



Twenty West Tennesseans spent their October fall break immersed in the culture, cuisine, and communities of Guatemala as participants in Global Citizen Adventure Corps and Bethel University’s Global Studies program. Seen here are (back row, left to right) Charles Covington, Gleason; Jon Shepherd, Greenfield; Michelle Holland, Jackson; Katherine Lancaster, Bruceton; Stacie Freeman, Dresden; Martha Lyle Ford, Brownsville; Izzy Hickman, Gleason; Debbie Brady, Big Sandy; Monica Whitman, Bruceton; Evan Joseph, Bruceton; (front row, left to right) Elaine Covington, Gleason; Andrew Harrison, Gleason; Keith Lancaster, Bruceton; Maddie Dean, Gleason; Karli Mercer, Gleason; Tori Shepherd, Greenfield; Jenna Patton, Camden; McKenzie Baylor, Bruceton; Annaliya Shepherd, Greenfield; and Gracie Aird, McKenzie.

Cultural Immersion in Guatemala Nets New Experiences for First-Time Travelers

Twenty West Tennesseans spent their October fall break immersed in the culture, cuisine, and communities of Guatemala. As participants in Global Citizen Adventure Corps and Bethel University’s Global Studies program October 13-20, many of the first-time travelers absorbed first-time experiences such as exploring Mayan ruins and exotic ecosystems, enjoying both cooking and eating traditional foods, and engaging with time-honored crafts. Ziplining, a hike to the top of a volcano, and volunteering at a child-focused outreach rounded out the adventure.

Stacie Freeman, director of BU Global Studies and Co-Founder of GCAC, the source for several of the students’ travel scholarships, led the excursion to Central America, the final 2024 travel service-learning program offered by GCAC with college credit provided by Bethel. Joining Freeman were Spanish teachers Jon Shepherd, who served as co-leader and works in Weakley County Schools, and Jenna Patton, who teaches at Hollow Rock-Bruceton and coordinated communications in-country.

Patton, a GCAC board member and previous participant in the 2024 program in Costa Rica, noted, “Our excursions in Guatemala have allowed our students to experience the day-to-day life of a centuries old culture that has survived against all odds. The resilience and pride of the Mayan people is truly humbling. I wish every student could have at least one of these experiences.”

The journey began in Antigua, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, so deemed due to the city’s preserved ruins of the Baroque design of the 18th century and its still-in-use basic grid plan, one of the earliest examples of city planning in Latin America, dating from 1543.

Other stops included Lake Atitlán surrounded by the Guatemalan highlands; the ancient Mayan site, Iximché, capital of the Kaqchiqueles; Panajachel famous for Calle Santander, a street filled with Guatemalan crafts and lake views; San Juan la Laguna where T’zutujil villagers taught the process of natural dyeing, backstrap loom weaving, cotton thread spinning, and extraction of colors from plants, resulting in the participants’ tie-dyed creations.

The adventure seekers were also treated to ziplining through Atitlán Nature Reserve, a 1,200-acre sanctuary of diverse ecosystems, including lush forests, vibrant wildlife, with panoramic views of the majestic volcanoes—San Pedro, Atitlán, and Tolimán. The final day included a hike along the petrified lava trails of Pacaya National Park, home to one of Guatemala’s three active volcanoes, where, at the top of the volcano, participants were rewarded with Pizza Pacaya fresh from one of the first-ever lava cave ovens.

GCAC programs often included opportunities to try new foods, locally grown

and traditionally prepared. Guatemalan travelers feasted on a Parrillada mix of meats, cheeses and scalions with tortillas, soups and casseroles in restaurants; cacao and coffee straight from the farm; and Pepian, a spicy meat stew they learned to prepare in homes, instructed by their host families.

“Cultural exchange is vital in fostering understanding and appreciation among people and communities. By immersing ourselves in the culinary traditions and practices of others, we not only expand our cooking skills but also build bridges of empathy and respect,” Freeman, who teaches sociology as dual enrollment classes in area high schools for Bethel, explained. “Each dish tells a story, and through experiences like these, we celebrate our shared humanity while honoring the unique flavors that make our world so vibrant.”

While thankful for the learning, Elaine Covington, a 17-year-old senior at Gleason High School, confessed that one of her most memorable takeaways from the trip will be an appreciation for American cuisine. “Many people say that American food is greasy,” she noted, “But I have a newfound appreciation for our greasiness.”

One of the first-time international travelers on the program, Covington also gained critical insights. “There is so much to learn around the world about different cultures. As I have traveled, I have seen the reality about the cultures instead of the assumptions,” she added.

“Many people believe that the United States is vastly different. What we as Americans don’t always realize is we have a lot of the common issues that are widespread in these areas like child neglect and abuse. Even though we as Americans do not always express it, it is always there.”

Seeing the children working in the streets of the city was a reality check for fellow volunteer Andrew Harrison, also 17 and from Gleason. “I thought back to when I was a kid in my room playing video games and when my mom and dad asked me to help, I didn’t want to. [The children in the streets] grew up so much faster than us. We got to live our childhoods while they don’t really have one.”

Yet, Harrison is also quick to observe a change of perspective prompted by the kindness of the Guatemalan people as a whole, “We take so much for granted. I have so much more than what they have, and they still have a great life.”

Such insights are often prompted by another trademark of GCAC programs -- the focus on locally initiated service projects. For these 20 volunteers, the location of service was Sueños, nonprofit dedicated to providing a safe space of empowerment and education programs for indigenous children of street vendors in Antigua – the children Harrison first saw upon arriving in the city.

“The vision of Sueños – which means dreams in Spanish” -- is to provide the educational, social and emotional tools for children to complete primary education and acquire a skill set to achieve economic autonomy, allowing them to achieve their goals and stopping the cycle of child labor,” reported Freeman.

Patton reflected, “The obstacles these children face are heartbreaking. Their families come to Antigua trying to make a living. They work long hours in the city’s streets selling different products just to scrape by barely. This organization provides them an education, stability, a healthy balanced diet, and encourages retaining their native culture/language. It gives these children who many have deemed “outcasts” a chance to break the cycle of generational poverty.”

After painting to improve the facilities, the volunteers also learned of other means to support the children:

1. Donate school supplies: Mail items to 308 East Lancaster Ave (suite 235), Wynnwood, PA, 19096 for delivery to the school by traveling board members.

2. Contribute financially: Your monetary donations at www.suenosgt.org directly support educational programs and resources.

3. Spread the word: Raise awareness about the challenges these children face and the work they do at Sueños so that others can give.

When asked if their first international travel had proven beneficial, the students’ replies were enthusiastic and encouraging.

Annaliya Shepherd, a 16-year-old junior at Greenfield High School, saw hiking the mountain and enjoying volcano baked pizza as a “once in a lifetime” opportunity. For other students who might be considering but have yet to commit to a future program, she underscored, “The people you meet and the friends you make on these journeys are absolutely worth it.”

Covington agreed. “If they were iffy about the program, I would express that you are first of all in great hands with GCAC and that the world is full of new adventures that we should never miss out on. As well as, traveling is a way for us to not only learn what we love at home but appreciate it.”

For a list of upcoming programs in 2025 and 2026, see the GCAC website at www.globalcitizenadventurecorps.org.

Global Citizen Adventure Corps is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to cultivating global citizens through education, service, and travel. By offering transferable college credit and donor-funded scholarships, GCAC actively builds pathways between rural high schools, universities, and a robust network of global nonprofit partners to provide travel program opportunities to underserved students. For more information visit www.globalcitizenadventurecorps.org.

Surber, Eubanks are Mr. Football Semifinalists

NASHVILLE (November 7) — Semifinalists for the Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award were announced Thursday. McKenzie senior quarterback Tate Surber and Huntingdon senior quarterback Gray Eubanks were among the five semifinalists in their respective classifications.

Also included are Westview freshman quarterback Graham Simpson and Milan junior running back Jaydon Peete.

The Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards will be presented to the top football players in nine classifications of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association on Tuesday, December 10 at Nissan Stadium in Nashville. The top kicker in the state will be recognized with a Mr. Football Award, regardless of classification.

The three finalists for each award will be unveiled by Mike Keith and Titans head coach Brian Callahan at 6:30 p.m. CT on Tuesday, November 26. The announcement will be streamed on the Tennessee Titans website and Titans app, and the Titans social/digital channels at 7 p.m. CT that night.

The three finalists for each award will be invited to attend the awards luncheon at Nissan Stadium, where the winner of each award will be announced.

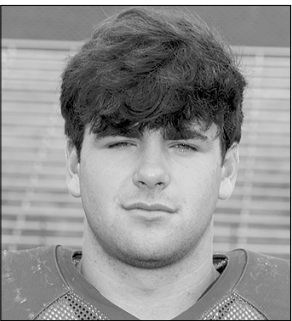
A committee of statewide sports writers selected winners based on performance in the 2024 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.

2024 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Semifinalists

DIVISION I, CLASS 1A



Left, Class 1A Mr. Football Semifinalist Tate Surber. Right, Class 2A Mr. Football Semifinalist Gray Eubanks. File photos



Nate Adams, Clay County
Ja’mychal Buckner, South Pittsburg
DaYon Cooper, South Pittsburg
Bennett McDougal, Whitwell
Tate Surber, McKenzie

DIVISION I, CLASS 2A

Gray Eubanks, Huntingdon
Andrew Johnson, Fairley
Jaydon Peete, Milan
Sam Pickett, Marion County
Kason William Young, East Robertson

DIVISION I, CLASS 3A

Eli Graf, Alcoa
Radarious Jackson, Sheffield
Eli Owens, Alcoa
Graham Simpson, Westview
Skylan Smith, Covington

DIVISION I, CLASS 4A

Bronzden Chaffin, Upperman
Waylon LaRue, Anderson County
Tripp Pinion, White County
Carson Quillen, Greeneville
Tyler Thompson, Marshall County

DIVISION I, CLASS 5A

Brendan Anes, Page
Eric Hazzard, Page
Cooper Newman, Sevier County
Kelvin Perkins, Southwind
Tay Starks, Munford

DIVISION I, CLASS 6A

Kannon Burroughs, Green Hill
Samuel Iroh, Collierville
Miles Reding, Kirkwood
Donovan Starr, Ravenwood
Craig Tutt, Oakland

DIVISION II, CLASS A

Mitchell Cash Carey, DCA
Jared Curtis, Nashville Christian
Nix Fullen, Tipton-Rosemark
Jay’len Mosley, Jackson Christian
Brayden Waller, Trinity Christian

DIVISION II, CLASS AA

Hutsen Chance, CPA
David Green, Boyd Buchanan
Kaedyn Marable, BGA
Noah Spencer, USJ
Terrior Thomas, Knoxville Grace

DIVISION II, CLASS AAA

Briggs Cherry, Baylor
David Gabriel Georges, Baylor
Tyreek King, Knoxville Catholic
George MacIntyre, Brentwood Academy
Ethan Utley, Ensworth

KICKER OF THE YEAR

Elliott Arnold, McCallie
London Bironas, Brentwood Academy
Philippe LaForge, Baylor
Ethan Lane, Boyd Buchanan
Dylan Stooksbury, Powell

TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

West Carroll Ends Season at Richland

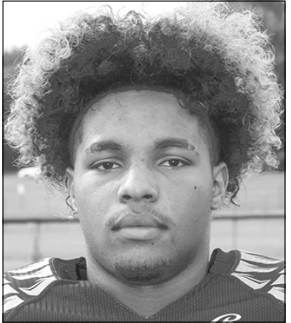
BY BRAD SAM
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LYNNVILLE (November 8) — The West Carroll War Eagles ended their football season Friday in the first round of the TSSAA Class 1A Football Playoffs with a 37-0 loss to Region 5 champion Richland.

While disappointed to see the season come to a close, the West Carroll faithful have reason to be proud of the team and hopeful for the future.

A few devastating injuries to the small roster in the middle of the season didn’t deter the War Eagles, whose young core carried on to complete the regular season at 5-5 and earn a spot in the postseason.

Sophomore quarterback Zac Fowler, along with



West Carroll senior running back Jayden Milton returned to action after missing the final four games of the season. He ran for 100 yards on 25 carries in Friday’s season-ending loss. File photo

freshmen Mason Taylor and Trinden Kirby, showed flashes of greatness down the stretch, including in a nail-biter win at Hollow Rock-Bruceton and a deci-

sive win at KIPP Memphis.

The team also has eight juniors returning next year.

Fans were treated to an exciting surprise in the War Eagles’ final game. Senior powerhouse running back Jayden Milton, who was injured in the sixth game of the season, returned to the field. (He returned for one play on Senior Night the previous week.)

In his high school swan song, Milton had 25 carries for 100 yards as well as a 16-yard kickoff return. That gives him a season total of 1,550 yards and 18 touchdowns (in just seven games).

Expect to see Milton take the field somewhere on Saturdays next fall as he has received multiple college offers.

TSSAA STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Wallace, Simpson Earn Medals as McKenzie, Huntingdon Runners Excel

BY BRAD SAM
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HENDERSONVILLE (November 7-8) — The 2024 TSSAA State Cross Country Championships were last week at Sanders Ferry Park. McKenzie’s girls team, Huntingdon’s boys team and one individual Huntingdon girl qualified.

Lady Rebel Abigail Wallace and Mustang Shawn Simpson earned medals. In a field of 241 individuals, Wallace placed fifth with a time of 18:55.41, a fraction of a second behind fourth and less than 40 seconds behind the champion. Huntindgon’s Quinn Kelley finished 52nd with a time of 21:34.47. Other McKenzie competitors included Autumn Haywood (98), Bella Sass (104), Gracie Aird (179), Morgan Little (209), Madeline Gottshall (216) and Ryleigh Rogers (217). Out of 30 teams, the Lady

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Rebels were 16th.

In the boys field of 255, Simpson earned 14th with a time of 16:30.95, less than 50 seconds behind the champion.

Other Huntingdon competitors included Blaine Todd (51), Cole Chafin (112), Carson Watters (146), Zachary Watkins (147), E.J. Lewis (177) and Cody Wilson (197).

Among 31 teams, the Mustangs finished 14th.

Hospital

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The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from Tina Prescott, CEO of West Tennessee Healthcare, who provided an overview of the hospital’s impact and goals for enhancing community care. This was followed by an introduction of distinguished guests, including Bruce Reed, Chairman of the WTH Henry County Hospital Advisory Board; Vicki Burch, Chairman of the WTH District Board; and John Tucker, CEO of WTH Henry County Hospital.

Henry County Chamber of Commerce represented by Executive Director Leslie Henegar, led the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the hospital’s dedication to serving the community. The event concluded with opportunities for attendees enjoy refreshments and interact with hospital staff.

This significant gathering demonstrated the community’s enthusiastic support and anticipation for the continued services the hospital provides.

Christmas Open Houses ...From Front Page



Top, (L to R): McKenzie City Florist & More owners Michele and Steve Love and associate Lisa Hawkins share a laugh with Hailee Eaton (holding Baker Eaton, 3) during last weekend’s Christmas Open House. **Above, (L to R):** Petals Azola owner Angela Diller greets Jennifer Waldrup, Madelyn Morris, Mary Ryan Morris and Amanda Morris at last weekend’s Christmas Open House. **Below, (L to R):** Reba Pritchett and Colby Akin browse the decor at Petals Azola’s Christmas Open House and are greeted by store manager Kaylynn Legg and associate Cali Diller. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*



Trauma

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awarded a bid of \$50,000 for 300 to JC Educational and Office Supply.

Four bids were received. Other bids came from School Health Corporation for 375 packs for \$49,978; Move Prepared LLC for 584 packs at \$49,983; and Really Good Stuff for 950 packs valued at \$55,550. The bids from School Health Corporation and JC Educational were discussed further as the committee felt those were the better packs as the other bids were packs that were more or less glorified first aid bags.

Heather Adams from JC Educational was on hand to discuss the purpose and items included. Adams stated the bags were more than just first aid bags as they were designed for critical first aid. Along with basic first aid items and burn care packs, each pack has items to aid in bleeding control if an individual needs care following a shooting or stabbing.

In questions, Commissioner Lana Suite asked if the items listed could be changed out. Adams replied that the way the packs are designed they come prepacked and changes are not available but additional items could be added. Commissioner Jason R. Martin addressed County Mayor Joseph Butler asking if Carroll County would be responsible for



Heather Adams (left) presents Commissioner Lana Suite with a copy of the items listed in JC Educational’s trauma backpack kit.

replenishing the backpacks once items were used. Butler stated once the packs are delivered then it is the school or the school system’s responsibility for upkeep.

Martin and County Trustee Paul Bolen stated while School Health Corp was the better deal, they preferred to go with JC Educational on the bid because they were local. Martin stated that by shopping locally, while not necessarily spending the funds in Carroll County, they were keeping the money in the tri-county area. He also personally vouched for JC Educational through his Rotary Club connections with owner Dan Jackson.

Mayor Butler stated that there are approximately 400 classrooms in Carroll County including those at the County’s Vocational School. While every classroom will not receive a

grab-and-go trauma pack it will help the schools by helping offset the cost.

The Purchasing Committee on a unanimous vote of 5-0 agreed to accept the bid from JC Educational.

In other business, the Purchasing Committee agreed to a bid from 45 Auto Truck Salvage of Milan to purchase surplus fire equipment. The \$12,300 bid was for end-of-life equipment that was stored at the County Highway Department. The 22 items are to be picked up and hauled away by the bid winner.

The last item on the agenda was the approval to use Community Development Partners as the administrative agency for Carroll County’s annual application for a federally backed Community Block Development Grant (CBDG).

West Carroll School Board Approves ESSER Fund Spending

COURTESY JEAN ODOM
Milan Mirror-Exchange

ATWOOD (November 7) — The West Carroll School Board met Thursday with all members of the board present.

During the meeting, board members approved the use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to purchase 400 new folding chairs from JC Educational and Office Supplies out of Paris. These chairs will be used for graduation to replace the rented chairs that have been used for the past several years. The purchase also includes dollies to store the chairs when not being used.

ESSER is a federally-funded relief program to help with the learning gaps caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline to spend these funds is January 25, 2025.

The board also approved the purchase of 250 composite desks and chairs for the junior/senior high school from the same company.

JC Educational and Office supply was recommended by Mark Wright due to previous experience working with the company. They are local, and they have previously demonstrated excellent customer service when they supplied a previous order of desks and chairs for West Carroll Schools earlier this year.

The remainder of the ESSER money will be spent on new Chromebooks. These will be supplied by Howard, and the number of computers ordered will be determined by the remaining amount of ESSER funds.

The board also heard updates to the school renovation project that has been in progress for the last several months. Mr. Wright explained that they are waiting on the architect to finish up plans, and then they could begin the window and door install at the primary and elementary schools.

The board reviewed the Five Year Strategy Plan and discussed the steps taken to

place the plan into action.

Director of Schools Preston Caldwell went through the steps for the five-year plan. This plan has been worked on for the past couple years.

“The mission of West Carroll Special School district is to provide a safe and effective learning environment, which involves a dedicated facility and staff that work together as a team,” Caldwell explained. “Teaching the whole child, ensuring students have access to continued learning and become productive members of society.”

The board was also shown a new CTE Spirit vending machine, which will allow CTE students to design and create spirit items to sell in the machine that will be located in the lobby outside of the gym at the junior/senior high School. This will allow students, staff and guests to purchase West Carroll spirit gear that was designed and manufactured by West Carroll students.



Recently elected council members of the Town of Huntingdon (L to R): Lori Dillahunt, Chad Barnhart, Mayor Chad Edwards, Will Atkins, and Daniel Eubanks.

Election

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co-owner of CN Underground, a utility contractor operated by Edwards and Nathan Rich. Edwards said he will work to provide transparency between the city and the citizens.

Another political newcomer, Lori Dillahunt, garnered the top vote for the council races. Voters selected four councilpersons from a field of seven candidates. Dillahunt received 1,097, Daniel Eubanks received 1,076, Will Atkins (incumbent) received 1,101, and Chad Barnhart received 1,020.

Three candidates were unsuccessful in their bid. They were Rachel Carter, 569, Adam Crews, 517, and Barbara Knuutila, 572.

In McKenzie, five candidates sought three council seats.

Drew Beeler (appointed) received 967, Tim McBride received 831, and Jessie Townes (incumbent) received 730. Beeler was appointed earlier this year to fill the unexpired term of Charles Pruneau.

Unsuccessful in their bids for councilman were Jill Holland with 665 and Karen T. Fowler with 658 votes.

Those are the results from Carroll County in the municipal election for McKenzie, a tri-county city. In Weakley County, Beeler received 12, Fowler received 17, Holland 12, McBride 19, and Townes 28.

In Bruceton, three of five candidates for aldermen were elected.

Chris Cole received 236, Renee Ford-Ward received 269, and Cliff Sturdivant received 308.

Unsuccessful candidates were Doug Fischer with 181, and Robert Scotty Higdon with 221.

Three aldermen were elected in Hollow Rock.

Andy Baker received 171, Vivian Grooms received 136, and Ronnie Webb received 190.

T. Richard Goodwin was unopposed for the unexpired term. He received 202 votes.

Unsuccessful in their bid for office were Ashley Tyler Cook with 82 votes and Jeremy King with 108.

In uncontested municipal elections, Atwood voters elected aldermen Ricky Long (254 votes) and Gerald Mauldin (184 votes).

In Trezevant, Mayor Bobby Blaylock received 236 complimentary votes in his re-election bid. For Trezevant Aldermen, Robert Argo received 199 and

Leon Lyell received 195 in their uncontested races.

Other results in federal and state offices are as follows:

U.S. Presidential Candidates:

Donald J. Trump (R) 9535
Kamala D. Harris (D) 2232
Jay Bowman (I) 11
Claudia De La Cruz (I) 7
Rachele Fruit (I) 1
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. (I) 75
Jill Stein (I) 7

U.S. Senate Candidates

Marsha Blackburn (R) 9434
Gloria Johnson (D) 2016
Tharon Chandler 91
Pamela Moses (I) 73
Hastina Robinson (I) 27

U.S. House of Representatives District 8:

David Kustoff (R) 9414
Sarah Freeman (D) 1872
James Hart (I) 282

Tennessee State Senate District 24:

John D. Stevens (R) 9798
No candidate for the Democrats

Tennessee House of Representatives District 76:

Tandy Darby (R) 4112
James Hart (I). 747

Tennessee House of Representatives District 79:

Brock Martin (R) 5645



MHS Band performed patriotic music under the direction of Daniel Capua.

Veterans

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of veterans.

Program speakers included Emma Smith, president of the Student Council, Carlton Townes, Tobey Brooks,

Madelyn Morris, Bailey Barden, Alex Hughes, Ryan Toombs, and Abbi Ghyers.

Sophie Cole presented the special vocal music and the MHS Band provided patriotic music.

Allen Craddock, a Vietnam veteran, was the featured speaker. Craddock resides in Union City and is

the father of Jennifer Craddock Travis and grandfather to Craegen Travis, both at McKenzie High School.

Madelyn Morris, the local VFW Voice of Democracy winner, presented her winning speech at the event.

Lola Barton played Taps to close out the formal ceremony.

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Gathering to fire the cannon in honor of Veterans Day, early 1980s, were: Vester Washburn, Chief Raymond McDade, Bailey M. Wrinkle, Wilburn Headden, Cecil Purvis, Dale King, Franklin Howell, Gaylon Hickman, David Hickman, and Barney Forbes.



Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS
Lakeside Activity Director

Greetings,
Family Fun Fall Fling was a celebration of family, friends and community. Carnival games, bounce house fun, a clown, cotton candy, ice cream, a grill out, lemonade stand, Bingo and basket raffle were enjoyed by over 200 visitors.
We took many photos, and you can see them by checking out our Facebook page Lakeside Senior Living (profile picture is 3 sprigs of wheat logo).
A special thank you to the following vendors: Goodworks, Touching Hearts, Tennessee Quality Care, AHC/Unity Psych, Gentiva, Baptist Home Health & Hospice, Hometown Clinic, Henry County Medical Center and Henry County Health & Rehab.
Volunteers included: McKenzie Middle School cheerleaders and McKenzie High School girls basketball team, Mark Stafford, Rhonda Swafford, Cheryl King, Sandra Hernandez and Charlene Doyle, along with Lakeside staff who went above and beyond to make this day happen for the residents and their families. The smiles and laughter made it all worthwhile.
The following day, Sheila Rogers celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends, including her Lakeside family. Sheila, a vision in red, greeted each guest. Special guest Bo Solomon

serenaded the crowd with birthday tunes. Bill Rogers Jr. escorted his mother to the dance floor and the two danced in unison to a beautiful piano waltz.
Thai Saul celebrated her 80th on the 8th and treated Lakeside staff and residents to an enormous decadent strawberry cake.
On the 20th, Peggy Work celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends. Her wish was to have some professional family photos taken to remember and treasure this special day. Her family did not disappoint, and many memories were made at her birthday celebration.
Other residents celebrating in October were Sue Blow, Carl Applegate and Imagene Brasfield. We love celebrating milestones in the lives of our residents.
We took our usual monthly outings but added a ride to the Amish farm for mums and pumpkins. We have a great venue set up for fall pictures, and you are more than welcome to stop in for a front porch visit. We also visited the 1000-acre lake for an Autumn Day picnic.
The Legacy Community Variety Show, formerly the Covenant Players, visited and entertained us with witty stories, mini skits and angelic singing. This talented group travels all over the U.S. and abroad, and once a year they make it to Bethel College and never forget Lakeside.

A TN SHIP inservice was held at Lakeside, and residents were given informative materials regarding Medicare coverage and benefits, along with warnings about potential scams and fraud and how to avoid falling prey to one of these situations. They will return on November 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to assist with Part D sign-up (open to public).
Our activity director went on vacation, and we appreciate all the volunteers who stepped up to fill in and assist with an activity for the residents.
Special guest Mayor Ryan Griffin called Bingo one afternoon. Extending care hosted an ice cream social, Amedisys hosted a trivia and prize auction and AHC/Unity Psych played colored dimes for prizes. A few more friends came by to play games, perform music and craft welcome home signs.
We created a Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs experience for Halloween trick-or-treaters. "Once Upon a Time," a Wicked Witch (Maxine Garner) with her magical mirror gave out shiny red apples. Snow White (Cris Stafford) posed for photos, and sweet gems (candy) were mined and handed out by a host of dwarves. At "The End," a prince gave chocolatey kisses.
We had a fun night and enjoyed seeing all the kiddos.
We began November counting our blessings... Until next time.



Above, Recently elected council members of the Town of Huntingdon include: (L to R) Lori Dillahunt, Chad Barnhart, Mayor Chad Edwards, Will Atkins, and Daniel Eubanks. Below, Chad Edwards, 36, is the new mayor of Huntingdon. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Huntingdon Mayor, Council Take Oath

HUNTINGDON — Huntingdon has a new mayor and three new councilpersons, who represent a younger generation than previously. They were administered the oath of office last week to immediately begin their public service.
Chad Edwards, 36, is the new mayor and received an overwhelming show of support at the ballot box. The political newcomer promised transparency and a listening ear as the head of city government. The mayor's office is a part-time position.
One of the top priorities is to correct the many problems with the city's water system, one plagued by brown water due to the high iron content and often misread water meters.
Three new council members were elected, including Lori Dillahunt, Chad Barnhart, and Daniel Eubanks. They replace Lori Nolen, Charles Hodges and Carl Byars, who did not seek re-election. Will Atkins re-



turns to the board as an incumbent.
Edwards is a lifelong resident of Huntingdon and married his high school sweetheart, Ashley. The two have been married 15 years and have two children, Wesley, 14, and Will, 7.
He is a certified water system operator and is the manager of South Carroll Utility District. He and business partner, Nathan Rich, own and operate CN Underground, a directional boring company that helps with the installation of underground piping. He has

worked in McKenzie, South Carroll, Huntingdon, and Cedar Grove water systems. He noted Huntingdon is the lone system in the county that has to treat water for high levels of iron.
Edwards is the son of Brian and Suzie Edwards. Brian worked in the Huntingdon Public Works Department for 12 years and as the public works supervisor in Bruceton for 30 years. Brian is now retired.
Chad Edwards said the Town of Huntingdon is already installing self-reading water meters and has approximately 500 installed toward replacing all meters throughout the town.
One other priority is to improve the city's parks - Edwards, Kelley, and Veterans.
Edwards said he wants to stabilize the city's infrastructure prior to making any expansions. He said he will work closely with the citizens and councilmembers to set the priorities.



Construction crews add the final road markings on Monday morning prior to the official opening on Monday afternoon of the Atwood bypass road. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Atwood Bypass Opened Monday

ATWOOD, Tenn. (November 11) — The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) officially opened the newest segment of State Route 76 (US 79) in Carroll County on Monday afternoon, November 11, 2024, providing a major upgrade to the area's transportation infrastructure. The \$29.4 million project transformed a two-lane road into a divided four-lane highway from Cades-Atwood Road to State Route 77 (US 70-A).
This project, which stretches nearly five miles, was initially expected to be completed by May 2025 but will now open earlier than planned. The new segment will improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and support regional economic growth.
Traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed

lanes on the morning of November 11. TDOT advises all motorists to exercise caution as they adjust to new traffic patterns. While the new four-lane section will be open, final work on the project will continue under traffic with intermittent lane closures in the coming weeks.
Key features of the project include:
• Widening of SR 76 (US 79) from a two-lane road to a divided four-lane highway
• A new three-way stop at the intersection of SR 76 and SR 77 (US 70-A) (adjacent to West Carroll School's central office).
• Ongoing work to complete final project details, including signage, striping, and minor adjustments to traffic control
• The new intersection at SR 76 and SR 77 will

introduce a three-way stop to improve safety and traffic management at the junction. Motorists should be aware of this new stop and follow posted traffic signals and signs.
The project's opening is weather-dependent, and TDOT will continue to monitor conditions to ensure a smooth transition to the new traffic patterns.
From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic. Travelers can also dial 511 for travel information, or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/myTDOT> for statewide travel or West Tennessee follow <https://twitter.com/NicLawrenceTDOT>.

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Gym Floor to be Replaced At McKenzie Middle School

MCKENZIE (November 5) — After a couple of months of discussion and exploring options, members of the McKenzie Board of Education voted to spend \$95,900 to replace the entire playing surface of the McKenzie Middle School Gymnasium to correct 11 weak (dead) spots in the floor that was installed 60-plus years ago. Another \$4,000 was approved to install volleyball lines and sleeves for a future volleyball program.

CQT Flooring-Willie Trevathan of Martin was the successful contractor to install the new floor. Trevathan offered a second bid of \$160,000 to replace the entire floor, including under the bleachers.

S[orts Floors of Memphis bid \$33,624 to make spot repairs, only the weak spots, and an additional \$8,652 for volleyball playing lines and sleeves for installing the nets. The company also bid \$148,865 to \$168,773 for various surfaces options to replace the entire floor.

Board member George Cassidy recommended only making repairs and cited a school that made successful spot repairs.

Board member Bobby Young said the extent of repairs and costs should be considered in the long-range construction plans. The board has discussed

constructing a new pre-k to eighth-grade school as a long-term goal.

Board member Karen T. Fowler made a motion to contract with CQT for the replacement of the playing surface. George Cassidy was the lone no-vote.

New Safety Communications System

Dr. Justin Barden presented options for improving communications during a school emergency. In the previous month, the board reviewed a Centegix safety platform in which each member of the faculty and staff would have a push-button lanyard to activate the emergency alert system. A certain sequence of depressing the button on the lanyard would activate different levels of emergency. The initial cost is \$53,220, with recurring annual costs of \$24,600 for years two to five.

A second option was Navigate 360 at an initial cost of \$47,881.

Board Chairman LaShonda Williams said she visited the Henry County School System to learn more about the Centegix system.

She then queried about expanding the use of walkie-talkies in the local schools.

Dr. Barden said MSSD would need approximately 102 radios to replace radios five years or older plus add

radios for faculty and staff. The cost was estimated at \$35,598.

The board directed Dr. Barden to secure costs for new walkie-talkies to communicate between school personnel.

Dr. Barden said he would also like to explore adding a visitor management system. In this system, each visitor scans his or her driver's license before entering the building. A similar system is used in all school buildings in Weakley County.

The board authorized Barden to attain bids for a late-model Ford F250 pickup truck to be used by the CTE and agriculture departments.

The school system achieved 100 percent graduation rate for the year 2023-24 and only one of four systems to achieve a graduation rate higher than 99 percent.

In the Director's Report, Barden reported the window and door replacement project (approved in 2023-2024) at McKenzie Middle School and McKenzie High School will commence soon.

A pre-bid walk-through was recently conducted at MHS to seek bids for replacing the roof at MHS.

TLM Architects approved removing internal walls to expand the medical training area and provide more room for multimedia purposes.

Bethel Renaissance to Present A Christmas Carol

HUNTINGDON — The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center and Bethel University Renaissance Theatre invite you to experience the magic of the holiday season with an enchanting production of "A Christmas Carol." Enjoy an unforgettable journey through Charles Dickens' timeless tale of redemption and joy, featuring a lively musical adaptation by Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens.

Performance Dates & Times: November 15 at 7 p.m., and November 16 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with Bethel University Renaissance Theatre. Gather your family and friends for an evening of joy, laughter, and heartwarming stories that will set the tone for a wonderful Christmas!

CAST LIST: Because of the nature of this production, everyone plays multiple roles. Some of the specific roles are listed below:

Abbie Hall: Panto Girl, Ensemble Dancer; Abbey Kozlosky: Grace Smythe, Twin Ghost; Allie Inman: Scrooge's Mother, Caroler; Bailey Hudson: Jonathan, Ensemble Dancer; Caraline Callahan: Banker, Nun; Cooper Neely: Ghost of Christmas Present, Sandwichboard Man; Dawson Doyle: Tiny

Tim; Grace Barber: Ghost of Christmas Past, Lamp-lighter; Grace Brown: Emily, Ensemble Dancer; Hannah Harrell: Mrs. Mops, Dancing Granny; Jack Murphy: Scrooge at 8 and 12 years old, Ignorance; Jayden Hendrix: Old Joe, Fezziwig Dancer; Jeremiah Britt: Bob Cratchit, Fezziwig Dancer; Kaleb Porter: Jacob Marley, Caroler; Karlee Willis: Mrs. Fezziwig, Caroler; Kaylee Ross: Chimney Sweep Dancer, Dancing Girl; Keyshawn Erskin: Mr. Fezziwig, Fred; Lana Doyle: Martha Cratchit, Fan; Logan Williams: Chimney Sweep Dancer, Beadle; Macy Jones: Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Old Hag; Maleah Austin: Fezziwig Flipper, Dancing Girl; Marigold Moore: Belinda Cratchit; Noelle Heris: Fezziwig Junior Clerk, Ensemble Dancer; Quinton Slater: Mr. Smythe, Grave-digger; Raanan Sellers: Sally, Marleyite; Summer Redman: Fezziwig Dancer, Dancing Girl; Townes Boyd: Ebenezer Scrooge; Trevor Scott: Young Scrooge, Poulterer; Uriah Welti: Fred's son, Want; Zowie Tipton: Mrs. Cratchit, Fezziwig Dancer.

Tickets are on sale now for \$15 and \$20, plus fees. Purchase your tickets at DixiePAC.net or The Dixie's Box Office in person or by phone at 731-986-2100, Monday

through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This performance is proudly sponsored by Tennessee Valley Realty Group (Presenting) and Huntingdon Insurance/S&S Insurance (Show), and WRJB (Media).

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Obituaries

MARILYN BURNHAM 1934 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Grave-side funeral services for Marilyn Pankey Burnham were Friday, November 8, 2024, at Shiloh Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Burnham, 89, died Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Clifton, Ill., on December 25, 1934, to Vernon and Lottie Bull Pankey.

She is survived by her husband, Norman E. Burnham of McKenzie and stepson, Norman Keith Burnham and his wife, Chris of Metropolis, Ill.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Auley Pankey.

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MARTHA CRIDER 1935 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Martha Faye Crider, 89, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, November 7, 2024, at her residence.

Graveside services were Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Crider was born June 13, 1935, in Carroll County to the late Lena Jones Hazelwood Allison and Charles Watson Allison. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Robert, Charlie and Kenneth Allison.

Mrs. Crider is survived by her daughter, Teresa Love of Clarksville; son, Steven (Kathie) Crider of McKenzie; and grandchildren.

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

BEN OWENS 1931 – 2024

YUMA — Mr. Ben Presely Owens, 93, of Yuma, died peacefully on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at

his home.

Funeral services were Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Pastor John D. Williams officiating. Interment was in the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery Parkers Crossroads.

Mr. Owens was born December 17, 1931, in Clarksburg, to the late Columbus and Etta Mae Owens.

He is survived by his wife, Vella M. (Jamison) Owens, two brothers-in-law, Henry Williams and Dwayne Jamison, a sister-in-law, Robbie Lou Owens, two children, Tiaye Owens and Presely Owens, six step-children, Dennis D. Parker, Anthen (Carly) Parker, Janoroffer R. (Donald) Gordon, Eric (Tequilla) Parker, Matthew Parker and Shantay (Addison) Kelley. He also raised two grandchildren as his own. He also leaves thirty-three grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

SUZIE LONG 1947 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Suzanne "Suzie" Cozart Long are Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Saturday, 12 p.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Long, 77, died at her house on Friday, November 8, 2024. She was born in McKenzie on May 24, 1947, to LH and Ann Kirk Cozart. She is a graduate of McKenzie High School, a member of McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a retired office manager of various doctor offices.

She is survived by her son Doug Long of McKenzie, her brother Ricky (Jan) Cozart of McKenzie, a grandson Hayden Long, nephew Chris Cozart and niece Karen Cozart.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Paul Long, son David Long, and daughter in law Vicki Long.

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sistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneral-home.com.

CAROLYN SAXON 1945 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Carolyn Saxon, 79, of Huntingdon, died on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 9, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Saxon was born September 25, 1945, in Lawton, Okla., to the late Willie Lee and Henrietta Josephine (Sawyer) Bates. She worked as a service rep for Bank of America. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Saxon, two daughters, Dana Ann Saxon and Dawny Gurley, a son, Aric Dotson Sr., and a grandson, Zachary Gurley.

She is survived by a sister, Rita Rowland, of Huntingdon, a daughter-in-law, Tammy Dotson, of Paris, and five grandchildren.

RICHARD SMITH 1945 – 2024

Richard Earl Smith, 79, died Saturday, November 9, 2024, in his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Smith was born April 19, 1945, to Frances and Wilmer Smith.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Russell Smith. He is survived by his wife Patsy Smith, his daughter Wendy (David) Peterson, two granddaughters, one sister, Betty Wilson, one brother Billy Smith.

Funeral services were Noon, Tuesday November 12, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday Carter Funeral Home. Interment followed at Concord Cemetery. Brother Mark Peterson and Josh Milam officiated.

The family received friends on Tuesday November 12, 2024, at Dilday Carter Funeral Home.

WHAT'S COOKING

By Teresa Washburn

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Pumpkin Cookies

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup pumpkin
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
Cream sugar and shortening, add pumpkin and egg and mix well. Mix dry ingredients together and add to the pumpkin mixture, blending well. Roll dough by teaspoonful and place on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Frost after cooled with vanilla frosting, if desired.

Sweet Potato Pie

3 cups cooked sweet potatoes

1 1/2cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 tablespoon vanilla
1/2cup butter
1 small can evaporated milk

Mash cooked sweet potatoes while warm; add butter and sugar and mix well. Add the beaten eggs, evaporated milk, vanilla and nutmeg to the potato mixture. Mix until smooth, if too stiff, thin with a little milk. Pour the mixture into an unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle top with sugar to glaze. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake about 40 minutes more or until an inserted knife comes out clean.

Caramel Corn

2 cups brown sugar
2 sticks butter
1/2 cup white Karo syrup
1/2 teaspoon soda
Melt butter, add sugar and syrup; boil 1 minute. Set off stove, add soda and stir. Pour over 2 gallons popped corn. Put in roasting pan and bake 1hour 250 degrees. Stir every 15 minutes.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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McKENZIE CHURCH OF CHRIST FREE CHILI SUPPER

The McKenzie Church of Christ hosts a free chili supper Thursday, November 14 from 5-6:30 p.m. (or until food is gone). Dine-in or drive-thru available. The menu consists of chili, chips, dessert and a drink (drink for dine-in only). The meal is free to all who are hungry or in need of Christian fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 731-352-2106 or 731-695-6576.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

McKenzie Senior Center, 172 Main St S., hosts events this month.

Senior movie is Wednesday, November 20 at 2 p.m. Open to all area Seniors. Movie, soda and popcorn only \$5. This month's movie is "Here".

Cakewalk is Saturday, November 23rd. Cake auction starts at 5:45 p.m. Cake-walks start after the auction. Come and win some wonderful additions to your Thanksgiving dessert table! Only \$5 to participate in all of the walks. No limit on how many times you can win. Live music provided by Steve Bomar.

McKENZIE VFW ANNUAL BREAKFAST, BAKE SALE

McKenzie Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary Post #4939, 9750 Cherrywood Road, McKenzie, hosts its annual Breakfast & Bake Sale fundraiser Saturday,

November 23. Breakfast Buffet begins at 5 a.m. Cost (per person): \$10 (Adults); \$6 (Children under 12). All proceeds go to the Community Children's Christmas. For more information contact the VFW at 731-207-1027.

HUNTINGDON ELKS LODGE HOOP-SHOOT

Huntingdon Elks Lodge hosts its annual Hoop-shoot on Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at the Huntingdon Middle School gym. The contest is open to all boys and girls aged 8-13. Contestants will participate in age groups 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Your age is determined by your age on April 1, 2025. For more information, please contact Hershel Wilkes at 731-986-1069.

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).

ISBELLS TO SING AT BEECH SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

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.

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 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.

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 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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(L to R): Kassie Taylor, Patricia Holt, who was honored as Volunteer of the Year, and Jonathan Jackson, president of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity Hosts Annual Gala

HUNTINGDON (November 7) — The annual Habitat for Humanity Gala was Thursday, November 7 at the Carroll County Civic Center.

The event was 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.

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

On October 20, the Carroll County chapter broke ground for its 23rd home. Judith Eubanks, her daughter, Julee and father, Landon will soon call 103 May Street



Left, Brian Moffett was the featured entertainment at the annual Habitat for Humanity Gala. Right, Ryan McDaniel conducted the live auction of donated merchandise, goods and services.

home.

Patricia Holt was named Volunteer of the Year.

The event raised \$27,150.

Mallard's Restaurant catered the meal and Bethel University softball players

and students from each of the high schools served as servers.

For more information, phone the Habitat Office at 731-986-5900.



Groundbreaking Set for TCAT Henry/Carroll-Paris Campus

PARIS (November 4, 2024) — Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Henry/Carroll has scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for noon on November 20, 2024, for the future home of its new campus at 5215 Highway 218 Bypass, Paris. The public is invited and parking is at West Wheel and Tire, 5320 Hwy 218 Bypass, Paris.

Site preparation has begun, and construction is scheduled for February 2025 of the new 99,618-square-foot facility, including an administrative and academic building. The new campus is scheduled to open to students by late fall 2026. Upon completion, the college will be ready to accept students into its existing and expanded programs. These program offerings have been planned through data-driven analysis of workforce needs with the assistance of businesses and industries in the region.

"This state-of-the-art building will help TCAT Henry/Carroll expand its role as a leading career technical education center for workforce development in our local community," said President John Penn Ridgeway. "We're excited to begin construction of this long-awaited facility,

which was made possible by Governor Lee's \$1 billion investment in the TCAT Master Plan."

This new facility, along with a new administrative/academic building on the branch campus in McKenzie, is funded by the generational \$1 billion investment in the statewide TCAT Master Plan proposed by Gov. Bill Lee and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly – 29 major projects that include new TCAT extension campuses, new buildings on existing campuses, and other expansions and upgrades.

In his 2023 State of the State address, Gov. Lee said the TCAT Master Plan funding would be the "largest investment in our technical colleges in state history" and is needed to help prepare Tennessee for the future. "Our state's economic success can also be measured by the number of jobs created – 170,000 new jobs in just four years. Now, our workforce pipeline must keep up," Lee said.

"As we recruit industry to Tennessee, one of the deciding factors is whether or not we have a trained workforce readily available and the educational system to retrain and upskill," said Bradley Jackson, president and CEO

of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry. "It makes our job easy when we tell them our state has prioritized technical training through our community colleges and TCATs and can provide customized training if needed."

TCAT Henry/Carroll, part of the College System of Tennessee and governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, offers career and technical education programs. A complete list of program offerings is posted on the college's website at www.tcathenrycarroll.edu/programs.

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology Henry/Carroll is at the forefront of technical education, offering a diverse range of programs that equip students with the skills needed for today's workforce. As part of the Tennessee Board of Regents system and accredited by the COE, TCAT Henry/Carroll ensures a high-quality educational experience focused on student success and job placement. TCAT Henry/Carroll, with a main campus in Paris, a branch campus in McKenzie and instructional service centers in Weakley and Benton counties, is led by President John Penn Ridgeway.

Christmas Parades in Carroll County

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce released the following schedule of Christmas parades.

Clarksburg, Saturday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Huntingdon, Saturday, December 14, 6 p.m.

McKenzie, Saturday, December 7, 4 p.m.

Trezevant, Monday, December 9, 7 p.m.

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Resumes will be accepted until December 1. Employment will also be contingent upon passing the state background check. Job description and application are available at www.fbchuntingdon.com. Applications are also available in the church office.
A5143/46-3

McKenzie Police Reports

DUI — Nicole Gwen Powers, 40, of Murray, Kentucky, was charged with DUI, Simple Possession and Speeding on November 10.

Officer Timothy Dillon stopped Powers' vehicle for traveling 66 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone. He detected an odor of alcohol and asked Powers to perform a field sobriety test. The report indicates she did poorly on the test and was arrested for DUI. She admitted to smoking weed. A search of the vehicle netted marijuana in a plastic bag, THC gummies. Powers also did not have the required insurance to operate the vehicle. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended License — Paxton Tyler Bullard, 24, Brandon, Miss., was charged with Driving on a Suspended License First Offense, Driving an Unregistered Vehicle (motorcycle), and Violation of Financial Responsibility on November 9.

Officer Timothy Dillon made a traffic stop after witnessing Bullard without a helmet while riding a motorcycle. The vehicle also did not have registration plates. Bullard could not produce the registration and insurance.

The motorcycle was towed from the scene and Bullard was cited into court.

Driving on Revoked, Speeding — Mathew Taylor Kochpeth, 26, Clarksville,

was charged with Driving on a Revoked License and Speeding on November 6.

Officer Matthew Cunningham stopped Kochpeth's vehicle for speeding and determined his license was revoked. He was cited into General Sessions Court.

Violation of Carolina Squat Law, Excessive Noise — Lamarion Mikell Turner, 19, Springville, was charged with Violation of the Carolina Squat Law, Excessive Noise and Speeding on November 7.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Turner's vehicle for speeding. The F150 pickup also violated the new squat law, in which the front bumper is higher than the rear, in this case, it was seven-plus inches higher. The exhaust system was too noisy and the window tint was too dark. Turner was cited into Carroll County General Sessions on charges of Excessive Noise, Carolina Squat, Window Tint, and Speeding.

Theft of Merchandise — Terin J. Harris, 42, Alabama Street, McKenzie, was charged with Theft of Merchandise on November 8.

Officer Dalton Raspberry responded to Dollar General, Highway 22, for a report of shoplifting. The store's security cameras indicated Harris took a box of fake fingernails, removed the contents, and took the merchandise without paying. Officers went to Harris'

home and issued her a citation to appear in Henry County General Sessions Court. She was also banned from the store.

Dogs at Large — Terrie Funburg, 56, and Cinda Kay Hampton, 54, both of Walnut Avenue, McKenzie were charged with Allowing Dogs to Run at Large on November 7.

MPD Chief Ryan White observed two pit bulls in the parking lot of City Hall. The animal control officer was summoned. He recognized the dogs and knew where to find their owners. The dogs were transported to Walnut Avenue, where Funburg and Hampton each claimed ownership. Sergeant Cody Coleman issued citations for both to appear in General Sessions Court.

Fake Identification — Braden Canaan, 19, Clarksville was charged with Using Fake Identification in an unsuccessful attempt to purchase tobacco products at a convenience store.

Officer Matthew Cunningham was dispatched to the store where the clerk gave a description of the car. Cunningham spotted the car, initiated a stop and then questioned the driver. The passenger, Canaan, confessed he had a fake Kentucky driver's license he obtained off the internet. He was cited into General Sessions Court.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (November 6) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on November 6.

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

James Latron Horton, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent.

Charles Rowden, Bowden Road, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Schedule II Drugs: Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding:

Bryan Eubanks, Old Hickory Blvd., Jackson, guilty, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search, probation, must forfeit weapon; dismissed, Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon; dismissed, Evading Arrest.

Jeffrey Lee, Alabama Street, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, 48 hours jail, probation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility. Mayson Price, Highway 190, Trezevant, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$500

fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 10 days, probation, DUI School, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; dismissed, Implied Consent Violation; dismissed, Improper Lane Change.

Sandra Rush, Highway 424, Yuma, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 10 days, probation, not to drive for one year, DUI School; dismissed, Open Container; dismissed, Improper Lane Change.

Rusty Lee Shepherd, Big Buck Road, Trezevant, guilty, DUI-Second Offense, \$2,000 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 45 days, not to drive for two years, day-for-day credit for successful inpatient treatment; dismissed, Driving While Revoked; dismissed, Seatbelt Violation; dismissed, Open Container.

George Taylor, Magnolia Street, McKenzie, judicial diversion, Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1000 fine, probation.

Gabriel Zandus Williams, guilty, Reckless Endangerment, \$200 fine, probation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dis-

missed, Leaving Scene of the Accident.

The following cases were dismissed:

Deva Barber, Hillcourt Circle, Huntingdon, dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Anthony Bender, 21st Avenue, Birmingham, Ala., dismissed, Criminal Simulation; dismissed, Forgery.

Jordan Isiah Gilbert, Park Circle, McKenzie, dismissed, Evading Arrest.

Christopher Ernest Hones, Lexington Street, Bruceton, dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Malik Reid, Romie Drive, Jackson, Tenn., dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs-Manufacture, Delivery, Sell, or Possess; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Ronyaunus Tharpe, Sebastian Drive, Jackson, dismissed, Possession of Weapon with Intent to Go Armed with agreement to testify in cases against Rae-kwon Dodd; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possession; Dismissed, Light Law.

Sheriff Reports

Domestic Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Angel Furr, on November 1, deputies were dispatched to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office dispatch lobby in reference to a female subject wanting to file a report for a domestic that happened sometime the night before. The victim advised that her husband kept getting physical and she wanted to leave. She said it had been going on for months, but she had never reached out for help before but had photo proof. James Mitchell, 44, of McKenzie, was arrested for domestic assault.

Fled from Police, Indecent Exposure — On November 5, Deputy Sunny

Crews-Sherwood, was dispatched to Jax Road for an indecent exposure call. The subject, Danny Jones, 54, of Atwood, said he had light colored pants on and that's what the neighbor saw. The neighbor who called the Sheriff's Department said that Danny was walking around naked and sitting in a chair in his driveway. This was discovered by her 14-year-old daughter and she also captured this on video. Mr. Jones got into his vehicle and left the scene. He fled until he ran into a ditch and told deputies he would shoot them; so, he was tased and gained control of by the police and transported to Carroll

County Jail.

Aggravated Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Ryan Hamilton on November 6, a female came to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office wanting to report a domestic assault. She stated that she had woken up and Michael Custer, 23, of Trezevant, was playing video games and having an argument with an unknown individual online and became agitated that she wasn't backing him in the argument, so she left the room. Custer then came up behind her and attacked her by striking her and pulling her to the ground and then placing his hands around her throat. The victim stated that she had to wait until Custer fell asleep to leave the house to come report the assault.

Property Transfers

Glenna D. Tucker to Benford E. Wortham Jr. in District 13.

Roy Raymond Bell Jr. to CMH Home Inc. in District 21.

Gordon Lynn Williams to Dale N. Autry in District 13. Matthew Brake to Mikayla Shai Morris.

Charles Land to Hidden Dunes Gp.

Spiridon L. and Sandi S. Roditis to Benjamin and

Mildred Deann Wolski in District 4.

Hunter Turner to Charles Grant McAlister in District 11.

Leon King to Quincy J. Milam.

Mark A. and Rosanna H. Hershberger to Marcus Wayne and Cheryl Elizabeth Hershberger in District 13.

Elizabeth Smith to Don B. and Kathleen L. Arp in

District 6.

J.B. Jr. and Jenny Marilyn Johnsonius to Fairgrounds LLC. In District 22.

Stephen D. and Jamie M. Brown to Reginal M. and Janice L. Wiggins in District 4.

Henry Pilcher to Jared Waylon Gossett in District 24.

Armelia Webb to Coretta Webb in District 22.

Jack D. and Lance P. Atkins to Lance P. Atkins in District 10.

REAL ID Deadline is in Six Months

The REAL ID Act of 2005, which requires anyone 18 years old or older to have a REAL ID or other federally issued photo ID, such as a passport, to enter certain Federal buildings, military bases and nuclear power plants or board commercial flights within the United States, will go into effect on May 7, 2025.

Of Tennessee's 5.8 million valid credentials, 1.6 million are not currently REAL ID compliant.

To apply for a REAL ID, customers must bring

proof of U.S. citizenship or legal presence, proof of your Social Security Number, and two proofs of Tennessee residency. If your name has changed, you must also bring a certified legal document supporting the name change. All documents must be original or certified. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Federal law requires REAL ID applications to be made in person. If you have a Tennessee Driver License or ID, you can apply for a REAL ID at a

Driver Services Center or a participating County Clerk.

Obtaining a REAL ID is optional. Regular Tennessee driver licenses will continue to be accepted for general identification purposes such as driving, purchasing alcohol or tobacco products, applying for federal benefits, voting, accessing hospitals, post offices, banks, federal courts, etc.

If you are getting a Tennessee license for the first time or it is time to renew your license, the cost to get a REAL ID is \$28.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Ty Alan Clay, 46, of Savannah, to Angela Marie Baker Ballew, 44, of McKenzie.

Patrick Quinton Ladante Hampton, 25, of Huntingdon, to Jackalynn Elizabeth Newell, 23, of Huntingdon.

Jacob Dylan Fullington, 25, of Cedar Grove, to Tonia Rian Anderson, 24, of Camden.

Cheyenne Lorraine Severt, 25, of McKenzie, to Willie Joe Jones II, 20, of McKenzie.

PUBLICATION NOTICE
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JASON ALEXANDER CHESSER,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

KATRINA D. CHESSER,
DEFENDANT,

DOCKET NO. [2024DR186](#)

TO: KATRINA D. CHESSER

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint which is sworn to, that the whereabouts of the Defendant, KATRINA D. CHESSER, is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the diligent search and inquiry made to that end. KATRINA D. CHESSER is therefore, hereby, required to appear and Answer the Complaint filed in this Cause against him/her in the Chancery Court of CARROLL County, Tennessee, within thirty days of the last publication of this Notice and served a copy of Answer on Howard F. Douglass, P.O. Box 39, Lexington, TN, 38351, Attorney for Plaintiff, within said time. If you fail to do so judgement by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint at hearing of the cause without further notice.

It is further Ordered that this Notice be published for four consecutive weeks in THE MCKENZIE BANNER.

This the 7th day of November, 2024.

Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

A8515/R24762/46-4

We do the legwork to keep you informed. The Banner. 731.352.3323

INVITATION TO BID

The McKenzie Special School District is receiving bids for the following:

One (1) 2023 or 2024 Ford F-250SD 4x4 XL Crew Cab as specified:

- New or Used (if used, 30,000 miles or less)
- Engine — 6.8 L V8 gas engine w/ 10-speed automatic transmission
- Power equipment group (Power windows and locks)
- All-season tires with full size spare
- Heat and Air
- Power steering and brakes
- Tilt Wheel
- Driver-side lumbar
- Manual telescopic mirrors
- Front tow hooks
- Large capacity fuel tank
- Tow Package (Trailer brake control, trailer sway control, trailer tow mirrors, etc.)
- Rear-view camera
- Spray-in bed liner
- Running Boards

This purchase is exempt from all state, federal, and local taxes.

Sealed bids will be received by the McKenzie Special School District at 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 by Friday, November 15, 2024 at 10 a.m., at which time the bidding will close and the bids opened.

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid quotations.

A460/PO#20250404/46-1

State of Tennessee Carroll County Probate Division	NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA §30-2-306	Case Number 2024PA200
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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, Administrator

Date: October 29, 2024
Marcee Niles, Attorney

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

A56/R24710/45-2

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.

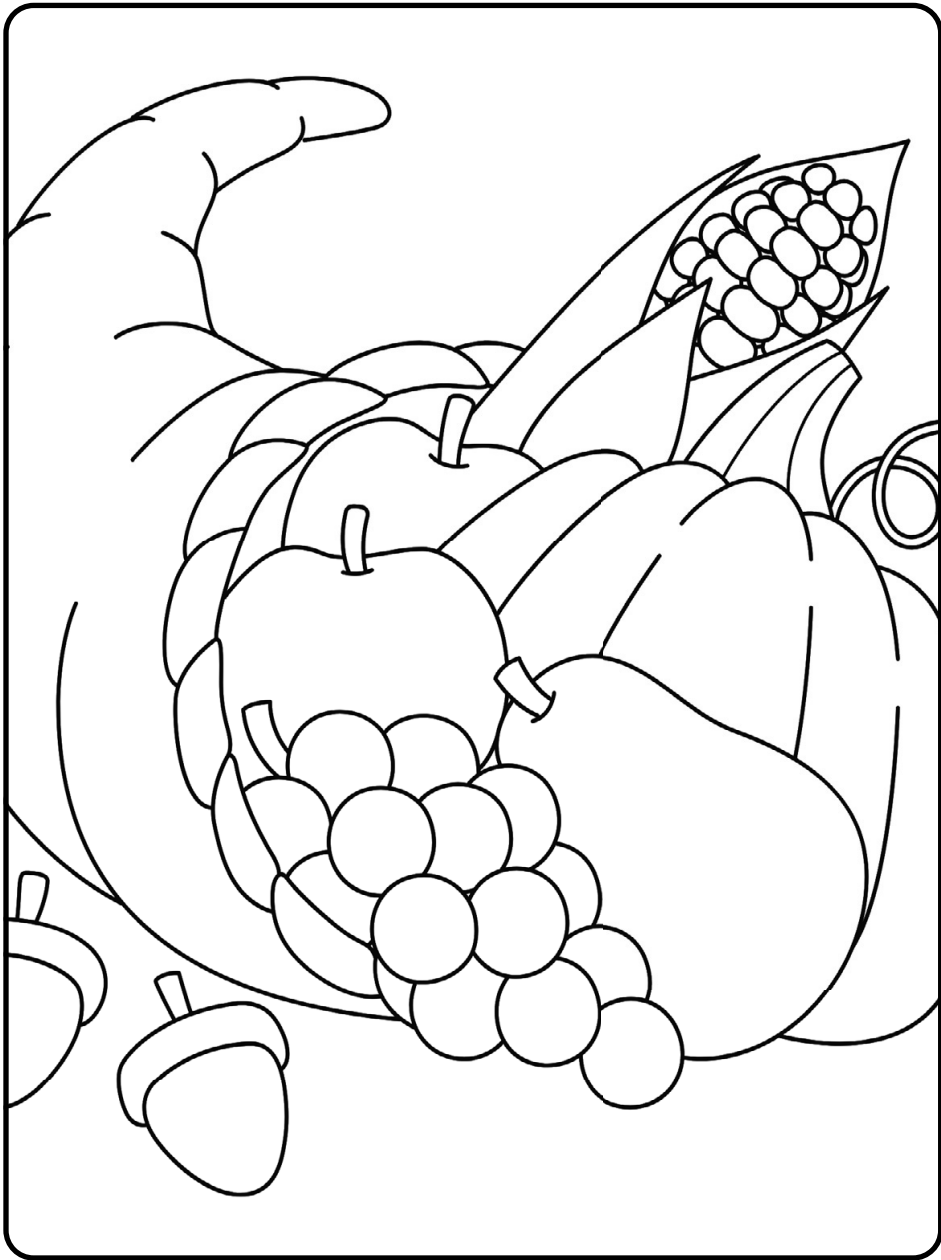
This 31ST day of OCTOBER, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE 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

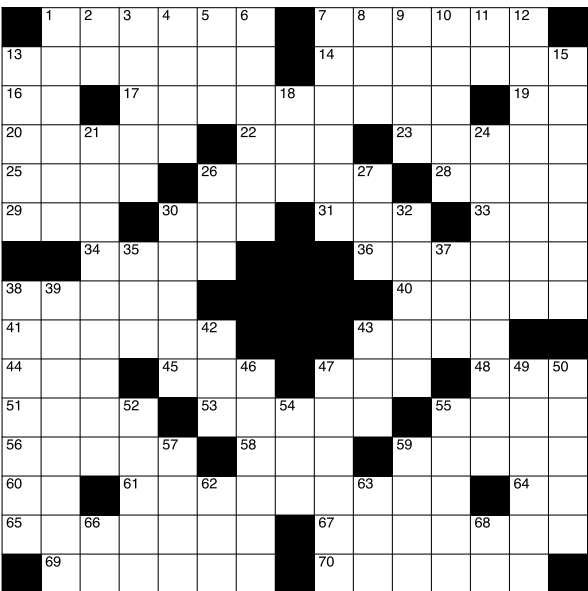
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Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Schoolhouse tool
 - 7. Martens
 - 13. Slags
 - 14. One who scrapes
 - 16. Centiliter
 - 17. White wine
 - 19. Of I
 - 20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
 - 22. Relating to the ear
 - 23. Sandwich shops
 - 25. Victories
 - 26. White (French)
 - 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 29. Genus of parrots
 - 30. Unhappy
 - 31. Talk incessantly
 - 33. Type of Squad
 - 34. Unit of perceived loudness
 - 36. Violent seizure of property
 - 38. Agave
 - 40. Sound units
 - 41. Removes from record
 - 43. Partner to Mama
 - 44. Mythological bird
 - 45. Dash
 - 47. Hair product
 - 48. Two-year-old sheep
 - 51. Signs a deal
 - 53. Conifer
 - 55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia
 - 56. Wife of Muhammed
 - 58. British Air Aces
 - 59. Ears or ear-like appendages
 - 60. Not caps
 - 61. Deep-bodied sea dweller
 - 64. Rural delivery
 - 65. Feeling
 - 67. Study of relations of organisms to one another
 - 69. Room to argue



70. Question
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Cream puff
 - 2. Road open
 - 3. Stressed syllable
 - 4. Thailand's former name
 - 5. Cologne
 - 6. Recounted
 - 7. Garment of cloth
 - 8. Airborne (abbr.)
 - 9. Reproduced
 - 10. Emits coherent radiation
 - 11. "Westworld" actor Harris
 - 12. Smallest interval in Western music
 - 13. Unstressed central vowel
 - 15. Lives in
 - 18. When you expect to get somewhere
 - 21. Storage bags
 - 24. One who covers with plastic
 - 26. Cast out
 - 27. Automobile
 - 30. Repaired shoe
 - 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
 - 35. Possesses
 - 37. Soda
 - 38. Programs
 - 39. In an unexpected way
 - 42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - 43. For each
 - 46. Unbelief
 - 47. Seized or impaled
 - 49. Arrive on the scene
 - 50. Especially happy
 - 52. Classic western film
 - 54. Split pulses
 - 55. Frida ____ : Painter
 - 57. Start again
 - 59. Employee stock ownership plan
 - 62. Young women's association
 - 63. Frozen water
 - 66. "The First State"
 - 68. Computers need one

Week 46

See solution in next week's edition.

Home Decor Word Search

I N V K S R I O B Y F V A H E F L G G E
U A G E T T H G Y N N V R Q I L N O Y L R
S Y I K E S T A E T B P W L P U I N K O Y R
D M D E S I G N R A W Y A M M G S N S L
D R A O B K C I K E C I Y K C N Y B V A
D A S T Q A E Y R E A K V P O O T L O N
Y B C E G V B O S P E T S C W V I H D O
U P O E G R G U G V I G M P Y W H K E I
K Y N D O Q N F P G Q F K E L A B F R T
S T C A E C I N R H E Y Y R N A K Q E C
H I E R T O T E A C O F E P L T S E F E
I N Q T T R O R N P L A V Y H S H F S
P A R S E N C N M B G C S O O B P B O C
L V W U U I S W O R G Y H T Q C S O C A
A R U L Q C N C I O R A P E E V L R B N
P O N A N E I I R C A U C L V R F A E I
S F Q B A T A D E A V A N Q B R Y R W T
W Y U A B L W Q B D U M O N R Q O H U A
M R L A M I N A T E Q V T C E E D N U P
M U E L O N I L A C S C A L E R N U T D

Alcove
Armoire
Backsplash
Balustrade
Banquette
Brocade

Chevron
Coffered
Console
Cornice
Design
Kickboard

Laminate
Linoleum
Patina
Runner
Scale
Sconce

Sectional
Shiplap
Treatments
Upholstery
Vanity
Wainscoting

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



532 BC: Alexander the Great is crowned pharaoh of Egypt.

1889: Journalist Nellie Bly begins a successful attempt to travel around the world in fewer than 80 days.

1960: Ruby Bridges is the first black child to attend an all-white school in Louisiana.

SUDOKU

WEEK 46

				2				
		4						
9		7	1		6	4		5
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	9		6		7			
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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to home decorating. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = I)

A. 22 14 10 6 23 22 12 23

Clue: Inside

B. 9 6 13 12 23 16 10 6

Clue: Make something more festive

C. 21 16 10 6 23 22 16 7 8

Clue: Items used to create something

D. 22 14 8 24 22 23 22 14 17

Clue: Giving someone creative feelings

Answers: A. interior B. decorate C. materials D. inspiring

LETTER MIX-UP

How many words can you make by rearranging the letters in the phrase below? Use each letter only once.

DECORATE

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

Riddle Me This

You live in a one story house made entirely of redwood. What color would the stairs be?

Answer: What stairs? You live in a one story house.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

ISADE

Answer: Ideas

GUESS WHO ?

I am a drummer for a pop punk band born in California, on November 14, 1975. I dreamed of becoming a pro surfer and skateboarder, but started playing the drums at age 4. I'm well known for my mohawk and lots of tattoos.

Answer: Travis Barker

Peace of Mind.

One of the many services we provide.



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 45 Crossword Puzzle Solution

E	A	S	E		E	M	B	A	L	M									
A	P	P	R	E	C	I	A	T	I	O	N								
R	E	U	N	I	O	N			E	A	S	I	E	R					
	S	E	E	R	S					O	S	P	R	E	Y				
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						E	D	D	A	S				S	O	D	A		
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						R	E	S	T	A	T	E	M	E	N	T	S		
						E	P	O	C	H	S			D	A	S	H		

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 45

7	2	5	1	6	8	4	3	9
3	9	1	7	4	5	2	6	8
6	4	8	2	9	3	7	5	1
1	5	2	3	8	4	6	9	7
4	8	6	9	7	1	3	2	5
9	7	3	6	5	2	8	1	4
2	3	9	8	1	7	5	4	6
5	6	7	4	2	9	1	8	3
8	1	4	5	3	6	9	7	2

SERVICES

SAWYERS TREE SERVICE: 60' BUCKET Truck. Take Down or Prune. Haul Off and Clean Up. Grind Stumps. Licensed and Insured, Free Estimates. Call 731-514-1708. A7061/24-TF

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GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT YOUR NEXT AUCTION! Save Time & \$\$\$.

One Call for All. Your ad can appear in this newspaper + 97 other TN newspapers. For more info, contact this newspaper's classified dept. or call Becky Moats 931-624-8916. (TnScan)\

MISCELLANEOUS

LET THERE BE LIGHT. R24697/45-3

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FOR RENT

HOUSES AND APARTMENTS: MCKENZIE AREA. www.mckenzie-homefinders.com 731-352-2255. A1219/44-TF

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Huntingdon Moves to Round Two After Big Win Over Loretto

HUNTINGDON (November 8) — The Huntingdon Mustangs hosted the Loretto Mustangs in the opening round of the TSSAA Football Playoffs for Class 2A. In what started as a back-and-forth nail-biter, Huntingdon found its momentum and racked up a 63-28 victory. They advance to the second round to battle the River-side Panthers.

Looking at the numbers from Friday night, Huntingdon's offense had 541 yards of total offense. Gray Eubanks completed one pass for 59 yards and ran for 254 yards. Brady Warbritton rushed for 184 yards.

In the first quarter, Huntingdon led Loretto 14-7. At the 8:18 mark, Loretto put up the first points of the night. On second and ten from the thirteen, Mason Tidwell found Corben Reynolds in the endzone. The extra point put Loretto up 7-0.

Huntingdon responded as they marched the ball down the field. From the Loretto 37 yard line, Warbritton went long for the touchdown. Grey Anderson tied the score 7-7.

Loretto was forced to punt on their next drive.



Left, Brady Warbritton had helped lead Huntingdon to the 63-28 victory over Loretto. Right, Gray Eubanks had a stellar game against Loretto. Photos Courtesy Huntingdon Sports Pics

Starting at their 22 yard line, Huntingdon gave the ball to Warbritton on the sweep off the right side for his second touchdown of the night. Anderson's PAT put Huntingdon open 14-7 with a little over two minutes to play in the first quarter.

Moving into the second quarter, Loretto would tie things at 14-14. On third-and-short, Tidwell and Reynolds posted their second pass and catch for a touchdown. The Henry Chambliss PAT was good

with 10:33 in the opening half.

A squib kick gave Huntingdon good field position on the next drive. On third-and-three from the Loretto 39 yard line, Eubanks called his own number and broke free picking up a huge first down after being brought down at the 17 yard line. On the next play, Huntingdon was called for a personal foul pushing the ball back to the 27 yard line. The yardage did little to deter Hunting-

don as Eubanks ripped up the middle for the touchdown. Anderson's extra point gave Huntingdon the 21-14 lead with 7:11 on the clock.

Loretta went back to work on offense on the next drive to tie things up 21-21. Tidwell hit Reynolds for a 66-yard touchdown catch with three broken tackles. The Chambliss PAT was good with 6:44 to play in the second quarter.

Huntingdon started the next drive at their 29 yard

line. Eubanks broke free for the 71-yard touchdown and Anderson added the PAT as Huntingdon regained the lead 28-21.

With over six minutes to play, Loretto went on another scoring drive. On third-and-two from the seven yard line, Tidwell kept the ball for his fourth touchdown of the night. Chambliss tied it up 28-28.

Huntingdon took the lead back towards the end of the first half. With less than two minutes to go at the five yard line, Eubanks banged ahead for the TD and Anderson had the PAT for a 35-28 lead.

Huntingdon would have another shot at a touchdown before the end of the half. With 25 seconds on the clock, Huntingdon took over at their 41 yard line. Owen King caught a bullet pass from Eubanks for a 59-yard TD. The Anderson PAT put Huntingdon 42-28 at the half.

The third quarter would be all Huntingdon as they were able to score 21 points. The first TD of the second half was at the 11:05 mark on a Warbritton 29-yard touchdown. Then on a punt return, Warbritton fielded

the ball at the Huntingdon 45 yard line for the 65-yard punt return with under nine minutes to play in the third quarter.

Loretto was forced to punt on their next offensive series. Huntingdon kept their foot on the accelerator as they moved the ball across midfield. On first-and-ten from the Loretto 41 yard line, Eubanks kept the ball for the TD. Anderson hit all three PATs in the third quarter.

The 41-yard TD by Eubanks was the final scoring drive of the night as Huntingdon went up 63-28 forcing the running clock mercy rule.

The win over Loretto puts Huntingdon's overall record at 9-2 and advances the Mustangs to round two of the playoffs. They stay home at Paul Ward Stadium to take on the defending 2A State Champions the Riverside Panthers. In the regular season, Huntingdon defeated Riverside 35-21. The winner of next Friday night's game will play the winner of JCM at Milan in round three, which in all actuality would lead the winner playing for the state championship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Above Left, Rebel Lane Brown pulls up for a wide-open jumper. Brown led all scorers with 15 points. Above Right, Bulldog Conner Ballew drives to the basket for two. Ballew led Gleason with eight points. Below Left, Lady Bulldog Kristiana Addison pulls up for a mid-range jumper. Addison led all scorers with eleven points. Below Right, Lady Rebel Charlie Cassidy draws contact in the lane. Cassidy led McKenzie with five points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Lady Bulldogs, Rebels Earn Wins

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (November 7) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Gleason Thursday for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady Bulldogs took an early lead and held off a late McKenzie rally for a 19-12 win. After a tight first half, the Rebels pulled away in the second for a 38-22 victory.

Gleason Lady Bulldogs 19, McKenzie Lady Rebels 12

Gleason jumped out to a 7-2 lead after the opening frame, led by Kristiana Addison with five points, including a three-pointer. Karlie Wilson had a pair. MaKayla Dabbs scored the lone McKenzie bucket.

Following a scoreless second quarter, Gleason led 7-2 at the half.

The Lady Bulldogs had a 4-3 edge in the third, all scored by Wilson. Lady Rebel Abby Carroll had a pair, and Kristy Towne hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, Gleason led 11-5.

McKenzie cut the deficit to as little as one point early in the fourth, but the Lady Bulldogs regrouped for an 8-7 advantage to seal the win. Addison scored six, and Wilson added a pair. Charlie Cassidy led the Lady Rebels with five points, including a three-pointer. Ellie Doede had a pair.

Lady Bulldog Kristiana Addison led all scorers with eleven points, including a three. Karlie Wilson scored eight points.

Charlie Cassidy led McKenzie with five points, including a three-pointer.

Rebels 38, Bulldogs 22

McKenzie had a 9-4 advantage in the first frame, led by Lane Brown with five points, including a three-pointer. Seth Stafford and Dawson Reeder each had a pair. Bulldog Ashton Bell scored three points, and Cooper Sawyers hit a free throw.

Gleason cut the deficit with an 8-4 edge in the second, led by Lawson Tucker with six points. Conner

Ballew added a pair. Stafford and Parker Ross each had a pair for McKenzie. At the half, the Rebels led 13-12.

McKenzie built a lead in a 14-5 third quarter, led by Brown with seven points, including another three. Ross scored four, and Reeder had three points. Sawyers had three points for Gleason, and Ballew and Colton Phillips each hit a freebie. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 27-17.

The Rebels capped the win with an 11-5 tilt in the fourth, led by Stafford, Brown and Ross with three points each. Reeder added a pair. Ballew had all five Bulldog points.

Rebel Lane Brown led all scorers with 15 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Parker Ross scored nine, and Seth Stafford and Dawson Reeder each had seven points.

Conner Ballew led Gleason with eight points. Lawson Tucker scored six.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Above Left, Lady War Eagle Chloe Rimmer stretches high to block a McKenzie shot. Rimmer also led all scorers with eight points. Above Right, Rebel Seth Stafford pulls up for two points. Stafford led all scorers with 14 points. Below Left, Lady Rebel Abby Carroll scores in the paint and draws contact for a three-point play. Carroll led McKenzie with five points. Below Right, War Eagle Isaiah McClain splits a pair of defenders and drives to the bucket. McClain led West Carroll with five points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Sweeps West Carroll

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (November 5) — McKenzie Middle School hosted West Carroll Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests. In a low-scoring game, the Lady War Eagles dominated the first half, but the Lady Rebels stormed back late for a 16-14 win. The Rebels took a big lead early and coasted to a 43-16 victory.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 16, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 14

West Carroll jumped out to an 8-1 lead after the opening frame. Chloe Rimmer scored all eight, including a pair of three-pointers. MaKayla Dabbs hit a free throw for McKenzie.

The Lady War Eagles had a 4-3 edge in the second quarter on buckets by Annalise Porter and Abbi O'Bryan. Lady Rebel Al-leigh Britt hit a three. At the half, West Carroll led 12-4.

McKenzie started the rally with a 4-2 third-quarter advantage on baskets by Charlie Cassidy and Abby Carroll. Kinsley Poff had a pair for West Carroll. Entering the final frame, the Lady War Eagles led 14-8.

The Lady Rebels blanked West Carroll 8-0 in the fourth to complete the comeback, led by Carroll with three points. Cassidy and Kristy Towne each had a pair, and Ellie Doede hit a free throw.

Lady War Eagle Chloe Rimmer led all scorers with eight points, including a pair of three-pointers.

Abby Carroll led McKenzie with five points.

Rebels 43, War Eagles 16

McKenzie stormed out to an 18-1 lead after the first frame. Seth Stafford, Dawson Reeder and Parker Ross each scored six points. War Eagle Ian Pearson hit a free throw.

The Rebels had an 8-6 edge in the second, led by Stafford with four points.

Ross and Davon Webb each had a pair. Lukas Pratt scored four for West Carroll, and Kaleb Martin had a pair. At the half, McKenzie led 26-7.

McKenzie had an 11-7 advantage in the third, led by Stafford and Ross with four points each. Lane Brown scored three points. War Eagle Isaiah McClain scored five points, including a three-pointer, and Martin added a pair. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 37-14.

The Rebels capped the win with a 6-2 tilt in the fourth, led by Hudson Garrett with a three-pointer. Reeder added a pair, and Kenden Coleman hit a free throw. Iseiah Stensrud scored two for West Carroll.

Rebel Seth Stafford led all scorers with 14 points. Parker Ross scored a dozen, and Dawson Reeder had eight points.

Isaiah McClain led West Carroll with five points, including a three.

TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



1. Rebel Cole Brown gets McKenzie on the board with a 37-yard touchdown catch. 2. Rebel KD Cunningham bear-hugs a Wayne County ball carrier before taking him down for a loss. 3. Rebel Colt Norden won't be denied as he drags a defender the last few yards for a touchdown. 4. Rebel Tate Surber eyes a path for a big gain. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Rout Wildcats on Senior Night, 47-0

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (November 8) — McKenzie High School kicked off the TSSAA Football Playoffs at home Friday, hosting Wayne County and recognizing senior players, managers, band members and cheerleaders.

The stingy Rebel defense more than made up for a relatively slow start for the high-powered offense, which eventually kicked into gear to run away with a 47-0 win. McKenzie hosts Eagleville Friday at 7 p.m.

Prior to kickoff, seniors were joined on the field by their parents.

Senior football players are Landon Brown, Gage Crosland, KD Cunningham, Skyler Fornera, Trey Gilbert, Aden Heath, Guillermo Hickman, Colt Norden, Jacob Smith, Tate Surber, Barry Swalley, Martez Teague and Craegen Travis.

Senior football managers are Ally Gibson and Jaylin Megaw.

Senior band members

are Rachel Essary, Nathan Lease, Aydin Neely and Lucy Reynolds.

Senior cheerleaders are Baylee Barden, Reese Gallimore, Lydia Pate and Laila Scott.

McKenzie won the coin toss but deferred possession to the second half.

Wildcat Skyler Skelton returned a deep kick to the Wayne County 35. Mason Moore ran for eight, then was stopped for no gain by Rebels Maddox Shiell and Craegen Travis. Two plays later, quarterback Drew Bevis converted a fourth down. Three plays later, Bevis was intercepted by Rebel Tate Surber.

Taking over at the Wildcat 37, Surber threw to Cole Brown for a touchdown. Skyler Fornera kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 7-0 with 8:19 to play in the opening frame.

Rebel Lelan Gordon made a big stop to pin Wayne County at their own 13, then made back-to-back stops on keeps by Bevis. C. Brown made the stop on third down,

and the Wildcats punted.

A penalty and a pair of deep incomplete passes (both drawing moot appeals from McKenzie fans for pass interference) doomed the drive, and the Rebels punted.

Wayne County quickly faced fourth-and-one, and Rebel KD Cunningham made the stop just short of the line to gain.

The Rebels couldn't capitalize on a short field, and an incomplete pass on fourth down turned the ball over.

The Wildcats went three-and-out as the first quarter ended and punted to start the second.

McKenzie started deep at their 23, but consecutive 12-yard runs by Surber, Jacobi Melton and Fornera moved the ball into Wildcat territory. Surber threw to Travis, then to C. Brown for back-to-back first downs. After a penalty, Surber hit Avery Brown for 12 yards, then kept for 16 yards and a first-and-goal. Two plays later, a toss to C. Brown and a kick by Fornera made it 14-0 halfway through the second frame.

Wayne County started deep and earned a pair of first downs, but the drive stalled at midfield. The Rebels received the punt at their 15.

Surber started the drive with a 30-yard pass to C. Brown, then kept for 17. He threw to Melton for 18, but a second pass to Melton was negated by a penalty. Colt Norden took a pass down to the 5, but a penalty moved it back. Surber then found Fornera for a 24-yard touchdown. Fornera kicked, and McKenzie led 21-0 with a minute left in the half.

The Wildcats managed two plays before intermission.

McKenzie and Wayne County swapped three-and-outs to start the third quarter, but the Rebels ended up with great field position after the latter.

Starting at the Wildcat 47, Surber connected with C. Brown for 13 and eleven yards. Norden ran twice for eleven and seven, then Surber kept for a five-yard score. The PAT was no good, and McKenzie led 27-0 halfway

through the third.

Wayne County fumbled on third down, recovered by Fornera.

Surber immediately threw to Norden for a 24-yard touchdown. Fornera's kick gave the Rebels a 34-0 lead with five minutes to go in the third.

The Wildcats went three-and-out. Rebel Davarion Gilbert blocked the punt, and Ryan Toombs made the recovery and return to the 5.

Norden took the first snap for the five-yard touchdown. Fornera kicked, and McKenzie led 41-0 just before the end of the third frame.

Another third-down fumble by Wayne County was recovered by Gordon at the 14. Norden ran for seven twice for the score. The PAT was no good, and the Rebel lead was 47-0 halfway through the final frame.

Wayne County went three-and-out one final time. After the punt, the Rebels ran one play before time expired.

McKenzie had 339 yards of total offense, 229 in the air and 110 on the ground.

Rebel quarterback Tate Surber was 13 of 19 passing for 229 yards and four touchdowns. He ran seven times for 61 yards and a touchdown.

Colt Norden had six carries for 37 yards and two touchdowns.

Cole Brown led the receiving with five catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns. Norden caught three passes for 45 yards and a touchdown. Skyler Fornera had two catches for 36 yards and a touchdown.

The Rebel defense held the Wildcats to 70 yards of offense, all on the ground.

Cole Brown led with ten tackles (two for a loss) and four assists. Lelan Gordon had eight tackles and six assists. KD Cunningham had six tackles (one for a loss) and three assists. Fornera had five tackles and four assists. Landon Brown had four tackles and five assists. Barry Swalley had three tackles (two for a loss) and five assists.

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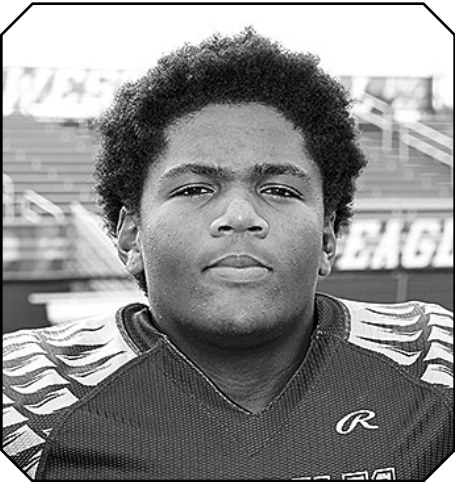
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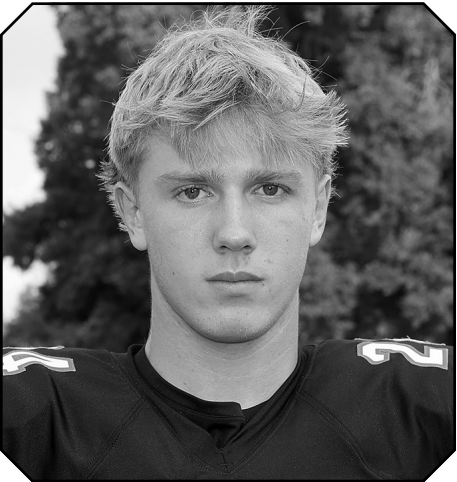
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Huntingdon Discount Tire

From Father to Son, A Tradition of Service

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Huntingdon Discount Tire, 123 Dillahunt Lane, was established by Johnny Abbott in 1998. The small business is now owned by Johnny's son, Justin Abbott. Justin started working at the business as a young teenager in the summers and, upon graduating from Huntingdon High School in 2009, immediately started working full time at the shop. He purchased the business from his father in 2016. Johnny still works at the shop, as does Justin's grandmother, Regina Bradley, who has been with the business from nearly the beginning. Rounding out the eight-person staff are Lacey Abbott, Brad Markham, Toxey Perritt, Zack Spain and Curt Powers.

Justin spoke to The Banner about the business's humble beginnings and how far it's come. "When he opened it in 1998, he was the only one. He was washing cars, changing oil, doing anything he could just to build it. There wasn't a customer base. He was literally going and getting people's cars to bring and wash for \$10 or \$15, changing oil for \$10. He would have done anything to get it going. So now to see it build into this huge customer base that we have...it's just grown. It's a blessing to take it over and try to keep it in the family." The shop offers a variety of services by appointment or walk-in, including tires, brakes, alignments, suspension work, lifts, ball joints, tie rods and leveling kits. Justin expressed his appreciation for the support

he's received from the community. "Without the people, we wouldn't be anything, so we always try to make the customer the priority. Treating people the right way, because word of mouth is what really spreads business. We really appreciate every customer that comes in here that feels like they were treated right, then they go out and say, 'You know, you should really go to that place,' and then we treat them right. It really means a lot. It's a blessing to be here. It's a blessing to be as busy as we are in a small town. To be able to employ everybody and stay busy. We really appreciate all our customers, because we would literally be nothing without them." Huntingdon Discount Tire is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MHS Alumni Association Donates to Local Schools

MCKENZIE (November 6) — The McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) made \$300 donations to each of the three schools Wednesday. The monetary gifts were made to support different programs for local students in need, including the Backpack Buddies program at McKenzie Elementary, access to school supplies at McKenzie Middle, and personal hygiene products at McKenzie High School.



Pictured (L to R): MMS Principal Dorethea Dudley Royle (MHS Class of 1977), MHSAA Treasurer Lauren Hickman (2007) and MMS Assistant Principal Josh Kee (1995). Photo courtesy MHSAA

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Junior Milam (center) was joined by (L to R) Rotary President Christy Williams, Dennis Sutton, Ricky Price and Armand Hebert.

Rotary Honors Veterans

MCKENZIE (November 5) — In honor of Veterans Day, Junior Milam, a veteran of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, presented a program on being a veteran and honoring patriotism. As part of his program, Milam read the poem Remember Me by John Dirusso. Rotarian Armand Hebert presented each Rotarian with a challenge coin, a token used to recognize dedication or service, asking them to give the coin to a veteran, living or dead, in honor of their service. Club Vice President Ricky Price presented club military veterans Dennis Sutton and Hebert with medallions recognizing their service.

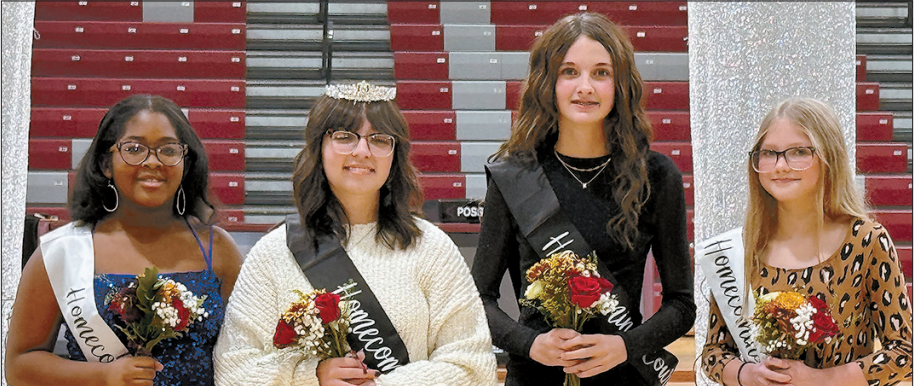


(L to R): WCJH students Austyn Inman, Ian Pardue, Aiden Borden, Mason Walker and Anastin McAlpin enjoy a private luncheon. Photo courtesy WCSSD

West Carroll Junior High Celebrates Academic Success

West Carroll Junior High announced a group of outstanding students recognized for their academic achievement on the CASE benchmark assessments. West Carroll Junior High students who improved or met state projection by a number grade and those who earned the highest score in each subject were able to attend a private luncheon sponsored by Hometown Grocery and Deli in McLemoresville. In addition, any student who showed improvement was awarded with a milkshake. West Carroll congratulates all the students and thanks Hometown Grocery and Deli for their continued support of education in our community. CASE benchmark assessments are language arts and math assessment tools for students in grades K-12 that measure academic progress and help teachers guide instruction. The assessments are aligned with Tennessee State Standards. Teachers can use the assessment data to prepare students for standardized tests and ensure all students are on track to meet the standards.

Callie Bryant Crowned WCJH Basketball Homecoming Queen



ATWOOD (November 7) — Callie Bryant, eighth grade daughter of Nick and Mandy Bryant, was crowned West Carroll Junior High Basketball Homecoming Queen during Thursday's games against Bradford. Pictured are (L to R): sixth grade representative Khloe Foster, daughter of Karl and Candace Foster; Bryant; eighth grade representative Kinsley Poff, daughter of Keshia Ulrich and Troy Poff; and seventh grade representative April Shumate, daughter of Summer Simmons. Photo courtesy Brittany Fowler



Micky Stafford was the volunteer auctioneer. He was assisted by Dr. Scott Spivey, a Rotarian, and MHS students Sophie Cole and Carlton Townes, members of the MHS Interact Club, a Rotary organization.

McKenzie Rotary Hosts Annual Charity Auction

MCKENZIE (November 4) — Members of the Rotary Club of McKenzie hosted its annual charity auction to raise money for its service activities in McKenzie. Christy Williams, president, welcomed everyone to the live auction, held Monday, November 4 at Overflow Church. Auctioned were many donated items of merchandise and services from area businesses and individuals. The auction has a multi-decade tradition for the local service club. Proceeds from the annual event helps fund the annual Honors Banquets at the three McKenzie schools, buy winter jackets for children in foster care, helps support Christmas Angel Tree project of Beta Sigma Phi, and fund MHS students to attend leadership training. Members of the club thank area businesses and individuals for supporting this annual event. Also thanks to Overflow Church, the MHS Interact Club, and the many persons who bought items during the auction.