



Triplett praises McMinnville for its tourist attractions

BY **BILL ZECHMAN**
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With three rivers and many navigable creeks, Warren County enjoys a distinct advantage in profiting from tourism. Adding Cumberland Caverns and the Isha Institute into the mix, this community could be a powerful magnet for visitors from across the U.S. and many foreign countries, Tennessee Commissioner of Tourist Development Kevin Triplett said Thursday. “This county has done a great job” in promoting water recreation, mainly fishing and kayaking, Triplett told the weekly luncheon meeting of The Rotary Club of McMinnville. The visiting speaker went on to cite Warren County’s other gifts, both natural and man-made, in attracting tourists and their dollars. “This county has every one of the draws,” he said, pointing to historic sites like Falcon Rest at Faulkner Springs and the musical legacy ranging from country star Dottie West to composer Charles Faulkner Bryan. Leisure and business travel bring more than \$20 billion annually into the Tennessee economy, placing that industry second only to agriculture, with a \$35 to \$36 billion impact. Tourism is the princi-

pal employment for at least 180,000 Tennesseans, and provides a total payroll topping \$4.3 billion, according to a 2016 analysis. In Warren County alone, outside visitors contributed nearly \$24 million to the local economy in 2016, creating a payroll of more than \$4 million and adding over \$2.3 million in state and local tax collections. Those “outside” inputs to tax revenues represented an average 17 percent savings for local property owners, Triplett said in a later interview recording for McMinnville public radio 91.3 WCPI. Every contact with a tourist can have a pivotal impact on the local community’s reputation in the outside world, the Rotary speaker stressed. That goes for everyone from restaurant servers to store employees to the townspeople who is asked for directions. “Seventy-three percent of people who have had a bad experience go on social media and tell about it,” he related. “Only one in 10 who had a good experience tell others about it.” The half-hour interview with Triplett, a former executive with Bristol Motor Speedway and with NASCAR, airs on public radio 91.3 FM this Wednesday at 5:05 a.m.; Thursday at 1 p.m. and Friday at 1:05 a.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

East End Church of Christ

18th Ladies Day

East End Church of Christ will be hosting their 18th Ladies Day on Sat., Apr. 28 @ 9am. Registration will begin @ 8:30am. The guest speakers will be Hannah Giselbach and Cindy Colley and the topic will be “The Everlasting Arm.” Lunch will be served.

Irving College 8th Grade

Benefit Auction/Supper

The Irving College 8th grade class will be having a Benefit Auction/Supper on Apr. 21 @ Fairview CJC. The meal will consist of turkey/dressing or chicken strips with green beans, mashed potatoes, slaw, roll, dessert & drinks included. Carry out available. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 6. Come support the 8th grade class for their class trip.

The McGilliards

The McGilliards will be performing at McMinnville Independent Baptist Church from Apr. 30-May 6 @ 7pm nightly.

Oster Lunch

The next Oster lunch will be Tues., Apr. 24 @ Medley's. We will eat at 11am. Please call so we will know how many are coming, leave message if no answer. Shirley - 668-8431, Linda - 668-2131 or Wilma - 473-7055.

Generations 5K Color Run

The Generations 5K Color Run will be May 12 @ 8am. Entrants should arrive by 7:15am at the back parking lot of McMinnville Civic Center. The cost will be \$25. Runners can register at www.runsignup.com or USA Gym. Registration deadline to get a shirt is April 20. You can register the day of the race, but you will not be guaranteed a shirt. Dog friendly, activities for children, Kids of the Community, warm up party and DJ. For more info call 931-743-6628.

Boyd Christian School

Spring Open House

The Boyd Christian School Spring Open House will be Apr. 19 from 6-8pm. This is a great time to early register for the new school year. Boyd Christian School is located at 806 Morrison St. For more info call 931-473-9631.

Tractor-trailer goes airborne

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A truck driver was air-lifted Monday night after his tractor-trailer hit a car from behind, ramped up an embankment, and flew an estimated 75 to 100 feet. Truck driver Michael Bratcher of Old Nashville Highway was hurt in the crash with injuries to his head and face. He has

since been released from Vanderbilt Medical Center, according to state trooper Bob Melching. The accident took place Monday night around 8:30 p.m. on Nashville Highway as Bratcher was traveling toward Woodbury. His tractor-trailer came upon a sedan which was driven by Jason McNatt of Robert Wilson Road with Breanna Ferrell as his

passenger. According to preliminary information, trooper Melching says it appears the car was slowing to turn onto Pigeon Hill Road. Bratcher said he didn't notice the car and smashed it from behind. The impact sent both the car and the semi off the road. The semi had the more spectacular journey as Melching said it cleared a road sign and a fence as

it traveled an estimated 75 to 100 feet in the air. McNatt and Ferrell were not injured. Melching says he has no indication drugs or alcohol were involved. “If Mr. Bratcher had been wearing a seatbelt, he would have hardly been injured at all,” said Melching. “He got pretty banged up, but he has been released from Vanderbilt.”

Sterilization can no longer be encouraged

NASHVILLE (AP)—A bipartisan bill aimed at making sure Tennessee prisoners are no longer encouraged to undergo sterilization if they want to spend less time in jail passed in the state legislature on Tuesday. The measure was approved following an uproar last year when it was revealed a White County judge signed an order allowing inmates to get out of jail 30 days early if they agreed to free vasectomies or long-acting birth-control implants. Dozens of inmates took

the deal, according to at least one of several federal civil rights lawsuits filed as a result of the order. White County General Sessions Judge Sam Benningfield was later reprimanded by a board that disciplines judges. The revelations about the use of birth control to reduce jail time in that county drew swift condemnation, with some saying it harkened to a shameful time in American history where people were forced to undergo sterilization because they had so-called undesirable

traits. Mentally disabled people and those of color were often victims of the eugenics movement of the 20th century. The House voted 70-23 on Tuesday to pass the bill sponsored by Rep. Raumesh Akbari, D-Memphis. She told fellow lawmakers before Tuesday’s vote that the bill was a direct result of the program in White County. The Senate passed the same bill last month, which was sponsored by Brian Kelsey, R-Germantown.

OBITUARIES



Leland C. “L.C.” Kell, 87

Leland C. “L.C.” Kell, 87, a resident of the Sparkman Community and Van Buren County native was born Oct. 31, 1930 and died April 15 at NHC Healthcare of Sparta following an extended illness. He was a United States Navy veteran of Korea, self-employed farmer, member of the Baptist Church and son of the late John Bates and Tera Mary Johnson Kell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Rebecca Sparkman Kell and siblings, Merle Kell, Ernestina Kell, Brownie Kell, Wayne P. Kell and Billy C. Kell. Mr. Kell is survived by daughter Jo Ann Kell of the Sparkman community; son and daughter-in-law, David and Rose Kell of the Sparkman community; two sisters-in-law, Grace Kell of Rock Island and Reda Kell of McMinnville; nephew and spouse, Tommy and Glenda Kell of McMinnville; nieces and spouses, Sonia Wilson of McMinnville, Judy and Chris Alexander of Nashville, and Melissa and Jeremy Campbell of Rock Island. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at High’s Chapel with Gene Brock to officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery with military grave rites conducted by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Visitation will be Wednesday from 12 p.m. noon until the time of service at High’s. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com. High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Phyllis Ann Stevens, 53

Phyllis Ann Stevens, 53, of McMinnville passed from this life Saturday, April 14, at her home. Phyllis was born Wednesday, May 27, 1964 in Plant City, Fla. She was the daughter of Mary Nunley Wunningham and the late Whaylor Stevens. She is survived by daughter Jennifer Mason, sons Randall Mason Sr. and wife Daphany, Trent Mason and wife Jamie, 10 grandchildren Summer Wakefield, Jackson Baker, Jasmine Mason, McKenzie Mason, Olivia Mason, Randall Mason Jr., Brooklyn Mason, Kinsley Mason, Natalie Mason, and Eythan Mason, mother Mary Wunningham, four brothers Phillip Stevens, Robert Stevens, Terry Neal, Johnny Neal, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to her father, Phyllis was preceded in death by brother Charles Ross Stevens, and sister Betty Renee Roark. There will be no services for Ms. Stevens. Online condolences may be made at garden-sofmemoryfuneralhome.com.

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JERRY L. MYERS

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The moment that you died my heart was torn in two, one side filled with heartache, the other died with you.

I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, but missing you is heartache that never goes away

I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain. Until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

SADLY MISSED,

MARY

Maggie Lee Crim Hughes, 80

Mrs. Maggie Lee Crim Hughes, 80, of McMinnville died Monday, April 16, at Community Care of Rutherford County in Murfreesboro. She was born Oct. 13, 1937, in Smithville, was retired from Oster Corporation after 36 years, formerly worked for Bunny Bread, and was a member of McMinnville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hughes was preceded in death by parents Luke Lee and Ruby O. Hendrixson Fisher, first husband Charles Edward Crim, second husband A.W. (Humpty) Hughes, brothers Luther Wayne Fisher and David Fisher, and sister Linda Cantrell. Survivors include her children Annette Watson, Brenda (Phillip) West, and Ralph (Edna) Crim, eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, sisters Shirley (Paul) Tramel and Barbara Grissom, and brother Walter (Brenda) Fisher. Other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 17, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Larry Green officiated. Interment followed at Mt. View Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro, 1629 Williams Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

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Mildred Bumbalough, 92

Mildred Bumbalough, 92, a Warren County resident and native, was born Oct. 22, 1925 and died April 16 at her residence following an extended illness. She was a retired employee of McMinnville Garment Factory, member of Bybee Branch Church of Christ, and daughter of the late Aaron A. and Lillie Bell Roach Pepper. Mrs. Bumbalough was married June 4, 1945 to Robert Lee Bumbalough, who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers and their wives, Harold and Jean Pepper, James and Wilma Pepper, Leonard and Joetta Pepper, Wolfen and Sue Pepper and Morgan and Hallie Pepper and two sisters and their husbands, Hattie Pepper and Claude Keel and Dorothy Pepper and Newman Cantrell.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Thomas Cantrell; son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Brenda Bumbalough; four grandchildren and spouses, Brian and Kim Cantrell, Steven and Kim Cantrell, Jason and Lynn Bumbalough and Jennifer and Chris Mears; six great-grandchildren, Lee, Eli, Lilly and Andrea Cantrell, Carrington and Kellie Bumbalough; great-great-grandchild Emma Cantrell; and sister-in-law, Mona Bell Rader. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 19, at High’s Chapel with Tony Lawrence to officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday until the time of service at High’s. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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