

**BEST
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VALUES!**

Butler

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Stadium for the dedication ceremony. Board of Trustees Chairman Nancy Bean, Bethel President Dr. Perry Moulds, and Butler each spoke during the brief ceremony.

Nancy Bean, Chairperson of the Bethel University Board of Trustees, stated “So why did the Board of Trustees decide to honor Dr. Butler with the name of the stadium. First of all, his history at Bethel; he has two degrees from Bethel in addition to the doctorate that he was awarded. He has family members who have degrees from Bethel.

“He left Bethel for 25 years to be a public servant. But when he came back to Bethel for roughly the next 25 years. He used that public service information and experience to do remarkable things at Bethel. He served as the director of business affairs, then vice president of criminal justice, executive vice president, and the College of Arts and Sciences along with being named interim president and then president.

“Dr. Butler had his hand in everything you see. But you can’t even see all the campus from here. You can hardly find a building that Bethel owns anywhere in this town that Dr. Butler didn’t have a role in procuring, building, or improving. Not only was he closely involved in the physical aspects of the building, he was instrumental in bringing Bethel into the world of adult education and online programming.”

Current Bethel President, Dr. Perry Moulds stated, “This is a celebration not only, of Dr. Butler and his incredible accomplishments but also the wonderful accomplishments of the people who have made this university what it is today and that includes, as much as anybody, all of you as students...

“And I will tell you that nobody embodies what it means to be a Bethel person more than Dr. Walter



Bethel President Dr. Perry Moulds, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Nancy Bean, Chaplain Anne Hames, and former Bethel President Walter Butler and wife, Jennifer.

Butler. When you come into a job like mine, you have a lot to learn, and if you’re really lucky, you can find people who want to help guide you along the way. I can tell you that Dr. Butler has not only meant so much to this university professionally, but I have also personally experienced how much he means as an individual and a person.

He embodies the quality of character that it means to be a person of Bethel that we can all try to emulate.”

Dr. Walter Butler concluded the event by saying, “There’s no way I can ever thank the Bethel University for this honor. Listen, never in my wildest dreams did I think I have a football stadium to put my name on it, but there’s nobody any prouder than me for having that. And I promise you. And I will be at your games as long as I’m ever able.

“I wanna thank a few groups and I’ll get out of your way. First, I’ve been very fortunate over my lifetime at Bethel to work with some of the best board of trustee members you can ever hope to work with. They challenged me. I hope I challenged them... Secondly, I want to thank our faculty and staff. Folks, you have no idea how good of a faculty and staff this university has. Three sons, two of them are here that graduated from Bethel, would not be as successful and have such a good life if it wasn’t for the faculty and staff.

“Third group, I have been very fortunate in my life at Bethel University to work with two great presidents. Bill Odom, who was here when I first came to Bethel

years ago, became a life-long friend after those three years with Bethel. Secondly, Bob Prosser, who I worked with one on one for about 10 or 11 years. Great individual, great dreamer.

“Number four, I want to thank you the students. I have the best part of being president is to get around and work with students, to walk across campus and see you during the day, see you at night at events or ball games or music events it has been great.

“Finally I want to thank two other groups. My wife and family. I’ve got a lot of family here today. They have let me go about and do this. I cannot thank them enough. And finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our father in heaven, the Holy Spirit for their guidance. Thank you so much.”

Chaplain Anne Hames concluded the ceremony with a prayer.

The Carroll County Commission Meets Monday

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, November 11 at 7 p.m. There are three resolutions on the agenda. Resolution 11-01-2024 amends the FY25 Budget: Library Technology Grant for \$1,930; Election Grant for \$ 23,313.15; Sheriff Dept Government Highway Safety Operations Grant for \$18,525.23; Carroll Academy \$ 47,250 with the

sale of equipment/vehicles; and County Clerk Reserve Account for \$ 6,300 for the purchase of credit/debit card readers. Resolution 11-02-2024 recognizes Investigator Jackie Wallace's retirement and allowing him to retain his service weapon. Resolution 11-03-2024 authorizing an actuarial study to determine the financial impact of the haz-

ardous duty supplemental benefit on Carroll County Government.

Also Dwayne Tordsen will be recognized as the 2024 Re-Entry Program's Facilitator of the Year. Scout Troup 73 will conduct a flag ceremony and there will be an election of notaries. The meeting takes place at the county government complex in Huntingdon.

TDOT

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CARROLL COUNTY

SR-22: The intersection improvements on SR 22 and Clyde Road at the Huntingdon Industrial Park entrance will cause lane closures throughout the project.

SR-22: The intersection improvements on SR 22 and Lexington Street at the Huntingdon Industrial Park entrance serving Dynamix Casting Fluxes will cause lane closures throughout the project. Meadowbrook Drive in Trezevant is split into two segments.

GIBSON/CARROLL COUNTY

SR-76 (US-79): The grading, drainage, construction of a concrete box bridge, noise wall and paving on US 79 (SR 76) from west of Cades-Atwood Road in Gibson

County to east of SR 77 in Carroll County will cause temporary lane closures throughout the project.

Barker Road is permanently closed at the intersection of the new SR 76 construction, just north of Mt. Olive M.B. Church. Detour following Church St. will be provided until Jax Road is re-opened.

N. Jax Road is now a dead-end road. It is accessed from existing SR 76 and terminates prior to

connection with new SR 76 construction.

S. Jax Road is open and is accessed by Oasis Rd. Oasis Road becomes S. Jax road after crossing the new SR 76.

HENRY/WEAKLEY COUNTY

SR-22: The Resurfacing with HOT IN-PLACE RE-CYCLING on SR 22 from the Carroll County Line in Henry County to SR 217 in Weakly County will cause temporary lane closures throughout the project.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will hold their Annual Governance Training and Board meeting on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be physically held at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 1770 Highway 45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38305. There will also be a virtual option, and members will be able to attend/participate remotely. The Governance Training will begin at 10 a.m. followed by lunch. The Board Meeting will be held following lunch.

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

PROBATE CASE NO: **2024PA199**

ESTATE OF: **BETTY ANN BURROW, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Notice is hereby given that on the **31ST** day of **OCTOBER, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **BETTY ANN BURROW** deceased, who died **FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021**, 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 31ST day of OCTOBER, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

TIFFANY BORUM, Executor/Administrator
J. GERALD STRANCH IV, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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West Carroll School Board Meets Thursday

The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education meets Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Carroll Junior Senior High School Cafeteria.

The board will discuss for approval a West Carroll Youth Football League space lease agreement, bids on an Early Childhood Development Pathways package, HVAC for the junior senior high,

folding chairs, dollies, furniture and Chromebooks.

Updates will be given by Director of Schools Preston Caldwell on the renovation project and the five-year strategic plan.

Approval for appearing before the West Carroll Board is outlined in West Carroll Policy 1.404. Visit wcssd.org - policy manual, or call West Carroll Central Office at 731-662-4200.

State of Tennessee Carroll County Probate Division	NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA §30-2-306	Case Number 2024PA200
Estate of PALMA ESTER RIVERS, Deceased A/K/A PALMA ESTER ADAMS		

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of October, 2024, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Palma Ester Rivers, who died March 7, 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
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the 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.

Date: Oct 23rd, 2024 Yusufunda Clark
Yusufunda Clark, Administrator

Date: October 23, 2024 Marcus Noles
Marcus Noles, Attorney

Date: 10/31/24 Kenneth Todd
Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

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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 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.

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 bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
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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.

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.

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Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
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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.

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Playoffs

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(6-4, fourth in Region 5). West Carroll (5-5, fourth in Region 6) travels to face Region 5 champion Richland (7-3). With a win Friday, McKenzie would host the winner of Houston County (7-3) at Eagleville (7-3) next week. With a win, West Carroll would travel to face the winner of Huntland (7-3) at McEwen (7-3). Other Class 1A first-round matchups in West Tennessee include Middleton (4-6) at Union City (8-2), Halls (8-2) at Memphis Middle College (8-2),

Memphis Westwood (5-5) at South Fulton (8-2) and Lake County (5-5) at MASE (8-1). In Class 2A, Region 6 runner-up Huntingdon (8-2) hosts Loretto (6-4, third in Region 5). Region 6 champion Milan hosts Lewis County (6-4, fourth in Region 5). With a win Friday, Huntingdon would either travel to Region 5 champion East Hickman (8-2) or host Riverside (6-4, fourth in Region 6). With a win, Milan would host the winner of JCM (7-2, third in Region 6) at Region 5 runner-up Summertown (8-2). Other Class 2A first-round matchups in West Tennessee include Bluff City (2-4) at Memphis Business (6-2),

Trezevant (1-7) at Mitchell (6-3) and KIPP Memphis Collegiate (2-6) at Hillcrest (3-7). Fairley (9-0) has a first-round bye. In Class 3A, Region 7 champion Westview (10-0) enters the bracket as the only undefeated team. The Chargers host Wooddale (3-7, fourth in Region 8). With a win Friday, Westview would host the winner of Dyersburg (6-3, third in Region 7) at Region 8 runner-up Bolton (8-2). Other Class 3A first-round matchups in West Tennessee include Memphis East (4-6, third in Region 8) at Region 7 runner-up Covington (9-1) and Bolivar Central (5-4, fourth in Region 7) at Region 8 champion Sheffield (8-1).

Veterans

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sign in from 9:40 to 9:55 a.m. McKenzie Middle School is hosting its annual Veterans Day program at 8:15 a.m. in the school's gymnasium. All veterans are invited to eat breakfast at

the school. McKenzie Elementary School is hosting its annual Veterans Day program at Monday, November 11, 1 p.m. in the school's gym. David Kellett Hochreiter is the speaker. Hochreiter was deployed to the Middle East with the Tennessee National Guard. All veterans are invited to have cake with their children and grandchildren.

West Carroll Junior/Senior High School is hosting its annual Veterans Day program on Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m. in the school's gymnasium. Gleason School's Veterans Day program is Friday, October 8, 9 a.m. in the school's gymnasium. All area veterans and the public are invited.

Chamber

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Williams Furniture Company recently closed after almost five decades as a family-owned business in McKenzie when Phil made the decision to retire. He recently sold the business to Premier Furniture and Bedding of Union City and Jackson. Williams Furniture began in the City of McMoresville; it then expanded to Broadway Street in McKenzie. Before long, the business outgrew that building and moved to Highland Drive before moving back to downtown into the former House of Furniture and JA Abernathy buildings.. One more move found Williams Furniture at its current location with “nearly a full city block of furniture in downtown McKenzie.” Using his prowess as a smart business owner, Phil Williams was always willing to explore methods of expanding into such areas as swimming pools, appliances, VCRs, and hot tubs. Much of Williams Furniture's longevity can be attributed to the willingness of Phil to diversify his line of products. Most recently, his product line was limited to home furnishings. One edge Williams Furniture had on its larger competitors was the available inventory. While larger stores had large showrooms without inventory, Williams Furniture could deliver on the day of purchase. Phil's commitment to customer service and friendly, hands-on approach kept the business strong. Phil served in the military at Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma from 1965 until 1969 as a Chaplain Services Specialist. Today, he is still very active in his church, First United Methodist Church. He has served in various roles in the church and is currently serving as pastor. Another hat Phil Williams wears is that of a civil servant. He first served four years as a councilman for his hometown of McMoresville. Since 1977, he has been the Mayor of McMoresville. He is the longest-serving mayor in the State of Tennessee. Few people have had an impact on Carroll County like Phil Williams has had. Phil has lived a life of community and generosity and cherishes his opportunity to serve the people. As he has said, “You can't not be there for people.” Phil is married to his wife Carolyn. Their children are daughter, Jamie Tidwell and her husband, Jodie, who live in Florida; son, Tim Williams and wife, Lisa of McMoresville; and daughter, Selena Shaw and

husband, Tom, also of McMoresville. They are also proud grandparents and great-grandparents. Phil has four sisters: Pat, Judy, Betty, and Peggy, all of whom have helped him in his business at one time or another. Phil is quick to count his store family among his immediate family members. Phil Williams was named the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year in 1991 and the Carroll Countion of the Year in 2009. **County Champion Award 2024** In 2024, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors established a new award and named it the “County Champion Award.” This award is designed to showcase individuals who have been deeply involved in achieving a goal that enhances the well-being of citizens of Carroll County. Lori Dillahunt is the first recipient of this award. How do you take an idea for a project with one swing for children with limited mobility and turn it into a project that raised over a million dollars? That is precisely what our County Champion Lori Dillahunt, did with her dream for a Carroll County Inclusion Park. Three years ago Lori noticed that her town was without a park with an inclusion swing. Thus started an idea that would grow into something bigger than even imagined. So the fundraising began. The fundraising started with a bake sale, which raised a surprising \$11,000; eventually, Lori and her group of volunteers would raise over one million dollars through their creative fundraising efforts and grant applications. State Senator John Stevens stated that Carroll County received the largest amount of any community from the State of Tennessee through the Intellectual and Development Disabilities Act because its planning for an inclusion park was well ahead of plans for other communities. Lori Dillahunt is very successful in developing team members who had the same vision for the project as herself. They all worked together well, began traveling to different playgrounds in Tennessee and other states, and brought their pieces of information together. Lori also sees the Big Picture, as Community Champions do. What started with an idea for a single swing ended as an impressive state-of-the-art playground for everyone. Any successful project must have a dedicated leader. Lori Dillahunt has dedicated herself to the Carroll County Inclusion Park. She has gone above and beyond to make a difference in the

lives of others. Lori is married to Brent, and they have six children: Hannah, 18; Kaki, 16; Ha-den, 15; June, 12; Charlie, 9; and Lorelei, 4. **Carroll Countion of the Year 2024** Every year since 1986, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce has recognized a deserving individual as the Carroll Countion of the Year. Tonight's distinguished honoree joins the outstanding group of previous winners as its thirty-ninth recipient. Mr. Willie Huffman recently retired after a thirty-six-year career of developing workers at Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology, commonly known as TCAT. His career started in 1988 as a Financial Aid Officer at what was then called the State Area Vocational-Technical School in McKenzie. He moved to the sister TCAT in Paris in 2000 and was named vice president in 2007. In 2021, the Tennessee Board of Regents appointed Willie Huffman as president of TCAT at McKenzie and Paris. He retired earlier this year. During his tenure, Willie witnessed many changes at the TCAT. He recalls that one of the most significant changes is the renewed emphasis on technical education. He feels that technical school degrees have become more recognized and appreciated as the skills of their graduates become more in demand. Willie Huffman has served in community service, leadership, and civic positions. He served on the McKenzie City Council for sixteen years and was elected to the Carroll County Commission in 2014, a position he still holds. He has also served as chairperson of the E911 Board. Willie has also been a member of the McKenzie Lions Club, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Leadership Carroll County, WestStar, McKenzie Housing Authority, and the McKenzie City Board of Zoning Appeals. He is a 1977 graduate of Henry County High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from Bethel University and a Master of Professional Studies degree in Strategic Leadership at Austin Peay State University. He has resided in McKenzie and Carroll County for nearly 40 years. Willie and his wife, Gloria will celebrate 40 years of marriage this year. They have two children, Bryan and Heather, and two grandchildren.

Willie Huffman is truly a quiet, humble, and effective leader. He wants to quietly get the job done, and stay out of the limelight. If you have been around Willie,

McKenzie City Council to Meet

The City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meets Thursday, November 14. The following items are on the agenda: recognize

the 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force investigator; recognize Josefina Batton for her service as a council member and dis-

cuss employee Christmas bonuses. The meeting takes place at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

Solar

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to support installing a new solar array, adjacent to the department's substation, located on Power Station Road and S.R. 105. Due to some increased costs associated with the project, CCED approved splitting the additional fee of \$383,000 equally with Silicon Ranch, a Tennessee-based company that will own and operate the solar array and supply electricity to Carroll County Electric at a price less than TVA. Silicon Ranch provided a secondary option to absorb the additional capital expenditure, extending the Power Purchase Agreement to 35 years, and upwardly adjusting the price to \$52/MWh. This option was not

recommended to the Board to pursue. CCED estimates that the additional costs will be recaptured in three to four months through the savings from lower-cost power generation. The board approved the Trezevant Substation Addition Bid (Revision 2) from low bidder Power Grid Company, also known as the Silicon Ranch Trezevant Solar Project Construction Bid which is the source of increased cost mentioned above. Scott Burleson of Allen & Hoshall, the project managers, discussed the project's cost and design history. He reviewed the construction bid and the two redesigns completed to reduce the costs but maintain the intended reliability and flexibility. The interconnection cost overrun is directly tied to

the cost increases in the construction bids, as compared to cost estimates from one year earlier. The two bids were: Groves Construction — \$698,000 Power Grid Company — \$679,825 Approval was given to purchase a 2025 Ford F-150 pickup truck to replace Truck #382. Peppers Ford of McKenzie was the lone bidder of three solicited. Peppers Ford bid \$44,229. Once the new replacement pickup truck arrives, the existing truck will be sold on GovDeals. A new digger truck will soon be placed in service. The new truck was ordered in October 2021. Due to construction delays caused by the pandemic, the truck is finally pending delivery after CCED's recent inspection.

you know about the “awe shucks” laugh, and you know that you are around a first-class individual. **Business Person of the Year 2024** In 1986, the Board of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce began the tradition of recognizing successful business people in the county. This year's recipient is Chris Gurley, owner of Southland Safari in Yuma, Tennessee. How often does a childhood dream become a reality? As a young boy, Chris Gurley would write stories and draw pictures of animals. He grew up on a farm in Clarksburg raising goats and cattle and became fascinated with all types of animals at a young age. In 2003, Chris began to make his fascination with animals into a reality by making his first purchase of bison while he was attending Jackson State Community College and earning an associate degree in Electro-Mechanical Maintenance.. Following his graduation, Chris worked as an AT&T technician. After hours, he would be at the farm. When lay-offs changed his working conditions, it was Chris's dream to be around animals and work with them every day. Many people did not believe in this dream or relate to his foresight. He was advised to find a conventional job with insurance and retirement benefits. What started with five buffalo has turned into Southland Safari with over 700 animals and 57 different species. Southland Safari opened its campground in October of 2019 and ran its first tour in March of 2020. They now offer safari tours, cabin stays, and close animal encounters. It is estimated that visitors travel an average of two to five hours to tour or stay the night, with some coming from as far as Alaska, Hawaii, and the Bahamas. Southland Safari's most popular animal is the sloth. People love to talk about the sloth, but a large percentage love the giraffes or kangaroos just as much upon their departure. The most unusual animal and the one of which Southland Safari is proudest is the rhino.. As a matter of fact, the farm has two rhinos. After a year and a half process, Southland was approved to become the only private owners of rhinos in the State of Tennessee.. Also among Southland's animals are two that are on the endangered species list, the Pere David's deer and the Bone Bok, which is an African antelope. Various species of deer make it the animal of which they have the most number. Small animals include fennec foxes, lemurs, and

aardwolves. The more commonly known are the giraffes, kangaroos, ostriches, among others. Chris and his wife, Tosha have been married for 18 years. They have three children: Gage, who is 16; Natalie, 11; and Ridge, 8. They attend school at Clarksburg. Chris's parents are Myron and Rhonda Gurley. **Business of the Year 2024** In 2007, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce established an award to recognize Carroll County businesses for their commitment to making our county a better place to live and work. Tonight we are honoring another recipient of this outstanding award. Carroll County is very fortunate to be home to two Dynamix Physical Therapy locations, Huntingdon and McKenzie. For five consecutive years, Dynamix has been named an Inc. 5000 company as one of the fastest-growing companies in the nation. In 2022, they were recognized as the country's top physical therapy clinic. Dynamix started as a dream in 2008. Russ Hufstetler and Heath Ladd, two physical therapists and native West Tennesseans, wanted to bring something unique and special to the area. They wanted not just to be a building, but to invest in and be a part of the community while providing top-notch healthcare. They opened their first clinic in Milan in 2009.. Since then, Dynamix has grown to serve seventeen largely rural communities all over West Tennessee and will soon open its 19th location with an expansion into Mississippi. The McKenzie office opened in 2017 and Huntingdon followed in the fall of 2022. Will Record is the clinical director of the clinic in McKenzie and is also the regional director. Misty King is the director of the Huntingdon clinic. The two Carroll County locations have 25 employees. One of the keys to the success of Dynamix Physical Therapy is its focus on innovation and education. The therapists are constantly learning and considered the top in their work. Their commitment to personalized care makes them stand out in their field. Services provided by Dynamix include treatment after orthopedic surgeries and sports injuries, plus pain management. One important service provided is balance maintenance to prevent falls. Dynamix Physical Therapy is the largest sports provider in Tennessee. Dynamix in Huntingdon and McKenzie gives back to the community by providing treatment of athletic-related injuries for local schools. In addition, the McKenzie location provides sideline

trainers for McKenzie Middle School sports. **Agri-Business/Farmer of the Year 2024** Since 2007, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce has presented an award to seventeen farming, agricultural, and livestock enterprises that continue to honor and further the agricultural legacy of Carroll County. Blacketter Farms is the eighteenth recipient of the Chamber's Agri-Business/Farmer of the Year Award. Blacketter Farms is a family-owned business headquartered in McMoresville, Tennessee. This father-and-son team farms 3800 acres together, focusing on corn, soybeans, wheat, and canola row crops. Van Blacketter began his farming career in 1979. When asked how he got into farming, he replied that his dad had farmed, and it is all he has ever done. He now operates the farm with his son Brooks, who has taken over the managerial aspects. Van states that the most significant change that he has seen in his years of farming is that the farmer formerly worked from the ground up, but now everything is no-till. He also cited the emergence of electronics and GPS as a huge difference since the beginning of his career. While Van Blacketter does acknowledge that farming does dependent largely on the elements and is risky business, he enjoys the job because it involves a variety of jobs and tasks every workday as opposed to performing the same routine every day. Van is married to his wife of 44 years, Lou Ann Blacketter. They are the parents of a daughter, Leah Bridges and her husband, Bruce, who live in Indianapolis; and a son,, Brooks and his wife, Hayden. They have three grandchildren: Sam Bridges, Sophia Blacketter, and Carson Blacketter. Brother Terry Bradshaw emceed the event. Mandy Bryant presented the Chamber's Business of the Year Award. Don Reed presented the 2023 Agri-Business / Farmer of the year award.. Joe Smothers presented the Distinguished Career and Leadership award. Terry Bradshaw presented the County Champion award. Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce presented the Carroll Countion of the Year Award. John Sanders presented the Business Person of the Year Award.



Top, The McKenzie Marching Rebels earned fourth in finals competition at Division I. Above, The Huntingdon Marching Mustangs earned seventh in finals competition at Division I. Below, The West Carroll Marching War Eagles placed tenth in finals competition at Division I. Bottom, The Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Marching Tigers were champions at the Tennessee Small Band Championship, sweeping all categories. Submitted photos



Area Bands Excel at Championship Competitions

The four Carroll County high school marching bands concluded their competitive seasons Saturday at two championship competitions.

McKenzie, Huntingdon and West Carroll traveled to Independence High School in Thompson’s Station for the Division I State Marching Band Championship.

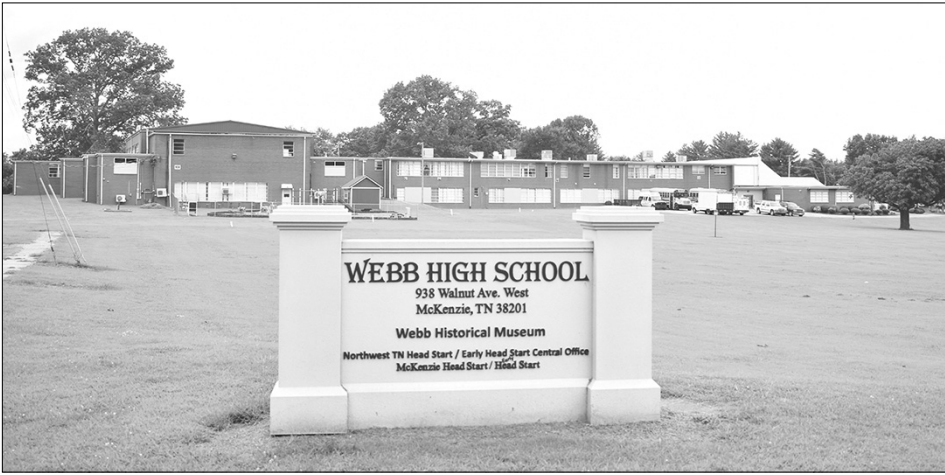
All three bands advanced to finals competition.

McKenzie placed fourth, and baritone player Dylan Bomar was awarded best soloist in both preliminary and finals competition.

Huntingdon was seventh place in finals, and the color guard placed third in preliminary competition.

West Carroll placed tenth.

The Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Marching Tigers traveled to Watertown for the Tennessee Small Band Championship, where they were champions, earning awards for top color guard, percussion, music and visual and first place band. The traveling “Senate Cup” will reside at Central High School for the year.



The Webb Alumni Association received a grant of \$54,000 for the restoration of the Webb Public School, located at 938 Walnut Avenue West in McKenzie. File photo

Tennessee Historical Commission Awards \$2 Million in Historic Preservation Grants

NASHVILLE (November 1) — The Tennessee Historical Commission announces the awarding of 23 matching grants totaling \$2 million from the Historic Property/Land Acquisition Fund (HPLAF) program.

These grants, which come from real estate transfer tax growth funds that have been allocated to the Commission, will be used to fund historic restoration and rehabilitation projects for National Register-listed properties in Tennessee that have a public benefit.

“This new state grant program is an important component of our mission of revitalizing historic places across Tennessee,” said Patrick McIntyre, Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Director of the Tennessee Historical Commission, adding “from historic courthouses to museums, this program will help a variety of time-honored landmarks that make our communities unique.”

This year’s grant awards include a wide variety of historic and architectural projects, all listed below. The grant program requires a 10% match of project funds from the grantee and is for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places that also have a strong public engagement component such as museums, courthouses, and libraries. These projects meet the goals and objectives of the Tennessee Historical Commission’s plan for historic preservation.

A complete list of grant recipients include:

Carroll County

Webb Alumni Association Inc. \$54,000 for the restoration of the Webb Public School.

Gibson County

Gibson County \$150,000 to restore the porch at the Gibson County Courthouse.

Henry County

Paris Henry County Heritage Center \$31,000 to replace the roof of Cavitt Place.

Five Tennessee Trial Court Judges Build Expertise at National Judicial College

Judge Brent Bradberry (Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henry counties), of McKenzie, Judge Cynthia Chappell (Davidson Co.), formerly of McKenzie, Judge Damita Dandridge (Shelby Co.), Judge Mark Hayes (Dyer and Lake Co.) and Judge Ryan Spitzer (Anderson Co.) recently completed an intensive two-week General Jurisdiction course for judges at the National Judicial College. The immersive course aims to provide judges with a solid foundation on courtroom leadership, judicial ethics, evidence, case management, judicial security, and decision-making. Graduates can earn credit hours toward a Master of Judicial Studies degree.

“For many judges, the transition from bar to bench is very swift and there is no ‘how-to guide’ available,” Judge Benes Z. Aldana (Ret.), president of the National Judicial College, said. “Judges must be lifelong learners and build a network of relationships with other judges they can reach out to on a regular basis. We were pleased to welcome five Tennessee judges to the College and hope we can continue to serve as a resource throughout their judicial careers.”

During the General Jurisdiction course, judges learn from top faculty recruited from the judiciary and subject matter experts from around the country. In addition to classroom-style learning, the course frequently breaks into small discussion groups that allow judges to have in-depth conversations and discuss issues currently before them.

The Tennessee judges all agreed that the experience was worthy and would benefit the administration of justice in their respective judicial districts.

Bethel Plans New Golf Practice Facility

Bethel plans to construct a new indoor/outdoor golf practice facility near the new Dollar General store, located on State Route 22 N., McKenzie. The 2,600 square-foot facility will provide a facility for student-athletes to practice regardless of the weather. It will have a simulator, locker rooms, study lounge. The two coaches said it will help in student recruitment for golf athletes. Additionally, it can provide some tutoring opportunities for student-athletes to help other golfers.

The estimated cost is \$450,000. The school has already collected donations to cover over two-thirds of the cost.

For more information, contact John Austin, austinj@bethelu.edu; Larry Joe Smith, smithj@bethelu.edu.



HUNKER DOWN WITH KES
Green Beans Saved the Day with Mary Hadley

I went to a wedding “here while back” (which is West Tennessee parlance for “some time ago,” it could be two days, two weeks...or two years) where 65 pounds of green beans were cooked for the reception afterward.

Sixty-five pounds!

Were they expecting Coxey’s Army, the Chicago Bears, AND the Mormon Tabernacle Choir?

You talk about a situation teeming with questions, and possibilities. How many pots would it take to cook 65 pounds of green beans? How big was the truck that hauled in that kind of load? If you stacked the beans on top of each other would they reach as high as Jack had to climb? If you laid them end-to-end, would they stretch from Phoenix City, Alabama, to Topeka, Kansas?

I rode to the reception trying to visualize rinsing, topping the stem off, and snapping that many beans into good eating size. I am no expert on the subject by any stretch of the imagination. But I have eaten, and picked, enough of them to have some walking-around knowledge on how they get from the garden to your plate.

There are a few pluses associated with green beans. When harvesting them, they don’t eat your skin up like cutting that okra does. Mom was always going to rinse them thoroughly so you didn’t have to shake every speck of dirt off. And they taste a whole heap better than beets, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts.

The downside is they don’t taste anything like spaghetti, cheeseburgers, or butter pecan ice cream.

Leon always classified green beans as having a neutral taste. “Filling and wholesome” is the way he referred to them. I can assure you from the amount he didn’t eat, it was not a ringing endorsement.

Mom would only cook them in a copper pot. I have no clue why. It could have been an old-timey, even Medieval, hand-me-down superstition. More than likely it was how Granny did it. I never tasted any copper. Mom cooked them down so much that I didn’t hardly even taste the green beans.

They were piping hot and falling apart when they reached your plate. Mom had simmered them to a dull, faded-out green. And she served them straight up. They were never sautéed, filled with ham hocks, sprinkled with Parmesan cheese or panko bread crumbs. She might throw in a bacon strip or two if company was coming.

We did not have green beans at every meal. Maybe every other day... But “believe you me,” (West Tennessee for “this is the gospel truth” or “I’m telling you this with my hand up”) everyone in the Colbert household ate their fair share of them!

If we had an official function back in the day, like lunch with the Rotary Club for being named student of the month, they would serve roast beef, mashed potatoes, and green beans. It would be the same fare at the Valentine’s meal at church or both years I attended the Junior-Senior banquet in high school.

Green beans in our formative eating years were as staple as a staple could be! But that still doesn’t guarantee we munched down 65 pounds of the things....

I wish now I’d been counting...or, I should say, weighing.

Leon often told us about eating at the fancy Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville. He swears the waiters were all wearing white gloves. He allowed they brought out a special tray of cold forks and offered him one to eat his salad with.

He also said the roast beef plate only had three green beans on it, and they were not topped. They were not cut into pieces. And they had not been cooked. Waxed maybe, but not cooked! It was, in his words, “the brightest green, green beans in the history of green beans.”

Of course, Leon also swears he was captured by Martians in 1959 in that field behind Archie Moore’s Pond and carried up into their spaceship. They hooked him up to a machine that read his mind.

Mary Hadley Hayden invited me to eat with her family not two weeks after we started dating. I thought it was a little quick. I was sure of it when Mrs. Hayden rolled out the food, roast beef, Brussels sprouts, English peas, and green beans.

I wanted to make a good impression. I couldn’t hardly choke down the Brussels sprouts. You know how those English peas roll all over your plate. And she didn’t serve any mashed potatoes, which I could have “run” my peas into and hemmed them up a mite. Time and proper decorum dictated that I couldn’t stick my fork in each individual pea.

The sprouts and peas were out. I certainly couldn’t have her thinking that I was thinking she couldn’t cook! There seemed to be only one option left to avoid a train wreck at the dinner table. I politely selected two appropriately sized pieces of roast beef, and then filled the rest of my plate with 65 pounds of green beans....

**Respectfully,
Kes**

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Obituaries



MARTHA TAYLOR
1950 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Martha Taylor, 74, died peacefully at her home on Friday, November 1, 2024. Funeral services were Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery. Brother Scott Carter officiated.

Mrs. Taylor was born July 17, 1950, to the late Gaillard and Brooxie Bennett of Huntingdon. She was a graduate of Huntingdon High School. She was a member of Huntingdon First United Methodist Church. Martha was a business lady who helped establish Taylor Real Estate in the mid-1970s along with her late husband, Lynn Taylor. She also contributed 42 years to the community, working for the Town of Huntingdon in various roles and the last 22 years as Town Recorder. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Taylor.

Martha Taylor is survived by her three children, Chad (Laura) Taylor of Huntingdon, Vicki (Lane) Williams of Huntingdon, Jennie (Trevor) Smith of Huntingdon. She has five siblings, Weldon (Carol) Bennett of Huntingdon, Carole (Bobby) Caylor of Huntingdon, Diane (Mark) Ward of Lexington, Burton (Sharon) Bennett of Huntingdon, Rhnea (Preston) Hall of Huntingdon. She was a loving and proud grandmother of seven grandchildren: Remington Taylor, Lillian Taylor, Kaylee Taylor, Taylor (Micah) McCarty, Ava Williams, Beau Smith, and Emma Smith.

The family requests donations be made to Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, P.O. Box 668, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

JEANETTE MASSEY
1942 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Jeanette Massey, 82, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Life Care Center of Bruceton. Memorial services were Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 10 a.m. with Bro. Robert Simmons at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 70 in Bruceton.

Mrs. Massey was born August 19, 1942, in Camden, to the late Perry and Harriett (Birdwell) Kee. She was a seamstress for Henry I. Siegel. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Faye Bush and a brother, Junior Kee.

She is survived by Charlie Massey, and children, Stuart Massey (Kimberly) of Bells; Michelle Lowery (Steven) of Lebanon and Karen Heyduck (Mike) of Murfreesboro; three sisters, Betty Lou Tenley, Treva Taylo and Doris DePriest; two brothers, Charles Kee and Jimmy Kee, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

GEORGIA MAY
WOODRUFF
1959 – 2024

ATWOOD — Georgia May Woodruff, 64, died October 14, 2024, with her husband by her side at their farm in Atwood. Georgia was born November 5, 1959, in Hammond, Ind., to George and Mina Leonard. She graduated from Calumet

High School and attended college at the University of Indiana. Georgia met Scott Woodruff in 1991. They married and raised their five children. Georgia Woodruff is survived by a loving husband, Scott Woodruff, her sisters, Debbie and Jamie, and their children, Cassandra Westmoreland (Geoff), Patricia Graves (Richard), Scott Woodruff, Kari Ann spouse Chase and they're 13 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Mina Leonard, sisters Arlene and Martha, brother David Leonard, and daughter Sarah Woodruff.

DALE MANN
1955 – 2024

Mr. Dale Mann, 69, of Huntingdon, died Friday, November 1, 2024, at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis. Funeral services were Sunday, November 3, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Larry DePriest officiating. Interment was in Palmer Shelter Cemetery. Mr. Mann was born October 6, 1955, in McKenzie, to the late Charles Lendell Mann and Ruth (Reeder) Mann Wilson. He was a logger.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patricia Mann; a daughter, Misty Delaney (Chris) ; a son, Matt Mann (Michelle), both of Huntingdon; a brother, Ricky Mann of Stone Mountain, Georgia; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Chase Funeral Home.

CHARLIE COOPER
1937 – 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Charlie Ross Cooper were Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Liberty Cemetery, McKenzie. Mr. Cooper, 87, died at his residence on Friday, November 1, 2024. He was born in McKenzie on June

26, 1937, to Herman Utah Cooper and Josie Louise Neal Cooper. After graduation, he moved to Indiana and worked in the steel mill, only to return to McKenzie as soon as his children were grown. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Paul) Webster of Yuley, Fla.; son, Randy Cooper of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jan Swader Cooper of 62 years, seven brothers, Wayne Cooper, JR Cooper, William Neal Cooper, Russel Glenn Cooper, Warren Cooper, Wade Austin Cooper, and Johnny Cooper, and one sister, Dorothy Cooper. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

CATHY
FITZGERALD
1964 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Cathy Fitzgerald, 59, of Huntingdon, died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Funeral services are Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at First Baptist Church Huntingdon. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. Brother Jacob Harris is officiating. Mrs. Fitzgerald was born December 10, 1964, to the late Charles Edwin Fitzgerald and Mary Catherine Rice Fitzgerald. She was a member of First Baptist Church Huntingdon. Her husband, Brent Gregory, and brother, Jonathan Fitzgerald, preceded her death.

She is survived by one son, Sam Gregory, of Huntingdon; three step-daughters, Jennifer Mayo of Camden, Crystal Robertson of Camden, and Britney Harris of Huntingdon; one brother, Charlie Fitzgerald; four step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 731-986-8281.



Pastor Appreciation
Day at Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church surprised Pastor Jon King with a nice gift certificate and catered meal in his honor on Pastor Appreciation Day. Brother King and his wife Stacy were warmly received last year and are deeply loved by the membership. The congregation at Grace is very fortunate to have Brother King, a strong Bible preacher with tireless effort, devotion, compassion and wisdom to lead us as we continue to grow. The church's growth is evidenced by the baptis-

mal service today and another baptismal service scheduled next Sunday as we continue to add to our membership. As the church members enjoyed the meal and fellowship following the morning service, they continued to express their gratefulness to have Brother King as pastor and his wife Stacy as a great example of a pastor's wife.

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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.

McKENZIE FIRST CP CRAFT/BAKE SALE

McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Craft Ladies host a Craft/Bake Sale Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the church on 16835 Highland Drive. Many crafts, in-

cluding Christmas items, and lots of baked items will be available. Orders are being taken for turkey and dressing casseroles for pick-up on November 23. Tickets for casseroles are available from any Craft Lady. Come join us for a fun day.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Northwest Tenn. 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 submit 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).

HARVEST DAY AT ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is invited to Harvest Day services, on November 10, at Enon Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. followed by the Worship Hour at 11 a.m. There will be a noon add-a-dish meal. The Owen Family will sing at 1:30 p.m. There is no night services. The address is 13025 Highway 79 S in McKenzie. Come join us for a blessing!

ISBELLS TO SING AT BEECH SPRINGS BAPTIST

The Isbells will sing at Gleason Beech Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 2696 Brawner's Levee Road, Gleason, 6 p.m., November 23. There is no charge for admission, a love offering will be taken.

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 FISH FRY

American Legion Post 47 of Huntingdon hosts a fish fry Saturday, November 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.

AMERICAN LEGION DRESDEN MEETING, VETERANS DAY DINNER

American Legion Post 94 of Dresden meets Monday, November 11 at 7 p.m. The special Veterans Day dinner includes choice of turkey or ham with all the usual trimmings. Veterans and their family members are invited. The post is currently meeting bi-monthly. They will be back on the normal schedule of meeting on the third Thursday of the month starting in January.

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.

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Farmers Home Furniture Fur-ever Home Sale Benefits Carroll County Humane Society

McKenzie Retailer Offers November Discounts for Dog, Cat Food Donations

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (November 1) — Farmers Home Furniture is hosting a "Farmer's Fur-ever Home Sale" through the month of November to benefit the Carroll County Humane Society.

All month, the retailer is offering one percent off on furniture and mattress purchases for each pound of American-made dog food donated, up to 25 percent.

Also, any donation of American-made cat food will earn a 50 percent discount on toys.

All food collected will be donated to the Carroll County Humane Society.

Farmers Home Furniture is located at 87 Main Street.



Pictured are Farmers Home Furniture Store Manager Kamie Reynolds (left) and Carroll County Humane Society Vice President Crystal King with shelter dog Pina Colada. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

The Georgia-based, employee-owned company has over 260 locations in the Southeast.

West Tennessee Healthcare-Henry County Hosts Ribbon Cutting on Thursday

PARIS — West Tennessee Healthcare- Henry County Hospital invites the community to a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating a new era in healthcare for West Tennessee.

The event is Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the main lobby of the Paris hospital, 301 Tyson Avenue, Paris.

"This celebration marks a significant milestone in our commitment to enhancing healthcare services for the residents of West Tennessee. The ribbon cutting

ceremony will feature remarks from leaders of both HCMC and West Tennessee Healthcare, highlighting the collaborative efforts to expand healthcare access, and provide an opportunity for the community to network with local healthcare professionals. We welcome all community members, local officials, and healthcare professionals to join us in this celebration," said a press release.

The event will include light refreshments and an opportunity to meet with

the dedicated staff and providers who are at the heart of this partnership.

About West Tennessee Healthcare: West Tennessee Healthcare is a public, not-for-profit healthcare system with locations serving 19 counties in West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The mission of West Tennessee Healthcare is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care.

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Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (October 30) — The following cases were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Sara Durrance, Crews Drive, Hollow Rock, bound over on charge of Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment.

Odell Andre Holder, Fifth Avenue, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Jacob Saulters, Walter Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on charges of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; guilty, Probation Violation.

Tory Turner, Norsworthy Lane, Sedalia, Kentucky, bound over, Evading Arrest-Flight Vehicle; bound over, Reckless Driving.

The following resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Russell Norris Baumann, III, Lois Street, Paris, guilty, DUI-Second Offense, \$600 fine, 11/29 jail, suspended to 45 days; probation, not to drive for two years, DUI School, must serve 17 days with remainder eligible for day-for-day in-patient rehab treatment; dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Curt Cobb, Heintzelman Avenue, Cedar Springs, Mich., guilty, Reckless Driv-

ing, \$350 fine, time served, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Not Wearing Motorcycle Helmet.

Victor Donyphn Foster, Jamison Drive, Huntingdon,, guilty, Schedule VI Drugs- Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess, \$750 fine, jail sentence to run concurrent with Circuit Court sentence; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent.

Tyler Johnson, Oak Street, Kenton, Tenn., guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$750 fine, nine days jail, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Window Tint Violation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driving While Suspended-Second or Subsequent Offense; dismissed, Meth-Casual Exchange.

Edgar Leroy Longworth, II, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 jail suspended; dismissed, Possession of Firearm with Intent to Go Armed; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Daniel Lott, Farris Carter Street, Atwood, guilty, Public Intoxication, \$50 fine, time served, probation.

Donald McKee, Winberry Cove, Arlington, Tenn., DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, not to drive

for one year, weapon to be surrendered.

Tiffany Richardson, Jordan Avenue, Huntingdon, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, 48 hours jail, no contact with retailer for one year, probation.

Travis Shaw, Jr. Robin Hood Lane, Memphis, judicial diversion, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, probation; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Andrew A. Tosh, Clarksburg Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Public Intoxication, 10 days jail; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search.

Kimberly Townsend, Hollow Rock, guilty, Public Intoxication, probation for 30 days; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search; dismissed, Assault on First Responder.

Benjamin Bruce Williams, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$50 fine, time served, probation, must obtain a driver's license; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

The following cases were dismissed.

Javontae Allen, Waters Edge Drive, Clarksville, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Speeding.

Zaren Cole, Autumn Valley Drive, Jackson, dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs, Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Forgery — On October 24, according to a report made by Officer Angie Barker, she received a call from Sgt. Drake Whitworth, who is the School Resource Officer at the Huntingdon Primary School. Sgt Whitworth stated that he had a woman dressed in all black (later identified as Ayanna Hicks, 32), enter the building with a friend in black and red clothing (Ashley Nelson.) Sgt. Whitworth stated that they approached the visitor sign-in sheet without speaking; signed the visitor sign-in sheet and the desk secretary asked if they needed help. Hicks stated she was there to see her kids and gave her kids names. The desk secretary was aware of a foster care situation and called their foster parent and learned that there was a no contact order in place. When the officers tried to approach the vehicle, Hicks drove off and left her friend. She also had signed the sheet with the foster parent name, which is forgery. Investigator Joey Hedge located Hicks, and she was taken into custody.

Shoplifting — On October 3, according to a report made by Officer Ethan Parham, he

cited Brian Michael Jones, 45, for theft of property involving merchandise. Jones was observed using self-check-out aisle at Walmart, on ten separate occasions, during which he failed to scan 25 items. He left the store without paying and owes \$211.67 to Walmart.

DUI, Vandalism — On October 12, according to a report made by Officer Malachi Arline, officers were dispatched to McDonald's parking lot in Huntingdon following reports of a vehicle striking a pole in the drive-through. The driver, Mario Guzman, 46, was behind the wheel of a silver Chevy Silverado and towing a boat. A strong odor of alcohol came from him, watery eyes, slurred speech, and unsteadiness. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Reckless Driving, Evading Arrest — On October 13, according to a report made by Officer Malachi Arline, he observed a white Nissan Altima driven by Hailey Forest and a white Chevy Silverado driven by Ja'Lahn Morris. Chevy was following the Altima too closely. The Nissan Altima was driving 52 in a 35-

mph zone, so Officer Arline initiated a traffic stop and in response both vehicles sped up to a higher rate of speed. The pursuit lasted five miles before he was forced to cancel it due to a collision involving his vehicle and he was transported to the hospital for evaluation. During the investigation, the same Chevy Silverado was spotted again traveling down Buena Vista. Hailey Forest was driving, with Ja'Lahn in passenger seat. Sergeant Parham conducted the traffic stop. When questioned, Hailey admitted to running from law enforcement, explaining they fled because Ja'Lahn was scared and needed to use the restroom. Hailey stated they turned onto Maytown Rd., She acknowledged seeing the blue lights while Ja'Lahn claims not paying attention at the time. Both Hailey and Ja'Lahn confirmed their roles in the incident. Hailey was driving the white Altima, and Ja'Lahn was in the Chevy Silverado. After THP addressed the wreck, Sergeant Parham continued to work on the details of the case.

Property Transfers

Wheeler Ray Casteel to Paul Casteel.

Jeffery Lynn Sellers to Harold H. and Kacee Liggins Chaney McLain, Jr. in District 5.

Steve Douglas to Joseph Wayne and Sarah Nicole Lynch in District 15.

Taylor M. and Micah L. McCarty to Hurshell Brent and Emily Katharine Bullock in District 11.

Benjamin and Mildred Deann Wolski to Mary Elizabeth Prudhomee.

Mark Dillahunty to Jason and Carson Erin Hicks.

Jerrold and Jenifer Kitchen to Farris Stafford Holdings, LLC in District 18.

Mark Dillahunty to Jason and Carson Erin Hicks in District 11.

Allison L. Hogan to Craig and Erin Marie Ritthaler in District 15.

Anthony Wayne Spain to Landon Wayne Spain in District 20.

Brenda Spain to Anthony Wayne Spain in District 20.

Mitchell and Sheila Whitworth to Drake Butler and Jessica Paige Whitworth in District 10.

Jonathan Langston to Kathryn Langston in District 9.

Stanley Penny to Sherri Nichole Henry.

Evelyn Johnson to Ches-

ter Tory and Evelyn Johnson in District 2.

Cameron B. Burton to

Chase Holt.

Barbara Miller Brewer to Michael James Brewer in District 22.

Ashley Coleman to Ginger Delisle in District 15.

McKenzie Police Reports

Stolen Vehicle — Martez P. Carter, 19, Kirby Downs Drive, Memphis is charged with Theft, Reckless Endangerment and Aggravated Assault Against a First Responder after an incident on October 29.

Officers Dustin McClure and Sergeant Davis witnessed a 2013 black Honda sedan without working registration lights and attempted to stop the vehicle at around 2:22 a.m. The car, driven by Martez Carter, began to speed and swerve to avoid the traffic stop. A Carroll County joined the pursuit, and Carter slammed on the brakes, making the dep-

uty's car slammed into the rear of the stolen vehicle. McKenzie officers went to Bethel University where the school's security team watched a video of Carter and a juvenile entering the car. The owner of the car stated the two did not have permission to drive it. Carter was charged with Felony Evading, Aggravated Assault on a First Responder, Reckless Endangerment with a Weapon, Theft, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Criminal Trespass — Athena Stafford, 35, Elm Street, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal

Trespass on November 3. Officer Bryan Batchelder was dispatched to the E.W. James parking lot where he located Stafford near the donation bins in the parking lot. Stafford was previously issued a ban notice from the property.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Lawrence, 31, Coleman Street, Memphis, was charged with Criminal Trespass on Halloween. Officer Dalton Raspberry was dispatched to Regions Bank where Lawrence was dancing in the parking lot. Lawrence, who is frequently charged with Criminal Trespass, was located at City Wine and Liquor, where he was previously banned.

Sheriff's Reports

Disorderly Conduct — On October 26, deputies got a call about a disorderly person on Renfroe Rd. in Huntingdon. When deputies arrived Joe Lindsey stated that Daniel Lott

was at his property talking to him about scrapping out a trailer and as they were talking Daniel became violent and threatening Lindsey. Daniel Lott was yelling and threatening him un-

til his brother Jason Lott persuaded him to leave. Deputies went to talk to Daniel about the incident at his residence in Atwood. Lott started yelling and threatening deputies to get off his property and would not listen to deputies. He was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

Marriage Licenses

Shaune Katheryne Holder, 23, of McKenzie, to Richard Brinnen Gage Moon, 20, of McKenzie.

Alivia Ann Green, 23, of McKenzie, to Andrew Ryan Hudgins, 25, of McKenzie.

Toshua Isaiah Croom, 27, of Wildersville, to Cour-

ney Noelle Depriest, 27, of Huntingdon.

Megan Ashleigh King, 23, of Huntingdon, to Anthony Tyler Jones, 29, of Huntingdon.

Ashley Suzanne Hargrove, 29 of Hollow Rock, to Kyle Andrew Baker, 35, of Hollow Rock.

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Project Identification: **McKenzie High School Re-Roof**

Project Location: High School **23292 HWY 22, McKenzie, TN 38201**

Owner: **McKenzie Special School District, 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201**

Construction Manager: **Lashlee-Rich, Inc.; 1100 E. Main St.; Humboldt, TN 38343; 731-784-2461**

Architect: **TLM Associates, 117 East Lafayette Street, Jackson, TN 38301**

Copies of the documents must be obtained from **Lashlee-Rich, Inc.**

Bid Date: **November 7, 2024.**

Bid Time: **2 p.m.**, local time.

Location: **ZOOM MEETING OPENING IN OBSERVANCE OF COVID19 PRECAUTIONS**

The **McKenzie Special School District** reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the Owner.

A Pre-bid meeting for all bidders will be held at **The Project Location on October 31 at 3:30 p.m.**, local time. Prospective bidders are **requested** to attend. Meet outside High school Office, North side.

See Bid Documents for bid information and requirements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 403.8 (f) (2) (viii), the City of McKenzie Pretreatment Program is required to publish a list of Industrial dischargers to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works found to be in non-compliance as defined in the McKenzie Sewer Use Ordinance section 103 (51) (a-i). This list must be published annually in the largest local newspaper. The following lists the Industrial User's name, permit number, and reason for non-compliance for the period April 1, 2024-September 30, 2024.

Allegion Republic Door — Permit No. 95-09
Violation of permit limit for Monthly Average for Zinc.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle Kline, Pretreatment Coordinator (731) 352-3608 (office) or (731) 621-9013 (cell).

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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.

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Above, The McKenzie Cross County Lady Rebels placed second in the region and qualified for the state meet (L to R): Natalia Taylor, Ryleigh Rogers, Autumn Haywood, Abigail Wallace, Bella Sass, Morgan Little, Gracie Aird, and Madeline Gottshall. Below, The HHS Cross County Mustangs placed second in the region and qualified for the state meet (L to R): Zachary Watkins, Cody Wilson, Cole Chafin, Blaine Todd, Shawn Simpson, Carson Watters and EJ Lewis.



Lady Rebels, Mustangs Head to Compete In Cross Country State Championship Meet

Both the McKenzie Lady Rebels and the Huntingdon Mustangs cross country teams qualified to run in the TSSAA State Meet after finishing

runners-up in the regional qualifier. Quinn Kelley qualified as an individual for Huntingdon. The state meet takes place Thursday, Novem-

ber 7 at Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville. The Class A-AA girls' race starts at 1:50 p.m. and the Class A-AA boys' race starts at 2:40 p.m.

Sports Writer Poll Ranks McKenzie In First Place, Huntingdon in Sixth

NASHVILLE (November 4) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association announced football rankings after Week 11 on Monday, with the poll presented by CoachT.com. 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 A

1. McKenzie (10-0) – 100 (10)
2. Coalfield (9-1) – 89
3. Union City (8-2) – 72

4. South Pittsburg (8-2) – 62
5. Oliver Springs (8-2) – 60
6. MASE (8-1) – 52
7. Clay County (8-2) – 45
8. South Fulton (8-2) – 24
9. Cosby (8-2) – 17
10. Whitwell (7-3) – 13

Class 2A

- t1. Fairley (9-0) – 100 (7)
- t1. Milan (9-1) – 100 (3)
3. East Robertson (9-1) – 89 (1)
4. Bledsoe County (9-1) – 65
5. York Institute (8-2) – 53
6. Huntingdon (8-2) – 50
7. Westmoreland (8-2) – 43
8. Marion County (8-2) – 40

9. South Greene (8-1) – 20
10. East Hickman (8-2) – 15

Class 3A

1. Alcoa (8-1) – 108 (10)
2. Westview (10-0) – 94 (1)
3. Covington (9-1) – 84
4. Sequatchie County (9-1) – 70
5. East Nashville (8-2) – 61
6. Unicoi County (9-1) – 59
7. Johnson County (8-2) – 35
8. Bolton (8-2) – 22
9. Meigs County (7-3) – 17
10. Gatlinburg-Pittman (7-3) – 14

Bethel Honors 2024 Homecoming Court

Bethel University presented the 2024 Homecoming Royalty Court during halftime of the Bethel football game on Saturday, November 2.

Representing the freshman class were Brooklyn McDowell and Walker Ward. Brooklyn McDowell is a freshman from Gleason, majoring in Interdisciplinary Elementary Education (K-5), and is the daughter of Jonathan McDowell and Lindsay and Nicky Jackson. Christopher Walker Ward is a freshman from Bedford Indiana, majoring in business management, and is the son of Mandy and Chris Ward.

Representing the Sophomore class was Addie Roberson. Addie Roberson is a sophomore from Dyer County, majoring in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Randy Shane and Wendi Roberson. Escorting Addie was SGA representative, Trevor Scott.

The junior class representatives were Brody Herman and Jada Wynn. Brody Herman is a junior from Utica, New York, majoring in exercise science, and is the son of Dan Herrman and Julie Grosse. Jada Wynn is a junior from Selmer majoring in Biology: Pre-Professional Health with a minor in Criminal Justice, and is the daughter of Shelley Walker and Clifford Wynn.

The first couple representing the senior class was Makenzie Harden and Jacob



Bethel University's Homecoming 2024 Queen and King Makenzie Harden and Jake Lilly.

Bowles. Makenzie Harden is a senior from Decatur County, Tenn., majoring in Biology: Pre-Professional Health, and is the daughter of Chad and Liz Harden. Upon graduation, Makenzie hopes to attend Bethel University's Physician Assistant Program to one day fulfill her dream of being a medical practitioner.

Jacob Bowles is a senior from Adamsville, majoring in Mathematics and Minor in Criminal Justice. He is the son of Josh Bowles and Jamie and Jason Gilchrist. Upon graduation, he plans on pursuing a career with the US Federal Marshals.

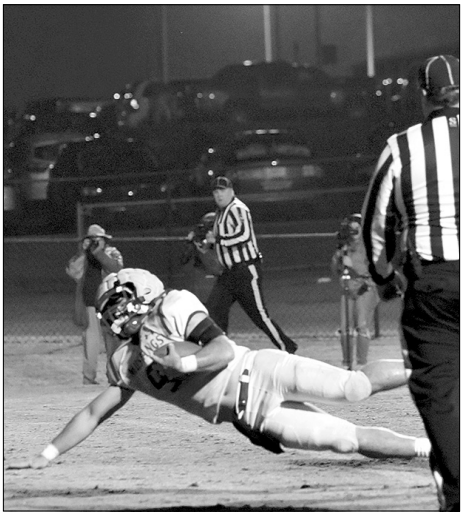
The second couple representing the Senior class is Adeline Edwards and Stephen Kelly. Adeline Edwards is a senior from Paducah, Ky., majoring in Sports Management, and is the daughter of Kirk and Laura Edwards. Upon graduation, Adeline plans to work in ticket sales and hopefully become an athletic director for a junior

college.

Stephen Kelly is a Senior from Mayfield, Ky., majoring in criminal justice, and is the son of Stephen and Alicia Kelly, and Emily Torres. Upon graduation, his plans are to attend law school and one day open up his own law firm.

The final couple representing the senior class is Mercedes Wright and Jake Lilly. Mercedes Wright is a Senior from Camden, who is majoring in Special Education grades K-8. She is the daughter of Debbie Brickert, Edward Brickert, and the late Michael Hottes (Hot-es). Upon graduation, Mercedes plans to teach CDC Special Education in an Elementary School.

Jake Lilly is a senior from South Fulton, Tenn., majoring in Biology: Pre-Professional Health, and is the son of Susan Joyner and Danny Joyner. Upon graduation, he plans to attend a medical school to pursue a career in pediatric medicine.



Left, Mustang Brady Warbritton holds off a Peabody defender with a stiff arm. Right, Quarterback Gray Eubanks dives across the goal line for a Huntingdon touchdown. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Huntingdon Stems the Tide, Claims Region 6-2A Runner-Up

BY BRAD SAM

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TRENTON (October 31) — Halloween night was extra scary for Region 6-2A teams battling for playoff position, but the Huntingdon Mustangs faced their fears head on and secured the runner-up position (and hosting rights to start the postseason) with a 38-21 win over the Peabody Golden Tide.

Thursday night closed the book on a wide-open region with five teams fighting over four playoff spots. Wins by JCM over Gibson County (on Wednesday) and Milan over Riverside cemented the standings.

Milan (9-1, 6-1) claims the region title and will host Lewis County. Runner-up Huntingdon (8-2, 6-1) hosts Loretto. JCM (7-2, 5-2) lands in third and travels to Summer-town, and defending state champion Riverside (6-4, 4-3) finishes fourth and goes to East Hickman. Peabody (4-6, 4-3) is eliminated from contention.

Peabody received the opening kickoff and started at their 24. A pair of short passes by quarterback Jonah Smith earned the Tide a first down, but tackles by Mustangs Broox Bennett and Braylin Dearmon and pass defense by Tyreke Hutch forced a punt.

The Mustangs took over at their 25 and picked up a quick first down on a 12-yard run by Brady Warbritton. The drive stalled, and Huntingdon punted.

The Tide went three-and-out and punted, and Huntingdon did the same.

Peabody's Billy Wilkins started the drive with a five-yard gain, then Edward Agnew went 67 for a first-and-goal at the 4. Amahd Thomas gained three, then Smith punched it in from the 1 on a sneak. The PAT was good, and the Tide led 7-0 with 21 seconds left in the opening frame.

Mustang quarterback Gray Eubanks started the ensuing drive with a six-yard keeper as the first quarter ended. He and Warbritton kept it on the ground for a 13-play, 74-yard scoring drive that blew through half the quarter. Eubanks had the eight-yard touchdown, and Greyson Anderson kicked the PAT for a 7-7 tie with 6:24 remaining in the half.

The Tide responded in kind with a nine-play, 63-



Mustang Braylin Dearmon wraps up the Tide's Edward Agnew with Broox Bennett (47) and Hayes Eubanks closing in to assist. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

yard drive to regain the lead. Seven of the plays were runs, but the two passes were most consequential. Smith went to Wilkins on a third-and-eleven for 27 yards, then found him again for a 23-yard touchdown. The PAT gave Peabody a 14-7 lead with 1:32 left in the second frame.

Huntingdon started at the 35 after the kick went out of bounds. Warbritton ran twice, then Eubanks was stopped just short of a first down. On fourth-and-one, he tried again and was stopped for no gain.

With time winding down, Agnew ran for 14, then Smith threw an interception to Hutch near the 10. Hutch returned the pick to the Mustang 30.

With eleven seconds on the clock, Eubanks broke loose and was tackled at the Tide 16 as the clock expired. Officials conferred and determined Eubanks was down with 0.7 seconds remaining. Anderson kicked a 35-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 14-10 at intermission.

The Mustangs received the second-half kick and stuck with the plan. Eubanks and Warbritton pounded the ball 71 yards on seven plays, capped by Eubanks' four-yard score. Anderson kicked, and Huntingdon had a 17-14 lead with 8:40 to play in the third.

Starting deep, the Tide had a strong start, mixing plays and earning a pair of first downs. The drive stalled near midfield, and a short punt was downed at the Mustang 38.

Warbritton gained six, followed by an incomplete pass. Eubanks made

a short gain and got extra yards on a penalty for a first down. He repeated for six, then Warbritton scored from 40 yards out. The PAT made it 24-14 with a minute and a half remaining in the third quarter.

A quarterback sack by Aiden Hilliard and Hayes Eubanks, paired with an unsportsmanlike penalty, doomed Peabody to a three-and-out. The punt was downed at the Mustang 41.

Eubanks made a short gain as the quarter ended, and the Tide were flagged on the first play of the fourth to give Huntingdon a first down at the Peabody 46. Eubanks and Warbritton did what they do, and Warbritton had the final touch for a two-yard score. Anderson hit the PAT to put his team up 31-14 with 8:33 to play.

Another Tide drive was marred by a penalty and a sack (by Easton Byars). Smith's desperation heave on fourth-and-21 was broken up (and nearly intercepted) by Wesley Williams.

Taking over at the 15, Hilliard ran for a short gain, the Eubanks kept twice down to the 1. Hilliard punched it in, and Anderson completed a perfect night of kicks for a 38-14 lead with four minutes to go.

A great kickoff return set the Tide up at the Mustang 34, and Jaquan Kinney took it the rest of the way. The PAT cut the Peabody deficit to 38-21 with just under three minutes on the clock.

Dearmon dove on the Tide's onside kick attempt. Runs by Hilliard and Hutch earned a first down and allowed the Mustangs to run the clock out for the win.

Gleason Seniors Recognized During Pre-Game

GLEASON (November 1) — Gleason School recognized two outstanding seniors, who have given their all for the Bulldog football program, and who participated in their final regular season football game at Parks Edwards Field. The seniors were presented with a commemorative plaque by Head Football Coach Noah Lampkins and Gleason School Principal Mr. Lee Lawrence.

Addy Black, the manager of the team, was escorted by her parents, Brian and Michelle Black. Addy was also the 2024 Homecoming queen.

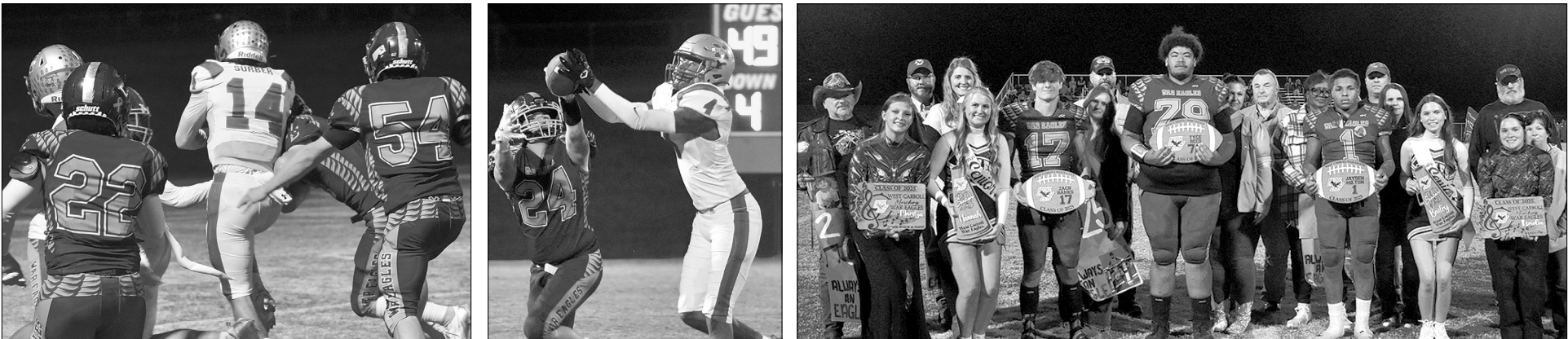
Bulldog #1 Christian



Gleason Seniors Addy Black and Christian Goad were honored during pre-game activities on Senior Night by Coach Noah Lampkins.

Goad plays running back and defensive end for the Bulldogs. He was escorted

by his parents, Jamie and Lindsey Goad and other members of his family.



Left, Rebel Tate Surber blows through defenders for a 49-yard touchdown. Center, Rebel Martez Teague plucks the ball out of the air for an interception. Right, West Carroll senior football players, cheerleaders and band members (L to R): Maritza Barajas, escorted by grandfather Richard Hatcher; Hannah Fowler, escorted by parents Jeremy and Brittany Fowler; Zach Hames, escorted by parents David and Kelly Hames; Tyce Reed, escorted by grandfather Lynn Reed and mother Shelby Reed; Jayden Milton, escorted by mother Jennifer Williams; Bailey Rogers, escorted by parents Daniel and Kelli Rogers; and Linda Murphy, escorted by mother Christy Murphy and stepfather Jerry Neal. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Wrap Undefeated Season at West Carroll

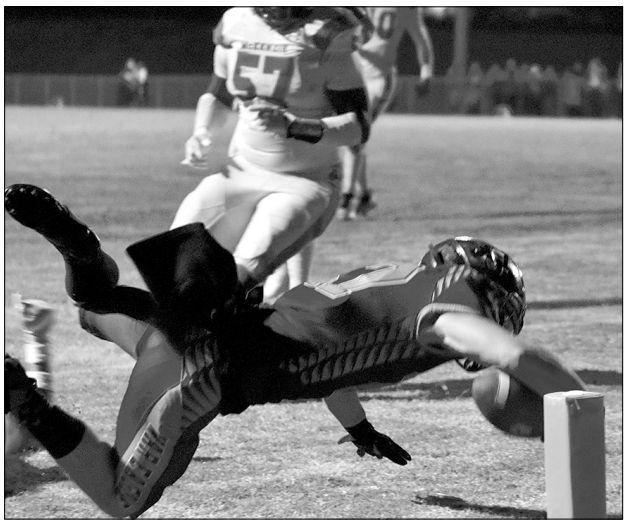
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ATWOOD (November 1) — The regular season came to a close Friday as West Carroll hosted McKenzie and celebrated Senior Night. The Region 6-1A game had already claimed the top seed and West Carroll was locked in to the fourth spot. The War Eagles opened the game with a long scoring drive that stretched into the second quarter, but the Rebels put up seven unanswered touchdowns to claim a 49-6 victory. Postseason play begins Friday as McKenzie hosts Wayne County and West Carroll travels to Richland. Prior to the game, West Carroll senior football players, cheerleaders and band members were recognized on the field, joined by family members. Senior football players are Jayden Milton, Tyce Reed and Zach Hames. Senior cheerleaders are Hannah Fowler and Bailey Rogers.

Senior band members are Maritza Barajas and Linda Murphy. West Carroll won the coin toss and received the opening kickoff. War Eagle Mason Taylor fielded the kick near the 10 and tossed it to Jayden Milton, who returned it to the 20. From there, West Carroll kept the ball on the ground, mixing in runs by Taylor, Zach Hames, Trinden Kirby and quarterback Zac Fowler, until Fowler threw to Hames for a six-yard touchdown. The 80-yard, 19-play drive exhausted the entire first quarter and nearly two minutes of the second. Fowler was stopped on the two-point attempt, and the War Eagles led 6-0 with 10:03 to play in the second frame. West Carroll attempted an onside kick, but Rebel Maddox Shiell fell on the ball at the War Eagle 49. Quarterback Tate Surber kept the first snap for a 49-yard touchdown. Skyler Fornera kicked the PAT, and McKenzie took a 7-6 lead with 9:37 to go in the second. The War Eagles started

at their 17 after the ensuing kick. The first play resulted in a fumble, and Rebel Cole Brown scooped up the ball and ran it back ten yards for a touchdown. Fornera's kick made it 14-6 with 9:28 to play in the first half. Another West Carroll fumble on the kickoff was recovered by Rebel Gage Crosland near midfield. A pair of runs by Fornera moved the chains, then, two plays later, Surber threw to Fornera for a 33-yard touchdown. The PAT gave McKenzie a 21-6 advantage with 8:05 remaining in the second quarter. A short kick gave the War Eagles good position at their 35. Kirby made a short gain, and a McKenzie penalty advanced the ball to the Rebel 45. Fowler ran twice to move the chains again, Kirby made a short gain, then Fowler took it 12 yards for a first down at the 20. Three plays later, Taylor converted a first down at the 8. A penalty and a pair of stops made it fourth-and-goal at the 9, and a pass from Fowler to Taylor as he

crashed into the pylon was ruled incomplete. McKenzie took over with just over a minute left before intermission. Surber connected with C. Brown twice for 27 total yards, then hit Craegen Travis for 26. Back-to-back penalties set the Rebels back, but Surber threw to C. Brown as time expired for a 47-yard touchdown. Fornera kicked, and McKenzie led 28-6 at the half. The Rebels recovered an onside kick attempt near midfield to start the second half. Colt Norden ran for 15, then Surber kept for a 23-yard score. Fornera's PAT gave McKenzie a 35-6 lead a minute into the quarter. West Carroll went three-and-out and punted. McKenzie started near midfield again. Surber threw incomplete, then Norden ran for eight. Surber kept the next snap for a 41-yard touchdown. Fornera made it 42-6 with 8:05 left in the third. The War Eagles started at the 32, and Hames flipped the field with a 46-yard run. It was quickly fourth down, and Fowler threw incomplete.



War Eagle Zach Hames dives into the pylon for a six-yard receiving touchdown. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Taking over, Surber kept for 19 yards, then Norden went 59 yards to paydirt. Fornera finished a perfect night of PATs, and McKenzie led 49-6 with three minutes left in the third. West Carroll started at their 38 and earned a first down as the third quarter ended. A sack by Zulmai and a penalty led to a fourth-and-long. Fowler threw deep, and Rebel Martez Teague made the interception. McKenzie turned the ball back over to West Carroll on four plays, then the War Eagles did the same. The Rebels ran one play, then took a knee twice to run out the clock. McKenzie had 389 yards of total offense to West Carroll's 157. Rebel quarterback Tate Surber was seven of eleven for 153 yards and two touchdowns. He had five rushes for 138 yards and three touchdowns. War Eagle quarterback Zac Fowler was one of five for six yards and one touchdown.

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Project Graduation Bull Ride Raises \$4,475 for McKenzie Class of 2025

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McKENZIE (October 26) — McKenzie High School Class of 2025 Project Graduation hosted a bullriding fundraiser event Saturday, presented by Crazy J Bucking Bulls on the property of Kenny and Tammy Trevathan. A total of \$4,475 was raised for Project Graduation.

The event featured 15 riders competing in the rodeo. The winner of the prize money and belt buckle was Matthew Hoffman of Paris.

There were several side events and activities in the arena for kids, including stick horse races, chicken chases and mutton-busting (rodeo, but with sheep).

There were various food and drink vendors, an inflatable and other activities on the large event site.

The night began with the seniors in attendance form-



Matthew Hoffman of Paris won the event, claiming the buckle and prize money. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

ing a circle in the arena, and senior Gage Crosland circled them on horseback while flying the McKenzie Rebel flag.

The National Anthem was played as five-year-old Harley Trevathan circled the arena on a pony with the American flag.

West Carroll Elementary School Celebrates Readers With Nautical-Themed Luncheon

West Carroll Elementary School recently celebrated a group of students who each read 50 books, passed Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes, and achieved an impressive milestone during the first nine weeks of school. As part of the WCES library theme for this school year, "Reading is an Adventure," the celebration luncheon embraced a nautical twist, honoring these young readers with a special meal at the "Captain's Table."

A total of 29 students were recognized, with 15 of them coming from the 4th grade, showing off the high levels of commitment and enthusiasm for reading among West Carroll's students. WCES Librarian, Pat Hudgins, stated that "The event was a significant step



toward the school's overall reading goal for the year, which challenges students to read 100 books by the end of the school year."

The school looks forward to the next celebration in December, where students who reach the 60-book goal by December 17th will be acknowledged. With this strong start, many students are well on their way to achieving their 100-book goal, marking an adventurous and rewarding year of reading at West Carroll Elementary.

Rotary Hears About United Way of West TN

McKENZIE (October 29) — The Rotary Club of McKenzie heard about United Way of West Tennessee during its Tuesday noon program, held in the Vera Low on Bethel University.

Stefania Wheeler is the Director of Donor Development for the agency, that serves as a community chest for area non-profit agencies. Wheeler said as a young mother, she was the recipient of some of the human services partially funded by United Way. She received her skills training at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology and graduated as a recession hit. She eventually worked for Forcum-Lannom and served as the capacity of fund-raising chairman for United Way, COVID relief funds, etc. When the United Way position opened, she



was well prepared to take on the challenge.

Rotary members were impressed with her story of immigrating from Venezuela, enrolling in a Tennessee school as a Spanish-speaking student, and overcoming many diversities. She is now an American citizen and works to serve others through United Way.

She is pictured between Ricky Price, vice-president of Rotary-McKenzie and Christy Williams, president.

Surber, Pate are Mr., Miss MHS

McKenzie High School recently announced the senior superlatives for the Class of 2025.

Tate Surber and Lydia Pate were named Mr. and Miss MHS.

Other superlatives are:

- Best Dressed - Guillermo Hickman and Allie Walker
- Most Athletic - Tate Surber and Allie Walker
- Most Rebel Spirit - Craegen Travis and Emma Smith
- Most Likely to Succeed - Carter Kee and Ally Gibson
- Class Clown - Mason Epperson and Kortnee Brown
- Most Talented - Aydin Neely and Anastasia Markham
- Most Likely to be Famous - Colt Norden and Reese Carroll
- Best Personality - Gage Crosland and Lydia Pate



Miss MHS Lydia Pate and Mr. MHS Tate Surber. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

- Best to Bring Home to Mom - Carter Kee and Brooklin Hudgins
- Friendliest - Cayden Lowrance, Lydia Pate and Monica Trevathan
- Most Courteous - Gage Crosland and Brooklin Hudgins
- Worst Case of Senioritis - Mason Epperson and Emmy McMullin



Above, The 2024-25 officers of the McKenzie High School Alumni Association are (L to R): Lauren Hickman (Class of 2007), Treasurer; Karen Cobb Moore (Class of 1984), Secretary; Betsy Hall Campbell (Class of 1973), Vice President; and Drew Beeler (Class of 2020), President. Below, Brian Winston (Class of 2003), was presented a plaque in appreciation of his service as the first president of the MHSAA. Pictured (L to R) are Lauren Hickman (2007), incoming treasurer; Winston; and Drew Beeler (2020), incoming president. Photo courtesy MHSAA

MHSAA Elects Officers, Honors Winston

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McKENZIE (October 28) — The McKenzie High School Alumni Association met Monday in the high school theatre to elect new officers and reflect on the achievements of the past year.

Officers for 2024-25 are President Drew Beeler (Class of 2020), Vice President Betsy Hall Campbell (1973), Secretary Karen Cobb Moore (1984) and Treasurer Lauren Hickman (2007).

Other board members are Terry Howell (Class of 1969), Byran Rich (1973), Brad Camp (1983), Lesa Roberson Hutcherson (1988) and Cheryl Oglesby-Townes (1988).

Brian Winston (Class



of 2003) was presented a plaque in appreciation for his service and dedication as the first president of the MHSAA in 2023-24.

It was an eventful start for the fledgling organization. In its first year, MHSAA recognized accomplished alumni, provided scholarships to current McKenzie students and contributed to other McKenzie school-related causes.

The feather in the alumni cap, though, was a very successful Homecoming weekend. MHSAA members participated in the Homecoming parade, and a "Decades Reunion" tailgate was held prior to and during the football game with an estimated 500 in attendance. Several classes held reunions during the weekend.



TVA INVESTMENT — The UT Martin students who participated October 2-4 at the Student Managed Investment Fund Consortium Conference in Chicago are (L to R): Archie Scott, Kayla Potete, Mackenzie Smith, Madison Everett, Toby Bolkcom, Zach Crawford and Nathan Jones.

McKenzian Takes Part in Investment Fund Consortium with UT Martin

MARTIN — The UT Martin TVA Investment Challenge students attended and participated at the 2024 Student Managed Investment Fund Consortium (SMIFC) Conference on October 2-4 in Chicago.

While attending the SMIFC Conference, the students presented a poster that showcased the UTM Tennessee Valley Authority's annual performance, holdings, investment allocation and investment philosophy.

Students interacted with competition judges and fielded questions from judges, other student-managed investment fund participants and industry professionals.

Students Toby Bolkcom, a senior finance major from Millington, and Kayla Potete, a Master of Business Administration student from Waynesboro, competed in a financial case analysis and gave intro-

ductory speeches for the conference speakers from Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. and Ariel Investments.

Other UTM students who attended or participated were Zach Crawford, a senior finance major from Dresden; Madison Everett, a senior finance major from Bolivar; Nathan Jones, a senior finance major from McKenzie; Archie Scott, a senior finance major from Harvest, Alabama; and Mackenzie Smith, a senior finance major from Covington.

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, who advises the UTM TVA Investment Challenge program, moderated the question-and-answer session for the Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. speakers.

"Each semester, finance students can participate in the SMIFC conference," Haddad said. "The main purpose of this consortium is to allow students to de-

velop a leadership role in investment management and network with industry leaders, recruiters, scholarships, internships and employment.

"Participants are required to solve financial problems and enhance their financial education and research skills. Students compete in two distinct projects. The poster session allows SMIFC teams to showcase their SMIF performance. Each team is judged on their fund's performance, visual presentation and engagement with judges. In the other project, teams analyze selected company financial performance using various data sources and financial tools."

While in Chicago, students tour the Chicago Board of Trade, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and the city's famous landmarks.

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