for her friends and family, taking long walks around her neighborhood, and time on the deck overlooking "the lake" with her husband and Best Friend.



She is predeceased by her husband, "John A" Laycock, Jr, her parents, Tommy and Lora Roten, her three brothers, Hillard Roten, Howard Roten, and John Roten, her two brother-in-laws, James Laycock and Billy Laycock, and her daughter-in-law, Nancy Laycock.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheila R Carman, husband, Richard Carman, son, Michael Laycock, four grandchildren: Lindsey Carman, Kaylee Carman, Allie McDaniel (husband, Tyler McDaniel), and Reed Laycock, great-granddaughter: Ella McDaniel, and numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. and a graveside service that followed, on Friday, February 17 at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, TN.

Linda Wood Voyles Blakely

Linda Wood Voyles Blakely was born July 26, 1943, in Corinth, MS the daughter of the late Kenneth Wood and Pansy Ruth Potts George.

She was united in marriage to Roger Blakely on June 4, 1986.

Linda retired from Kimberly Clark in Corinth, MS. She loved the outdoors, especially hunting and camping. She was always ready to go "loafing" and enjoyed working gun shows with her husband, Roger.

Mrs. Blakely departed this life on March 8, 2023, in Selmer, TN at the age of 79 years, 7 months, 10 days. She is survived by her husband, Roger Blakely of Selmer, TN; two daughters, Angela Vanlandingham and husband Johnny of Somerville, TN, Sandy Campbell of Pensacola, FL; stepdaughter, Kelli Blakely



of Selmer, TN; six grandchildren, Britany Kinsey, Ashley Kinsey, Torey Studdard, Tanner Studdard, Bethany Chiba and husband Tomoya, Kristen Davis; 6 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Hayden George and wife Sherry of Corinth, MS, Stanley George and wife Ramona of Corinth, MS; three nieces, Amy, Mitzi and Anna; and a host of extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Blakely was preceded in death by two sons, Gregory Voyles, and Donnie Voyles; a brother, Bobby George.

Services were held on March 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Selmer, TN, with Bro. Ben Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery at Selmer, TN.

Bobbie Jean House Boyd

Bobbie Jean House Boyd was born on February 7, 1939 in Lutts, TN.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jennie Mae Moore House on July 10, 2002; her father, James Wilson House on March 29, 1991; and her husband, J.S. Boyd on August 8, 2019.

She is survived by a son, Joel Steven Boyd of Adamsville, TN; granddaughter, Bailey Jewel Boyd of Jackson, TN; and a host of relatives and close friends.

She graduated in 1957 at Central High School in Savannah. She worked at Sears in Memphis after high school, later at Savannah Manufacturing and various other shirt factories. Her last job was at Eyvonne's Dress Shop in Selmer



which she truly loved. The last thirty-six years of her life were hindered with the ever increasing effects and limitations of severe Rheumatoid Arthritis. Despite her physical limitations she enjoyed making trips to the mountains, day trips, shopping, and spending time with her family. Perhaps the most enjoyable title she ever held was Nannie to her granddaughter, Bailey. She cherished all the time she spent with family.

Services will be held on March 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Adamsville, TN, with Bro. Phil Mitchell, Chad Ball officiating. Burial will follow in the Mars Hill Cemetery at Adamsville, TN.

Wren G. Germany

Wren G. Germany of Roseville, CA, passed peacefully at home at the age of 96 with family at his side. Born October 28, 1926, in Talladega, AL and returned to his heavenly father on March 8, 2023.

As the second oldest of 8 children, born to John Robert Germany and Ida Stacy Patterson-Germany, he had to forego his formal education to work on the family farm during the Great Depression

helping to provide for others. At the age of 18 he left home to serve his country overseas in World War II. After returning from service, he met the love of his life, Shirley May Russell, and began his own family, enjoying over 72 years of marriage. After 45 years of employment at Acme Steel in Riverdale, IL he retired in 1992 and moved to California in 1994 to be closer to family. He continued his passion of farming

and providing for those around him up until his passing.

He was preceded in death by his son Glenn (Pam), grand-son Christopher, brothers Thomas, James Ewell, John Jr. and sister Dorothy.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of more than 72 years, Shirley, brother JD, sisters Ella Dixie and Doris, cousins Claudine and Jim, children Mark (Lynn), Donna, and Steven (Sheryl) in addition to 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on March 18, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at West Shiloh Baptist Church. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. at West Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery at 282 W. Shiloh Church Road, Stantonville, TN pending transfer to Shackelford Funeral home in Selmer, TN.



Georgene C. Prather

Georgene C. Prather was born November 26, 1928, in Tyronza, AR, the daughter of the late O. E. Clark and Bell Jones Clark.

Mrs. Prather was a 58-year member of the Lakeview Baptist Church in Selmer, TN. She worked many years for Brown Shoe Company and babysat dozens of the neighborhood kids before eventually retiring from General Electric to spend time at home

enjoying her personal hobbies. She loved visiting with friends, going out to eat, planting flowers, and especially working in her yard. Most of all, she loved being with her daughter and granddaughter.

Georgene departed this life on March 11, 2023, in Henderson, TN at the age of 94 years, 3

months, 13 days.

She is survived by a daughter, Pam Prather of Guys, TN; a granddaughter, Christian West of Hendersonville, TN; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Prather was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Parvin Prather; three sisters: Tommie Hines, Verbaline Lingle, Deberdean Clark; two brothers, Sherman and Raymond Clark.

Services were held on March 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Selmer, TN; Anthony Rowland officiated. Burial followed in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Selmer, TN.



Angela Dawn Cart

Angela Dawn Cart was born February 17, 1974, in Selmer, TN the daughter of Windell Borden and the late Sherry Diane Hollins Borden.

She was united in marriage to Alan Cart on August 5, 2021.

Angela worked for over 20 years at Phillip 66 in Selmer. She enjoyed doing crafts, listening to music, and shopping. Her outgoing personality made her the life of the party! She loved hanging out by the pool, spending time with her friends, and going out to her favorite sushi restaurants.

Her favorite title other than wife and Mom was "Mimi." She adored her grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

Angela departed this life on March 11, 2023, in Tupelo, MS at the age of 49 years, 22 days. She is survived by her husband, Alan Cart of Michie, TN; two daugh-

ters, Bethanie Boyer and husband Matthew of Counce, TN, Kelsea Cart and fiancé Seth Burns of Cairo, MS; a son, Tyler Cart of Michie, TN; father, Windell Borden of Michie, TN; seven grandchildren, Kyra, Kade, Evelyn, Avery, Carter, Lanie, and one on the way - Cason; three sisters, Wendy Nance and husband Kevin of Ramer, TN, Heather Copenhaver and husband Robbie of Florida, Roxanne Rhoden; a brother, Jason Borden of Memphis, TN; mother-in-law, Gloria Crawford of Stantonville, TN; five nieces and five nephews.

Services were held on March 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Selmer, TN. Burial followed in the Michie Church of God of Prophecy Cemetery at Michie, TN.



CERTAINTY

By Don Harold Lawrence

When Jesus Christ described His eternal love for every person in the crowd that had gathered to hear Him speak; He said, "I have compassion for these people" (Matthew 15:32) and His promise about love also describes and includes His love for each of us and every person, and He also assures us that His love is genuine and eternal, not false or timely, and this is why God, who created each of us through Jesus Christ, wants each of us to know about His eternal love for us and every person.

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OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Elizabeth Smith

Elizabeth Smith was born June 24, 1941, in Selmer, TN, the daughter of the late Claude and Verble Locke Dillon.

She was united in marriage to Bobby Smith on April 17, 1971.

Mrs. Smith worked for Levi Strauss in Ramer for many years. She was an avid hostess of yard sales and enjoyed going to yard sales. She was a fan of the Memphis Grizzlies, diet coke, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith departed this life on March 6, 2023, in Corinth, MS at the age of 81 Years, 8 Months, 10 Days. She is survived by her husband of almost 52 years, Bobby Smith of Ramer, TN; two daughters, Tammy Purtteman and husband Mark of Selmer, TN, Cindy Sweazey and partner Cody Morris of Selmer, TN; three grandchildren, Brooke Purtteman of Nashville, TN, Eric Purtteman and wife Brittany of Selmer, TN,

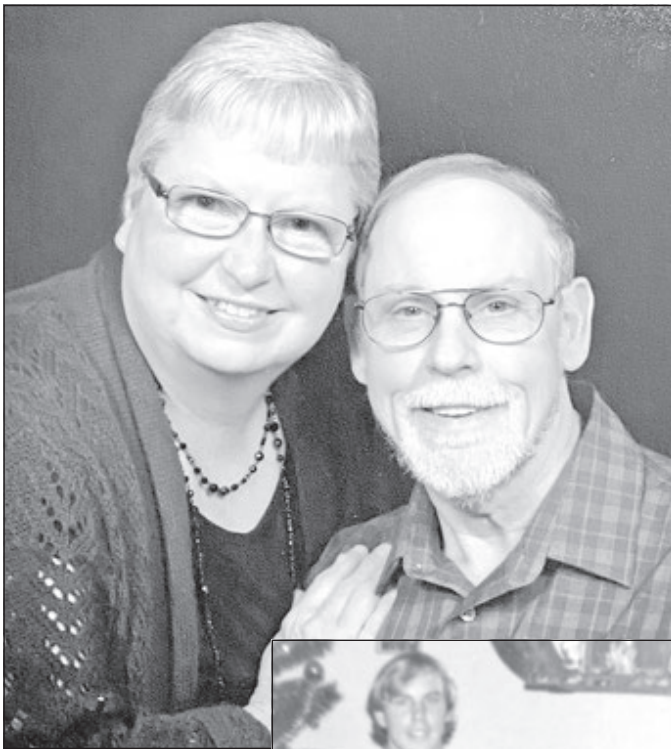
Katie Sweazey of Ramer, TN; six great-grandchildren, Drake Purtteman, Brynlee Purtteman, Ryker Purtteman, Matthew Ray, Jada Morris, McKenzie Crum; four sisters-in-law, Mary Frances (Fuzzy) Whitaker and husband Delane of Corinth, MS, Peggy Inman of Guys, TN, Wanda Faye Seago of Kossuth, MS, Diane Mathis of Corinth, MS; an aunt, Virgie Redmon of Selmer, TN; and a host of extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Jernigan and husband W.Q.; a brother, Willie Dillon and wife Billie; three brothers-in-law, Jerry Inman, Danny Seago, and Tommy Mathis.

Services were held on March 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Selmer, TN, with Jetta Forsythe officiating. Burial followed in the Gravel Hill Cemetery at Eastview, TN.



Happy Anniversary



Happy 50th Anniversary Ike & Betty Foster!

We love you, Jason, Angie, John, and Lisa Shelby, Dalton, Will, and Nate

Happy Anniversary



Happy 70th Anniversary Billy & Marie Volner

Billy and Marie Volner's 70th Wedding Anniversary was on March 14th. They celebrated on Sunday March 5th with Family.

Michael Joe Gray

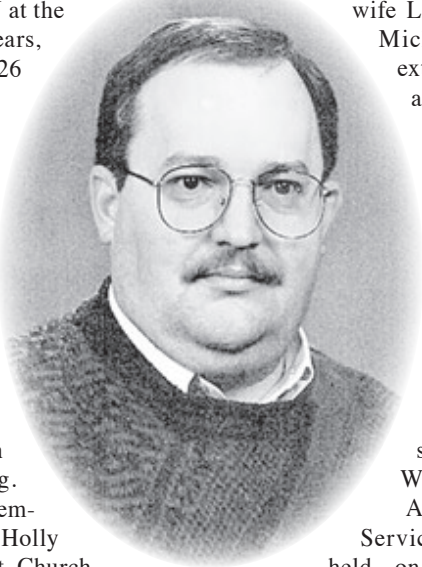
Michael Joe Gray was born August 13, 1953, in Hayti, MO. He passed from this life on March 11, 2023, in Savannah, TN at the age of 69 years, 6 months, 26 days.

He was a retired Mechanical Engineer. Through the years, he enjoyed working on guns, target shooting, cooking and English woodworking. He was a member of the Holly Grove Baptist Church in Cooter, MO.

Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Reeda Berry on July 26, 1980, who survives him. He

also is survived by a brother, Jackson Neil and wife Andrea of Blytheville, AR; brother-in-law, Larry Berry and wife Linda; a niece, Michelle; and extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Gray was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanie Purrett Neil; father, Donald Gray; stepfather, J. W. Neil. A Graveside Service will be held on March 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Zion Cemetery in Steele, MO. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer, TN.



Should investors 'go it alone'?

If you're going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you should know, among other things, how much money you'll need. And you may have a much better chance of knowing this if you get some professional help.

Consider these findings from a 2021 study by Dalbar, a financial services market research firm:

•Investors who worked with a financial advisor were three times more likely to estimate what they would have saved at retirement than "do-it-yourself" investors.

•More than two-thirds of investors with a financial advisor were satisfied with the amount they would have saved at retirement, compared to about 27% of the do-it-yourselfers.

How do financial professionals help their clients in these ways?

First, consider the issue of determining how much money will be needed for retirement. It's not always easy for individuals to estimate this amount. But financial professionals can help clients like you arrive at this figure by exploring your hopes and goals. How long do you plan to work? What kind of lifestyle do you anticipate enjoying in retirement? Where would you like to live? How

much would you like to travel? Are you open to pursuing earned income opportunities, such as consulting or working part time?

Next comes the other key question: How much money will be available for retirement? This big question leads to many others: How much do you need to save and invest each year until you retire? About what sort of investment return will you need to reach your retirement income goals? What level of risk are you willing to take to achieve that return? What is the role of other income sources such as Social Security or any pensions you might have?

Having a financial professional help you gain a clear idea of your retirement income picture can certainly be reassuring. But there may be other reasons why "going it alone" as an investor might not be desirable.

For example, when the financial markets are down, as was the case for much of 2022, some investors make decisions based on short-term volatility, such as selling investments to "cut their losses," even if these same investments still have solid business fundamentals and good prospects for growth. But if you work with a finan-

cial professional, you might decide to stick with these investments, especially if they're still appropriate for your long-term strategy. Other times, of course, the advice may be different — but it will always be advice based on your goals, needs and time horizon.

Furthermore, if you're investing on your own, you may always be measuring your results against the major market indexes, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But in reality, your portfolio should contain a wide range of investments, some of which aren't contained in these indexes, so you might not be assessing your performance appropriately. A financial professional can help you develop your own, more

meaningful benchmarks that can show the progress you're actually making toward your goals.

In some areas of life, going it alone can be exciting — but when it comes to investing for your future, you may benefit from some company on the journey.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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The Mark Jones Family

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The family of Charlie Kent would like to thank everyone who prayed, called, visited, and brought food during his sickness and death. A special thanks to Bro. Keith Carlson, Tommy Wade, Vickie Dickson, Easton Glover, and Bo Jack Killingsworth for making his service extra special. Our gratitude for all the pallbearers. We would also like to give a special thanks to Shackelford Funeral Directors. We will always remember all the kindness shown to our family. Thanks again!

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April 22, 2023
Brandi Sperry bride elect of Jay Moore

May 27, 2023
Katelin Tacker bride elect of Hunter Stewart

June 17, 2023
Ellie Dunavant bride elect of Chase Burdette

June 24, 2023
Hannah Sitton bride elect of Casey Coleson

July 1, 2023
Mallory Rodgers bride elect of Charlie Meeks

July 8, 2023
Lani Moore bride elect of Eli Holcombe

July 15, 2023
Lauren Medlin bride elect of Will Kennedy

September 9
Kailyn Grace Martindale bride elect of Mason Harrison.

Baby Registry

Curtis Lee Henderson, parents Caroline & Dylan Henderson born February 27, 2023

Jordan Thomas Hays, parents Ashley & Morgan Hays due April 15, 2023

Copper Lee Jenkins, parents Maggie & Ryley, due March 31, 2023

Baby Girl Glover, parents Emily and William, due May 7, 2023

Ruth Ann Droke, parents Hannah and Justin, due May 10, 2023

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COMMUNITY

National Technical Honor Society Induction



Photo by Lisa Chandler

Inductees from Adamsville High School were Steven Clayton, Noah Cline, Autumn Coy, Eli Lambert, Kayla Mast, Kinlee Racknor, Reese Sisk and Madison Wilson. Inductees from MCHS were Avery Court, Joey Davis, John Dempewolf, Hayden Keaton, Madison McCullar, Laurel Merry, Major Prince, Emma Rickman, Jillian Rowsey, and Mallory Stiegmann.

Adamsville High School and McNairy Central High School held a joint induction ceremony for the National Technical Honor Society on March 7 at the McNairy County Agriculture Building. The National Technical Honor Society is an educational non-profit that exists to honor, recognize, and empower students and teachers in Career & Technical Education. As the honor society for Career & Technical Education, NTHS serves over 100,000 active members annually in both secondary and postsecondary chapters across the country. Students cannot ask to join the club but must be nominated for induction by a CTE teacher. Seniors are concentrators in one of the CTE disciplines taught at either school, meaning they have majored in that field and successfully completed at least three courses with a B or higher average.

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1st grade - Veda Outland,
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B Section

McNairy Middle baseball defeats Adamsville



McNairy Middle's Jasper Hickman (35) at the plate against Adamsville.

Photo by Melanie King

Monday in their first matchup of the season. Case Rickman threw a shutout to lead McNairy past Adamsville 7-0.

McNairy got things started in the first inning when Eli Ashe's sacrifice fly scored Grant Wallace. They tallied three runs in the third inning with a triple by Case Rickman, a single by Heisman Gray, and another sac fly by Eli Ashe.

Rickman went five innings, allowing zero runs on two hits, striking out 10 and walking none. The lefty faced 20 batters throwing 46 strikes.

Maddox Gant was on the pitcher's mound for Adamsville. The right-hander surrendered seven runs on 10 hits over five innings, striking out two.

McNairy tallied 10 hits in the game. Case Rickman had 3, Jasper Hickman 2, Grant Wallace 2, Ty Whitten 2 and Heisman Gray 1. Adamsville got singles from Asah Storey and Samuel Leitschuh.

McNairy picked up another win in the JV game 13-0.



Adamsville Jr. High Cardinal Caysen Hunt (10) slides in at second base. McNairy's shortstop Ridge Rankin covers the base.

Photo by Melanie King

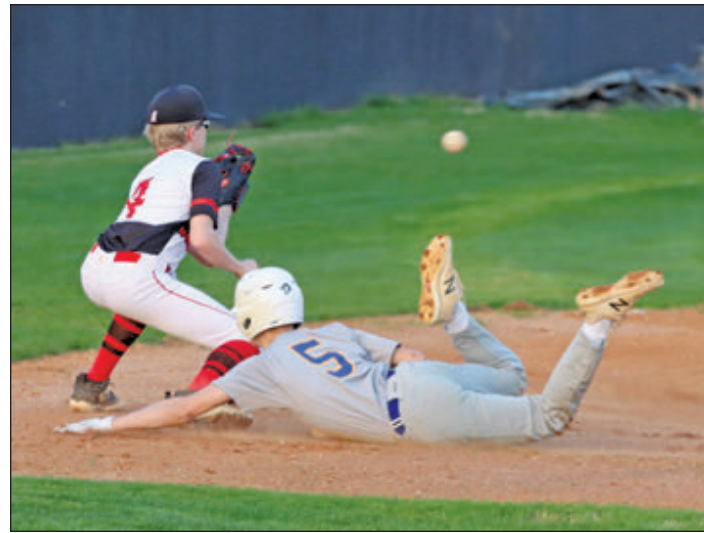


McNairy's Case Rickman (5) pitched five innings in his team's 7-0 win over Adamsville Jr.

Photo by Melanie King

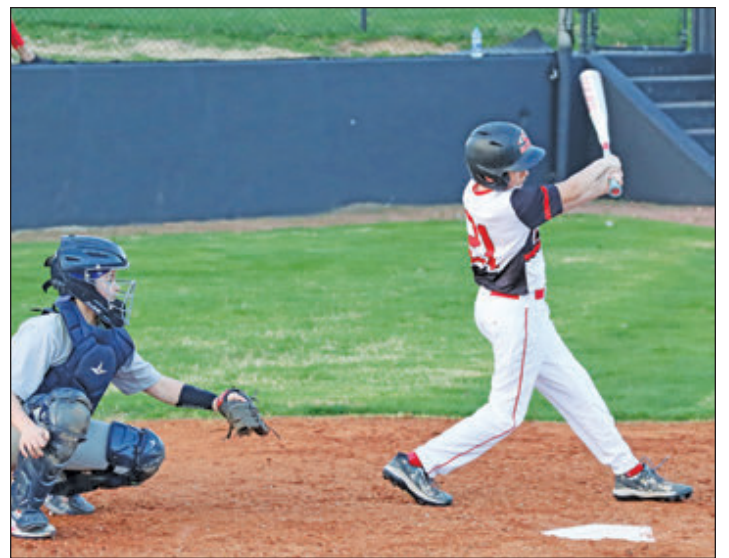
McNairy Middle 7
AJHS 0

The McNairy Middle baseball team traveled to Adamsville last



Case Rickman (5) slides into third base ahead of the tag by Adamsville's Lucas Hughes (4).

Photo by Melanie King



Adamsville's Samuel Leitschuh (21) had one of the Jr. High Cardinals' two hits in last Monday's game with McNairy. Schaffer Wilmeth was behind the plate for McNairy Middle.

Photo by Melanie King

Bulldog Volleyball's last game this week

When Coach Meg Day announced tryouts for Middle School Bulldog Volleyball, over 80 young ladies showed up wanting to play. Day narrowed the field down to seven 8th graders, three 7th graders, eleven 6th graders and five 5th graders with three managers. When playing an opposing team with numerous players, the Bulldogs play mini-JV, JV and Varsity games. This is the Bulldogs final week of play with their final game Thursday, March 16 at McNairy Central versus Hardin County.



Elaina Harris

Photo by Melanie King



Rhyann Parker, Stella Hickman, Jocelyn Barnes-McGee

Photo by Melanie King



Rhyann Parker (25), Jocelyn Barnes-McGee (16), Stella Hickman (22)

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Mallory Dowty (26), Elaina Harris (28), Rhyann Parker (25)

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Rhyann Parker (25), Linlee Davidson (17)

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Mallory Dowty (26)

Photo by Melanie King



Carlee Shelton (27), Elaina Harris (28)

Photo by Melanie King

SPORTS

Cobra Soccer wins first two



Photo courtesy of Lorie Clayton
Cobra Jackson Allen (5) scored first for his team on Saturday against Fayette West.



Photo courtesy of Lorie Clayton
Cobra Caelan Clayton (8) battles Fayette West for control of the ball on Saturday.



Photo courtesy of Lorie Clayton
Jonah Wilson (3) scored twice for the Cobras on Saturday.

By Carlee Morris

The McNairy Cobras kicked off their season with a 2-1 win over Chester County on March 9. Jackson Allen scored first for the Cobras, and Jonah Wilson scored the second goal. Cade Moore led the defense with six stops. Rudy Brown and Caelan Clayton provided three defensive stops each. Colt Barber and Malik Williams

played crucial roles at midfield. Nicholas Chandler had one save in goal. Jackson Cook had two saves and one stop in goal.

Cobras 6
Fayette West 0

The McNairy Cobras defeated Fayette West 6-0 last Saturday. Jackson Allen was the first to score with an assist from Colt Barber. Jonah Wilson scored twice for

the Cobras. Jamichael Reece also found the back of the net with an assist from Envil Valenzuela. Valenzuela scored with an assist from Wilson. Rudy Brown scored one goal with an assist from Reece. Caelan Clayton, Cameron Patee, and Braden Robertson provided two defensive stops each. Kael Pickle supplied three stops, and Matthew Rodriguez had four stops. Jackson Cook had six saves and one stop in goal.

The JV game that followed resulted in a 3-0 victory for the Cobras. Gavin Sanderson scored first with an assist from Briley Woolbright. Carter Vandiver scored with an assist from Nicholas Chandler. Chandler scored the third goal with an assist from Zaiden Chappell. Tyler Moore led the defense with five stops. Jesus Lopez provided four defensive stops, and Ashton Dancer had two stops. Jackson Cook had three saves in goal.

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Estate of Tommy Coleman Phillips, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on February 28 of 2023 Letters Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Tommy Coleman Phillips, who died 10/30/2022, were issued to the undersigned by the McNairy County Chancery Court of McNairy County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate as required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

Date 2/28/2023
Paula Sue Cregeen, Co-Administratrix
Janis Byars, Co-Administratrix
Nicholas L. Surratt, Attorney
Kim Boals, Clerk & Master
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT SELMER

IN RE:
Estate of FLOYD THOMAS HILL,
DECEASED,
NO. P-1850

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 30-2-306

Notice is hereby given that on March 9th, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of Floyd Thomas Hill, who died March 12, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk and Master of McNairy County, Tennessee.

All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against the Estate of Floyd Thomas Hill, who died March 12, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk and Master of McNairy County, Tennessee.

All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred;

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

Sammy D. Hill, Administrator
John E. Talbot, Attorney
Kim Boals, Clerk and Master
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on April 13, 2023 on or about 12:00PM local time, at the East door of the McNairy County Courthouse located in Selmer, Tennessee,

PUBLIC NOTICES

conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by STEVE HOWARD WESTBROOKS AND PATRICIA ANN WESTBROOKS, to W. Lee Lackey, Trustee, on November 16, 2007, at Record Book 390, Page 328-340 as Instrument No. 60448 in the real property records of McNairy County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-2

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

Being certain property in McNairy County, Tennessee, described as follows: Being the same property conveyed to Patricia Westbrook by Quitclaim Deed from Terry Lee Coleman dated March 23, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 162, Page 613, in the Register's Office for McNairy County, TN, and which property was conveyed by Patricia Westbrook to Patricia Westbrook and husband, Steve Howard Westbrook by Quitclaim Deed dated December 19, 2002, and recorded in said Register's Office in Deed Book 182, page 838, as Instrument Number 28492, and described according to said Deed as follows: Beginning at a stake in the West margin of the old Purdy and Lexington Road at the northeast corner of Frances Hendrix lot; runs West with the said line 2 poles to a stake and pine tree pointer (this being the northwest corner of the Hendrix lot); thence South with a fence 21 poles to a stake and post oak pointers, once the Frances Hendrix and Calvin Brown line; thence East 11-1/2 poles to a stake in the Purdy and Lexington Road; thence North with the said road 19 poles of beginning. Parcel ID Number: 041-018.00-000 Also known as: 754 Beauty Hill Road, Bethel Springs, TN 38315

Tax ID: 041 01800 000

Current Owner(s) of Property: STEVE HOWARD WESTBROOKS AND PATRICIA ANN WESTBROOKS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 754 Beauty Hill Road, Bethel Springs, TN 38315, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC AND MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 22-000188-850-2

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
Cool Springs Commons, Suite 273
7100 Commerce Way
Brentwood, TN 37027
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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PROBATE NO. P-1863

ESTATE OF Roger Rouse, late of McNairy County, Tennessee:

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of March, 2023, Letters of Testamentary, in respect to the Estate of Roger Rouse, who died on February 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of McNairy County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication (or posting) in (1) (a); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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

This the 13th day of March, 2023.

THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KIM BOALS, CLERK & MASTER
McNairy County Chancery Court
170 Court Ave.
Selmer, TN 38375

Carol Grogan
Executrix
Ken Seaton
Attorney
Kim Boals
Clerk & Master
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BIDS FOR DIGITAL SIGNS

McNairy County Schools is looking for bids for two outdoor digital signs for the front of our high schools. 4x8 digital signage fully installed with structure to display. Bid should include Digital Sign, digital capabilities, pole, cabinet, school name, and install. Please email bids to stultss@mcnairy.org. Call Shane Stults for more information at 731-645-8937.

PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT:

The McNairy County Board of Education is seeking bids for paving of the parking lots at the following schools: Bethel Springs Elementary School, Adamsville High School

Bid specifications for this project requires an in-person site review, which includes the following: any prep work required, paving, sealing and re-stripping on each parking lot. Bidders must provide proof of insurance and licensing.

Bids should be delivered or mailed to: McNairy County Board of Education Office, 530 Mulberry Ave., Suite 2, Selmer, TN

Deadline for bids to be submitted is Monday, March 27, 2023, by 12 noon. Bids should be in a sealed envelope with "Parking Lot Paving Project", with the bidder's name, address and phone number on the outside. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the McNairy County BOE Office.

The McNairy County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

Sale at public auction will be on April 11, 2023 at 12:00pm, local time, at the usual and customary location of the McNairy County Courthouse, 170 Court Avenue, Selmer, TN 38375 pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Wendy King for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southwest Funding, L.P., as Beneficiary, dated March 29, 2010, of record in Instrument Number 72489, Book 399, Page 832 in the Register of Deeds Office for McNairy County, Tennessee, ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in Tennessee, having been appointed Trustee, all of record in the Register of Deeds Office for McNairy County, Tennessee. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association
Other Interested Parties: United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service
The hereinafter described real property located in McNairy County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Beginning at an iron pin in the northern right of way of Godfrey Circle, the southeast corner of Chad Rickman lot, Thence North 05 degrees 43 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 226.30 feet with the eastern boundary of Chad Rickman to a steel fence post in the southern boundary of Nelson Rickman, Thence South 77 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds East for a distance of 96.08 feet with the southern boundary of Nelson Rickman to a steel fence post, Thence South 04 degrees 29 minutes 58 seconds West for a distance of 183.21 feet to a steel fence post, Thence South 29 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 33.11 feet to a steel fence post in the Northern right of way of Godfrey Circle, thence North 85 degrees 35 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 86.07 feet with the northern right of way of Godfrey Circle to the point of beginning.

This being the same property conveyed to Wendy King by W. Jack Sain, Jr., married, by Warranty Deed dated March 29, 2010 and of record in Deed Book 215, page 6 in the Register's Office of McNairy County, Tennessee.

Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 71 Godfrey Circle, Selmer, TN 38375, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Map/Parcel Number: 099C-A-052.00-000

Current owner(s) of the property: Wendy King

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; and unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of trust, including right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this foreclosure sale.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale.

If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the Lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received, in excess of the winning bid, will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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 Trustee at any time.

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

Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, Trustee
339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor
Columbia, SC 29201
PH: (803) 509-5078
FX: (803) 701-9145
File No.: 23-40908

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Selmer Park and Recreation/Town of Selmer

Requesting sealed bids for the lawncare at Selmer City Park/Gazebo/Patriot Park until 12:00pm, CST on March 20, 2023, upon that time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will need to mailed, or hand delivered to: Attn: Sybil Dancer/Mayor Sherry Inman, 230 N Fifth Street, Selmer, TN 38375

For more information or a bid request packet, contact Sybil Dancer, selmerparkrec@yahoo.com

Selmer Park and Recreation/Town of Selmer reserves the right to accept and/or decline any and/or all bids deemed in the best interest of the park and recreation/town.

SPORTS

Selmer Middle hosts sports & cheer banquet



Photo submitted

7th Grade Football Awards (l-r): Kayden Forsyth (Best Receiver Award), Jerdarin Campbell (Offensive M.V.P. Award), Jackson King (Defensive M.V.P. Award), Jayden Wilson (I am Third Award).



Photo submitted

8th Grade Football Awards (l-r): Jasper Hickman (Play-Maker Award), Luke Fowler (Best Offensive Lineman Award), Eli Ashe (Best Defensive Lineman Award), Hayden Bryd (Most Improved Award).



Photo submitted

Softball Awards (l-r): Jemma Reaves (Best All-Around Award), Vega Henson (Best Offensive Player Award), Elaina Harris (Lady Lion Award), Linlee Davidson (Most Valuable Player Award), Jocelyn Barnes-McGee (Best Defensive Player Award), Allie Buchanan (Most Improved Player Award).

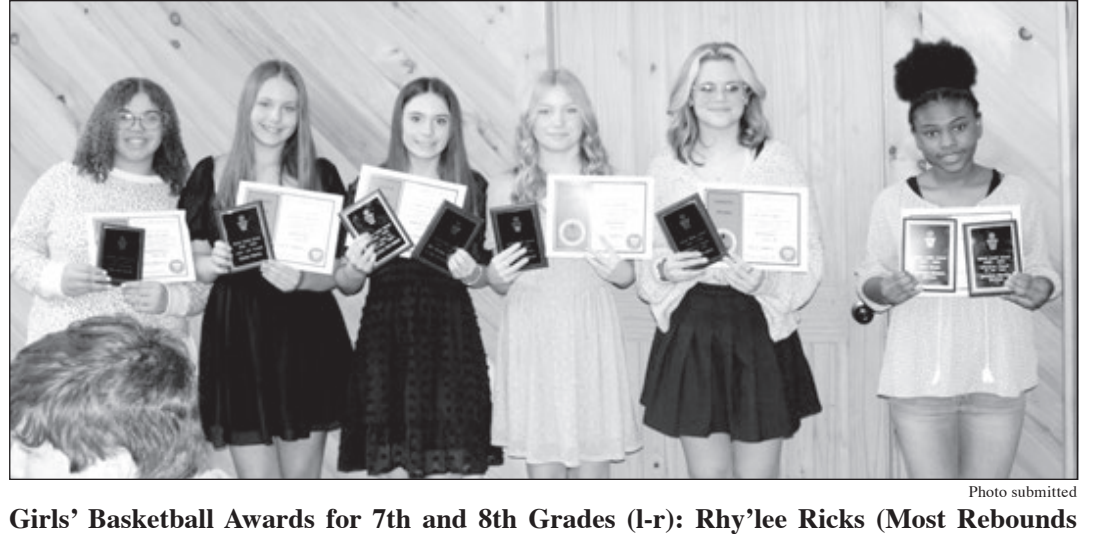


Photo submitted

Girls' Basketball Awards for 7th and 8th Grades (l-r): Rhy'lee Ricks (Most Rebounds Award), Elaina Harris (Lady Lion Award), Linlee Davidson (Most Valuable Player and All West All-star Team), Khloe Caldwell (Most Improved Player), Elyse Atkinson (Defensive Player of the Year), Jocelyn Barnes-McGee (Most Steals Award and Offensive Player of the Year).



Photo submitted

8th Grade Boys Basketball Awards (l-r): Jasper Hickman (Defensive Player of the Year Award), Luke Fowler (Leadership Award), Grant Wallace (Best All-Around Award), Heisman Gray (Most Valued Player and Most Rebounds Award), Carter Craig (Heart of a Lion Award), Springer Doyle (Best Attitude Award).



Photo submitted

8th Grade Cheer Awards (l-r): Ava Anderson, Aimee Duncan (Co-Captain Award), Sadie Huddleston (Most Improved Award), Marlee Tucker (Captain Award), Milee Tucker (Captain Award).



Photo submitted

7th Grade Boys Basketball Awards (l-r): Jackson King (Sixth Man of the Year Award), Jerdarin Campbell (Offensive Player of the Year Award, The Hustle/Check Mate Award), Jayden Wilson (Most Improved Award).



Photo submitted

Cheer Awards (l-r): Libby Cox (Most Improved), Brooklynn Davis (Lion Award), Audrey Anna Henson, Allie Grace Shelton (Most Improved), Lydia Harris.

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ROAD CLOSED FOR REPAIRS
 The McNairy County Highway Department will have High School Road closed for repairs from March 20, 2023 until March 24, 2023.

AHS Champions of the Week



Photo submitted

The AHS football team named Kyle Atwood (left) and Daniel Walters (right) Champions of the Week. Atwood and Walters are pictured with Head Coach Brandon Gray.

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SPORTS

Cardinal Fishing casts into 2023 season



Matt (left) and Jacob Dooley are in 9th place overall in the West Tennessee BASS Nation High School fishing competition.



The Junior High Fishing Team of Tucker Surratt (left) and Rylan Moore are in 5th overall after two stops on the West Tennessee Junior Division BASS Nation schedule.

The Adamsville Cardinal Fishing Team started their 2023 season last Saturday in Kentucky Lake at Paris Landing. The high school team of Matt and Jacob Dooley came in 16th and are now 9th overall after the first two stops (stop one was last September). The Junior High Team of Tucker Surratt and Rylan Moore came in 9th Saturday. After the first two stops, the Surratt/Moore team is 5th overall. Also participating Saturday was the team of Wyatt Beach and Shelby Kemper.

The next stop is Saturday at Barkley Lake on Lick Creek in Stewart County. Following that will be Pickwick Lake on April 1.

Bethel Cheer Squad announced



Congratulations to the 2023-24 Rebel Cheerleaders (in no particular order): Marcy Allison, Reagan Bargas, Anslee Baskin, Rylee Ellison, Teresa Elizalde, Valyn Gray, Addison Heathcock, Kaelyn Jackson, Chevy Lipford, Ahylivia McDaniel, Alexis Miller, Miller Roach, Danika Shrum, and Nevaeh Weight. The squad will be coached by Mrs. Jennifer Todd.

Helping out with tryouts are outgoing cheerleaders (back): Macee Belfert, Reagan Lamberth, Sophia Suggs And Libby Todd.

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