

# Manchester man charged with killing wife

A Manchester resident has been arrested and charged with the murder of his wife.

According to the *Manchester Times*, Lisa Jones McCoy, 46, was shot in the head numerous times at her home on Duck River Road.

James Rick McCoy Jr., 54, has been arrested and



LISA MCCOY

charged with first-degree murder in her death. He was arraigned in court on Tuesday. The *Manchester Times* reports he is being held without bond.

Manchester Police Department

reportedly received a call about a suspected domestic problem and discov-

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ered the victim's body when they arrived at the home. Police recovered a gun at the scene they believe is the murder weapon. It is believed she was killed Saturday.

Police discovered the victim was dismembered.

"He was trying to dispose of the body. In that effort, he cut her legs off

her body," District Attorney General Craig Northcott told the *Manchester Times*. He added McCoy was arrested and did not resist.

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — Two rivals in Tennessee's open U.S. Senate race are touting plans to curb the \$21 trillion-plus national debt, with Democrat Phil

Bredesen saying his idea could balance the budget within six years.

The former governor and his opponent, Republican U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, released their plans Tuesday.

Bredesen's campaign proposes holding spending constant at the 2018 budget year estimated level of about \$3.3 trillion, not including Social Security, for which his plan makes an exception.

His plan assumes a 5.15 percent annual revenue growth. He says Congress and departments would collaborate to decide how to meet the spending target.

Blackburn's plan calls for a federal balanced budget amendment and across-the-board cuts, with an exception for military spending. Her campaign says making recent tax cuts permanent will help grow the economy.



Paul D. Matheny Jr. offers a brief history of The Trail of Tears during The Rotary Club of McMinnville's noon luncheon. He is a native of McMinnville who has researched the forced relocation of Native Americans.

## Matheny talks about McMinnville history as part of Trail of Tears

BY LISA HOBBS  
Reporter for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A horrible and shameful chapter of United States history made its way through Warren County from 1837 to 1838.

"McMinnville, Tenn., will forever be part of The Trail of Tears, whether you like it or not," said Paul D. Matheny Jr. "It was part of the northern route."

Matheny has an ancestor who was a Cherokee Indian who walked the Trail of Tears. For the last two years he has been delving into the past and working with the Alabama Commission on Indian Affairs to redevelop a Trail of Tears site.

The Indian Removal Act of 1830 prompted a series of forced relocations of Native American people from their ancestral homelands to west of the Mississippi from 1832 to

1838.

Matheny said the transfer was "horrific" and so much so it was used as a defense by German war criminals during the Nuremberg trials. To fully understand the Trail of Tears, he had to research back to 1803 with the Louisiana Purchase, an acquisition of the Louisiana territory by the United States from France, and make his way through the War of 1812 and the role Andrew Jackson played.

"What we found out, is at least 600 Cherokees fought for Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812, and about 300 Choctaws with some Creeks, who wanted to negotiate and not fight," said Matheny during a presentation to The Rotary Club of McMinnville last week. "Cherokees even served as Andrew Jackson's bodyguards. Many times, Andrew Jackson was heard

to say 'Where are my Cherokees?'"

Historic accounts are wrong, says Matheny.

"Jackson didn't sign the removal order. Martin Van Buren did. Martin Van Buren said, 'Drag them out of their homes.' Jackson was not the person who told them to drag them out of the homes. Can we forgive Jackson for the Indian Removal Act? If you are an Indian, probably not."

Racism and greed led to the Indians' forced removal.

"Georgia's politicians brought the removal act to Congress. They wanted to get the gold in Dahloneg, Ga., and they wanted to get the Cherokees out. There were 500 treaties between the United States and the Indian tribes, all of them were either broken, changed or nullified to get land. At that time, land was wealth. Who had the wealth? Who had the land? The Indians. They had to figure out ways, creative ways, to take what they considered as wealth and that was land away from the Indians."

WCPI 91.3 will air a Focus interview with Matheny on Wednesday at 5 a.m., Thursday at 1 p.m., and Friday at 1 a.m. Included in that interview will be a Matheny's wife, Victoria, singing "Amazing Grace" in Cherokee.

## Hibdon selected for County Executive assistant position

BY LISA HOBBS  
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Matthew Hibdon has been selected to be the assistant to Warren County Executive Jimmy Haley.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of my hometown while working as executive assistant to County Executive Jimmy Haley," said Hibdon. "I am honored to work with him and give back to the community that helped shape me into the man I am today. As an alumnus of Warren County 4-H, I practically grew up in the County Administrative Building and am happy to be surrounded by familiar faces here."

After 12 years and two county executives, Carol Cantrell retired. Haley handpicked Hibdon as her replacement.

"Carol Cantrell is a blessing to both this community and me personally," said Haley. "Carol left the office in tip-top shape and made the transition easy. I look forward to working with the department heads, commissioners, state agencies, and my fellow county employees to make Warren County the best for all our citizens. We can all accomplish something to be proud of when we work together."

Hibdon is a graduate of MTSU and holds two degrees, a bachelor of arts degree in history and a master of education degree in administration and supervision. He also graduated with distinction from the University Honors College. His thesis was entitled "McMinnville in the Civil War: Life Under Occupation as Observed by L. Virginia French" and is on display at McMinnville City Hall.

Hibdon was raised in Dibrell and graduated from Warren County High School in 2008. He moved back to McMinnville in August from Lexington, Va., where he worked at the national headquarters of Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honor Society.

"This is my first job in county-level government, but I am a former Tennessee state employee," he said. "During my nine years at MTSU, I was a student worker for



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eight different offices while in school and worked as an academic advisor for the College of Liberal Arts after graduating. In these positions, I

helped students, faculty, and staff navigate the bureaucracies of a major regional state university, state financial organizations, and federal agencies."

Among other endeavors, he volunteers with Warren County Heritage Alliance, Tennessee Historical Society, and was recently elected to a three-year term on MTSU's National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Hibdon's salary is \$38,725.

## OBITUARIES



### Arthur Otto Bickford, 84

Arthur Otto Bickford, 84, a Rock Island resident and Bledsoe County native, was born March 24, 1934 and died Sept. 11 at Unity Medical Center.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, retired employee of AEDC, member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, and son of the late Otto and Sarah Keener Bickford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Charles, Lonnie, Leonard, Harley and Dion Bickford; and sisters Verna Cope and Marie Long.

Mr. Bickford is survived by three children and spouses, Darrell and Debbie Bickford of LaVergne, Glenn and Kathy Bickford of Bone Cave, and Teresa Bickford of Rock Island; three grandchildren and spouses, Jonathan and Jennifer Bickford of Smyrna, Josh and Ashley Bickford of Murfreesboro, and Jordan Bickford of Chattanooga; four great-grandchildren Nathan Bickford, Katelyn Bickford, Jamison Bickford and Lillie Bickford; four sisters Opal Bowling, Anna Dodson and Evaughn Bickford, all of Pikeville and Jean Seals of Cookeville; brother, Otis Bickford of Pikeville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at High's Chapel. Interment will follow at Shockley Cemetery. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. Thursday until the time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.  
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### William Stokley (Red) Akers "Junior," 86

Mr. William Stokley (Red) Akers "Junior," 86, of McMinnville died Tuesday, Sept. 11, in McMinnville.

He was born Dec. 24, 1931, in Daylight, served his country with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, was a retired radar technician with the U.S. government, and owner of Frigid North Company in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Akers was preceded in death by daughter Sandra Akers, parents William Stokley and Bertha Lee Holder Akers, brother Rooster Akers, and sisters Euna Akers, Elwanda Martin, and Irma Locke.

He is survived by his children Susan (Joey) Criddle, Masanori (Mylene) Akers, Ruth (Gerry) Mallari, Linda Akers (Barry) Smith, and William "Stokley" (Heather) Akers Jr., grandchildren Renee (Serjio) Avantes, Gabriella Akers, Austin Akers, Isaiah Mallari, Delaney Akers, Samuel Mallari, Avalon Akers, Jackson Akers, and Isla Smith, sisters Genay Thompson, Peggy Akers, and Eulene Ferrell, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Charles Williams will officiate. Interment will follow at Centertown Cemetery. Military grave rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 173 and the VFW Post 5064. The Akers family will receive friends Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and again Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com).

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 473-6606.

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## CLARIFICATIONS



KHLOE MCDOWELL

In the recent Fair Pageant tabloid, Khloe Blake McDowell was misidentified in her baby show photo.

Little Fairest of the Fair contestant Hennessee Halia Diann Cope is the daughter of Chris Cope, and Sheila Marcum.



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Homecoming Celebration  
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Newtown will be having their  
Homecoming Celebration on Sep. 23  
from 11am-2pm. There will be Special  
Music by the Nunley Family. The  
church is located at 140 Church St. in  
McMinnville.