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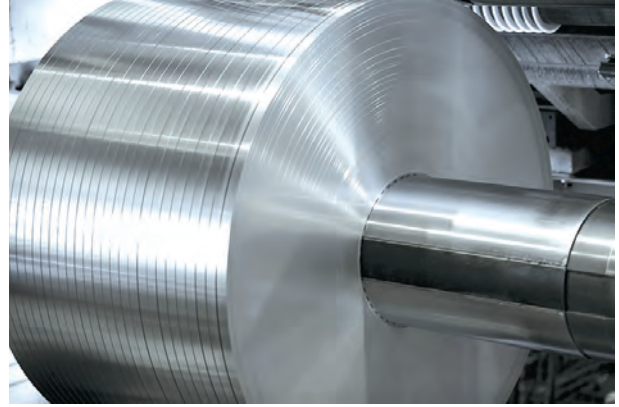


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WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM

Mayor Jill Holland

On behalf of our City Council and all of us here, I extend a very warm welcome to all who visit or choose to make McKenzie their home.

Like so many of our citizens, McKenzie is my hometown, and many of us came back home as we discovered that our small city is ideal for raising our families, starting businesses, civic and church opportunities, sports, culture, education and recreation.

McKenzie strives to offer activities and events for all age groups. For the youth, our organized sports of baseball, softball, and soccer have youth in all age groups participating.

In addition, Upward Basketball is offered during the winter months. Spectator sports include both high school and Bethel University. Bethel has over 30 sports teams including football, basketball, softball and national championship soccer and bass fishing teams.

The skateboard park attracts beginners and those who are more advanced. The splash pad and adjoining Harmony Park draw children and parents from McKenzie and neighboring communities to cool off and have fun during the hot summer months.

You will want to visit the historically renovated Park Theatre for the latest movies and community performances, and it won't break your wallet with the \$5 tickets.

The Farmers' Market is growing bigger and better every year. Over 300 people visit the vendors every Saturday for the freshest produce, delicious baked goods and beautiful handmade crafts. It



is also open Tuesday afternoons with a smaller number of vendors.

Everyone looks forward to the summer outdoor music series, Nights on Broadway, when friends and neighbors bring their lawn chairs to Broadway Street downtown to hear some of the best live music in West Tennessee.

September 24-25 are dates to save on your calendar when the city hosts the Sweet Tea and Southern Pickin's Festival. Over 800 vintage booths will be featured along with great music and of course the best food to satisfy all cravings.

Fall brings the Scarecrow Grove when businesses, schools, families, clubs, and individuals create spectacular scarecrows and decorate Veterans Park downtown for Scarecrow Grove. Children are delighted and look forward to the fun and activities featured in the annual Boo Bash every October. December kicks off the holiday season with Mistletoe Christmas. In addition to parades, activities, and Christmas

events, we feature the world's largest mistletoe ball for pictures and fun in Veterans Park. Christmas also includes performances by Bethel University's renowned performing arts program, Renaissance.

February brings our Chocolate Tour when participants sample delicious chocolate treats offered by the many participating businesses.

If you're hungry, McKenzie offers a large and diverse selection of restaurants. The meat and three restaurants and coffee shops will serve you some of the best ham and biscuits, fried catfish, meatloaf, hamburgers, and fresh vegetables you can get. You can order pizza from Tennessee's #1 pizza restaurant. We have great Chinese and two unique Mexican restaurants offering the best and most authentic Mexican food in West Tennessee. If you're in the mood for BBQ we have you covered.

You might want to visit one of our sports grills and have a great hamburger or steak while watching your favorite sports team.

McKenzie has so much to offer and all in a small town setting, without the challenges, frustrations and safety issues of living in a large city. We enjoy our growing economy, and great education system which boasts our McKenzie Special School District, Tennessee College of Applied Technology and Bethel University. Our sports, culture and many activities provide the amenities of big city living in a small, safe and friendly environment.

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Welcome to the City of McKenzie. We hope you enjoy your visit.



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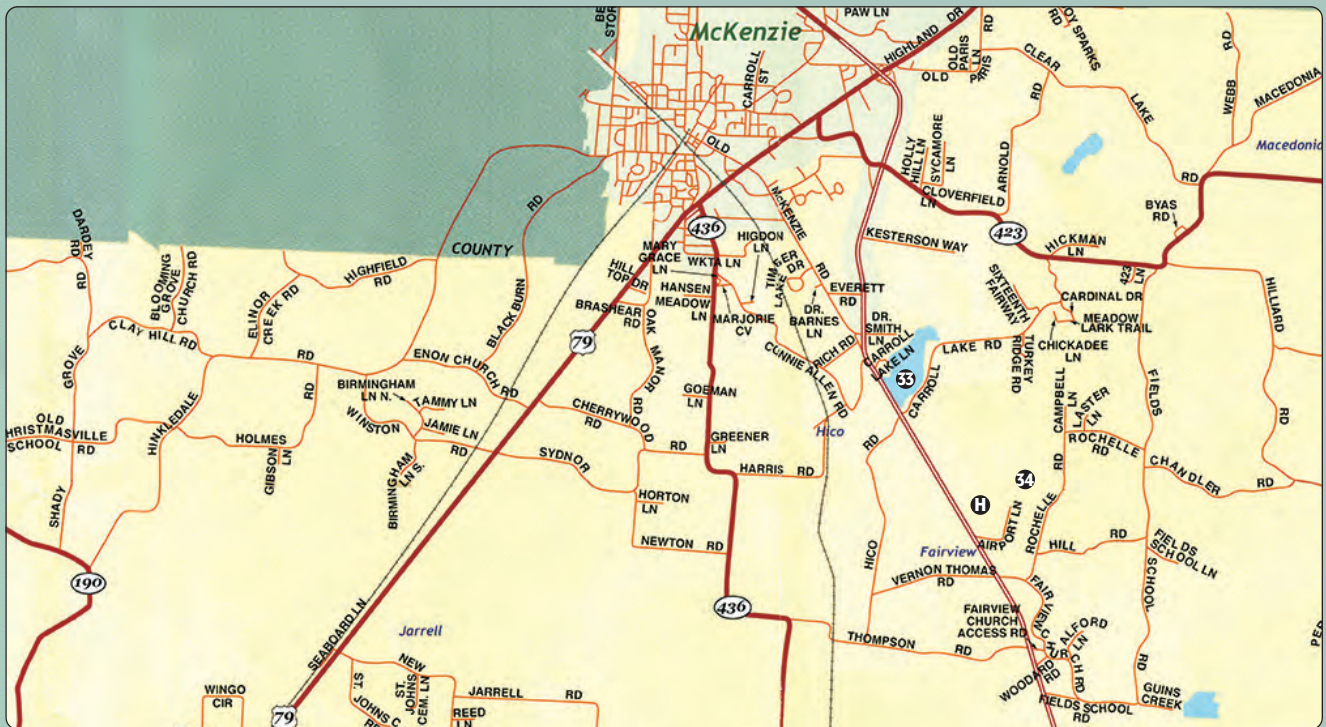
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| 3. McKenzie Industrial Board/ Chamber of Commerce in Historic Railroad Depot | 18. McKenzie Park |
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Experience McKENZIE TENNESSEE

Located on the confluence of Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties, McKenzie serves as the hub city for the tri-counties. What started out as the Chickasaw Territory of Western Tennessee has developed into a pristine location ripe for retail, education, leisure and industry.

Following its sesquicentennial in 2019, McKenzie's population of 5,328 residents makes it the largest city in Carroll County and the second-largest in Henry County behind the City of Paris.

Home to Bethel University and a Tennessee College of Applied Technology campus, education is an important factor in the growth of McKenzie. Public education falls under the dominion of the McKenzie Special School District. With its three schools, elementa-

ry, middle and high school, the school district works to promote a safe environment with high expectations for every student.

From festivals to disc golf and a dog park, McKenzie offers recreation to those of all ages. In need of worship services, McKenzie has over three dozen churches in the surrounding area under a multitude of denominations.

If history is your thing then you are in luck as McKenzie is home to two museums.

McKenzie also is home to one of the finest assisted living facilities in West Tennessee, Lake Side Senior Living Community. Located on Carroll Lake, residents reserve top-notch care while still possessing individual flexibility.

The McKenzie community is fortunate to provide a host of activities and amenities to its residents and visitors.



McKENZIE CITY PARK

McKenzie's primary recreational park is located at 570 Como Street. The park features a new walking trail, baseball, softball and soccer fields, a playground, a pond with a pier and a pavilion known as "the Barn."

Several events take place at City Park each year. The Festival of Freedom, held on or near the 4th of July each year, attracts large crowds, with cars lined up for miles to watch the fireworks extravaganza. Earlier in the day, you may find Betsy Ross or Uncle Sam strolling the grounds

while bands play and the crowd enjoys the ice cream contest, watermelon, grilled burgers, and all other types of picnic fare in anticipation of the main event.

The pavilion can be reserved for birthday parties, family gatherings and social events. Two new small pavilions do not require a reservation. The pond is stocked with catfish, bream and bass. TWRA stocks trout during the winter months. Two duck feeders have been installed around the pond to promote the health of the baby ducks.

MULBERRY PARK

Located on Mulberry Street near the city's Public Works facilities (the old National Guard Armory) and historic Webb School, Mulberry Park has an illustrious history as well. Many

middle-aged citizens and baby boomers recall games played on the fields that were the city's main sports region before the founding of City Park.



McKENZIE STATION SPLASH PAD

McKenzie Station Splash Pad opened in June 2017, to the great delight of many youngsters. The well-maintained facility is free to use by area children. Located downtown across from the former railroad depot with ample parking available on Waldren Street, parents and visitors

can walk back and forth from the Splash Pad then one block over towards Broadway to visit the farmers' market and various businesses near the square. The mechanical building was built to mimic the 1927 depot located next door. The splash pad is open daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



HARMONY PARK

Harmony Park, located beside the splash pad, is one of three new additions to McKenzie's parks and recre-

ation areas. Located beside the splash pad, Harmony Park features five oversized musical instruments.



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Named for the memorials that pay tribute to soldiers of Carroll County, the park, located in the central square downtown, is a place of beauty, with towering trees and peaceful park benches situated beneath old-style lamp posts amid

flowers and greenery.

A central gazebo now graces the park where once a fountain stood, back when older gentlemen of the town sat and whittled, the cedar shavings from their efforts perfuming the air.



CARROLL COUNTY AIRPORT

Located at 535 Airport Lane in McKenzie, the Carroll County Airport is a county-owned public-use

airport. Offer a 5,507-foot runway, the airport is accessible to most private aircraft and corporate planes.



CARROLL LAKE GOLF COURSE

The 18-hole course at the Carroll Lake Golf Club facility in McKenzie, Tennessee features 5,517 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. The course rating is 68.5 and it has a slope rating of 121 on Ber-

muda grass. From the back tees, the course will challenge even the best golfers. Designed by Roy Albert Anderson, the Carroll Lake golf course opened in 1961. Jerry Stanley manages the course as the owner.



GORDON BROWNING GENEALOGICAL MUSEUM

Housed in the historic old McKenzie Post Office Building, the Gordon Browning Museum and Genealogical Library is a publicly owned museum/repository for documents, images and artifacts that represent the history and culture of Car-

roll County, Tennessee.

The museum is named in honor of the two-time Governor of the State of Tennessee; Gordon Browning. The museum contains numerous papers, photographs and personal effects of the former governor.

McKENZIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The McKenzie Memorial Public Library is located at 15 Broadway in downtown McKenzie. The library contains 14,902 volumes and circulates 9,031 items per year.

The library has four public access Internet-ready computers and a wireless Internet option that may be used in the reception area on the main floor of the library.

CARROLL LAKE

In 1949, the State of Tennessee purchased land on the edge of McKenzie to begin the construction of Carroll Lake. Before the state's acquisition, what we know as Carroll Lake was a small rail or dinky line used to haul ball clay from the "Hobb Mines."

After the purchase of the land, Ira H. Scates was awarded the contract to remove the timber to construct a 100-acre lake. His son, Theron, who helped in the construction of the lake became the long-time manager of Carroll Lake.

In 1998, the lake was drained and later refilled

and restocked the following year.

In June 2014, Carroll Lake was forced to close due to heavy rains and flooding that caused the lake to overflow its earthen embankment damaging the mechanical spillway that controls the release of water.

The spillway gates were repaired in 2017, but the lake bed was unable to be dredged because of the marsh-like soil. Over the next three years, Carroll Lake was restocked with fish as water levels began to rise. In May 2020, the lake was opened to the public.



POCKET PARK

Pocket Park on Lee Street, located in the vacant space of the former, burned-out City Cafe.

This open-air area provides a place to social distance to dine or to simply to take a break from work. The area features dining tables, wall-mounted fans, shade sails to protect from the summer heat and a beautiful water feature built by Carter's Nursery of Jackson. It has lighting and security cameras.

Once the pandemic has cleared, it can also serve as a music venue or for other small gatherings. The property has remained vacant for years.

Other projects have developed through the years to improve the vacant lot. Beta Sigma Phi purchased the burned out property and gifted it to the city. Lastly, the city received the COVID-relief grant to install electricity, fans, a water feature and lighting.



PARK THEATRE

The Park Theatre began its second life in the community in 2016. Starting in 2011, ACT II: Plan, Preserve, and Protect was founded to identify and pursue grants as well as raise cash through a broad range of events and fundraisers.

Grants from LPRF and the Delta Regional Authority along with the City of McKenzie began the work of making the building structurally sound, safe,

and usable for community meetings, workshops, theatrical performances and movies on the week-end.

Community Leaders such as McKenzie Banking Company, the McKenzie Industrial Board, Carroll Bank & Trust, Bank of Gleason, Ruth & John H. Morris Memorial, the Kermit Holland family and Beta Sigma Phi donated various sums of money to buy equipment for the theatre.



WEBB SCHOOL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Webb School Alumni Museum opened in 2016 and is housed inside the former Webb School, an all-African American school that opened its doors in McKenzie in 1927 and served 22 communities throughout West Tennessee. The school operated

until 1966.

The museum pays tribute to the educators who played vital roles in this first African-American school in the county, in addition to displaying artifacts and items which reflect the educational curricula during this era.



McKENZIE DOG PARK

The city of McKenzie opened its new dog park in August 2019 on Como Street.

McKenzie was the winner of a grant for a dog park from the Randy Boyd Foundation. Boyd, president of the University of Tennessee,

viewed the newly completed facility.

Boyd was impressed with the design, the separate areas for large and small dogs, fencing, seating for humans, and the water fountains for the pets.



McKenzie Farmers' Market — 1. Kathy McDonald sells baked goods. 2. The local Amish visiting McKenzie's Farmers' Market on Saturday morning. 3. Linda Swalley sells canned and freshly baked items. 4. Various arts and crafts can be found at the Farmers' Market. Including this decorative door found. *Photos by Brittany Martin*

VISIT MCKENZIE'S FARMERS' MARKET

Farmers' Markets are becoming increasingly popular. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states, between the years of 2008 and 2013, the number of farmers' markets doubled across the country.

One of the quaintest and nicest farmers' market in Northwest Tennessee can be found in McKenzie. The refurbished facility offers both indoor and outdoor booth space. In its season opening, McKenzie's farmers' market had a record-breaking attendance with over 300 shoppers and 15 vendors.

The McKenzie Farmers' Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m.–12 noon and opens on Tuesdays from 3 p.m.–6 p.m. Youth Activities are the first and third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Farmers' markets will continue to thrive and expand as people increasingly realize the benefits of supporting local food providers.

Just by visiting a farmers' market, you are attempting to formulate a healthy diet to ensure a better quality of life for seniors and support the immune system to fight sickness, arthritis and numerous diseases.

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7. Save money buying local.

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Visiting all the booths and vendors counts as exercise.

Any time of the year is perfect for grabbing a tote bag and browsing the wares at a nearby farmers' market, where shoppers are bound to find something fresh, unique and delicious.

Take the time to visit McKenzie and its farmers' market. You'll make new friends, stock up on produce, have a cup of coffee and browse the many booths of baked goods and homemade crafts.



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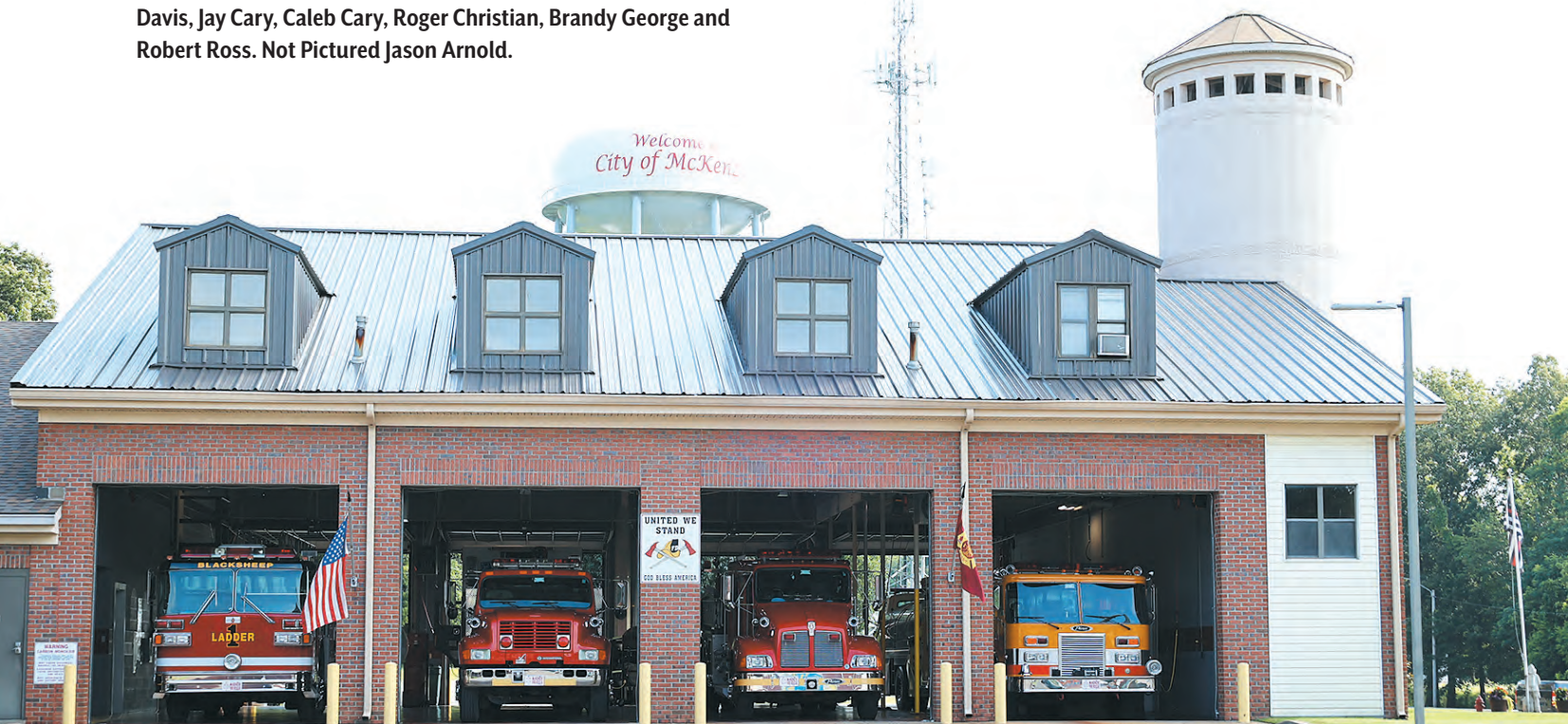
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MCKENZIE FIRE

Salute to Local Heroes

(L to R): Hunter Petreman, Greg Pruitt, Robert Williams, Jonathan Wheat, Kevin Hill, Daniel Hollowell, Eric Pettit, Brian Tucker, Jonathan Castleman, Aubrey Buckley, Daniel Tucker, Karl Davis, Jay Cary, Caleb Cary, Roger Christian, Brandy George and Robert Ross. Not Pictured Jason Arnold.



McKENZIE, TENNESSEE DEMOGRAPHICS

Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019) 5,256

PEOPLE

Population

Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019) 5,315
 Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019) 5,256
 Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019)..... 1.1%
 Population, Census, April 1, 2020 X
 Population, Census, April 1, 2010 5,310

Age and Sex

Persons under 5 years, percent 5.6%
 Persons under 18 years, percent 17.8%
 Persons 65 years and over, percent 22.1%
 Female persons, percent 55.1%

Race and Hispanic Origin

White alone, percent 86.4%
 Black or African American alone, percent(a) 12.9%
 American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent(a) 0.0%
 Asian alone, percent(a) 0.4%
 Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent(a) 0.0%
 Two or More Races, percent 0.1%
 Hispanic or Latino, percent(b) 1.3%
 White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent 85.4%

Population Characteristics

Veterans, 2015-2019 403
 Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019 0.9%

Housing

Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019) X
 Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019 59.4%
 Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019 \$94,100
 Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019 \$867
 Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019 \$376
 Median gross rent, 2015-2019 \$670
 Building permits, 2020 X

Families & Living Arrangements

Households, 2015-2019 2,116
 Persons per household, 2015-2019 2.27
 Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019 80.0%
 Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019 1.8%

Computer and Internet Use

Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019 77.4%
 Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019 71.4%

Education

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 82.8%
 Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 28.8%

Health

With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019 20.4%
 Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent 8.4%

Economy

In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 47.8%
 In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 44.9%



Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	D
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	60,597
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	61,912
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	66,698
Total retail sales per capita, 2012(c)	\$12,390
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2015-2019	25.5
Income & Poverty	
Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$32,757
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$19,791
Persons in poverty, percent	24.3%

BUSINESSES

Businesses

Total employer establishments, 2019	X
Total employment, 2019	X
Total annual payroll, 2019 (\$1,000)	X
Total employment, percent change, 2018-2019	X
Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	X
All firms, 2012	496
Men-owned firms, 2012	289
Women-owned firms, 2012	140
Minority-owned firms, 2012	F
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	425
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	74
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	383

GEOGRAPHY

Geography

Population per square mile, 2010	848.5
Land area in square miles, 2010	6.26
FIPS Code	4744940

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, census.gov, July 2021

VALUE NOTES

* Estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources.

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable.

The vintage year (e.g., V2019) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2019). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

FACT NOTES

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race

- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

VALUE FLAGS

- Either no or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest or upper interval of an open ended distribution.
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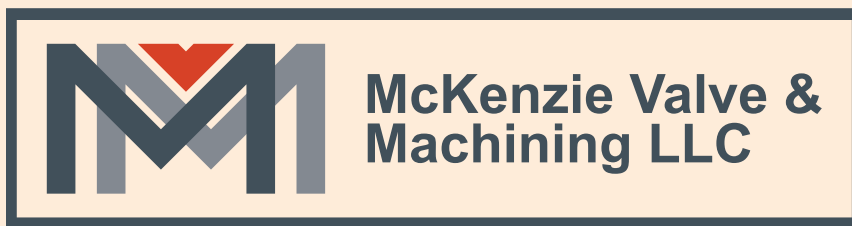
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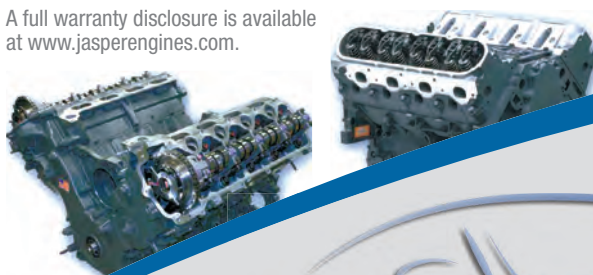
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The Chamber's vision statement is to be a driving force in building a vibrant

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SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2: McKenzie's Nights on Broadway — Flashback, 7-9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11: Classic Car Cruise-in Bobby Gee's Diner, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16: McKenzie's Nights on Broadway — Dialogue, 7-9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24-25: Sweet Tea and Southern Pickin's Festival, Downtown McKenzie

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 9: Classic Car Cruise-in Bobby Gee's Diner, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

OCTOBER 28: McKenzie Boo Bash at Downtown McKenzie.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 11: Veterans Day at McKenzie Schools

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Student Enrollment: 525

Student to teacher ratio 14:1

Racial/Ethnic Percentage:

American Indian.....	1%
Asian.....	0.6%
Black/African American.....	16.4%
Hispanic.....	6.1%
White.....	76%

Students Specific Grouping:

Economically Disadvantaged.....	34.5%
English Language Learner.....	1.7%
Students with Disabilities.....	20.2%
Homeless.....	0.2%

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 5 - Grade 8

Principal: Dorethea Royle

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Student Enrollment: 373

Student to teacher ratio 16:1

Racial/Ethnic Percentage:

American Indian.....	0.5%
Asian.....	0.3%
Black/African American.....	17.7%
Hispanic.....	6.4%
White.....	75.1%

Students Specific Grouping:

Economically Disadvantaged.....	27.1%
English Language Learner.....	0.5%
Students with Disabilities.....	14.5%
Foster.....	0.3%
Homeless.....	0.5%

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9 - Grade 12

Principal: Kelly Spivey

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Student Enrollment: 357

Student to teacher ratio 15:1

Racial/Ethnic Percentage:

American Indian.....	0.3%
Asian.....	0.6%
Black/African American.....	17.1%
Hispanic.....	5.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....	0%
White.....	76.8%

Students Specific Grouping:

Economically Disadvantaged.....	25.2%
English Language Learner.....	0.6%
Students with Disabilities.....	13.7%
Homeless.....	0.6%

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2021 EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 24-25

Mistletoe
Christmas

FIRST WEEKEND
IN DECEMBER



Old McKenzie School; circa 1920.



1927 McKenzie High School Baseball Team: Coach - Robert Marshall. Captain - Raymond Brooks. Manager - George Wright. Team Members: Howard Akins, Paul Moore, Marcus Wiley, James Warbritton, Tom Winsett, Morris Beadles, Bailess Simmons, J. L. Montgomery, Durrell Smith, Elgie Blaylock, Chester Houston.

A History of McKenzie Public Schools

Even though public education had been around in McKenzie since 1883, it took 37 years before the first operational four-year high school program had a graduating class. The original school building, housing all grades, was constructed in 1905 to serve as the school building for all the students of McKenzie before the high school was constructed.

The three-story high school building was not occupied until 1924.

The first graduating class of McKenzie High School was in 1920. The graduating class consisted of seven; LaVerne Hailley, Jasper Lee Thomason, U.L. Hodges, Marjory Marshall, Mary Fulgham, Ann Thomas Holland (Valedictorian), and Marcella Todd (Salutatorian). The commencement exercises took place at Bethel College on Monday, May 17, 1920, and Tuesday, May 18, 1920.

Leading the school as superintendent was John David Mullins. After teaching in Selmer, Tennessee for 8 years, Mullins came to McKenzie in 1910. Known as a dedicated educator, he served as the first superintendent with less than 250 students enrolled in the system to approximately 500 in 1933 when he retired. The school faculty for 1919-1920; J.D. Clark, Miriam Clark, Blanche Donnell, Eufala Gaskins, Grace Denton, Ethel Pate, May McClure, Bess Huffman, Marjorie Parnell, and Willie Caldwell. The ten educators were responsible for teaching all 12 grades under one roof until the high school building was able to be occupied.

Athletics at McKenzie High School began in the 1920-1921 school year. The sports offered were baseball and basketball. The original team name for McKenzie was Yellow Jackets for the boys' teams

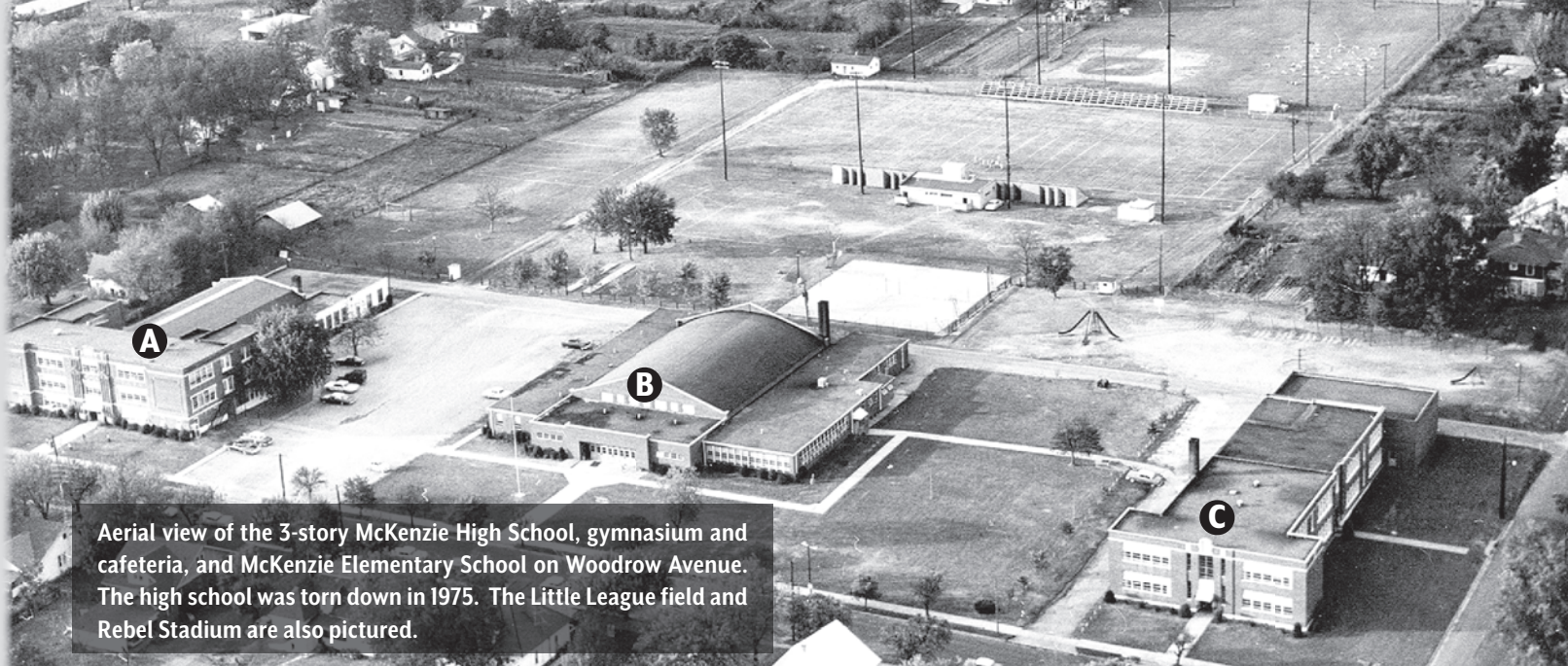
and the girls were known as the Blue Cyclones.

The basketball gym in the "new high school building" was opened in the fall of 1924. The first game was between the McKenzie High School team and a team representing the Trezevant High School, resulting in a score of 15 to 12 in favor of Trezevant. The McKenzie High School girls played the Dresden girls, McKenzie providing victor by 20 to 2.

In 1924, the two-story building housed the elementary grades with the construction of a separate high school building. On Saturday 22, 1930 the McKenzie Elementary School building was destroyed by a fire of an "undetermined origin." The Methodist Church took the following: Miss Lucille Cude, first grade; Miss Inez Wiley and Mrs. Wray Alexander, third grade; Miss Mae McClure, fourth



Class of 1928, first class in the former 3-story high school building on Woodrow Ave. Front (L to R): Paul Moore, Cecil Harder, Everett Smith, Bailess Simmons, Raymond Blackburn, Ed Regenold, John Hart Todd, Julia Thomas Peebles. Back; Naomi Pate, Mina Padgett McKinney, Mable Martin Clark, Martha Louise Parks, Elizabeth Lankford Steele, Harriet Parnell Kelly, Floy Fyke Spencer, Virginia Covington Hawkins, Ethel Hardin, Louise Coleman Williams, Marie Dunlap Wiley, Willodean McCadams Hopkins. Not pictured: Dorothy Gallimore Myrick.



Aerial view of the 3-story McKenzie High School, gymnasium and cafeteria, and McKenzie Elementary School on Woodrow Avenue. The high school was torn down in 1975. The Little League field and Rebel Stadium are also pictured.

A. McKenzie High School (1923-1975) was three stories tall and included a gymnasium and an auditorium. B. In 1954, this building contained a gym, cafeteria, two science labs and a home economics class. In 1975, additional rooms were built around the gym to create McKenzie High School. The building became McKenzie Middle School in January 1998. C. McKenzie Elementary, later McKenzie Junior High, was built in 1924. It burned in 1930 and was rebuilt in 1938. The building was razed in 1997. Not Pictured, McKenzie Junior High (1963-1970) held grades 6-8. The building later became McKenzie Elementary School (1970-Today).

grade; Miss Belle Sedberry, fifth grade. The high school building would house Miss Sadie Tucker, second grade; Mrs. Ailene Kirk, sixth grade; Miss Libby Brewer, seventh grade. Miss Cora Sedberry with her sixth and eighth-grade classes assigned to the McTyeire Institute. The elementary school was rebuilt in 1937.

In 1925, football was introduced to the McKenzie athletic program with Robert Marshall serving as the first head coach.

In 1944, McKenzie under-

went a transformation at least in the sense of its mascot. Goodbye to the Yellow Jackets and Blue Cyclones. Hello to the Rebels and Rebelettes. It was during this time Lon Varnell took over Rebel football Varnell coached at Bethel College in the 1940s until athletics were dropped due to WWII.

McKenzie football was on the upswing in the mid-1940s and early 1950s as the Rebels won multiple “Little Ten” and West Tennessee Championships.



McKenzie Elementary First Grade 1954-55. Members pictured: Linda Waldrup, Ann Sexton, Mary B. Wheat, Donna Ward, Emily Young, Ruth Ann Wiley, Judy Seagraves, Joe Sasser, Mary Ruth Scott, Pat Stone, Jean Swearingen, Beverly Sparks, Beverly Summerlin, Rollin Trull, W. L. Shell, Roy Williams, Marvin Williams, Johnny Thompson, Katie Wallace, Bruce Wilkinson, Don Wallace, Buddy Wiggleton, Skip Trevathan, Beverly Travillian, Wylie Wilson, and Billy Thompson.



1945 Rebel Football Team — Front (L to R): Doyle Perkins, Ross Martin, Jim Patterson, Ed McNeil, Howard Arnold, Bob Barker, Charles Jenkins. Middle; A. L. Thomason. Back: Morris Wheat, Dan Carr, Edsel Dotson.



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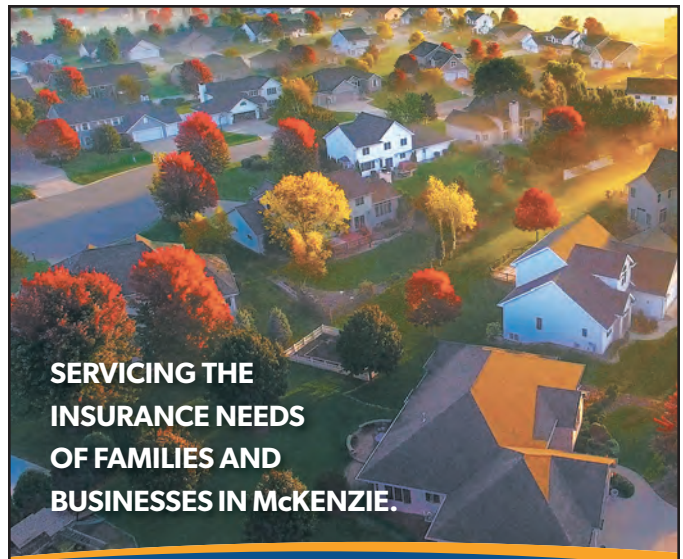
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The ribbon was cut to mark the grand re-opening of Park Theatre on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Park Theatre

THE CENTERPIECE FOR DOWNTOWN

Park Theatre is beautiful any time of year, but especial with its added Christmas lights and wreaths during the holiday season. It underwent a renaissance in February 2016 when the closed cinema underwent a total remodel. All seating, curtains, projection screen, and new digital projectors now grace the auditorium, that is now used as a city-owned cinema and performing arts center.

In 2020, the facility also received an added face-lift with a new digital marquee complete with modern lighting.

It was the dream of Mayor Jill Holland to revive the theatre. About a decade ago, experts said raze the building or spend hundreds of thousands to make the major repairs necessary. However, with grants, local fund-raisers, including the annual Southern Fried and Sweet Tea Festival and donations, the single-screen theatre was able to return to the glory of its early days.

The year 2020 marked a new chapter in the history of the theatre. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cinema was closed for months. It recently reopened with limited seating, which allows for appropriate social distancing of attendees.

During the Christmas season, city as-

sociates hung wreaths and tree-shaped lighting above the marquee.

According to a historic plaque on the outside of the building, it indicates the site was a blacksmith shop from 1822 to 1906. The building was constructed in 1920 and was used as a car dealership until 1928. It was More and Page Dodge, Thomas Chevrolet and Scates Chevrolet. From 1934 to 1939, it operated as Lovelace Farmer Wholesale Grocery and in 1941, it became the home of Park Theatre.

In March 1940, Rockwood Amusement, Inc. of Nashville acquired the land and building at the corner of Cedar and North Main Street. The building had been constructed sometime prior to 1926 as a 15-car Chevrolet dealership and had most recently housed the Lovelace-Farmer Wholesale Grocery Company.

Before then, the McKenzie Theatre operated on the ground floor of the Caldonia Masonic Lodge at the north end of Broadway. Owned by former mayor Douglas Moore, the theater sat less than 400. By 1941, McKenzie's population of 1,858 was the largest in the county and merited a larger theater.

Construction of the new theater began in February 1941. Architect Clarence Speight of Speight and Hibbs of Clarks-

ville directed the design and remodeling of the 99'5" by 50' building into an art deco-style theatre, one that The McKenzie Banner called "the largest and most modernly equipped in any West Tennessee town of McKenzie's size." The project is estimated to have cost \$30,000.

Rockwood brought in one of its own, Roy Johnson, to manage the opening of the theater, but hired the staff of the McKenzie Theatre to work at the Park, including the projectionists, ticket seller, ticket taker, and popcorn maker.

On July 3, 1941, the doors opened to the public for a night showing of "Affectionately Yours" with a ticket price of 28 cents. The Banner invited its readers to "spend the Fourth in the cool and comfort of the new Park Theatre" for a showing of "Sis Hopkins," starring Judy Canova, Bing Crosby, and his orchestra.

The Banner called the opening "the biggest business development in McKenzie for the last decade," and, indeed, the theater became a central fixture to the town's social identity. In the first decade, the Park Theatre was key to bringing citizens World War II updates in its newsreels.

Once the theater was established and running smoothly by the mid-40's, Johnson was replaced as manager by Ed Clericuzio, a New Jersey native whose military service at nearby Camp Tyson brought him to the area. "Mr. Eddie" managed for Rockwood into the 1970s and is a local legend for a generation of young moviegoers who remember his flashlight as he walked the aisles, keeping



After a series of renovations the Park Theatre (right) is the centerpiece of downtown resembling the McKenzie Park Theatre of 1949 (left).

patrons on their best behavior.

The Park Theatre was owned by Rockwood for over 40 years, even through a 1951 liquidation and reorganization into Rockwood Theatres, Inc. In November 1984, ownership of the property transferred to Rayburn A. and Brenda Kaye O'Brien.

The O'Briens sold the theater to Leslie Curtis in 1991, and it operated sporadically for several years thereafter.

In August of 1998, the Industrial Development Board purchased the property from Curtis for \$15,000, and the board transferred ownership to the city several years later.

PARK THEATRE: ACT II

In 2010, the City of McKenzie was eyeing the possibility of a local multiplex. Around the same time, officials met with the student government at Bethel University and asked for advice on getting students to keep their entertainment money local. The response suggested that a large multiplex would be too expensive, and that college students are looking for more affordable ways to pass the time.

That prompted the city to begin looking into ways to raise funds to restore the Park Theatre, which had at one point been considered for demolition. In 2011, ACT II: Plan, Preserve, and Protect was founded to identify and pursue grants as well as raise cash through a broad range of events and fundraisers. The first grant

acquired was a Parks and Recreation grant of \$249,000 with a \$50,000 contribution from the city, which was used to restore the front of the theater to as close to the original as possible. A second grant of approximately \$200,000 from Delta Regional Authority required the facility be used in part for job training. Those funds, plus the city's \$131,000 match, were used to make the building structurally sound, safe, and usable as well as replace the projection screen. ACT II relied on money from donations, sponsors, and frequent fundraising events, bringing in \$95,000, to complete the remainder of the work. A new surround sound system was installed and the projection unit and all equipment have been upgraded. The curtains and chairs were all replaced and repairs were made to the interior walls. Some of the labor was provided by Carroll County Jail trustees.

Bethel University was involved in the project from the beginning. Students held haunted houses at the theater, operated a pizzeria in the lobby, and assisted in countless other fundraising events, such as the Boo Bash and the Southern Fried Food and Sweet Tea Festival.

THE GRAND RE-OPENING

The Grand Re-Opening on February 12, 2016 paid tribute to Hollywood's glory days of the 1940s, saluting the 1941 opening of the art deco-style theater 75 years ago. During the opening, moviegoers experienced the classics of

the 1940s, complete with the original ticket price of 28 cents.

On Friday, February 12, at 6 p.m., Bethel Renaissance kicked off with "Once Upon a Dream," a musical revue. That was followed by the movie, which originally shown in the 1941 Park Theatre premier showing of "Affectionately Yours" starring Merle Oberon and Rita Hayworth, for the original ticket price of 28 cents.

On Saturday, February 13, the 1940s glory days of old movies and sweetheart deals for only 28 cents. At 7 p.m., the movie "Casablanca," starring Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart was shown. Then, at 9 p.m., the movie "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison was shown.

On Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 2 p.m., Carroll Arts presented "Love at the Park," a Valentines Day concert featuring the very best Carroll County talent. Then, at 4 p.m., was a Children's Matinee of "Dumbo," starring Dumbo the Elephant, for 28 cents.

On Monday, February 15, McKenzie Banking Company conducted employee training in the building. Then, at 7 p.m., the Ashley Mitchell Band performed.

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Left, The First Purchase in downtown McKenzie was made by Caroline Rumley Allen. Allen was on her way from Kentucky to Benton County in a covered wagon about 1869. Center, McKenzie Train Depot And Freight Loading Station, Early 1900s. Right, Joseph Anna Hawkins (Cole) 1848-1917.

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The Founding of McKenzie

In 1818, through the Jackson Purchase, brokered by Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby, West Tennessee was purchased from the Chickasaw Nation. Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby brokered the treaty. At the time of settlement, the West Tennessee Chickasaw Trail ran through what was later became McKenzie.

Historical celebrities like Daniel Boone and David Crockett passed through the area. Crockett was known to attend Shiloh Church when he was in this portion of his congressional district.

Early settlers to McKenzie territory were Stephen Pate, John M. Gilbert in the North, Colonel John D. McKenzie, R.S. Cole and Garland Snead. The Sneads and Gilberts built up the area with the construction of two trading posts.

Gardner Gilbert and his son John M. Gilbert were the leaders of an area they called Marrieta. Centered near the intersection of Magnolia and

Stonewall, the settlement included a business office, a log schoolhouse and a few other small buildings. The large rock found on the corner of Magnolia and Stonewall served as a step to the old schoolhouse.

The Snead family claimed to found the Dundas settlement. Lasting only five years, the trading center consisted of a trading store, a post office, a saloon, blacksmith, and a hotel “The Carroll House.”

In 1859, James Monroe McKenzie built the McKenzie Hotel. The McKenzie family prevailed at the close of the Civil War as the railroad crossed through the McKenzie property. George McKenzie became the station manager at the behest of his father, James Monroe. The first timetables printed bore the name “McKenzie, Tennessee.” In 1869, McKenzie was officially chartered.

Though McKenzie was not a fully incorporated municipality, it was taking shape during the War Between the States. Without going into the buildup of the Civil War, it is important to know that Tennessee was a state of divided loyalties. The area of McKenzie and its smaller communities were pro-Confederate while the Town of Huntingdon was Union. Thus began one of the earliest divides between the two territories.

Though Carroll County and McKenzie failed to produce a battle, they served as a pathway for troops.

McKenzie’s most noted Civil War event dates back to Christmas day

1862. Confederate Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest was following the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad to Dresden. Forrest learned of Union troops surrounding his location and preventing him from moving to the Tennessee River. With plans to outmaneuver the Union, he mobilized his forces to McKenzie Station on Christmas afternoon.

A young lady named Joseph Anna Hawkins (Cole) is considered the most intriguing figure in McKenzie’s Civil War era. Born May 3, 1848, Annie was born in McKenzie. She was one of eleven children born to Richard Cole and Martha Smith. The Cole Family settled in the McKenzie area around 1830 near present-day Carroll Lake.

A sympathizer of the Confederacy, the Cole home was visited regularly by Confederate troops including General Forrest. In Annie Cole’s writings entitled War Leaflets she wrote, “One day when General Forrest’s command was passing and the men and boys were cheering and singing all along the line, a brave handsome little fellow, not yet out of his teens, was riding in the rear and singing in a sweet melodious voice...”

Annie wrote her Civil War memories 25 years after the war. She told numerous stories of life in McKenzie from 1861-1865. Her husband, Camillus Hawkins, served as mayor of McKenzie and was the first publisher and proprietor of the McKenzie Times.





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James Monroe McKenzie was born February 14, 1818, to Colonel John D. McKenzie and Patsy Bonner McKenzie. Known for his kindness and benevolence, James Monroe was responsible for donating land for the Masonic building, Bethel College and the McKenzie Depot Station. A member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, James Monroe died at the age of 56 in 1874 and was interned at Mount Olivet Cemetery along with his wife, Martha Louisa Coleman McKenzie.

Much of the wealth accumulated by the McKenzie family can be traced to Colonel John D. McKenzie. Colonel



McKenzie fought in the American Revolution and was captured at Valley Forge. A British soldier struck him across the back and broke his shoulders. Legend has it, the British presented their bayonets intending to impale the colonel. Before they could attack him, McKenzie gave the Masonic signal of distress. The commanding officer ordered him to be taken down and sent to a house. The officer paid for the colonel's care until he was able to return home.

For his disability, he received a pension of fifty dollars per month for life. Fifty dollars at that time is equivalent to approximately \$1,000 in today's money. After visiting the Colonel's sister, Millie Gilbert, in 1827, the McKenzies moved to this area. The family homestead, located near the rail-



road depot and Stonewall Street, was purchased through the McLemore Land Grant.

James Monroe McKenzie donated the land to form the depot, on the condition that his son, George Washington McKenzie, would be the first railroad station manager. George was employed by the L&N and NC&StL Railroads, serving as station manager for 50 years. His wife, Willie Diechman McKenzie, was a socialite who often hosted elaborate affairs at the Hotel McKenzie.

Two other notable children of James Monroe McKenzie were a pair of doctors, John David McKenzie and James Albert McKenzie. They built matching homes side-by-side on Stonewall Street in McKenzie.

The last of the family to bear the name McKenzie was George D. McKenzie, son of George Washington McKenzie. He was a cashier for Citizen's Bank and for the railroads.

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The old McTyeire Schoolhouse.



McTyeire School

The story of McTyeire School dates back to 1858 in the Caledonia Community of Henry County. Started by Edwin H. Randal, it began as a boarding school and was chartered in 1860 as Caledonia College. The onset of the Civil War temporarily closed the doors to Caledonia College.

The building burned and the school relocated to McKenzie in 1867. The new facility was known as the McKenzie Male and Female Institute.

In 1871, Captain H.C. Irby purchased land on present-day McTyeire Street. Two buildings were constructed and chartered as McKenzie College. It became McKenzie's first educational facility beating out the relocation of Bethel College from McLemoresville in 1872.

Irby resigned in 1874, and the property was purchased by Dr. A.P. Waterfield with Professor Randal taking over as president of the school.

The Methodist Church looked to purchase the school and property from Waterfield. Believing the price was too high for the property, the church purchased a different lot further from town and constructed a

separate campus.

On April 10, 1882, McKenzie College changed its name to McTyeire Institute in honor of Holland Nimmons McTyeire, an American Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop McTyeire was responsible for co-founding of Vanderbilt University in 1873.

McTyeire initially granted degrees, but in 1879, the school became a preparatory school. Under the leadership of A. Grier Peoples, the name changed to the McTyeire School in 1899. McTyeire School curriculum followed the custom of the time, focusing on classics, English, math and history, aimed at the Vanderbilt entrance exams.

When Vanderbilt was established, there were few schools in Tennessee designed to prepare students for college. Only three preparatory schools were established before 1873. Montgomery Bell Academy (Nashville) and the McTyeire School (McKenzie) were founded in 1867, followed by the Webb School (Culleoka/Bell Buckle) in 1870. These three schools set the standard for preparatory schools in the State of Tennessee.

By the arrival of James Robins, the McTyeire Institute was going by the McTyeire School and was accredited by the Southern Association of Sec-

ondary Schools. Serving as a four-year preparatory school for colleges. Its students were allowed to enter any of the colleges and universities of the Southern Association. After Professor Harrison's tenure, the McTyeire School housed 75 teenage boarding students (male and female) developing them academically and spiritually.

James Robins held the longest tenure at McTyeire with 32 years of service. In his own words, Robins stated he regarded education, "not as a pouring in process, but rather as a drawing out, training, and developing of the highest impulses that come to boys and girls during a period when their standards and ideals are becoming fixed."

As the Great Depression took hold in 1929, McTyeire School was greatly affected by the economic crisis. Limited funds prevented families from sending their children to preparatory school. The end of the 1931 academic year saw the closure of the once great school. In 1936, Professor J.L. Seets and McKenzie Mayor Glen A. King worked to purchase the 30 acres and five buildings of the abandoned McTyeire School. The once-great school for white students became the great school for African-Americans, Webb School.

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Early Webb School Campus

Webb School AND Professor J.L. Seets

Before 1898, very few records exist on African-American education in the McKenzie area. It is theorized local churches provided the basis of what qualified as an “adequate” education through the segregation laws of Jim Crow and the U.S. Supreme Court decision of Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) “separate but equal.”

Near the turn of the 20th Century with the introduction of the public school system, a rudimentary one-room schoolhouse was constructed on the outskirts of town for “Negro Education.” One teacher was responsible for teaching all the students and the subjects.

The little one-room building evolved into a two-room school about 1900 and provided education from first grade through eighth grade. This addition allowed for an additional teacher. This was the earliest beginnings of formalized African-American education in McKenzie. The building complex was named Booker T. Washington High School. Things would not

change considerably for the next 15 to 20 years.

According to Professor Seets, “During this period, the following teachers were employed: Bob Coleman, Nelson Love, F.L. Buck and wife Lena Buck, Murray Mitchum, Rev. L.B. Tinsley. Salaries ranged from \$15 to \$50 per month and in some

cases only room and board.”

In 1920, Professor James L. Seets became principal of the Booker T. Washington school. It was in this period education leaped forward for African-Americans in the area.

The Carroll County Board of Education built the Carroll County Training School in Smyrna Community near Buena Vista. After four years, the training school closed and moved to McKenzie to be under the supervision of Professor Seets.

With the acquisition of the training school, Professor Seets began working on an expansion of the facility through the philanthropic endeavors of Julius Rosenwald. The matching monetary grants donated by Rosenwald (approximately \$70 million) were used throughout the rural South to improve educational facilities

for African-Americans.

The Rosenwald Foundation donated \$1,000 to the McKenzie school and the matching \$1,000 was quickly raised by authorities and members of the community.

There was still a need for additional funding as Professor Seets’ plan involved an additional building and course expansion. This forced the school to request more money from the Rosenwald Fund. An additional \$8,000 was acquired through the grant and donations.

The name of the school was changed to Webb High School after John L. Webb. Mr. Webb, an African-American, was a very generous benefactor to the school providing more money than any person of any race or group in McKenzie.

Two school buses were obtained at this point as well since Webb School was



Mrs. Eva Seets' first grade class at Webb School in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

the only high school for African-Americans in Carroll County.

Enrollment increased from four to well over one hundred; teachers increased from one to fifteen; the curriculum was enriched by adding new courses based on the needs of the children.

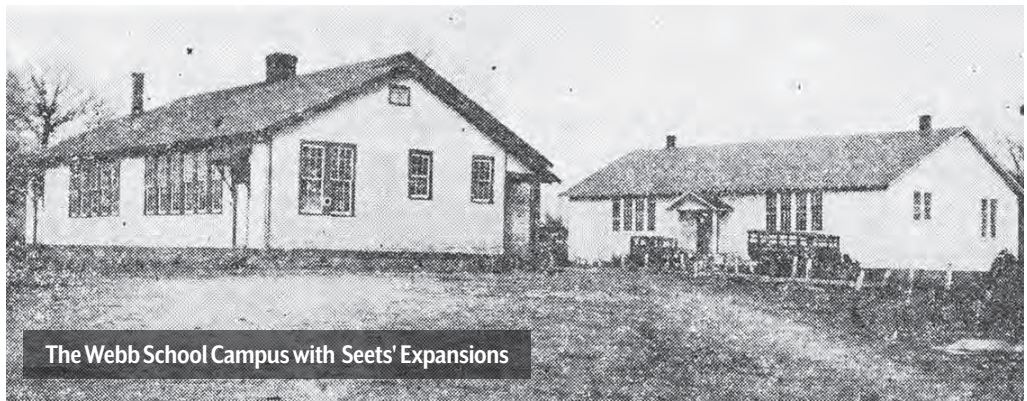
In the summer of 1936, a fire would destroy the school, and a new facility would be constructed.

As school began in 1936, Webb School temporarily moved into the old Masonic Hall which needed repairs. Students and faculty made needed improvements as school was conducted for that academic year.

As the academic year played out, Professor J.L. Seets and McKenzie Mayor Glen A. King worked behind the scenes to procure the abandoned McTyre College grounds for the county school. The former white college included five brick buildings on a thirty-acre spread.

Professor Seets, with the help of Z.D. Atkins used the federally funded National Youth Administration (NYA) program to make the school's needed repairs. For the NYA program to encompass the school, the curriculum had to change. The altered program of study included building trades that provided finished products such as school furniture, mattresses and bookbinding.

As the curriculum took



The Webb School Campus with Seets' Expansions



hold, Webb School had new water and sewer lines connecting to the city lines, doing away with the old dilapidated septic tanks. Soon, needed plastering and interior painting were completed.

In addition, school furniture, such as sewing tables, tablet-arm chairs, teacher's desks, library tables and chairs were provided. The lunchrooms were screened, a recreation field was built, and an auditorium/gymnasium was erected. Running short on bricks for the auditorium, students in their "extra-curricular duties" picked 12,000 pounds of cotton at \$1.25 per hundred pounds to pay for the needed bricks.

Webb School provided a strong academic education for all of its students. Webb had an elementary school with five teachers teaching math, health, spelling and music. From elementary, students graduated to high school where Professor Seets made sure all the children, boys and girls, were provided courses in Social Studies, English, Math, Home Eco-

nomics, Agriculture, Music, Science, Cosmetology, Art, Physical Education, Audio Visual Aids, and classes for the mentally challenged.

With 30 acres of land, the Webb School farm was important to the school. According to Professor Seets, "the vocational agriculture program provided the basis boys needed to learn how to farm more profitably."

The agricultural program benefited the students at the school especially those enrolled in Home Economics. The female students used the produce in learning to prepare meals, and during World War II the class prepared Victory Gardens to help sustain itself during food rationing.

Home Economics was a key part of the Webb School curriculum. Ms. Selita Hyder led the charge in Home Eco teaching girls a variety of skills including cooking, sewing, gardening, caring for children and caring for small livestock.

In 1957, Professor Seets retired as principal of Webb School. He remained active with the school and its students far beyond his retirement. The extraordinary leader and educator served as a voice for the African-American community

until he died in 1972.

Thornton A. Warford took the reins of Webb School with Professor Seets' retirement. Professor Warford led the students and faculty until the school's closure in 1966.

From two graduates in 1929 to over 1,000 graduates in total at the time of its closing, Webb School along with Professor Seets, Mr. Warford and numerous faculty left a lasting impression on the African-American community.

The effect was so lasting that in 1969 the Webb Alumni Association was organized with Obie Roscoe McKenzie serving as its first National President. Numerous chapters hold charters all over the United States.

In 1973, the association created the Webb Development Group to purchase the Webb School property. By April of 1976, Carroll County passed a resolution to sell the property to the Webb School Association.

In the words of Professor J.L. Seets, "It will not be enough that he was labored, nor he, nor she, nor they. What can only matter is that the young will come to know the Webb story and understand that a story such as this, is never to be forgotten."



Left, printing the newspaper in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

Above, The late James and Ramona Washburn, former publishers of The McKenzie Banner, 1981.

The McKenzie Banner

McKENZIE'S OLDEST BUSINESS

Since 1870, The McKenzie Banner has severed as McKenzie's newspaper and oldest continuously operated business. The newspaper was named the McKenzie Times; Camillus Hawkins as editor/publisher.

By 1884 the McKenzie Times changed hands and became the Tri-County News with Tri-County Sun. The publishers were Gilbert & Cannon.

Over the next 16 years, there were several owners and name changes.

In 1900, the Tri-County Sun portion of the company name was dropped and the newspaper was solely the McKenzie Herald.

Dr. J.E. Goldsby, a local physician, purchased the newspaper in 1901.

From 1907 to 1915, the McKenzie

Herald took its modern moniker The McKenzie Banner. David A. Burkhalter and W.A. Rurb held the titles of publishers and editors. In 1924, E.G Ward and B.B. Fowler were co-publishers with Fowler as the editor.

In June 1936, Lucian A. Woodson became the publisher. He was employed at the newspaper for five years before being named publisher, his lifelong dream. He served as publisher only one week before dying suddenly.

From 1936 to 1941, The Banner was published by Curtis C. Moody with a variety of editors. The newspaper was taken over by J.E. Laney in 1941.

From May 1949 to May 1968, J. Frank Barlow owned The McKenzie Banner. Under Barlow, the newspaper operation expanded with the purchase of the Dresden Enterprise and growing the commercial print side.

On April 1, 1968, the paper sold

once again. This sale provided the beginnings of the paper's longest run by one family. James L. Washburn partnered with Karl Barlow, son of J. Frank Barlow. The Washburn-Barlow partnership lasted until July 11, 1980.

In July, Washburn purchased Barlow's shares in the business. Under Washburn's leadership, the newspaper converted from manual to computer typesetting.

In failing health, Washburn named his son, Joel, managing editor of The McKenzie Banner. James died in February 1985, his wife, Ramona, was bequeathed his half of the company.

Mrs. Washburn was the publisher from 1985 until April 2015 when brothers Joel and Jeff partnered to purchase their mother's half of the company. Ramona held the title of Publisher Emeritus until her death on June 28, 2021.

September 2019 saw a shift in ownership as Joel bought his brother's shares of Tri-County Publishing, Inc. becoming sole owner.

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