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"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

— Peter Drucker

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Early Voting Ends October 31

Election Day is Tuesday

TENNESSEE (October 28) — Approximately 5,512 Carroll Countians have cast their votes since early voting started on October 16 in Tennessee. Early voting continues until October 31.

In Carroll County, voting at the

Election Commission Office is 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, during the period of October 16 to October 31. After the early voting period, the election day is November 5 at the respective local precincts.

The Election Commission Office

is in the rear of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon.

All voters must present a federal- or state-issued photo ID, unless an exception applies.

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DOWNTOWN MCKENZIE FILLED WITH SPOOKY FESTIVITIES



The Sanderson Sisters portrayed by Bethel University Dining.

Estimated 4,000 Attend Boo Bash

MCKENZIE (October 24) — The 11th annual Boo Bash in downtown McKenzie was the biggest ever, according to event sponsors, the City of McKenzie and Bethel University. An estimated 4,000 people attended the annual event that was scheduled for two hours but extended well beyond that time because of the larger than expected number of attendees.

The annual event is McKenzie's single best attended event and brings out many costumed children and adults to celebrate.

Children and parents lined around the perimeter of the downtown Veterans Memorial Park on Cedar and Main streets as they awaited their turn to participate in the trunk or treating. This annual

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Justin Wilkes of the McKenzie Public Works Department, cooks hot dogs to sell.

Williams Furniture Company Has New Owner

Premier Furniture and Bedding Operates Stores In Jackson, Union City

MCKENZIE — Williams Furniture Company, 26 Broadway Street, in downtown McKenzie has sold the furniture store in downtown McKenzie to Tony Prince, owner of Premier Furniture and Bedding in Union City and Jackson. He assumes ownership on November 1.

Phil Williams is retiring after 46 years in McKenzie. The family-owned store has conducted a

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A Tribute to Mr. Pruneau

Former McKenzie Band Director, City Councilman Dies

When a person dies, it sends ripples like an earthquake. Some people are at the epicenter while others barely feel a tremor. Unfortunately for our small community, the ripples of Mr. Charles Pruneau's death were felt far and wide as any good teacher's influence has an immeasurable reach in the world, but Mr. Pruneau was so much more than just an educator.

Mr. Charles Ivan Pruneau died peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, October 22, 2024, with his daughter and family by his side.

He was born in St. Louis, MO on February 19, 1939, to Ivan and Leona Pruneau. He graduated from Murray State University in 1961 and married (Donna M.) that summer. He began his teaching career in Missouri and came to McKenzie

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HENRY COUNTY \$60.5M Shopping Center Plan Approved

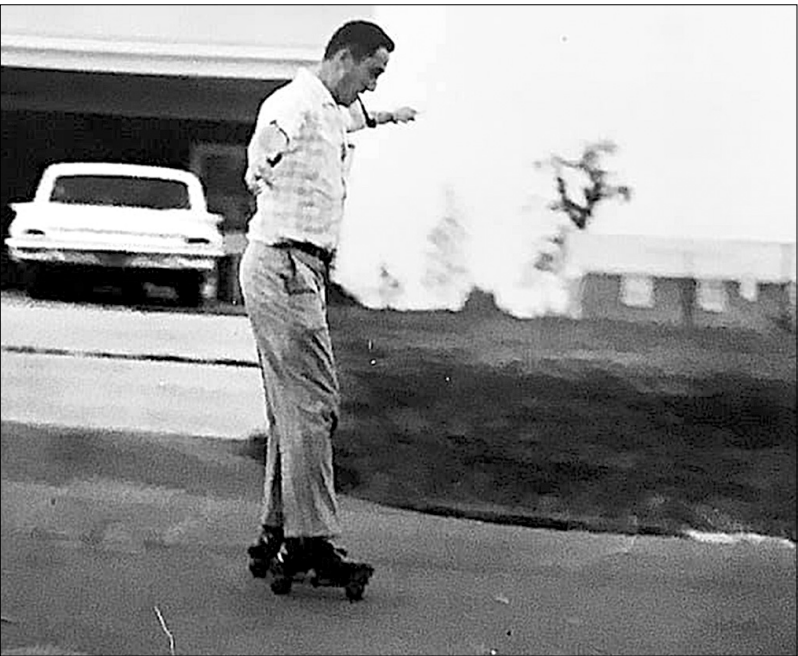
Wheel Tax Voted Down

BY SHANNON MCFARLIN
Courtesy of Radio NWTN

PARIS (October 21) — The Henry County Commission approved an economic development plan for the planned \$60.5M Paris Crossing Shopping Center.

Meeting in lengthy session Monday evening, the Commission approved the plan unanimously after a presentation by Paris-Henry County Industrial Committee Director Rob Goad. Goad had made an identical presentation to the Paris City Commission earlier in the afternoon and the city commission also approved the plan. Goad was accompanied by Developer Brandon Buchanan. The Paris Municipal Regional Planning Commission and the Paris Board of Zoning Appeals earlier approved the site plans.

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Left, Mr. Charles Pruneau skateboarding. Ramona Washburn had this photo in an album, James and Ramona were neighbors with Charles and Donna Pruneau. Right, McKenzie High School Band at the direction of Charles Pruneau (left), 1981.

Mr. Pruneau

...From Front Page

in 1965 as the high school and middle school band director. Mr. Pruneau was also the Minister of Music for First Baptist Church in McKenzie in the ‘60s and ‘70s. He officially retired from teaching in 2000, but 1998 was his last year as a high school band director. He continued to participate and direct church choirs and lead Bible studies, well into his retirement years.

Mr. Pruneau served on the McKenzie City Council from November 2012 until May 2024.

After some coaxing, he decided to move to South Carolina and live with his daughter and son-in-law and enjoy being “Paw Paw” 100% of the time. Mr. Pruneau considered himself a lifelong educator. His innate ability to connect and to educate was the result of his patience and passion for encouraging individual growth in all his students. He loved the generational connections he had with many of his students and their families and always considered McKenzie his earthly home.

Joel Washburn

Mr. Pruneau loved and cared for his student musicians at McKenzie. He was compassionate and interested in the students' learning music and representing their school in a positive way.

Mr. Pruneau was my neighbor, mentor, and friend. Under his leadership, I had the privilege of participating in both junior high and high school bands. He was also the music director at my childhood church. I can remember him encouraging the congregants to smile as they sang.

Most of all, he treated me as his son by taking me hunting and fishing and allowing me to work alongside him in the yard. It was the memories that we shared.

My brother, Jeff, and I loved the high school band. Jeff played a bass trombone, and I played a tenor trombone. Jeff's trombone was previously owned by Charles' sister in Missouri.

As this newspaper's former publisher, I occasionally published a tribute around Father's Day. I would include Mr. Pruneau and my father, James, as two of many men who supported me during my childhood years. And when my daughter, Brittany, entered junior high, she, too, had the privilege of having Mr. Pruneau as her band director.

Charles and Donna Pruneau were some of the best people in my life. I am exceedingly grateful for their memory and will cherish it for the rest of my life.

Bill McCain

Mr. Pruneau will always be fondly remembered by so many. He touched so many lives during his forty plus years of teaching music - band, chorus and general music. (Not to mention his civic leadership on McKenzie City Council).

He certainly had a huge impact on my life. When he and Donna moved to McKenzie they bought the

house next to our house. My parents immediately became friends with them. I remember many visits between our homes. Michelle was born a few years later and I watched her grow up. (I thought I was her big brother. I was 8 years older than her).

I always looked up to Mr. Pruneau. He was also music director at our church.

I couldn't wait to be old enough to join the band. (Probably not too different than a lot of kids in McKenzie). He taught us music and how to have fun playing music.

My senior year (1978) we had approximately 120 students in marching band. That was about 1/3 of the entire student body. THINK ABOUT THAT! That in itself is a testament to how he inspired so many young people. He inspired me to major in music in college and helped me in every way possible.

That was Mr. Pruneau. He always had a smile, some words of wisdom, and an occasional “dad” joke.

He was always a caring person. During these last few years, he always called to check on my Mother. They still talked frequently, and when he couldn't reach her, he called me. That was the caring person he was.

I know he will be missed by many and most importantly, I know he is at home with Jesus Christ where there is no pain - no worries - no stress - JUST JOY!

My deepest sympathy for Michelle and family. Prayers for peace and comfort.

John Gramates

In 1976 my Father passed away. I received awesome support from many men in our little town. Many of us have great stories of Mr. Pruneau “Chuck” (as a few of us called to rile him up), but a few come to mind for me. One was meeting with him my junior year to discuss the upcoming season. I suggested we play and develop a halftime show around Emerson, Lake and Palmer, song Fanfare for the Common Man. Well I brought in an ELP album (yes, an album) and put it on the turntable and began to play it. Well to my surprise he said this would be a great song and said, ‘yes I have always enjoyed Copland.’ I looked at him and said, ‘you mean ELP’ and he looked at me with that smirk and smile and said, ‘Johnny, yes, ELP recorded and arranged this song but it was written by Aaron Copland in 1942.’ I then tried to explain why ELP's version was better and we just laughed. While we never put that particular song into our shows, it just showed to me the compassion he had for music and he always listened to the students. His mark on my life and many others are too many to mention. He is missed greatly. May God Bless and comfort his family and all of us. May his Memory Be Eternal.

Gramates also included a memorial note from the MHS Drumline of 1976-1980 that was provided at the memorial service along with a flower spray.

Psalm 92: 1-3: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the

morning, your faithfulness in the evening, accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, a harp, and the melody of a lyre.

Ephesians 5:19: You and I are to praise God using our voices and our hearts; we are to be “singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” when we worship.

Mr. Pruneau, you have reached the ULTIMATE goal for a band director. You will now be in front of the greatest choir and band of all time. God's angelic band and choir of the saints. May God Bless you, welcome you and keep you in eternal life.

In John 12:24 God tells us, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

Mr. Pruneau (Chuck), the memories of good times and laughter are timeless. You have touched many and because of that our grain is plentiful. May God Bless you, our friend.

Sincerely, the MHS Band Drumline 1976-1980: Johnny Gramates, Randy Westbrook, Kenny Franks, Ken Summers, Bobby Mosely, Timmy Locke, Gayle Amatangelo, Tina Barker, Derek Stewart, Richard Arnold, Mike Butler, Darrel Hillard, and Phillip Robertson.

Laurel Cary

Oh, if there were only words enough to tell all the children's lives he has touched.

I didn't have him for band. Ms. Donna [Charles Pruneau's wife] pretty quickly pointed out as my piano teacher that I just didn't have a musical bone in my body.

In the 5th grade, he taught us all those songs about America. We got to sing during the PE exhibition that they used to do. He taught us Christmas carols we sang for the Christmas program at school. Later down the road he had my development in music decided to show up.

We were band parents all the way.. band chaperones at most games and almost every competition. Two kids in percussion, one clarinet and one flute. The oldest had him for 6 years, the next had him for 5 years, the two youngest only got 3 years and 2 years because we moved to the southern tip of the county. I'm not sure where the nickname Papa Smurf came in to play but it was one my girls took to heart. At some point in those years we gave him a stuffed papa smurf. When we moved he tried to get them to take it but they wanted him to keep it to remember the Cary kids by.

One of the funniest things I remember had nothing to do with band.

I worked in the HS cafeteria and one day he came in and was getting his tray. He asked what was for lunch and I told him. I don't remember what all we had that day but one of the entrees was a chicken sandwich. He was fussing about “chicken, chicken, chicken...” He took his tray and sat down at the table with some of the other teachers.

I was checking on the serving line to see if we needed to put any food out before the next bell... he

got up and walked towards me still talking about the chicken. He put his hand up and coughed. When he did, all the little white feather looking things came out the other side of his hand towards me. He said, “we have got to do something different, we will all turn into chickens at this rate!” We both had a good laugh.

I will miss him... just knowing he is not among us anymore. Even though I never played an instrument in the band, he was one of my favorites because he treated everyone the same... and that smile when he was trying to be tough on someone, he would turn away so they couldn't see it. Mr Pruneau, you will be missed by so very many. Class of '76.

Ashley Brooks said, “Mr. Pruneau made us feel seen and encouraged when learning an instrument, marching in hot wool, knowing our left foot from our right foot was a struggle. He persisted to show us music was as important as any other subject. Beloved teacher!”

Jessica Barker said, “Hands down my absolute favorite teacher!!! There aren't enough kind words I can say about him!!!”

Cindy Trammell Kizer said, “Loved him so much. Will never forget band camp and the dreaded yard stick if your feet did not touch your knees when marching. He was friends with my parents for many years and mom and dad were band parents presidents serving tons of popcorn during the games, and chaperoning the school bus rides. Such patience when we hit the wrong notes. Lord have mercy how did he survive those learning years as we grew to know our instruments! And he could play each one of them! Great man and band director!!!”

James Creasy said, “Had Mr. Pruneau every year I was in McKenzie High for Chorus and one year for a Music Appreciation extension class from UT Martin. Every time I saw him he stopped and spoke. He also had my brother and sister and both of my sons in choir and band. He will be missed and remembered as a gentleman and a friend and as someone who believed in our Lord Jesus Christ!!!”

Magan Parker Lease said, “Rest in Peace Papa Smurf! The absolute best! I always looked forward to band class in Middle School. I had him the last few years he taught before Breeden took over. There will definitely be no other like Mr. Pruneau. Praying for his family!”

April Stricklin said, “Mr. Pruneau was one of my favorite teachers. There are two things that I will always remember. He taught me the reason you never assume anything. And what a vegamite sandwich was. Among many other things. He will truly be missed. Prayers for his family.”

Tyrone Johnson said, “So sad to hear this. My prayers and condolences to Michelle. He was one of my favorite teachers. He was passionate about teaching music, and us as his students. The world lost a great man.”

Monica Tegethoff Terry said, “Prayers for his family!

He made such a positive impact on my life when I needed it, and truly was a great man. He will always be one of my favorites.”

Lana Hopper Wiggleton said, “Sympathy to his daughter Michelle and her family. I also enjoyed working with him for many years. Rest in Peace Charles.”

Gale Chandler Edwards said, “This will sadden the hearts of many! RIP Mr Pruneau, you were loved and admired by so many. Thankful you are healed and fully at peace with your Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Sandra Walker McMathen said, “So sorry. Sympathy to Michelle and family. I don't know if people remember that he also had a really beautiful voice.”

Margaret Cole Nutting said, “Great man and many memories. Prayers to Michelle and family.”

Laura Keeton said, “A wonderful person who will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Michelle and his other family members.”

CL Palmer said, “May his memory be eternal! He was definitely a favorite. Band camp and traveling for football games, parades, and competitions were some of my favorite times in high school.”

Michael Pitts said, “So sad. Such a great man, teacher and friend. He taught us so many things.”

Martha Sue Mebane Peters said, “Praying for the family. I enjoyed working with him. A great music director!!!”

Christy Creyssels said, “Prayers for his daughter. He will be missed by lots of his students as well. Go rest high Mr. Pruneau you were one of my favorite teachers.”

Michael Nienaber said, “So sad to hear this. This man was responsible for some of the best memories of my jr and high school years playing trumpet at his instruction.”

Nancy Riddick Carter said, “Oh, he was such a great teacher and band director. I can imagine him directing a heavenly band now.”

Mike Adams said, “So sorry to hear the news of the passing of Mr. Pruneau. His class was like the break in the day. He was a good and fair man. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family.”

Kim Callahan said, “May he rest in peace. What a wonderful musician and educator!”

Jackie Amatangelo Butler Bass said, “Oh my goodness such a great man and mentor, I am so saddened to hear this! My sincere condolences go out to Michelle and family.”

Sabrina Smithson Young said, “My favorite memories from high school are from band- loved every minute of it. Mr. Pruneau was one-of-kind. A great band director and all of us “band kids” love him!”

Billy Edwards said, “This man really made band fun. Quirky, Brutally honest, and so funny!”

Angie Hones said, “Love Mr. Pruneau, so many memories with him! My all time favorite is getting to march in the Disney parade my senior year (that was also his last year teaching).”

Brittany (Washburn) Martin

Mr. Pruneau left a legacy so ubiquitous that it is hard to know where the student ends and the teacher's influence begins. Truly, his influence is sewn into the very fabric of each of those that were lucky to receive his instruction.

The news of his passing seemed to steal the air from the room. Mr. Pruneau was like a member of the family. He was a surrogate father to my dad, Joel.

He knew how to play almost every instrument and taught me how to play the flute. I was in band for six years, but I only had Mr. Pruneau for two years in middle school.

I knew I wanted to say something about how grateful I am for his influence in my life, but I can't seem to find the words to tell you just how much his influence is part of my very being. Music is such a big part of my heart. Mr. Pruneau played a critical role in nurturing that love of music.

He also taught me the type of person I want to be. His lessons were not confined to music or even to the inside of a classroom.

He really saw people; like peering into your heart and soul, he knew exactly what you were capable of and expected you to live up to your potential.

There were times that I didn't, and he let me know really quick that I was capable of so much more.

So in turn, I learned to demand more from myself; to aim higher than a mediocre effort; to push through obstacles and adversity because the greatest reward lies in knowing you gave 110% and left it all on the field ...or wherever.

That was Mr. Pruneau in a nutshell. He was a life-long teacher. He modeled what it means to live with intention.

Love him or hate him, he was exactly right and everything that we needed.

He was 100% about doing the right thing whether it was marching in step, playing on key, following the law, or being a true public servant.

For as long as I've known him, which is most of my life now, he was consistent, he wasn't fake, he wasn't hateful or vengeful, he was strict with love at the root of all of his effort. He understood the importance of embracing life, but never taking it too seriously.

I am the way I am because of teachers like Mr. Pruneau and I am so truly thankful for knowing him.

I love him for everything that he was to me and my family.

He meant a lot to so many and he will always be missed.

Mr. Pruneau is survived by his daughter Michelle (Rick) Doscher, grandsons Stephen (Jennifer) Pressley, Alex (Bryanna) Pressley, great-granddaughter Camille Pressley, and sister Donna L. Pruneau; ...and the many former students and friends that loved him.

Thank you, Mr. Pruneau.



Above Left, McKenzie Police Officers. Above Right, Carleigh Lunn, Miss Teen Volunteer Northwest Tennessee and Madelynn Pewitt, Miss Iris Teen Volunteer Northwest Tennessee. Below Left, Centennial Bank. Below Right, Bethel senior Mercedes Wright hands out candy to passing children.



Above, FSB Insurance. Below, Michele and Steve Love of McKenzie City Florist.



Boo

...From Front Page

event draws many participants from Bethel's Greek, social, and sports community as the

college adults love to participate in the event. Local businesses also provided candy.

The children flow in line along both sides of Broadway, where each organization hands out candy and greets the children.

The city of McKenzie's Public Works Department and Bethel University sold refreshments. McKenzie Police Department and McKenzie Fire Department were also there to greet the children and provide safety.

The Haunted Train, operated by Jim Fields for the City of McKenzie, transported many passengers for the evening.

Inflatable jumpers were also a real hit for the children. Those were provided by the City of McKenzie.



Huntingdon Council Members (L to R): Charles Hodges, Lori Nolen and Carl Byars were honored for their service during their final council meeting. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Huntingdon Council Honors Departing Members, Approves Wastewater Bid

BY BRAD SAM
brad@mckenziebanner.com

HUNTINGDON (October 22) — Mayor Nina Smothers and the town council honored three departing members at Tuesday's meeting. Carl Byars, Charles Hodges and Lori Nolen are not seeking reelection in next month's election.

Mayor Smothers presented each of the three with a plaque thanking them for their service to the town.

Byars and Hodges each

served on the council for 12 years, while Nolen served for two.

During the meeting, the council also approved a bid for wastewater system improvements.

Barsto Construction, Inc. of Huntingdon had the low bid of \$4,731,093 as well as the recommendation of the project engineer.

The project, funded by ARPA grant funds and town reserve funds, consists of replacing all aerators at both the Highway 22 Bypass lagoon and the Barnett Street lagoon as

well as raising the levee above flood level and constructing a new operations building at Barnett Street.

Smothers announced installation of automated water meters had begun the prior day.

She also reported attendance of approximately 1,000 at September's Heritage Festival.

The swearing-in of new council members will be Thursday, November 7 at 10 a.m.

The meeting adjourned after seven minutes.

Voting

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On election day, November 5, the precincts are open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Precincts include: Lavinia - at the Cedar Grove Fire Department; Trezevant - at Trezevant Senior Citizens Center; McLemoresville - at the Community Room; Cedar Grove -0 at the Cedar Grove Fire Department; Clarksburg - at City Hall; Recycling Center - on Browning Highway; Civic Center - Mustang Drive, Huntingdon; Huntingdon Police Station; Hollow Rock Fire Department; Atwood City Hall; McKenzie Senior Citizens Center; Concord/Westport at the Westport Fire Department; McKenzie Church of Christ; McKenzie City Hall; Bruceton Fire Department.

On the ballot are federal, state, and local general elections.

Presidential candidates

are: Donald J. Trump (R), Kamala D. Harris (D), Jay Bowman (I), Claudia De La Cruz (I), Rachele Fruit (I), Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. (I), Jill Stein (I).

U.S. Senate candidates are: Marsha Blackburn (R), Gloria Johnson (D), Tharon Chandler, Pamela Moses (I), Hastina Robinson (I).

U.S. House of Representatives District 8: David Kustoff (R), Sarah Freeman (D), James Hart (I).

Tennessee State Senate District 24: John D. Stevens (R), no candidate for the Democrats.

Tennessee House of Representatives District 76: Tandy Darby (R), James Hart (I).

Tennessee House of Representatives District 79: Brock Martin (R).

Atwood

Alderman (Vote for 2): Ricky Long and Gerald Mauldin.

Bruceton

Alderman (Vote for 3): Chris Cole, Doug Fischer, Renee Ford-Ward, Robert

T. Scotty Higdon, and Cliff Sturdivant.

Hollow Rock

Alderman (Vote for 3): Andy Baker, Ashley Tyler Cook, Vivian Grooms, Jeremy King, and Ronnie Webb.

Hollow Rock Alderman (Unexpired term): T. Richard Goodwin.

Huntingdon

Mayor (Vote for 1): Chad Edwards, Nina Smothers.

Council (Vote for 4): Will Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Rachel Carter, Adam Crews, Lori Dillahunt, Daniel Eubanks, and Barbara Wilkes Knuutila.

McKenzie

Councilman (Vote for 3): Drew Beeler, Jill Holland, Karen T. Fowler, Tim McBride, and Jessie Townes.

Trezevant

Mayor: Bobby James Blaylock

Alderman (Vote for 2): Robert Argo and Leon Lyell.

As of Friday, October 18, the first two days of voting netted a 1,470 voters in Carroll County.

Williams

...From Front Page

going out of business sale for seven months and sold most of his inventory.

Premier carries many of the same brand names, such as Vaughn Bassett, Catnapper, Ashley, and Temperpedic. Premier has operated since the year 2006.

Williams said he welcomes Premier to McKenzie. The new owners will have to replenish the inventory and be ready for the holiday season, said Williams.

"It's been a wonderful adventure," said Williams, as he praised his many customers, friends, and associates through the years. "It's time to slow down," said the long-term, hands-on, owner, who has taken but a rare vacation.

He came to McKenzie when J.A. Abernathy's furniture and House of Furniture were in their waning days. Tri-County Furniture was still going strong - all in downtown. Today, Williams Furniture is the lone home-owned furniture store with one corporate store in the former Fred's building.

Williams Furniture started in Williams' hometown of McLemoresville and expanded to McKenzie in what is now the Prater's Taters building on Broadway. He soon outgrew that building

and moved to the vacant 'bowling alley' building, where BR Supply is located on Highland Drive. He took the opportunity to move back to downtown in the former House of Furniture and Holladay Furniture buildings on Broadway. At one time, he also expanded to Camden, but decided to concentrate on a single store in McKenzie instead of having various retail locations.

Williams said he has worked since graduating high school at Trezevant. He worked for Gaines Manufacturing during the summer months of high school and started full-time as a furniture salesman for H&C Table Company.

Through the years, Williams in McKenzie sold appliances, VCRs, swimming

pools, hot tubs, and lots of household and office furniture. Now, his product line is limited to brand name household furniture. He has warehouses on Banner Row, Lee Street, and Broadway.

While many bigger furniture sales floors are simply showrooms with no inventory, Williams' edge was having the furniture available for delivery on the day of purchase.

Eleven associates are employed at Williams Furniture.

Besides operating the furniture store, Phil has served in city government for the City of McLemoresville. Serving since 1972, Williams served the first four years as a councilman and the last 48 years as mayor. He is the long-serving mayor in Tennessee.



Tennessee state and federal officials spoke during the Republican rally in Huntingdon.

Republican Bus Tour Stops in Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON (October 28) — Just eight days prior to the November 5 general elections, Republicans stopped on the courthouse of Huntingdon for one of many campaign stops across the state.

Speaking from inside

the Colonial Tea Room, where about 75 persons had gathered to hear the government officials, were Congressman David Kustoff, Tennessee Party Chairman Scott Golden, Congressman John Rhodes of the Sixth District, State Senator John

Stevens, State Representative Dr. Brock Martin, State Representative Tandy Darby, and Tennessee Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton.

The bus continues across the state with various government officials jumping on and off.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please Vote

ELECTION DAY November 5

Jill HOLLAND

FOR

McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL

I appreciate your vote and support.

PAID FOR BY THE CANDIDATE

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

Dear Editor,
McKenzie needs The McKenzie Banner because of its experience of more than a century of honestly and effectively publishing the news and events of interest to its readers.
Our city council needs members with experience and knowledge of city and state government operations also.
Her present job with the State of Tennessee positions her to be a tremendous help in learning about and acquir-

ing helpful and beneficial programs for McKenzie.
Candidate Jill Holland has that experience and knowledge along with a proven record of leadership. We need to elect her to our council where she will make the decisions that benefit all of our citizens.
Jill is a native of McKenzie and demonstrates an immense love for our town.
I am voting for Jill Holland and encourage you to also.
Fred Morris, McKenzie
October 28, 2024

Dear McKenzie Banner:
Thank you so much for the article about the ginning company in McLemoresville. I enjoyed reading about how many steps are involved in the process and how many different ways there are to use cotton. Everything but the stalk is put to use! I learned a lot.
David Johnson
McKenzie

Dear Rev. Fred Morris and David Johnson,
Thank you both for your kind words about the newspaper. It is an honor to serve you. We are equally grateful for your respective roles in the community. Thank you both for your service to McKenzie.
Sincerely, The McKenzie Banner

McKenzie School Board Agenda

November 5, 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office on Bell Avenue.
Prayer and Pledge to the Flag
Adoption of Agenda: Consent Agenda
Regular Agenda (New Business)
Hear correspondence addressed to the Board
Public comment(s) on

actionable agenda items (not to exceed 15 minutes)*
MSSD Board Policy 1.404 New Business
Consider for approval 2024-2025 MSSD TISA Accountability Report
Consider for approval McKenzie SSD budget amendment(s)
Consider for approval purchase of CTE/STEM

truck (ISM)
Discussion of school safety response platforms—Centegix; Navigate 360; Other Similar Platforms
Discussion of proposed projects—McKenzie Middle School gym bleachers; McKenzie Middle School gym floor
Director's Report

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

It's All About What's In The Bag

My dear sweet Christian Mother did not like Halloween. She found it distasteful. Mom would never use the word hate, mind you. But I believe it was borderline there an October or two back in our formative years...
She was almighty down on witches, goblins, ghouls, and anything else that hinted of dark, mysterious spirits that sprang up to celebrate the Halloween season. Mom thought they were of the Devil, and they were sent from the underworld to scare, confuse, and cause mischief and mayhem among the innocent ones.
Leon, the oldest and smartest of us boys, tried to assuage her fears by reminding her, "Those haints, and ghosts, and things are all coming from the Cunningham house over on Elm Street. It is perfectly harmless."
"Besides Mom," Leon could cut right to the chase when he wanted to, "Halloween is not about witches, fiends, wild apparitions, and demons from down under. It's about free Tootsie Rolls."
And he was dead right about that. We lived way out at the end of the road. Money was always in short supply. Mom brought home flour, sugar, pimento loaf, Crisco shortening, and sometimes hoop cheese. The basics. She didn't waste shopping money on Baby Ruths, Three Musketeers, and Butterfingers.
Fast forward to Halloween. We put a sheet over our heads and marched towards town, holding a sack out on every front porch along the way. Mrs. Brooks was the first house. "Happy Halloween Leon, Kesley, and David, (our Casper, the Friendly Ghost, costumes didn't fool anyone) hold those bags up so I can fill them with Tootsie Rolls and Candy Corn."
Listen closely here folks, when grownups are dropping free Snickers bars, Milk

Duds, and Peanut Butter Logs into your hands, the last thing on earth you are thinking, or caring about, is ghouls, goblins, gremlins, and such! Mom didn't need to worry.
We were way more into the "treating" than the "tricking" in this deal.
There was only one downside to the whole evening. When we got back to the house, Leon made us pour all our candy out on the braided rug in the living room. He would then divide the goods "evenly" among the three of us. He would take anything that resembled chocolate and give me and Dave the jawbreakers, red hots, and Sugar Daddys.
When we grew too old to go house to house, we hurried up to the high school auditorium where the Halloween Carnival would be in full swing. I have no idea who put this on. It was probably the PTA. But none of us "youngins" who enjoyed the fruits of it will ever live long enough to properly thank them.
They had a booth where you could go fishing. For a fifteen-cent ticket, you could lift a pole over the paper wall and catch a prize...every time! Another ticket allowed you to pick up a duck waddling through a small waterway with a number on its bottom side. The number corresponded to a prize...again, you couldn't lose.
We would play musical chairs. You could lose here unless you were the last guy standing...well, actually, it was the last guy sitting. I loved the cakewalk, even though it cost a quarter. I never won a cake...but the sheer anticipation of "almost winning" would have our little hearts pounding.
My favorite contest was the apple bobbing. There was an old Halloween legend that said the first woman to "pull up" an apple would be the first one to find a husband. Pam, Nola,

Jane, Ruth Ann, and Brenda were fighting each other to get their heads under that water like life itself depended on it. You talk about a sight to behold! If the rules had allowed them to use their hands, we would have absolutely had some of that Halloween mayhem that Mother was worried about.
You might think our Trick 'r Treatin' walk a bit mundane by today's standards. You could dismiss our Halloween Carnival as a bit small-townish, or outdated, or simple, or even hickish. You would be dead wrong! King Solomon, in all his glory, never had such a good time. The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey combined never put on a show as grand as we had!
I can still see Mrs. Brooks' loving hands, wrinkled and gnarled by years of hard work, dropping those Tootsie Rolls into our sacks. I can smell those cakes at the Carnival like it was yesterday. I still feel that apple bobbin' water splashing on me as I leaned in to see which girl was getting a grip on an apple...
I am so thankful for a town that cared enough to give us the very best!
And see how silly Mom's fears were.
Of course, on the way home from the Carnival, Leon would be hiding in the hedges in front of the house across from the swimming pool. He'd jump out waving a doubled bladed axe at us, wearing that rubber face mask with the bloody hatchet stuck in the skull, and chase us all the way to the house screaming at the top of his lungs!
If you happen to run into Mom coming out of Woodrow Kennon's store with a sack of Martha White flour under one arm and a can of Crisco in the other, please don't mention that bloody mask to her...
Respectfully,
Kes

County Moves Closer to Creating County-Wide Fire Department

General Sessions Requests Increased Compensation for Future

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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HUNTINGDON (October 24) — During a joint meeting of the Carroll County Budget Committee and the Rural Fire Committee, a proposed budget was presented. In the proposal, the 2025-26 FY Budget for the Fire Department would increase to \$800,090 from \$345,837. A large portion of the increase would come through maintenance (\$250,000) and the creation of two requested full-time positions (\$99,257).
Questions were raised on the necessity of creating the positions before assigning duties, the funds necessary to operate versus a wishlist, and what are the immediate needs that need to be addressed. Maintenance and firefighter safety were at the top of the list.
Other concerns brought up included the need for a fire chief that could help grow the department as the number of volunteer firefighters has decreased over the years; what are some ways to offset costs such as combining training with municipalities; what can be done to help with the ISO rating before homeowner insurance will be affected.
The major question of the meeting boiled down to where to find the dedicated funds for a county-wide fire

department. An immediate solution would be to raise taxes. The Rural Fire Committee was asked to provide a list/cost of immediate needs to the Budget Committee for consideration.
Another possible increase to the Carroll County budget could come in the 2030-2031 budget cycle as General Sessions / Juvenile Judge Michael King has asked the budget committee to consider increasing his budget. Due to state statute, his salary can not be increased by the County Commission and is delegated by the General Assembly. If the county were to pass a private act increasing the judge's duties then the compensation could be increased.
Judge King's proposal for increased compensation is linked to his position as the director of Carroll Academy, the number of cases on his docket, bond hearing time-tables, domestic abuse findings and orders, along with other demands that take his time. Currently, his position is classified as part-time as Carroll County is listed as a Class 4 county with roughly 28,000 individuals on the census. Henry County is a Class 3 county as they have a population over 30,000 which makes the county judge's position full-time.
The caseload from 2023-24 has Judge King's Carroll

County court hearing 2,976 criminal cases and 181 juvenile cases. In Henry County, the criminal case count was 2,209 and 208 for juveniles. King stated that the hours that he works as a part-time judge have made it increasingly difficult to operate his private practice.
The pay rate for Carroll County is \$136,506 with the next closest county in size Henderson County which pays their General Sessions Judge \$150,221. In Henry County, the salary is \$189,713.
Judge King said that he would be happy to see a salary increase somewhere in between that of Henderson County and Henry County. When asked, he stated that he would likely close his private practice if the adjustment was made to his salary. The Budget Committee was made aware that Baptist Hospital-Carroll County would like the General Sessions Court to have jurisdiction over mental health.
The proposed increase would be roughly \$39,500; \$29,500 for Carroll Academy and \$10,000 for mental health jurisdiction. There would have to be further discussion and legal opinions on how to allocate the additional salary subsidies if the salary raise was to be put into place.

Henry

...From Front Page

The proposed development would be located on Mineral Wells Ave. at the corner of the Hwy. 218 Bypass and State Highway 77. The development would consist of nine retail outlets and in a Phase II, would involve apartments buildings.
Goad said the plan "would be the largest development Henry County has ever seen. We've been working on this for over a year."
Buchanan said, "We identified Paris as a good fit" for the project due to its location and "our goal is to development a retail center you don't have here already." There are great national retailers on board now, he said, including Hobby Lobby, TJ Maxx, Aldi, plus a PetsMart, Burlington, Ulta, Back Room Shoes and Five Below. The development may also include a Maurice's store, he said.
"This is our fourth project like this," he said, noting they are aiming for the summer of 2026 and have long-term commitments from all the retailers.
Goad said Paris has 125,000 people in our retail service area, noting that the development will also pull customers from other nearby counties, such as Carroll, Stewart and Benton.
The Industrial Board con-

ducted a public hearing on the Economic Impact Plan and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) application from BRG Paris, LLC, regarding the purchase of the 41.6 acres of land and an additional parcel of 14.312 acres.
Commissioner Dell Carter said, "I don't have any questions, but it sure does sound good."
In other business, with six 'no' votes, the Commission rejected the levy of a wheel tax which was proposed to help finance funds needed to handle the county government's aging structures. Voting no were David Flowers, Dell Carter, Kenneth Humphreys, Paul Neal, Monte Starks and Ralph Wiles. Two-thirds of the commission was needed for passage.
The resolution will be revisited at the November meeting.
Flowers said the constituents he talked with were in favor of the wheel tax "but only when they know what it's going to be spent on". Starks agreed, saying the proposed resolution "is too open-ended. We don't even have an idea right now of what is needed."
Carter also agreed. "The wheel tax is good, if it's done right and this isn't doing it right."
The county building and grounds committee has been meeting for several months to devise a plan for reorganization of county offices, with an immediate need for vacating the courthouse annex. Another safe-

ty concern is the clock tower on the courthouse, with a plan to remove and restore it; and Weston Hall is also in dire need of renovation and/or closure.
Most commissioners were in favor of the wheel tax as the best means of financing the structural needs, but said the resolution needed more specificity.
Commissioner Marty Visser, who also heads the building and grounds committee, said, "The wheel tax is the right thing for the county. We have to fund these building projects or we're going to pay in liability insurance payments."
After the vote, Commissioner Jay Travis said, "I'd like to hear from the people voting 'no' as to what their plan is and how they're going to tell the people working in the annex what's going to happen now."
Flowers said, "Let's all work together to create a plan. Let's come back in November and work on that."
The Commission also:
- Set procedures for filling a vacancy on the County Road Board, 1st District.
- Accepted the resignations of all members of the former HCMC Board of Trustees and set procedures for conducting special election for Henry County Hospital Board of Trustees.
- Called for the return of the mail processing operations to Madison County from Memphis and to call on the US Postal Service to improve local mail delivery.

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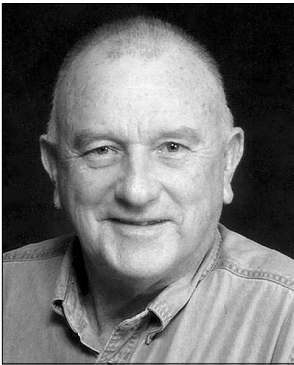
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Obituaries



WILLIAM
EARL DAVIS
1932 – 2024

COTTAGE GROVE — Mr. William Earl Davis, 91, of Cottage Grove, died Friday, October 25, 2024, at his residence. His funeral service was 11 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024, at McEvoy Funeral Home with Mike Wimberley, Debra McGuire and Randy Crossett officiating.

Pallbearers were Roger Nance, Charlie Correll, Jr., Craig Akers, Rusty Nance, James Bates and Bobby Rogers; honorary pallbearers were Jerry Wagner, John Salmon, Bubba Page and all of his Masonic brothers at Lodge #109. Burial followed in Olive Branch Cemetery with a Masonic service before burial.

William Earl Davis was born in November 6, 1932, in Como, Tenn., to the late Charles T. Davis, Sr. and the late Lydie Akers Davis. He married Bonnie R. Lampkins Davis on June 12, 1952, and she preceded him in death on July 21, 2005.

William Earl is survived by long-time companion, Ann Buie of Puryear; daughters, Kathy Davis of Paris and Debra (Charlie) Correll of Cottage Grove; son, Don Davis of Cottage Grove; grandchildren, Keith Ainley, Kimberley (Jason) Snider, and Charlie (Ashley) Correll, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Kyler Ainley, Lydia Snider, Madison Snider, Joshua Snider, Wyatt Correll, and Chevy Correll; also survived by several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Davis is preceded in death by his brothers, Charles T. Davis, Jr., John Franklin Davis, and James Akers Davis.

William Earl was a member of Olive Branch United Methodist Church and the sexton of the Olive Branch

Cemetery. He was a Masonic Lodge #109 member in Cottage Grove 32nd Degree. He retired from Du Pont of New Johnsonville with 30 years of service and farmed most of his life.

Arrangements by McEvoy Funeral Home, Paris, TN, 731-642-1441. +



CHARLES PRUNEAU
1939 – 2024

MCKENZIE — It is with bittersweet sorrow that we said goodbye to a longtime resident and pillar of our community. Mr. Charles Ivan Pruneau died peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, October 22, 2024, with his daughter and family by his side. He is survived by his daughter Michelle (Rick) Doscher, grandsons Stephen (Jennifer) Pressley, Alex (Bryanna) Pressley, great-granddaughter Camille Pressley, and sister Donna L. Pruneau.

Mr. Pruneau was born in St. Louis, Mo., on February 19, 1939, to Ivan and Leona Pruneau. He graduated from Murray State University in 1961 and married (Donna M.) that summer. He began his teaching career in Missouri and came to McKenzie in 1965 as the high school and middle school band director. Mr. Pruneau was also the Minister of Music for First Baptist Church in McKenzie in the '60s and '70s. He officially retired from teaching in 2000, but 1998 was his last year as a high school band director. He continued to participate and direct church choirs and lead Bible studies, well into his retirement years. Mr. Pruneau served on the McKenzie City Council from November 2012 until May 2024. After some coaxing, he decided to move to South Carolina and live with his daughter and son-in-law and enjoy being "Paw Paw" 100% of the time.

Mr. Pruneau considered

himself a lifelong educator. His innate ability to connect and to educate was the result of his patience and passion for encouraging individual growth in all his students. He loved the generational connections he had with many of his students and their families and always considered McKenzie his earthly home.

Funeral services for Mr. Pruneau were Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Saturday, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

RAMONA LOGGAINS
1950 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Ramona Loggains, 74, of Huntingdon, died Monday, October 21, 2024, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

A memorial was held at Chase Funeral Home on Thursday, October 24.

She was born on March 7, 1950, in Chicago, Ill., to Carmella Alamo. She was a waitress. She was preceded in death by her mother.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Curry Eugene Loggains, a brother, Mike Harrigan (Julie), a niece, Charlotte Harrigan, and a nephew, Joey Harrigan.

ELIZABETH PIERCE
1948 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, 76, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, October 20, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1 p.m. at New Reedy Creek Baptist Church. Interment followed in New Reedy Creek Cemetery.

The family received friends at New Reedy Creek on Saturday from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Mrs. Pierce was born August 27, 1948, in Huntingdon, to the late Arthur Townes and June Marie Cozart.

She is survived by her mother June Marie Cozart, and her brother Tim Townes.

BETTY JEAN CARY
1934 – 2024

BRUCETON — Mrs. Betty Jean Cary, 90, of Bruceton, died Monday, October 21, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Fri-

day, October 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in New Prospect Cemetery in Holladay.

Mrs. Cary was born in Parson on July 12, 1934, to the late Alex and Bertha Mae Ledbetter. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, James O. Cary.

She is survived by a sister, Peggy Glover, of Bruceton.

JOYCE ANN
BIGGART
1931 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Joyce Ann Biggart, 93, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services were at New Independence Church on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Biggart was born February 5, 1931, to the late Claude White and Florence Lillian Goodrum. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Biggart and son, James Biggart.

She is survived by her daughters, Janice Langley, McKenzie; Vivian Hayes, Huntingdon; and Lori (Keith) Geans, Huntingdon; seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 731-986-8281.

LARRY JOE
SAWYERS
1949 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Services for Larry Joe Sawyers, 75, of McKenzie, were Saturday, October 19 at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Sandhill Cemetery in Gleason.

Larry is survived by his wife, Judy Sawyers; three daughters, Jo Ann Cramer and husband, Tony, Lory Hones, and Tara Doster; two sons, Marty and Mark Boone. He also leaves behind sister Lois Freeman and husband Jimmy, brothers Leon Sawyers, Earnie Sawyers and wife Mary, and Mike Sawyers and wife Cherri, along with nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Gordon Sawyers and Bertha Floyd, two sisters Martha Arthurs, Debbie Winstead, and brother Jimmy Sawyers.

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By Teresa Washburn

Chicken Noodle
Soup

1 (3 oz.) package chicken flavored Ramen noodles, broken

1 (10 oz.) package frozen green peas, thawed
2 tablespoons butter
1 (4 oz.) jar sliced mushrooms

3 cups cooked cubed chicken or deli turkey
In large saucepan, heat 2 1/4 cups water to boiling and add Ramen noodles, contents of seasoning packet, peas and butter. Heat to boiling, reduce heat to medium and cook about 5 minutes. Stir in mushrooms, chicken and

1/4 teaspoon black pepper. Continue cooking over medium heat until all ingredients heat through. Serves 4.

Potato Bacon
Soup

2 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth seasoned with garlic
2 potatoes peeled, diced
1 onion finely chopped
6 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled

In large saucepan, combine broth, potatoes and onion. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-high and cook about 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender

Season with pepper. Ladle into bowls and sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Serves 6-8.

Fiesta Soup

1 (15 oz.) can Mexican style stewed tomatoes
1 (15 oz.) can whole kernel corn
1 (15 oz.) can pinto beans
1 (14 oz.) can chicken broth

1 (10 oz.) can fiesta nacho cheese soup

In soup pot or kettle, on high heat, combine tomatoes, corn, pinto beans, chicken broth and a little salt and mix well. Stir in nacho soup and heat until it heats thoroughly. Serves 4-6
Option: If added touch of

meat, add 12 oz. can white chicken chunks.

Old Fashioned
Tomato Soup

2 1/2 pounds fresh tomatoes peeled, seeded, chopped or 4 cups canned stewed chopped tomatoes

3-4 cups chicken stock
2 ribs celery, minced
1 carrot, minced
1 onion, minced
2 tablespoons basil

In large soup pot, combine tomatoes, chicken stock, celery, carrot and onion on high heat. After soup begins to boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 15-30 minutes. Add basil, salt and pepper to taste. Serves 4.

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- It must strive to make the significant interesting and relevant.
- It must keep the news comprehensive and proportional.
- Its practitioners must be allowed to exercise their personal conscience.

Much like the physician's hippocratic oath, journalists strive to live by these nine principles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GALA IS NOVEMBER 7

The annual Habitat for Humanity Gala is Thursday, November 7 at the Carroll County Civic Center.

The event is the non-profit organization's way of raising money for its mission to build low-cost housing for the county's worthy families and make a difference in their lives.

Banquet tickets start at \$50. Table sponsorships are \$400 for eight seats.

A \$600 donation gets two tickets and added publicity.

To purchase tickets, phone the Habitat Office at 731-986-5900, Teresa Carter at 731-614-7487 or Rhonda Walsh at 224-602-1307.

The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity has built 22 homes since 1991 in Hollow Rock-Bruce-ton, Atwood, Clarksburg, Huntingdon, McKenzie, and Trezevant.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Northwest TN Economic Development Council is accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program assists low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Proof of gross household income is required to determine eligibility. Applicants must also sub-

mit a government ID, social security number verification for all household members and a current utility company print-out showing the last 12 months of usage at their current location. Individuals interested in applying for the LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest TN Economic Development Council office in their county of residence. Go to our website for county site contact information: nwcommunityaction.org. Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is provided through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).

HUNTINGDON PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TO MEET

Town of Huntingdon Public Works Committee will meet Wednesday, October 30 at 8 a.m. at Huntingdon City Hall Council Room. Mr. Robert Keeton, III has prepared a draft ordinance as requested at the last committee meeting.

SNOW WHITE AT LAKESIDE SENIOR LIVING CENTER

On Thursday, October 31, 6-8 p.m., Lakeside Senior Living Community is hosting a Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Experience.

On Station 1 — Visit the Evil Witch and her Magic Mirror and receive a tasty red apple.

Station 2 — Capture a photo of your trick or treat-er with Snow White herself.

Station 3 — Receive some sweet candy gems mined by the Seven Dwarfs.

Station 4 — A handsome prince will award you with a chocolate candy kiss.

Visit us for the fun at Lakeside, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie.

BETHEL BAPTIST HARVEST DAY

Bethel Baptist Church, 25755 Hwy 22, McKenzie, hosts a Harvest Day celebration Sunday, November 3. Fellowship Bible class is at 9:45 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m., then a church-wide fellowship meal. A Gospel singing by The Long Family is at 1:30 p.m. There will be no evening service this date. Invite someone to come with you.

CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER CLASSIC

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce presents the 2024 Chamber Classic at Bethel University November 1-2 with four women's basketball teams playing four games. On Friday, November 1, Arkansas Baptist vs. Campbellsville at 11 a.m.; Bethel vs. Milligan at 1 p.m. On Saturday, November 2, Campbellsville vs. Milligan at 2 p.m.; Bethel vs. Arkansas Baptist at 4 p.m.

McKENZIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY OCTOBER EVENTS

Join us at the McKenzie Memorial Library for a spell-binding series of events this October! Mark your calendars and bring your friends for an enchanting experience. On Monday, October 28, get into the Halloween spirit by decorating foam skulls. This creative event is perfect for those who love to craft and embrace the spooky season! On Thursday, October 31, celebrate Halloween with

a chilling session of spooky stories. Gather around as we delve into tales that will send shivers down your spine! All events take place at 3:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming all ages for free fun at McKenzie Memorial Library!

GRACE BAPTIST FALL COOKOUT, CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Join us at Grace Baptist Church in McKenzie for fun & fellowship at our Fall Cookout & Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, November 2 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR WEST TENNESSEE HEALTHCARE — HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is Thursday, November 7, 2 p.m. at Henry County Hospital, Tyson Avenue, Paris. West Tennessee Healthcare is leasing and operating the hospital from the county of Henry.

AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGDON TRUNK OR TREAT

American Legion Post 47 of Huntingdon hosts Trunk or Treat on Halloween, Thursday, October 31 from 5-7 p.m. at 1125 Northwood Drive. Prizes will be given for best decorated vehicle and costume. For more information, contact Doug Marshall, Commander at 937-459-0301 or Liz Adams, SAA at 219-256-4801.

AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGDON FISH FRY

American Legion Post 47 of Huntingdon hosts a fish fry Saturday, Novem-

ber 9 at 11 a.m. at the new Veterans Event Center at 1125 Northwood Drive. Celebrate Veterans Day with us and enjoy a fish dinner to go. Plates are \$15. All donations for this event help Carroll County veterans and to grow the new Center.

HAUNTED HOUSE AT WAR ZONE

War Zone Ax N Tag, 12915 US-79, McKenzie, hosts a haunted house every weekend in October. Hours are 7 p.m.-midnight on Friday and Saturday, 5-10 p.m. on Sunday. It will be open on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31 from 7 p.m.-midnight. For more information, call 731-251-3099.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

We always have spay/neuter vouchers for cats at a cost of \$50 and to be used at Paris Vet Clinic. If you need to pay with cash, come by the shelter to purchase. Otherwise, we have a NEW NUMBER to purchase using a credit/debit card. Please leave a message and the volunteer will return your call very soon, 731-514-0878.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location — Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

McKENZIE TOPS TO MEET

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll COUNTY Republican Party meets monthly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in February and July.

GET THE WORD OUT

The newspaper publishes most announcements and events for free. Submit to EVENT@mckenziebanner.com or call 731-352-3323 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thank you for reading and supporting your community newspaper.

September Unemployment Changes Mixed in Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE — Unemployment percentages are mixed in the tri-counties for the September survey period.

According to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, unemployment dropped slightly in Weakley County while Carroll and Henry saw increases.

Carroll County recorded an unemployment percentage of 4.3 percent in September, compared to 4.1 the month earlier and 4.3 percent one year earlier. From a labor force of

11,712, there were 11,210 employed leaving 502 unemployed.

Henry County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent in September compared to 3.5 one month earlier and 3.6 one year earlier.

From a labor force of 13,587, there were 13,063 employed and 524 unemployed.

Weakley County recorded an unemployment rate of 4.0 percent, down from 4.1 one month earlier and 3.8 one year earlier.

From a labor force

of 14,936, there were 14,335 employed and 601 unemployed.

In Tennessee, the unemployment rate decreased in 5 counties, increased in 77 and remained the same in 13.

The highest unemployment rate in Tennessee was recorded in McNairy County with a rate of 5.5 percent, followed by Houston at 5.4 percent.

The lowest unemployment rates were recorded in Sevier County and Moore County at 2.7 percent, followed by Williamson at 2.8 percent.

Tennessee's overall rate is 3.2 percent.

TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

McKenzie, West Carroll Locked in First, Fourth In Region 6-1A; Huntingdon's 6-2A Wide Open

BY BRAD SAM
brad@mckenziebanner.com

With one week to go in the regular season, teams find themselves in one of three positions.

Some have secured a playoff spot and are looking ahead to round one next week. Some have been eliminated from contention and are looking to end the year on a high note. For other teams, the season finale is a battle for their playoff lives and positioning.

Region 6-1A is settled, at least for McKenzie and West Carroll, who meet Friday in Atwood. McKenzie has secured the region championship, while West Carroll is locked into fourth place. A

current deadlock for second and third will be resolved Friday in Erin as Houston County hosts McEwen.

Region 6-2A is an entirely different story. Milan and Huntingdon both sit at 5-1 in region play, with Milan holding the tiebreaker. JCM, Riverside and Peabody are all 4-2.

Huntingdon travels to Peabody, Riverside goes to Milan, and JCM hosts Gibson County, all on Thursday.

Despite the possibility that Halloween night could end with five teams deadlocked at 5-2, tiebreakers would ultimately leave one team on the outside looking in.

Huntingdon and Milan hold their destinies in their

own hands. Either team can secure a home game in round one with a win. Should only one of those two win, that team will be the region champion. Both teams are guaranteed play-off spots.

Should Huntingdon and Milan both lose, things would get interesting. A likely JCM win against last-place Gibson County would mean a five-way tie.

In that scenario, Peabody would be on the wrong side of the tiebreakers with a 5-5 overall record.

Peabody has the narrowest path to a playoff appearance, needing a win over Huntingdon paired with losses by JCM and Riverside.



Highway 22 South-Huntingdon is undergoing an upgrade for turning lanes.

Industrial Access Road Under Construction in Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON — Tennessee Department of Transportation authorized the construction of an industrial access road into Huntingdon Industrial Park-South, along State Route 22 South.

Construction crews are busy building turning lanes off the highway and an access road into the park.

Earlier this year, Huntingdon announced that Intocast would construct a manufacturing facility in the park.

It's product is magnesia-carbon (MgO-C) refractories and materials to support INTOCAST's U.S. market. The company anticipates construction to begin in July.

INTOCAST AG CEO Matthias Normann stated, "We are not just building a new plant, we are forging a new chapter for INTOCAST in American steel making. Our new American mega class factory will not only provide our customers with access to the highest quality refractories and on-site services available but will also bring jobs and economic growth to the region." Founded and globally headquartered in Germany, INTOCAST specializes in manufacturing and marketing refractory products for the iron and steel industries. Today, the company employs 2,000 people worldwide and is growing with its newest operations in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

The Carroll County site will be dedicated to manufacturing magnesia-carbon (MgO-C) refractories and materials to support INTOCAST's U.S. market. The company anticipates construction to begin in July.

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Industrial access turning lanes and improvements to Rochelle Store Road in McKenzie are planned for the McKenzie Industrial Park-South at the airport. When Plastic Product Formers, a division of VP Racing, opened in the former Nestaway building on Rochelle Store Road, TDOT agreed to construct turning lanes at Rochelle Store Road and State Route 22 South.

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► **72%** of adults in Tennessee read public notices in newspapers

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► Newspapers reach **84%** of voters in Tennessee

► Local newspapers are relied on more than any other media for information on local government

► **89%** if Tennesseans who are shopping or intending to buy a new vehicle in Tennessee read newspapers

► **96%** of Tennesseans who are considering increasing their education with an educational institution read newspapers

► Almost **1/2** of Tennesseans traveled on vacation in the past 12 months, Here is where they went:

- 37% to visit family
- 17% went to the beach
- 15% visited state or national parks
- 15% went to SHOP
- 13% went to visit a historical attraction
- 12% went because of a sporting event

► **85%** of these vacationers read newspapers

Source: Coda Ventures Market Study 2020

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (October 23) — The follow cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on October 23.

Bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court were:

Brandon Todd Huss, Morningside Drive, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Contraband in a Penal Facility.

Mack Caige Napier, Old Pinsson Road, Jackson, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Delivery, Sell or Possession with Intent; Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; Tampering With Evidence; Violation of Protective Order.

Mark A. Thomas, Alabama Street, McKenzie, bound over on a charge of Meth-Possess or casual exchange; Driving While Revoked - second or subsequent offense; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Violation of Window Tint.

The following defendants were found guilty or pled guilty.

Tyler Matthew Wilson, Hebron Church Road, Bruce-ton, bound over on a charge

of Driving While Revoked; bound over, a charge of Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon; dismissed, Criminal Impersonation.

Monica Paige Crews, Patton Street, Milan, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, sentence suspended to 13 days, supervised probation, DUI school, not to drive for one year; dismissed, Driver License-failed to change address within 10 days; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Drivers Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Betsy Lynn Davis, Liberty Park Drive, Cape Coral, Florida, guilty, DUI-First Offense, 48 hours jail, not to drive for one year, supervised probation; dismissed, Implied Consent.

Michael Davis, Green Acres Drive, Jackson, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, \$150 fine, six months suspended sentence, must obtain a license; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Display/Possess Cancel/Revoke, Altered.

Michael Hollowell, Tate School Road, Huntingdon,

guilty, Use of Off-Road Vehicle on Roadway; guilty, Probation Violation.

William Landen Matthews, Smith Road, Luray, Tenn., guilty of Probation Violation, 30 days jail, probation extended.

Justin Robertson, Cotham Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, Public Intoxication, probation, \$50 fine.

Michael Slusher, Cox Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$350 fine, time served, supervised probation.

Sheridie Renae Smith, Carroll Street-North, Brucetown, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; \$150 fine, 11/29 jail, can be exchanged for day-for-day patient rehab, guilty, Probation Violation.

Mark Thomas, Alabama Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail, can receive day-for-day credit upon successful rehab completion.

Eric N. Wright, Main Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, probation, must

complete a mental evaluation; dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Vasquez Yarbrough, Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Criminal Simulation-Attempt; guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; \$250 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to time served, no contact with fueling station, \$10 restitution; probation; dismissed, Simple Possession.

The following defendant's cases were dismissed.

Howard Glynn Corder, dismissed, Sexual Offender Registry Violation.

Jerry Thomas Corder, Field School Road, McKenzie, dismissed, Allowing Dogs to Run At Large.

Monica Davenport, Barksdale Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, Probation Violation.

John Othello Hightower, Cole Street, McKenzie, dismissed Failure to Appear.

Jimmy Melton, Jr., Atlas Street, Murfreesboro, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Luke Andrew Perez, Pate Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed statements of qualifications from firms interested in providing administrative services for a Community Block Grant Project.

Proposals, statements, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, November 8, 2024, at which time each will be opened and considered.

Copies of RFQ documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Mayors Office at the above address, or by email at jbutler@carroll.tn.org.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Carroll County strives to protect individuals' civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

The Owner (Carroll County) further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful company/firm, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
Publication Date: 10/25/2024

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Sheriff Reports

Drug/Narcotic Violation — On October 21, Deputy Bongiovanni conducted a traffic stop on a maroon Chevy Silverado. The driver, Charles Joseph Rowden, 58,

of Huntingdon, appeared nervous. After being asked if he had anything illegal in the vehicle, he stated no but he didn't want anyone to search it. The deputy

dispatched K9 and did an open-air sniff and he gave a positive indication for an odor of narcotics. The search of the vehicle resulted in finding 1.8 grams of meth and a smoking glass. Charles was then arrested and transferred to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — A citizen of Hol-low Rock reported theft of his property on October 19. A black two-man deer stand, black reveal trail cam, and a black browning trail cam. The items are valued at \$469. This is still an open investigation.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for Emergency Backpacks for Schools in Carroll County. As a grant-funded project, the Owner (Carroll County), requests that bids be designed to maximize the amount of emergency backpacks from the bidder that can be purchased for \$50,000.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, November 8, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

Copies of bid documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Mayors Office at the above address, or by email at jbutler@carroll.tn.org.

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Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
Publication Date: 10/25/2024

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for the purchase of Fire Department equipment/vehicles that have been declared surplus by the Carroll County Purchasing Committee and the Carroll County Legislative Body.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, April 2, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

Copies of bid documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Mayors Office at the above address, or by email at jbutler@carroll.tn.org.

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Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
Publication Date: 3/18/2024

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE187

ESTATE OF: RALPH BRENT DOLAN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of RALPH BRENT DOLAN deceased, who died AUGUST 27TH, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law 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 a 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. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 17TH day of OCTOBER, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

ASHLEY FOSTER, Executor/Administrator
ANGELA SNIDER, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE188

ESTATE OF: MARK KENDRICK MITCHUM, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 17TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of MARK KENDRICK MITCHUM deceased, who died JUNE 13TH, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law 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:

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KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

BROOKS MCKENDRICK MITCHUM, Executor/Administrator
BEAU E. PEMBERTON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated March 14, 2014, of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 633, page 325, RENNA M. MCKNIGHT, did convey in trust, to CURTIS MAYO, TRUSTEE, a tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to BANK OF GLEASON; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, when due, or in the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions and/or covenants of said Deed of Trust, the whole amount of the unpaid principal sum, together with all interest due and accrued upon the same, together with all other payments agreed to be made, shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable immediately without demand or notice thereof; and,

WHEREAS, W. Kent Jones was appointed Substitute Trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and there have been other violations of the conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the owner and holder of said debt has instructed the undersigned Substitute Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Substitute Trustee, I will on the 15th day of November, 2024, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at the hour of 10:05 a.m. to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower and courtesy rights, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, and all unpaid taxes, to effect satisfaction of principal, interest and costs due on said promissory note(s) and Deed of Trust aforementioned, as well as to pay all attorney's fees and costs necessarily incident to this foreclosure, the following tract of land, situated in the 2nd Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

Tax Map 054, Parcel 012.00, Assessor of Property's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Beginning at a set iron pin on the west margin of Wingo Circle and 305 feet southward along margin from Charlie Scates' (DB 109, pg. 313) south line, thence 5-2 degrees 30'-W 135 feet along west margin of Wingo Circle to a set iron pin, thence N-87 degrees 59'-W 150 feet through Newbill to a set iron pin, thence N-0 degree 22' 40" -E 135.01 through Newbill to a set iron pin, thence 5-88 degrees 00'-E 155 feet through Newbill to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.47 acres more or less.
The above description is the same as the previous deed of record.

For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 365, Page 415, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 10 Oak Lane, McKenzie, TN 38201, 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 herein shall control.

The debtors' equity of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of the debtors are waived in said deed of trust, and the title is believed to be good, but said real estate will be sold and conveyed by me as Substitute Trustee and not otherwise.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: NONE. If applicable, the notice requirements of TCA 35-5-117 have been met.

Said sale will be made by Substitute Trustee only, without covenants of seizin or warranties of title, and title will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid restrictions, liens, covenants or easements, if any, of record on said property.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth herein, or with publication setting out the new date, time and place for the sale.

This law firm is acting as a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Huntingdon, Tennessee, this the 17th day of October, 2024.

W. Kent Jones, Substitute Trustee

THE JONES LAW FIRM
19478 WEST MAIN STREET
HUNTINGDON, TN 38344-0707

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Source: Coda Ventures Market Study 2020

ACCEPTING BIDS

West Carroll Special School District is accepting bids on an Early Childhood Development Pathways Package including 5 RealCare Infant Simulators, accessories, and storage. Package would also include Realcare experience workbooks, brain and cerebral arteries model, childcare employability scenario cards, child care center design kit, and common childhood disease infant models, and curriculum. Bids will be accepted through November 6 at 12 p.m. Please reach out to Kristin Lindsey at jennifer.lindsey@wcssd.org for additional information.

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State of Tennessee Carroll County Probate Division	NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA §30-2-306	Case Number 2024PE185
Estate of BARBARA ANN VOLZ BROOKS , Deceased		

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of October, 2024, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Barbara Ann Volz Brooks, who died September 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, 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 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
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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.

Date: 10-8-24
Ross Lee Cole, Executor

Date: _____
John W. Whitworth, Attorney

Date: 10/14/24
Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

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NOTICE

GENERAL ELECTION AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS November 5, 2024

TO THE VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
You are hereby notified that the General Election and Municipal Elections will be held in all voting precincts in Carroll County, Tennessee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
THE POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT: LAVINIA Cedar Grove Fire Department 4215 Hwy 70 Cedar Grove, TN 38321	PRECINCT: HOLLOW ROCK Hollow Rock City Fire Department 21280 Seminary Road Hollow Rock, TN 38342
PRECINCT: TREZEVANT Trezevant Senior Citizens Center 135 Front Street Trezevant, TN 38258	PRECINCT: ATWOOD Atwood City Hall 45 First Street Atwood, TN 38220
PRECINCT: McLEMORESVILLE McLemoresville Community Center 5637 Main Street McLemoresville, TN 38235	PRECINCT: SENIOR CITIZENS McKenzie Senior Citizens Center 172 South Main Street McKenzie, TN 38201
PRECINCT: CEDAR GROVE Cedar Grove Fire Department 4215 Hwy 70 Cedar Grove, TN 38321	PRECINCTS: CONCORD/WESTPORT Westport Fire Department 7301 Westport Road Westport, TN 38387
PRECINCT: CLARKSBURG Clarksburg City Hall 65 Clarksburg Road Clarksburg, TN 38324	PRECINCT: CHURCH OF CHRIST Church of Christ 16300 Highland Drive McKenzie, TN 38201
PRECINCT: RECYCLING CENTER Carroll County Recycling Center 21650 Hwy 77 Huntingdon, TN 38344	PRECINCT: McKENZIE CITY HALL McKenzie City Hall 2470 Cedar Street McKenzie, TN 38201
PRECINCT: CIVIC CENTER Carroll County Civic Center 201 Mustang Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344	PRECINCT: BRUCETON Bruceton Fire Station 30794 Broad St Bruceton, TN 38317
PRECINCT: HUNTINGDON POLICE STATION Huntingdon Police Station 12740 Lexington Street Huntingdon, TN 38344	

EARLY VOTING continues through October 31, 2024, M-F 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. EARLY VOTING IS ONLY in the Carroll County Election Office, 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

The ABSENTEE COUNTING BOARD will commence duties on Election Day, 2 p.m. in the Carroll County Election Commission Office, 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Visit the Tennessee Division of Elections Website at <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/> to check on your voter registration status and the location of your polling place.

ATTENTION VOTERS:

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FEDERAL OR TENNESSEE STATE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID WHEN APPEARING TO VOTE.

ATTENTION

Display of campaign posters, signs, clothing or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials and solicitation of votes is strictly prohibited within 100 feet of any polling place. (TCA 2-7-111) During the hours the polls are open, candidates are not to enter a polling place unless they are there to cast their vote. (TCA 2-7-103)

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Ronald R. Reiter, Chairman • Mike Corrado, Secretary
Judy Alexander, Commissioner • Michael K. Tate, Commissioner
Linda Wallace, Commissioner • Peg Hamlett, Administrator

Property Transfers

Robert E. Scott to Charles Michael and Doris Ann Smith in District 13.
Jonathan B. and Heather A. Kee to Adam and Sandra D. Steinmetz in District 23.
Keshia Lee and Timothy Lee Patrick Sr. Hill to Dakota Lee Hill in District 11.
Phillip R. and Carolyn H. Williams to Ethan and Brianna Brewer in District 5.
Robert Wuckowitsch to Trever T. and Taylor Peterson Gooch in District 14.
William Anthony Rhodes to Kristie Lanette Rhodes in District 6.
Paul Douglas Lowery to David Lowery in District 2.
Jonathan D. and Tonya B. Grissom Tatroe to Brian C. and Cheryl Moller. No district listed.
Aubrey Ray Chamberlain to Gerardo Sanchez in District 22.
Carolyn J. Hartney to Brian Keith and Tiffany Gross in District 16.
Gregory L. and Marilyn Joy Cruse to Brian Greg and Karen

Jenan Cruse in District 10.
Regions Bank to Sean Lucas and Sara Elizabeth Cox Jacobs. No district listed.
Tasha Ellen Jones Ainsworth to Lindsey Annette Jones Everly Pollard in District 20.
Gene and Darce Kehrer to Adrian Gale and Charles David Gremmels in District 11.
Robert R. Bradley to Martha A. Dillingham in District 16.
James P. Cook to Wanda Carol Rainey.
Gerald D. Joyce to Kevin Hunt.
James T. and Laura A. Buss to Jacob and Brooke L. Mabry in District 17.
Damien Dearthmitt to Austin James Winkleman.
Billy Prater to Daniel K. Connell in District 6.
Peggy L. Malugen to Kelly Family Properties, LLC in District 16.
Michelle Renee Doscher to James Thomas and Makayla Dawn Ham in District 4.
Kenneth A. and Alma A. Bissen to Scott and Tonya Bissen.

McKenzie Police Reports

Unlawful Possession of a Weapon — Tayla I. Brown, 33, Rhodes Avenue, Memphis and Jonathan Aundrey York, 48, Boeingshire Drive, Memphis were both arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Simple Possession after a traffic stop in McKenzie on October 25.
Officer Dustin McClure stopped the vehicle due to inoperable lights on the registration tag. As you approached the stopped vehicle, he indicated he could smell marijuana. York admitted that he and Brown were both smoking marijuana. Brown also announced there was a handgun in the glovebox and marijuana and Gabapentin were located in the vehicle. Both subjects were arrested and the juvenile in the back seat was referred to the Department of Child Services and the vehicle was towed by D&D Wrecker Service.
DUI, Texting While Operating A Vehicle — Bradley Gibson, 45, Paris Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving Un-

der the Influence, Prohibited Use of an Electronic Device While Driving, and Violation of Implied Consent during a traffic stop on October 24.
Officer Dustin McClure made the traffic stop after observing Gibson operating a vehicle while using his cell phone. Gibson did poorly on a field sobriety test and he refused the blood-alcohol test. The vehicle was released from the scene to another individual. Gibson was transported to Carroll County Jail.
Online Scam — Two McKenzians were the subject of a scam that involved both subjects.
Officer Bryan Batchelder investigated the report of a female who said she was reportedly on the phone with customer service for Facebook Marketplace when her phone was hacked, rendering it dead. The incident also involved some money being moved into another McKenzian's Venmo account. The matter is under investigation.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Aggravated Assault — Benjamin V. Winkler, 42, of Huntingdon, was arrested on October 16, according to a report made by Officer Angie Barker. Barker received a call to respond to Huntingdon Liquor in regard to a white male subject that got into an altercation with a customer in the store, and he stated, "I will kill you; I will kill you all." The clerk asked him to leave the store, and he did. The clerk went outside and saw Winkler pull back into the parking lot, so the clerk and customers ran back inside and locked the door and called 911. The clerk could see him through the window, and she stated that he did have a weapon, and they were scared for their lives. A warrant was issued for Winkler, and he was picked up by the Carroll County Sheriff's Department.
Disorderly Conduct; Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia — Eric N. Wright, 43, was arrested on October 6, according to a report made by Officer Daniel Thomas. Officers were dispatched to the Huntingdon Motel from a caller who said that her neighbor refused to return her jumper box to her. After knocking on the door of Wright's apartment it was ajar and opened. Wright exited the bathroom and said he didn't hear the knock. After telling Wright why officers were there, he became agitated and aggressive. Wright rushed the officer, and the officer grabbed his arm and chest and told him to calm down; and that is when they hit the dresser that exposed a set of scales, marijuana, and white residue. Wright finally went to his vehicle and retrieved the jumper box and continued to argue with his neighbors and shout. There were also two syringes, a pill grinder, and a rolling tray with rolling papers.
Public Intoxication — Brandon T. Huss, 30, of Huntingdon, was arrested for public intoxication on October 16.

Marriage Licenses

Franklin Louis Hampton, 61, of Huntingdon, to Pamela Rae Umstead, 49, of Huntingdon.
Bryson Lee Lawson, 19, of Hollow Rock, to Haunalaya Leilauni Ledsinger, 17, of Hollow Rock.
Timothy Glen Gant, 61, of Huntingdon, to Mavis Valeria Hand Lambert, 83, of Huntingdon.
Michael John Etling, 36, of Bruceton, to Annah Lee Pishko, 23, of Bruceton.
Lainee Lynn Hawkins, 21, of Cedar Grove, to Colton Richard James Ulrich, 20, of Cedar Grove.
Darwin Carlos Martinez, 29, of Huntingdon, to Abby Rae Reed, 30, of Huntingdon.

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION GENERAL AND MUNICIPALS

The Carroll County Election Commission announces VOTING for the General and Municipal Elections on Election Day, November 5, 2024. Registered voters, in Carroll County, may cast a ballot on Election Day at their polling location. EARLY VOTING in the Election Office continues until October 31, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

State law requires voters to have Federal or State government issued photo ID to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. The voters must have photo identification when they come to vote during Early Voting or at a precinct on Election Day.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR CARROLL COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON November 5, 2024

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice. Carroll County Election Commission Ronald R. Reiter, Chairman Michael Corrado, Secretary Judy Alexander, Member Michael K. Tate, Member Linda Wallace, Member Peggy J. Hamlett, Administrator of Elections	UNITED STATES SENATE Vote for One (1) ☐ Marsha Blackburn Republican Party Nominee ☐ Gloria Johnson Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Tharon Chandler Independent Candidate ☐ Pamela Jeanine "P." Moses Independent Candidate ☐ Hastina Robinson Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in	MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Bruceton ALDERMAN Town of Bruceton Vote for Three (3) ☐ Chris Cole ☐ Doug Fischer ☐ Renée Ford-Ward ☐ Robert T. Scotty Higdon ☐ Cliff Sturdivant ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	COUNCIL MEMBER Town of Huntingdon Vote for Four (4) ☐ Will Atkins ☐ Chad Barnhart ☐ Rachel Carter ☐ Adam Crews ☐ Lori J. Dillahunty ☐ Daniel Eubanks ☐ Barbara Wilkes Knuutla ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	
	STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES Vote for One (1) ☐ Electors for DONALD J. TRUMP For President and JD VANCE For Vice President Republican Party Nominee ☐ Electors for KAMALA D. HARRIS For President and TIM WALZ For Vice President Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Electors for JAY J BOWMAN For President and DE D BOWMAN For Vice President Independent Candidate ☐ Electors for CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ For President and KARINA GARCIA For Vice President Independent Candidate ☐ Electors for RACHELE FRUIT For President and DENNIS RICHTER For Vice President Independent Candidate ☐ Electors for ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. For President and NICOLE SHANAHAN For Vice President Independent Candidate ☐ Electors for JILL STEIN For President and SAMSON LEBEAU KPADENOU For Vice President Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in	UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 8 Vote for One (1) ☐ David Kustoff Republican Party Nominee ☐ Sarah Freeman Democratic Party Nominee ☐ James Hart Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in	MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Hollow Rock ALDERMAN Town of Hollow Rock Vote for Three (3) ☐ Andy Baker ☐ Ashley Tyler Cook ☐ Vivian Grooms ☐ Jeremy King ☐ Ronnie Webb ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of McKenzie COUNCILMAN At-Large City of McKenzie Vote for Three (3) ☐ Drew B. Beeler ☐ Karen T. Fowler ☐ Jill Holland ☐ Tim McBride ☐ Jessie L. Townes ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in
	TENNESSEE SENATE District 24 Vote for One (1) ☐ John D. Stevens Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 76 Vote for One (1) ☐ Tandy Darby Republican Party Nominee ☐ James Hart Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in	ALDERMAN Town of Hollow Rock (Unexpired Term) Vote for One (1) ☐ T. Richard ☐ Write-in	MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Trezevant MAYOR Town of Trezevant Vote for One (1) ☐ Bobby James Blaylock ☐ Write-in
	TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 79 Vote for One (1) ☐ Brock Martin Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Atwood ALDERMAN Town of Atwood Vote for Two (2) ☐ Ricky Long ☐ Gerald Mauldin ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Huntingdon MAYOR Town of Huntingdon Vote for One (1) ☐ Chad Edwards ☐ Nina Smothers ☐ Write-in	ALDERMAN Town of Trezevant Vote for Two (2) ☐ Robert Argo ☐ Leon Lyell ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in

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Top Left, Groups/Families Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Harmony and Tyson Jones; Second Place — Avery Barksdale, Tynleigh Kornagay and Riley Barksdale; Third Place — Ellie and Max Cross. Top Center, Ages 0-2 Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Reelynn Owen; Second Place — Ruby Kate Kee; Third Place — Ridley Robertson. Top Right, Ages 3-4 Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Demi Russell; Second Place — Elizabeth Taylor. Above Left, Kindergarten Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Lillian Kirk; Second Place — Josiah Branch; Third Place — Kacelynn Bramlett. Above Center, First Grade Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Kaci McCaig; Second Place — Brinley Dodd; Third Place — Bennett Webb. Above Right, Second Grade Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Sloan Hayes; Second Place — Rowan Conger; Third Place — Ruby Allen. Below Left, Third Grade Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Olivia Kearschner; Second Place — Gatlin Weaver; Third Place (tie) — Easton Webb and Julianne Stafford. Below Center, Fourth Grade Costume Winners (L to R): First Place — Landon Andrews; Second Place — Bodie Ann Cunningham; Third Place — Avery Grace Anderson. Below Right, The MES Fall Festival Queen and King are Vera Tippitt (left) and Connor Russell. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Elementary Fall School Festival Raises \$25,281

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 26) - McKenzie Elementary School hosted its annual Fall Festival Saturday, raising \$25,281 for the school. Kids enjoyed games, activities, candy, snacks and

a costume contest. During the event, the Fall Festival King and Queen were announced from among nominees from each class. The king, having raised \$1,050 was Connor Russell. The queen, with a total of \$2,393, was Vera Tippitt.

Nominees raised a total of \$15,980. The costume contest included eight categories. Ages 0-2: First Place - Reelynn Owen; Second Place - Ruby Kate Kee; Third Place - Ridley Robertson. Ages 3-4: First Place - Demi Russell; Second Place

- Elizabeth Taylor. Kindergarten: First Place - Lillian Kirk; Second Place - Josiah Branch; Third Place - Kacelynn Bramlett. First Grade: First Place - Kaci McCaig; Second Place - Brinley Dodd; Third Place - Bennett Webb. Second Grade: First Place

- Sloan Hayes; Second Place - Rowan Conger; Third Place - Ruby Allen. Third Grade: First Place - Olivia Kearschner; Second Place - Gatlin Weaver; Third Place (tie) - Easton Webb and Julianne Stafford. Fourth Grade: First Place - Landon Andrews; Second

Place - Bodie Ann Cunningham; Third Place - Avery Grace Anderson. Groups/Families: First Place - Harmony and Tyson Jones; Second Place - Tynleigh Kornagay and Avery and Riley Barksdale; Third Place - Ellie and Max Cross.

Rotary Club of McKenzie Presents Annual Charity Auction

FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

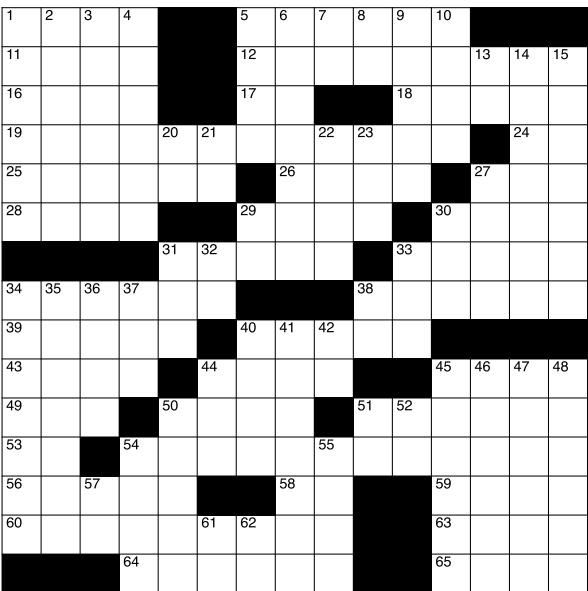
Monday, November 4, 2024 • 5-7 p.m.
At Overflow Church in McKenzie (Open to Public)

The proceeds from the auction allow the club to carry out many community service projects. Some projects include yearly donations of warm jacket for foster children of Carroll County, Hosting the High School and Middle School Honor Banquet, providing scholarships, supporting girls and boys state representatives, providing donations to various clubs, sports teams at McKenzie Schools and Bethel University. Providing donations to the McKenzie Library and United Neighbors. Providing meals to local students in need and supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Call Sandi Roditis for more information at 731-415-2927.

Allegion (Republic) Doors & Frames Arnold's CPA Auto Zone Bank of Gleason/McKenzie Banking Co. Bennett Hardware Bethel University BR Supply Carroll Bank & Trust Carroll County Lumber Casey Drewry Realty Centennial Bank Chris Chadwick - Pit Master Chris Chadwick - Pit Master City of McKenzie City of McKenzie Dairy Queen Dynamix Edward Jones Investment El Vallarta EW James & Sons Haven Steel Hometown Health Clinic Kevin Flippen Maddox Insurance Mallard's Maria's Mexican Restaurant McKenzie Banking Co./Gleason Bank McKenzie Car Wash McKenzie Feed & Grain (Power Supply) Melton's One Chiropractic O'Reilly Auto Parts Peppers Automotive Phipps Pharmacy Raymond James (Matt Merrick) CB&T	Stihl garden pruner Regular mani/pedi Duralast Battery Charger Bose Ultra Open earbuds Item 2 - \$2,000 scholarships Bluetooth Speaker Kid's Electric Dirt Bike DeWalt 1/4 sheet palm grip sander Item Samsung Soundbar Thanksgiving BBQ Ham Christmas BBQ Ham Splash Pad Rental Park Theatre Tickets & Concessions \$25 gift card Shokz open run Stihl leaf blower Gift Certificate for \$30 \$100 gift card Samsung 65" Smart TV Fall gift basket & beverage dispenser Little Debbie's Basket Item Gift certificate for \$25 Bose Ultra Open earbuds 5 car washes \$150 gift certificate Gift certificate for one car wash Item Socket Set (2) one free oil change certificate Mug gift set Sally Lane Basket of goodies	Regions Bank Rejuvenate Russell's Well Drilling Shomaker Smith & Smith Sunrise Café Teresa Washburn Tosh Farms V-Mack Photography VP Racing & Fuel Waddell Clinic Young Life Cheddars (Jackson) Cornerstone Pizza (Huntingdon) Hampton Inn (Milan) Humboldt Golf & Country Club Jackson Country Club Clifty Farms (Paris) Mallard's (Huntingdon) Mallard's (Huntingdon) Milan Country Club Union University (Jackson) Olive Garden (Jackson) Patti's Restaurant (Grand Rivers) Land Between the Lakes Lowe's (Paris) Pepsi Jackson Symphony Orchestra Furniture World, Jackson West Tennessee Public Utility	Community quilt, pulling together small businesses in McKenzie. Quilt is larger than a standard king size quilt. One hour massage or mini facial Theragun Mini (3) gift certificates for 1 bucket of mulch Ray Ban Sunglasses Gift certificate \$25 Coconut cake gift certificate Beats Fit Pro earbuds Free Photography Session VP racing gear Gift Certificate Volunteer Traditions Polo Gift Certificate for \$40 \$10 gift card (2) Complimentary 1 Night Stay Gift Certificate 1 Round of Golf with cart (4 People, Weekday Only) One round of golf for 4 (expires 12-31-24) Country ham Dinner for 4 Dinner for 2 4 rounds of golf Coffee table book, XL T-shirt, 1 season ticket for Basketball Season Gift certificate \$25 Gift certificate \$100 Gift basket Kobalt Pro 90 ratchet set Orca Cooler 2 Gold Level Balcony Tickets 2 lamps Cooler, grill gloves & "Big Jake BBQ Rub"
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Weekly Crossword



CLUES DOWN

1. Open-roofed entrance
2. Japanese religion
3. Dancer's garments
4. Distributes
5. Yemeni port
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Engine variant
9. Makes more manageable
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Milliliter
14. Spread out from
15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
20. Respectful title for a man
21. Equality
22. Scarlett's home
23. Big Blue
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. Bar bill
34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Mary ____, cosmetics
38. Gym class
40. Autos
41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
42. Defeats (abbr.)
44. A way to color
45. Planet
46. Form of humor
47. Taken without permission
48. Go over again
50. Auto parts manufacturer
51. Detective's source
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. In the year of Our Lord
61. Atomic #18
62. Not from, but...

Popcorn Word Search

Bowl	Enjoy	Maize	Seasoning
Butter	Explode	Microwave	Snack
Caramel	Fair	Movie	Soda
Carnival	Fiber	Popcorn	Tasty
Combination	Inflate	Popper	Theater
Concession	Kernels	Salty	Unpopped

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

See solution in next week's edition.

LETTER MIX-UP

MICROWAVE

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Riddle Me This

What did baby corn say
to mother corn?

Answer: Where is pop-corn?

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to this week's theme.

TURETB

Answer: Butter

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Minnesota on October 29, 1971. I had a breakout role in Tim Burton film about a pesky ghost, and then had a string of hits through the 90s. I was out of the spotlight for awhile, and have since turned up on a popular Netflix series. I will soon reprise a popular role in another ghost movie installment.

Answer: Winona Ryder

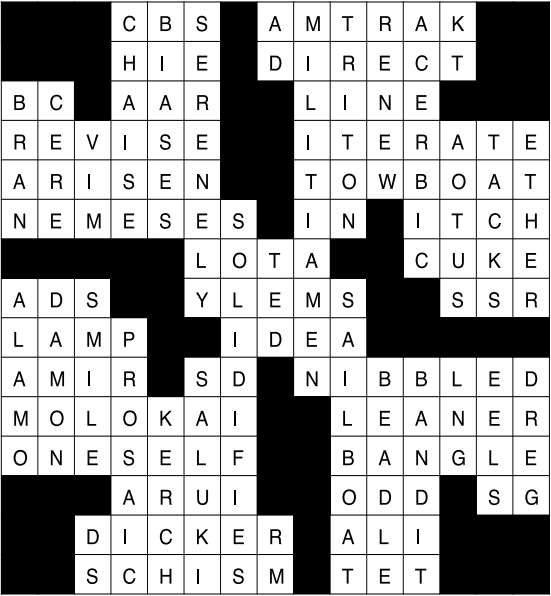
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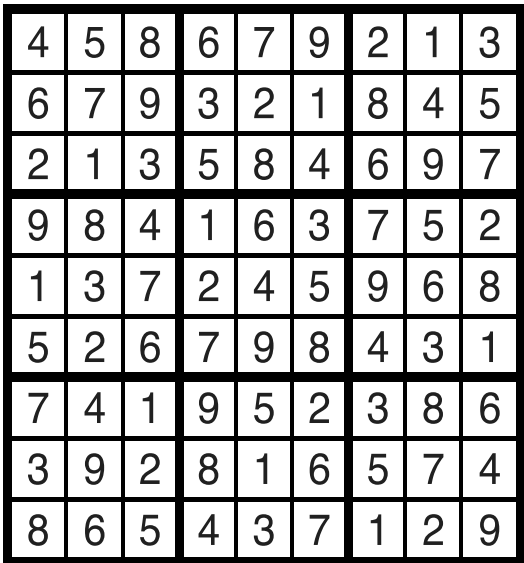


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Week 43 Crossword Puzzle Solution



SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 43



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



With Friday night’s win, the McKenzie Rebel senior squad has accumulated 51 wins and only 3 losses over their four years. Pictured (L to R) Front Row: 1-Skyler Fornera, 4-Martez Teague, 8-Gage Crosland, 9-Barry Swalley, 12-Colt Norden, 14-Tate Surber, 16-Landon Brown and 17-Guillermo Hickman. Back Row: Manager Ally Gibson, 27-Samuel Calderon, 51-Craegen Travis, 56-Aden Heath, 57-KD Cunningham, 67-Jacob Smith, 78-Trey Gilbert and Manager Jaylin Megaw. (file photo)

Rebels Cage Giles County Bobcats

PULASKI (October 25) — On Friday, the McKenzie Rebels made the two-and-half-hour trek to Pulaski, Tennessee to take on the 3A Giles County Bobcats. Despite a slow first quarter, the Rebels picked up their ninth win of the season with the 47-14 victory.

McKenzie ran 45 plays accumulating 358 total yards (234 passing and 124 rushing). Leading the aerial assault was Tate Surber who went 14 of 20 passing for 234 yards and three touchdowns. In receiving, Cole Brown led the Rebels with four receptions for 55 yards and one touchdown.

Surber also led the Rebels in rushing yards with 11 carries for 95 yards and three touchdowns. Behind him was Colt Norden with four carries for 10 yards.

Defensively, McKenzie limited Giles County to 201 total yards (85 passing and 116 rushing). Skyler Fornera had six tackles and three assists, Surber had three tackles and one assist, and KD Cunningham had three tackles with one assist and one tackle for a loss. Lelan Gordon had a pick-six and Landon Brown was credited with an interception.

Looking at the scoring drives, at the 11:51 mark of the second quarter McKenzie put the first points on the board. The drive started in the final minutes of the first quarter off of an interception by L. Brown at the McKenzie 43 yard line. The Rebels moved the ball down, and on fourth-and-goal from the three yard line, Surber punched it into the endzone. Fornera added the PAT as the Rebels went up 7-0.

After a quick three-and-out, McKenzie was on the

match. At the 8:22 mark of the second quarter, Surber and C. Brown teamed up on the 43-yard touchdown. Fornera's PAT put the score at 14-0.

Less than two minutes later, the Rebels were in the endzone on a Surber and Avery Brown combo for the third TD. Fornera's extra point increased the McKenzie lead 21-0. To wrap up the half, Surber scored on an eight-yard run. The extra point was wide as the halftime score moved to 27-0.

In the third quarter, the Rebels kept up the pressure. On their first offensive series of the second half, Surber found an open receiver in Melton for the 35-yard touchdown pass. Fornera's PAT increased the lead 34-0 which induced a short-lived running clock.

Giles County scored its first points on the next drive. From two yards out on third-and-goal, Dallas Buckner crossed the goal line. Cooper White added the extra point, making the score 34-7 and stopped the running clock.

At the 8:52 mark of the fourth quarter, Devon Wilburn scored for the Bobcats. The PAT made the score 34-14.

With 5:45 to play, Surber broke loose for a 30-yard touchdown. Then with 4:02 to play, Gordon had an interception he returned for 34 yards. Both PATs by Fornera were good as the Rebels came away with the 47-14 win.

Next week, the Rebels (9-0) return to Carroll County but are on the road at West Carroll (5-4). Game time is 7 p.m.

Rebels Remain Atop TSWA Poll

NASHVILLE (October 28) – The Tennessee Sports Writers Association announced football rankings after Week 10 on Monday, with the poll presented by CoachT.com.

McKenzie remains the unanimous number one in Class A. Huntingdon climbed from sixth to fifth in Class 2A. Westview holds steady at third in Class 3A.

Top 10 teams in each of the six Division I classifications and Top 5 in three Division II classes were selected by TSWA members with first-place votes in parentheses and total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote.

- Class 2A**
1. Fairley (8-0) – 135 (12)
 2. Milan (8-1) – 124 (2)
 3. East Robertson (8-1) – 107
 4. Bledsoe County (8-1) – 89
 5. Huntingdon (7-2) – 70
 6. York Institute (7-2) – 60
 7. Westmoreland (7-2) – 53
 8. East Hickman (8-1) – 45
 9. Marion County (7-2) – 38
 10. South Greene (7-1) – 25
- Others receiving votes: Jackson Central-Merry 10, Happy Valley 6, Decatur County Riverside 3, Memphis Business 2, Monterey 1, Mitchell 1, Summertown 1
- Class 3A**
1. Alcoa (6-1) – 139 (13)
 2. Covington (9-0) – 126 (1)
 3. Westview (9-0) – 113
 4. Sequatchie County (8-1) – 89
 5. Johnson County (8-1) – 77
 6. Unicoi County (7-1) – 69
 7. East Nashville (7-2) – 61
 8. Meigs County (7-2) – 43
 9. Bolton (7-2) – 20
 10. Memphis East (7-2) – 14
- Others receiving votes: Dyersburg 7, White House Heritage 6, Gatlinburg-Pittman 5, Tyner Academy 1

Huntingdon Routs Camden on Senior Night, 42-8

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (October 25) — Huntingdon hosted Camden Friday for a region football contest. The Mustangs scored early and often to claim a 42-8 victory.

It was Senior Night at Paul Ward Stadium. Prior to kickoff, senior football players, managers, cheerleaders, band members and AB Club members were recognized on the field, joined by parents and other family members.

Senior football players are Quennell Leavitt, Gabe Smothers, Gray Eubanks, Wesley Williams, Brady Warbritton, Aiden Hilliard, Easton Byars, Braylon Rich, Dante Pearson and Rayshawn Parker.

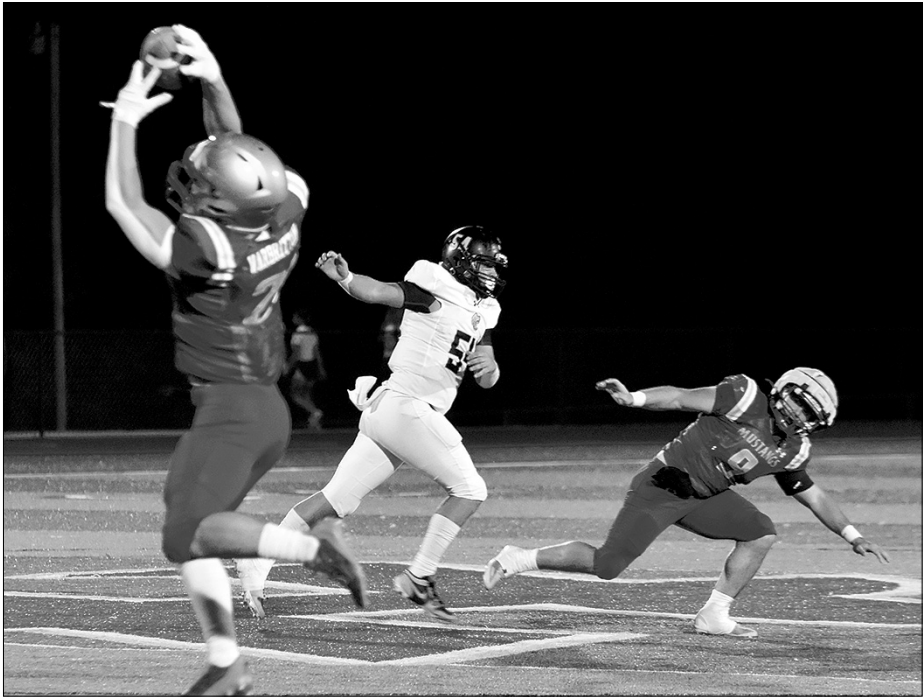
Senior football managers are Evan Blakeman, Cayden Brewer and Carter Coleman.

Senior cheerleaders are Kansas Barnhill, Grace Smothers and Emily Tippitt.

Senior band members are Addison Chasse, Brianna Gilbert, Amelia Yeager and Allie Jones.

Senior AB Club members are Chesney Baker, Lainey Bales, Mackenzie Dunbar, Alayla Johnson, Tylan Johnson, Kaley Ruffell, Lillian Sanders, Sara Beth Smith, Cayden Brewer and Addison Chasse.

Huntingdon won the coin toss and received the opening kick.



Above, Mustang Gray Eubanks makes a throw under pressure to Brady Warbritton, who makes a leaping catch for a 36-yard touchdown. Below, Mustang Gray Eubanks dives into the pylon for a 30-yard touchdown. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Starting at their 35, Mustangs Gray Eubanks and Brady Warbritton each made a short gain, then Camden jumped offside to move the chains. Two plays later, facing third-and-nine, Eubanks threw to Easton Byars for eleven yards. Aiden Hilliard ran for seven, then Eubanks threw to Warbritton for a 36-yard touchdown. Camden blocked the PAT, and Huntingdon led 6-0 with nine minutes remaining in the first frame.

The Lions went three-and-out after a third-down stop by Mustang Broox Bennett for a nine-yard loss. The Camden punt was downed near midfield.

Eubanks and Warbritton kept it on the ground for a seven-play, 52-yard drive. Warbritton got the last touch for a 17-yard score. Eubanks threw to Warbritton for the two-point conversion, and Huntingdon led 14-0 with

2:32 left in the first.

Camden started at their 31 and put together a strong drive, earning four first downs, with mostly short passes as the game moved into the second quarter. On third-and-goal at the 1, the Lions fumbled. Mustang Dante Pearson made the recovery at the 3.

Eubanks gained a yard, then Hilliard was stopped for no gain. On third-and-nine, Warbritton broke loose for a 96-yard touchdown. Greyson Anderson kicked the PAT, and the Mustangs led 21-0 with under six minutes to play in the first half.

Camden went three-and-out again, and the punt was downed at the Lion 44.

A big run by Warbritton coupled with a Camden penalty gave Huntingdon a first down at the 30, where Tyreke Hutch took it to

the house. Anderson's PAT made the Mustang lead 28-0 with three minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Two plays into Camden's drive, Mustang Wesley Williams intercepted a pass near midfield and returned it to the 26.

Three runs by Warbritton, Eubanks and Hilliard moved the chains. Eubanks had a touchdown negated by a penalty, but then threw to Hutch for a 14-yard touchdown. Anderson kicked, and Huntingdon led 35-0 with 30 seconds left before intermission.

The Lions ran five plays and advanced the ball to midfield before time expired.

Camden received the second-half kickoff, but went three-and-out. The punt gave the Mustangs possession near midfield.

Huntingdon managed a first down, but then stalled and punted.

The Lions went three-and-out, punting on the final play of the third quarter.

Hilliard ran three times, then Eubanks scored from two yards out. Anderson kicked the PAT, and the Mustangs led 42-0 with nine minutes remaining in the game.

Camden got on the board with a second-down pass from Jake Reynoldson to Issac Moore for 81 yards. A successful two-point conversion made it 42-8 with five minutes left.

The Mustangs ran out the clock on four plays to seal the win.

Huntingdon concludes the regular season Thursday with a consequential region game against Peabody in Trenton. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Rebel Parker Ross takes the open lane to the basket. Ross led all scorers with 12 points in the McKenzie win. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

MMS Splits Wins with Bradford

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 21) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Bradford Monday for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady Red Devils pulled away in the second quarter to top the Lady Rebels, 42-15. The Rebels likewise made their mark in the second frame, outscoring the Red Devils 7-0 en route to a 38-15 victory.

Lady Red Devils 42, Lady Rebels 15

Bradford outscored McKenzie 9-4 in the opening frame, led by Channing Alexander with five points. Brooklyn Armstrong scored four. Alleigh Britt had all four Lady Rebel points.

A 19-2 advantage in the second quarter had the Lady Red Devils in control. Armstrong scored 13 points, and Alexander added six, including a three-pointer. Abby Carroll had McKenzie's lone bucket. At the half, Bradford led, 28-6.

McKenzie doubled their total in the third but were still outpaced 11-6. MaKar-en Jacobs led Bradford with four points. Alexander hit another three, and Armstong and Emma Maggard each had a pair. Lady Rebel Ridley Holt hit a three-pointer, and Charlie Cassidy had three free throws. Entering the final frame, the Lady Red Devils led 39-12.

The fourth was a 3-3 wash. Alexander hit another three, Carroll had a pair and Holt hit a free throw.

Bradford's Brooklyn Armstong led all scorers with 19 points. Channing Alexander had 17, including a trio of threes.

Lady Rebels Abby Carroll, Alleigh Britt and Ridley Holt each scored four points, Holt with a three-pointer.

Rebels 38, Red Devils 15

McKenzie had a 9-6 edge after the first frame, led by Sammy Willen with three points. Lane Brown, Dawson Reeder and Parker Ross each had a pair. Red Devils O. Thetford and B. Graves each hit a three-pointer.

The Rebels held Bradford scoreless in the second quarter, scoring seven on four from Ross, two from Reeder and a free throw by Seth Stafford. At the half, McKenzie led, 16-6.

McKenzie grew the lead with an 11-7 advantage in the third, led by Stafford with five points. Reeder, Ross and Hudson Garrett each had a pair. E. Leyhue led the Red Devils with four points, and P. Counts had three. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led, 27-13.

The Rebels closed the win with an 11-2 fourth-quarter tilt, led by Reeder and Ross with four points each. Jaden Blanton added a pair, and Willen hit a freebie. Leyhue had the lone Bradford bucket.

Rebel Parker Ross led all scorers with 12 points. Dawson Reeder scored ten, and Seth Stafford had six points.

E. Leyhue led the Red Devils with six points.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

West Carroll Soars into Memphis for 58-22 Win

BY BRAD SAM
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MEMPHIS (October 24) — The West Carroll War Eagles traveled Thursday to face KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School for a non-region football contest at Crump Stadium. The War Eagles pulled away in the second quarter and coasted to a 58-22 victory over the Phoenix.

West Carroll won the coin toss but deferred possession. The War Eagles caught KIPP off guard with an on-side kick to open the game and made the recovery at the Phoenix 48.

Mason Taylor ran for eight, and a KIPP penalty moved the chains. Taylor made a short gain, then Trinden Kirby took it twice for ten and seven yards. Jace Hammett made a short gain, but a false start made it third-and-seven. Taylor sealed the drive with a 21-yard touchdown run. He ran again for two points, and West Carroll led 8-0 with 7:26 to play in the opening frame.

Taylor kicked deep this time, and KIPP started at their 35. The Phoenix quickly faced fourth-and-seven, thanks in part to a big stop by War Eagle Joseph Brogdon. With no punting game, KIPP went for it. Running back Devon Crudup threw to S'Zion Jefferson for a 62-yard touchdown. A high snap forced quarterback Kai O'Neal to scramble on the two-point try, and Kirby forced him out of bounds

short of the goal line. Halfway through the first frame, West Carroll led 8-6.

A short kick by KIPP was returned by Kirby to the War Eagle 46, and Taylor took the first snap all the way for a 54-yard touchdown. Kirby converted for two points, and West Carroll led 16-6 with five minutes to play in the first.

The War Eagles recovered another onside kick after several deflections and bounces. Starting at their 39, Taylor and quarterback Zac Fowler combined runs for a first down, then Taylor moved the chains again. Zach Hames made a short gain, then Fowler kept twice for another first down. Taylor made a short gain as the first quarter ended. Hames began the second with a six-yard carry, and Kirby gained five for a first-and-goal. Fowler kept for the five-yard touchdown, then kept again for two points. Early in the second frame, West Carroll led 24-6.

A third successful onside kick gave the War Eagles the ball right back. They managed a first down to get into KIPP territory and would have had another, but Kevin Garrett stripped the ball from Taylor in the open field.

The Phoenix failed to capitalize on the great defensive play, turning the ball over on downs. Brogdon and Hammett made a big stop for a loss, and two failed pass attempts doomed the drive.

Fowler kept for six, then for 25 to set up first down

at the 13. Taylor fielded a high snap deep in the backfield and scrambled all the way to the 3, but a block in the back penalty reset the play at the 21. Hames ran for five and eight yards, then Kirby gained four. On fourth-and-one, Fowler kept for a four-yard touchdown. He was stopped short on the two-point try, and the lead was 30-6 with three minutes remaining in the half.

O'Neal made a good return to the KIPP 41. Kylaun Taylor threw to Christopher Farris for 33 yards, then Garrett ran 26 for the touchdown. O'Neal threw to Unique Cantrell for two points, and the War Eagle lead was 30-14 with two minutes left in the second quarter.

West Carroll employed good clock management to score again before the break. A failed onside attempt by KIPP started the drive near midfield. Taylor moved the chains with two carries, then Kirby and Hames combined for another first down. Taylor finished the job with a nine-yard run and an eight-yard touchdown. Fowler was stopped short on the conversion, and the War Eagles led 36-14 with five seconds on the clock.

The Phoenix received the kick and tried a deep pass before time expired.

KIPP tried another onside kick to start the second half, but West Carroll recovered it at the 42. Taylor went for 14 and then seven, and a Phoenix penalty at the end

of the latter play made it first down at the 22. Hammett ran for 12, then Kirby took it nine yards to the 1. He tried again, but was stopped a half-yard short. Hammett punched it in, then repeated for the two-point conversion. The War Eagles led 44-14 with ten minutes to play in the third.

The Phoenix started near midfield, but a high snap on second down was recovered by Brogdon at the KIPP 40.

Taylor ran it four straight times, the last for a five-yard touchdown. Fowler kept for two points, and the War Eagles led 52-14 with four minutes left in the third.

KIPP started deep after a fair catch, and a false start moved it back farther. O'Neal willed his way to a 13-yard gain as the third quarter ended, but big stops by Hammett and Brogdon to start the final frame forced a fourth-down pass attempt that fell incomplete.

Taylor wasted no time, taking the first snap 29 yards to paydirt. The two-point try failed, and the War Eagles led 58-14 with eight minutes to play.

The Phoenix kept battling in the waning minutes. The drive was stalling, but Garrett found a gap on third-and-seven for 17 yards. Jefferson came down with a 32-yard catch that was nearly intercepted by War Eagle Eli Travelstead, then O'Neal kept for a six-yard touchdown. Cantrell caught a two-point pass, and the West Carroll lead was 58-22 with a minute left.

Time expired on the running clock before the kickoff. West Carroll had 402 yards of offense, all on the ground. KIPP had 180 yards, 136 in the air and 44 on the ground. Mason Taylor led the War Eagles with 18 carries for 246 yards and five touchdowns. Zac Fowler had six rushes for 53 yards and two touchdowns.



Above, Mason Taylor led the War Eagles with 18 carries for 246 yards and five touchdowns. Below, Zac Fowler had six rushes for 53 yards and two touchdowns in West Carroll's win. File photos



Jace Hammett had three carries for 16 yards and a touchdown. Trinden Kirby had nine carries for 43 yards. Zach Hames rushed six times for 44 yards. West Carroll concludes the regular season Friday as they host region foe McKenzie. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

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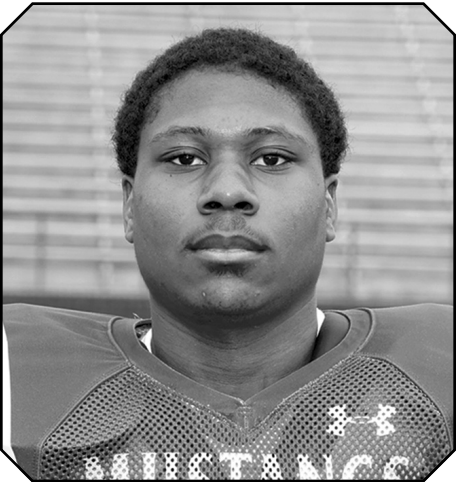
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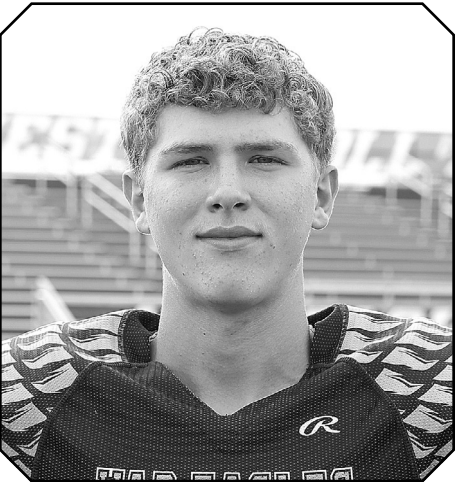
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TCAT Henry/Carroll announced local recipients of TCAT’s Statewide Outsind Achievement Award winner. (L to R): Mason Arant, Hunter Smith and Donald Drinkard.

TCAT Henry/Carroll Names SOAR Recipients

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology Henry/Carroll announces the local recipients of the College System of Tennessee (TBR) Statewide Outstanding Achievement Awards (SOAR).

The local college, with a main campus located in Paris and branch campus located in McKenzie, named recipients in three categories: Technical College Student of the Year, Technical College Faculty of Year, and Technical College Staff of the Year.

Mason Arant of Dresden was selected as the student recipient. He is enrolled in the Industrial Maintenance Integrated Automation program on the McKenzie Branch campus. Arant was nominated by his instructor, Jason Bloodworth, who said, “In the classroom, Mason is trustworthy and dependable. His interest in learning and willingness to lend a hand to students who are struggling make him well-liked and admired by his classmates. He enjoys being able to demonstrate his skills and training to current and future students. His dedication and inde-

pendent leadership would make him a great spokesperson for our college and our state.” In addition to being a full-time student, Arant works full-time at Stanley Black and Decker in Martin and recently celebrated the birth of his first child.

Paris resident Donald Drinkard, Health Information Management Technology instructor, was named the faculty honoree. Drinkard has been teaching at TCAT since 2014 and also has served as the college’s SkillsUSA and Student Government advisor since 2018. Currently, he is serving on the TBR Board of Regents faculty sub-council.

Dr. Lorie Goodgine, Vice President, said in her nomination, “Donald has encouraged scholarship and service across the College’s community by highlighting opportunities for everyone in the institution to participate. He is always available to help other members of the faculty and staff implement new ideas that will advance learning or community outreach. He is actively improving our institution’s impact by his involvement.”

Hunter Smith of McKenzie received the staff nomination. Smith works in the college’s maintenance department. President John Penn Ridgeway said in his nomination, “What truly sets Hunter apart is not only his technical skills and professional growth, but his consistently positive demeanor. His ability to build strong, meaningful relationships with both students and colleagues is a testament to his character and dedication.”

In the coming weeks the trio will compete in regional-level judging that will produce 18 finalists, who will then compete for the statewide honor. The individual award winners will be announced at the SOAR Awards Dinner in the Spring of 2025.

The College System, governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, is the state’s public community and technical colleges. Launched in 2019, SOAR celebrates the colleges’ outstanding students, faculty, staff, colleges, advisors, benefactors, volunteers and partners.



Bethel President Dr. Perry Moulds, Coach Garry Mason, and members of the Bethel Bass Fishing Team.

Bassmasters Releases Nationwide Video Saluting Bethel University’s Bass Program

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MCKENZIE — Bassmasters recently released a nationwide video saluting the success of the Bethel University Bass program.

The video is entitled: “Behind the Curtain at Bethel University”

<https://www.bassmaster.com/top-video/video/behind-the-curtain-at-bethel-university/>

Coach Garry Mason commented, “Thanks to all who have made this possible but most of all thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ who through him all things are possible.

Also, thanks to each student-athlete fisherman who has walked these halls since 2009 when we created what I believe to be the greatest college fishing program in America right here at Bethel University. There are no limits except the ones that we place on ourselves.”

Rotary Donates AED Units to McKenzie Fire



McKenzie Fire Chief Brian Tucker, Battalion Jason Arnold received two AED units courtesy of the McKenzie Rotary Club in conjunction with Friends of Heart. Representing Friends of Heart Tracey McKnight and Rotary Club President Christy Williams.



Representative Tandy Darby Announces \$19K grant for Gordon Browning Museum

NASHVILLE — State Representative Tandy Darby, R-Greenfield, announced a \$19,060 Capital Maintenance and Improvement Grant has been awarded to the Gov. Gordon Browning Museum in McKenzie.

The competitive grants are administered by the Tennessee State Museum to museums and historic sites across the state for accessibility improvements, window and roof repairs and replacements, foundation work and HVAC and electrical projects.

“The Gov. Gordon Browning Museum is an exceptional place to learn about Tennessee’s 38th governor and Carroll County’s rich history,” Darby said. “From trans-



Rep. Tandy Darby

portation and agriculture to manufacturing and education, our community’s unique past has much to offer residents of all ages. I’m grateful to the museum for their commitment to

preservation, and I thank the Tennessee State Museum for working hard to allocate these important funds.”

The funds are part of a \$5 million appropriation approved by the General Assembly by the Tennessee State Museum in the 2024-25 state budget.

Eighty-three museums across 46 counties received a Capital Maintenance and Improvement Grant this year. Since the program’s inception in 2023, museums in 68 counties have been awarded funds to help preserve Tennessee’s history.

State Rep. Tandy Darby represents House District 76, which includes Weakley and part of Carroll and Henry counties.

UT Enrollment on Pace to Exceed Target

KNOXVILLE — Despite declining national college enrollment trends, the University of Tennessee System (UT System) has experienced five consecutive years of record growth, with a current enrollment of 62,208 students, marking a 18.4% increase since 2020. This growth trajectory positions the UT System to exceed its 2030 goal of 71,000 students across all campuses.

“This strong growth demonstrates the effectiveness of the System’s efforts to expand access, enhance recruitment and support student success, positioning UT to surpass its long-term enrollment targets well ahead of schedule,” UT System President Randy Boyd said.

All UT undergraduate campuses experienced enrollment gains, with the flagship UT Knoxville recording a 26.7% increase in enrollment from 2020. The UT System’s newest campus, UT Southern, posted a 28.8% increase from 2020. UT Martin and UT Chattanooga had 5.4% and 1.2% increases from 2020, respectively. Enrollment gains from 2023-24 include increases of 8% at UT Martin, 7% at UT Southern, 6.7% at UT Knoxville and 4% at UT



Senior Vice Chancellor Keith Carver

Chattanooga. First-year retention rates across the UT System increased 2% since 2020, while four-year graduation rates increased 4.9% since 2020.

Trustees also voted to remove the “interim” title and appoint Linda Martin as chancellor of UT Southern, retroactively to July 1, 2022. Martin became interim chancellor in Fall 2022 and committed to stay at UT Southern through the 2024-25 academic year.

The strategic and master plans for the UT Institute of Agriculture were also approved by trustees, which will serve as the roadmap to ensuring the institute is serving the state, nation and world at the highest level possible.

“As one of the few land-grant institutes of agriculture in the country, and

with agriculture serving as the primary industry in our state, we are uniquely poised to serve Tennessee and beyond,” said Keith Carver, senior vice chancellor and senior vice president of the UT Institute of Agriculture.

The board also received an update on the UT research enterprise, in which total research expenditures increased 7% in the last year to more than \$484 million, and increased 16% in the last five years.

In other business, trustees approved:

Affiliation agreements with the UT Foundation, UT Athletics Foundation (Knoxville), Methodist Healthcare (Memphis), East Tennessee Children’s Hospital (Knoxville)

Authorization for UT Martin to proceed with design and construction of a new residence hall, with associated financing approvals from the Tennessee State School Bond Authority

Budget adjustment, which will be supported by gifts, for the Lindsey Nelson Stadium renovation project to address identified soil and utility conditions

Board policies on institutional accreditation, research security and affiliated foundations

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