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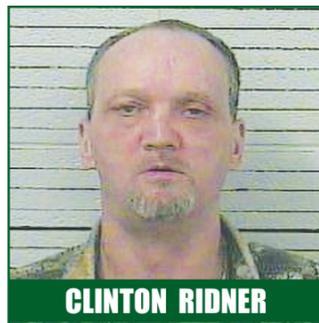
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:	ASAP Meeting	Park Board Meeting	School Board Meeting
Show up, Stand up, Speak up It's Your McCreary County!	Tues. 2/24 11:30 AM Extension Agency	Tues. 2/24 5:30 PM At the Park Sr. Citizen Bld.	Tues. 2/24 5:30 PM Central office

POWER OUTAGE LEADS TO ARRESTS



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Tuesday's power outage at the Big Creek Water Intake led to the arrest of two males suspected of cutting into underground copper power lines supplying electricity to the intake plant. As a result, the McCreary County Water District had to use two gen-

erators to operate the intake system, and RECC worked for two days to restore power to the system.

Surveillance footage from a Big Creek Road residence showed a white Toyota Corolla occupied by two male subjects traveling away from the area at a high rate of speed, at

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Ex Parte Restraining Order against Landfill & TDEC Denied; Hearing must be held

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Before an upcoming hearing, the Chancery Court for Davidson County has denied Petitioners Rock Properties Intl, Inc./Ralph and Michelle Trieschmann's Application for an Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order against Respondents David Salyers, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC), and

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MCCREARY CO. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF AMERICA MOVES AHEAD

HOPED FOR FACILITY WILL REPLACE MCCREARY PARK'S FAIRGROUND & MUD BOG AREA

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The McCreary County Boys & Girls Club of America is making progress as officials continue to meet to discuss preliminary matters, including membership application packets, feeding program applications, and the design of a future stand-alone building for the Club once funding is obtained.

When the Club opens this spring, it will initially accept 40-45 members and occupy the Senior Citizens Center at the McCreary County Park from 2:00-7:00 p.m., Monday

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Photo by Eugenia Jones

Currently, grant funding to construct a stand-alone Boys and Girls Club of America facility/gym seems likely. If the facility is constructed, it will replace the current McCreary County Park's Fairground and Mud Bog area and will include parking. Club organizers are pictured visiting and discussing the future site last week.



Get Your Skates On

Tourism announces upcoming events, including a winter ice skating rink

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Last week, during the McCreary County Tourism Commission's February meeting, McCreary County Tourism Director Michele Perry announced the dates for several upcoming fami-

ly-friendly events, including one exciting new attraction—ice skating at the McCreary County Park on the weekend of December 19.

The Tourism Commission voted unanimously to submit a down payment to reserve the setup of a synthetic ice rink on the basketball court at the

McCreary County Park from Friday, December 19, through Sunday, December 21, 2026 and to seek community and business sponsorships to help cover the cost of the attraction. The skating rink, along with lighted Christmas dis-

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FISCAL COURT MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION

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The McCreary County Fiscal Court met in regular session earlier this month (2-12-26) to address several items, including the following.

-Approved discontinuing/

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CELEBRATING CTE MONTH

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

Big South Fork Air & Space Academy's Tim Smith addresses Chamber



During February's National Career and Technical Education Month, the McCreary County Chamber of Commerce heard guest speaker Tim Smith share information and insight into his vision for the Big South Fork Air & Space Academy, which is housed at the McCreary County Airport.

Smith began the Air and Space Academy with the support of McCreary Countian JC Egnew. Traditionally a four-year program, the Academy is designed to give students primarily in grades 7-12 a leg up in the aerospace field. In year 1, students explore every aspect of aerospace to identify what interests them most. In year 2, students delve into Aeronautics and Space Science before choosing their aerospace pathway in year 3. In the fourth year, students immerse themselves in their chosen pathway. Throughout the 4-year

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BROADCASTING AT MCCREARY CENTRAL



Photos Submitted

KET joined the Journalism program at McCreary Central today, teaching topics on green screen technology, video production and design elements. We're thankful to Teresa King and Diana Bunch for providing this career experience for the students of McCreary Central. See more photos on page A14.

