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"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

— William Arthur Ward

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A float entitled Dancing Through the Snow was sponsored by Gina Sherwood's School of Dance. *File photo*

McKenzie's Hometown Christmas is This Week

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in McKenzie!

The city welcomes the season this week with its Hometown Christmas, a full slate of holiday activities over four days that provides something for everyone.

The festivities kick off with A Mistletoe Christmas on Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at the Park Theatre. Tickets are $7.

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McKenzie's Tate Surber is Class 1A Mr. Football Finalist

Class 2A Includes Milan's Peete; 3A Includes Westview's Simpson

NASHVILLE (November 26) — Finalists for the Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards were announced Tuesday. Included are McKenzie's Tate Surber (Class 1A), Milan's Jaydon Peete (2A) and Westview's Graham Simpson (3A).

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

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Class 1A Mr. Football Finalist Tate Surber. *File photo*

ELECTION 2024



Pictured are (L to R) City Attorney Beau Pemberton, Vice-Mayor Jessie Townes, Councilman Drew Beeler, Councilman Bobby Young, Mayor Ryan Griffin, Councilman Tim McBride, Councilman Tom Alexander, and Councilwoman Carol Armpriest.

McKenzie Councilmen Take Oath of Office

McKENZIE (November 26) — Three McKenzie councilmen were administered the oath of office for a four-year term on Tuesday, November 26. City Judge Beau Pemberton administered the oath to Jessie Townes, Drew Beeler, and Tim McBride (newly elected).



Huntingdon Officer Jonathan McDowell and Lieutenant Angie Barker were honored by Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards during the November 26 meeting of Mayor and Council. The two officers are credited for saving a resident from a burning apartment.

Huntingdon Police Officers Honored for Life-Saving Event

HUNTINGDON (November 26) — Two officers of the Huntingdon Police Department were honored on November 26 for their life-saving efforts during a residential fire.

An commendation was read by Mayor Chad Edwards during the November 26 meeting of the Mayor and Council to commemorate Lieutenant Angie Barker and Officer Jonathan McDowell.

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Larry Logan

Retired Judge Arrested on DUI Charges

Larry Logan, the retired General Sessions Judge for Carroll County was arrested for Driving Under the

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Dr. Lee Carter

Lee Carter Recognized as Master School Board Member

Recently, Dr. Lee Carter, Chairman of the Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education was recognized

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Turkey Trot Raises Funds for Those in Need



HUNTINGDON (November 28) — The 13th Annual Turkey Trot was held in downtown Huntingdon to raise funds for those who need assistance in the area. It is a run or walk, by humans, each Thanksgiving morning as a way to memorialize the late Lori Pearson, who contributed so much to the Carroll County community and was much beloved. The late teacher, mentor, taught at McKenzie Middle School. The Never Quit fund was established in the memory of the late Huntingdon resident. It has raised over $100,000 in its 13-year history. On Thursday, the American Legion post and Huntingdon Middle School made donations to the fund. Pictured are the runners or walkers in the 13th annual event. The route started and ended at the Carroll County Courthouse.

Henry Restaurant Damaged in Fire

COURTESY SHANNON McFARLIN



Henry Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire at The Family Table Restaurant.

HENRY (December 1) — The Henry Volunteer Fire Department extinguished a fire in the back of The Family Table Restaurant Sunday afternoon. Mutual aid was provided by the Paris Fire Department.

According to the press release, the Henry Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched around 1:30 p.m. to 9 Dogwood St. for a structure fire with smoke showing.

Nine firefighters from Henry responded to find The Family Table with smoke coming from the roof. According to the fire department, firefighters raced to do a 360 and check for gas and electric outside. Once cleared the team made a fast interior attack and was able to extinguish the small fire inside at the back of the restaurant.

The team quickly started ventilating the building to get as much smoke out as fast as possible. Once the smoke cleared the responders did a secondary inspection with thermal imaging cameras to insure that the fire was completely out. The cameras were acquired through grant funding.

Also on scene Paris Fire Department along with Henry County Sheriff's Office.

A Facebook message from owners Andrew and Janice Yeomans reads:

"Investigators from TBI should be here tomorrow.

Sadly, we will be closed until everything has been cleared, and we can get things up and running again. Our freezers and walk in cooler did sustain heat damage, and all the food inventory is a loss. Financially, it's a "Gut punch," but our family is extremely resilient!

I want you all to know, that I am fully intent on reopening, and continuing our venture at the Table! We will overcome, and return stronger!

The pizzeria should sustain my family, financially, through the holidays. Just going to work a bit harder to increase our business!"

The pizzeria referred to is Nonni's NY Pizza in downtown Paris.

Blake Stoker Speaks to Rotary Club



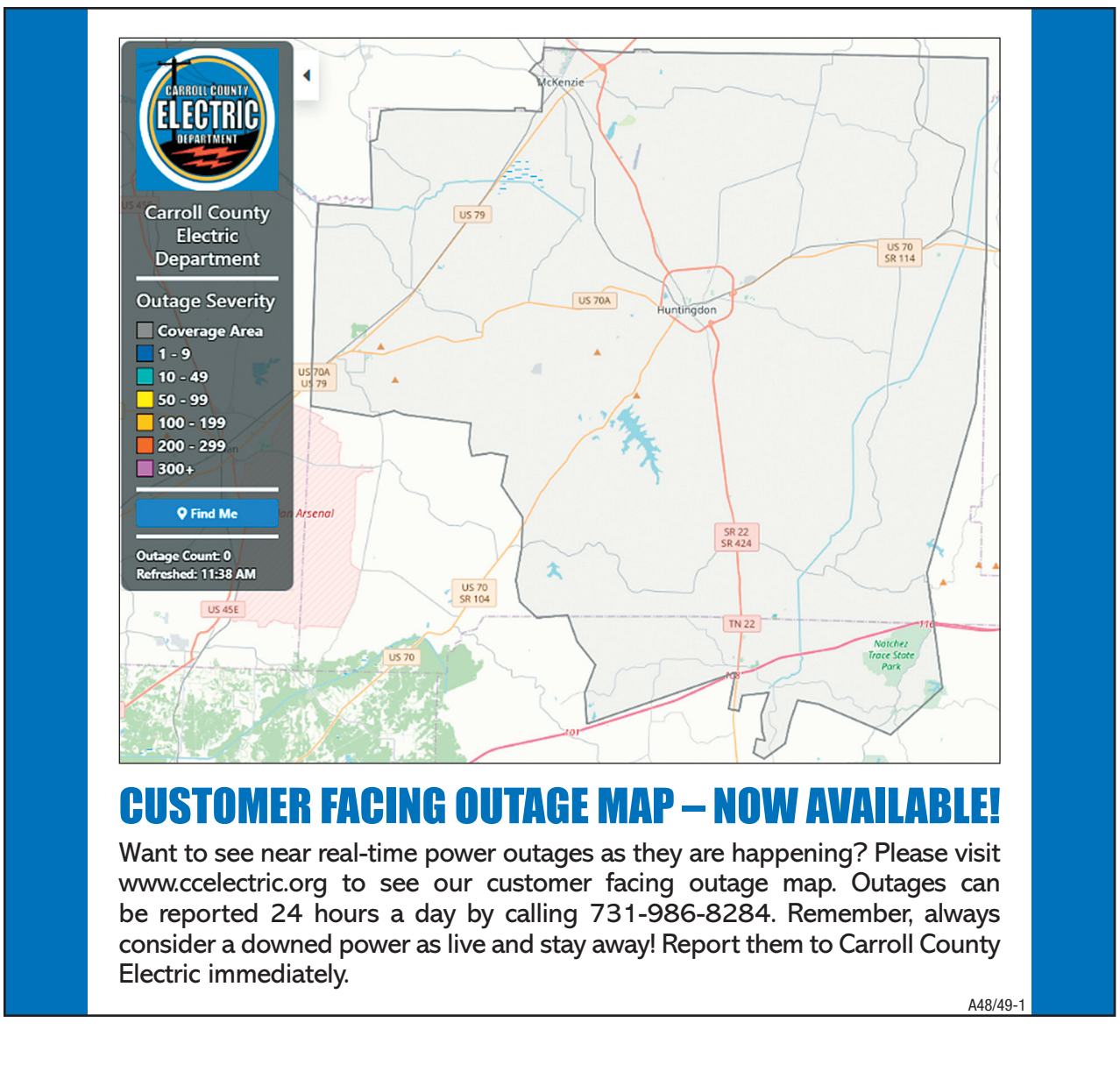
Pictured are Blake Stoker (left) and Ricky Price, vice-president of the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

McKENZIE (November 19) — The Stoker family has been known for its tobacco products for years. The Dresden-based company was a large distributor of tobacco from its headquarters. Now, Blake Stoker is starting a new family legacy: barbecue.

Blake Stoker was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on November 19. The young man told how he started his career by cooking for his fraternity brothers and others during his college years. Then he transitioned into a food trailer and later into a full-service restaurant in an old mill in downtown Martin.

Blake's at Southern Milling, a restaurant, bar, and private event space offers Texas-style smoked meats, Southern sides, and classic cocktails in a beautifully preserved and fully renovated historic building situated in the heart of downtown Martin, Tennessee. Built in 1918, 109 S. Lindell Street has long been a landmark and gathering place for locals.

Blake said he travels to Texas to learn more about meats, cooking and restaurant layouts in order to provide the best food service here locally. The small operation grew to a major business for the young man, who enjoys telling the history of the restaurant.



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Pictured are (L to R) Mike Bennett, Mike Stafford, Mayor Anderson, Shawn Francisco and James Hines.

Gleason Officials Administered Oath of Office

GLEASON (December 2) — Gleason Mayor Charles Anderson, and Alderman Mike Bennett, Alderman Mike Stafford, Alderman James Hines, and Alderwoman Shawn Francisco were administered the oath of office to serve four years following the November 5 election.

City Judge Tommy Moore administered the oath to the mayor and then to the aldermen at the Gleason Community Center.

Dr. Sharon Younger Receives TEDC Legacy Award



Dr. Sharon Younger, a native of McLemoresville, (pictured right) receives the TEDC Legacy Award from Vicki Bunch, Executive Director Tennessee Council for Career & Technical Education.

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Economic Development Council (TEDC) announces its presentation of Dr. Sharon Younger, founder and president of Younger Associates, with the TEDC Legacy Award. This award is offered in recognition of an esteemed figure in economic development whose work has left a profound impact on the profession and the communities they serve. Sharon is only the tenth person to receive the Legacy Award since its inception.

Sharon, a native of McLemoresville, has cultivated a distinguished career in economic development for more than 30 years, with a focus on improving the economic conditions of rural communities, particularly in Tennessee. In 1990, she founded the marketing research firm, Younger Associates, which specializes in economic development.

The firm has since been recognized by organizations such as the International Economic Development Council and the Southeastern Economic Development Council for their innovative and successful work.

Under Sharon's leadership, Younger Associates has pioneered approaches to projects in economic impact analysis, workforce recruitment and strategic planning throughout the United States. The firm primarily partners with regional and federal economic development organizations such as TVA, Delta Regional Authority, Metro Nashville, State of Wyoming, and Enterprise Florida for these initiatives. They have also conducted research for private clients including Toyota, Nissan, Caterpillar, SpaceX, FedEx, and other Fortune 500 companies.

Among Younger Associates' most current work is providing research for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to assist in preparation for the impact of Ford BlueOval City.

The methodologies used by Younger Associates, shaped by Sharon's expertise and vision, are recognized nationally for using a customized, data-driven approach to provide actionable insights that match a region's unique circumstances and desired outcomes. They have been applied to hundreds of projects across the United States, leaving a lasting influence on the field of economic development research and analysis.

As a frequent speaker at national conferences, associate dean and faculty instructor for the Economic Development Institute, and as a lecturer for economic development programs at the University of Tennessee, Auburn, LSU and other universities, Sharon has taught countless economic development professionals to prepare the next generation of leaders in the field. In keeping with her commitment to Tennessee's rural communities, her guidance has empowered cities and towns in 89 of the state's 95 counties with the resources to compete and thrive in an evolving economic landscape.

"Working alongside Sharon for the past 28 years has been a true privilege," said Lana Suite, Senior Partner and Director of Research at Younger Associates. "Not only has she been an inspiration and a mentor to me - she motivates the entire team to pursue excellence with the unwavering dedication she displays. She leads by example with keen insight, exceptional communication skills, and expertise that is invaluable to the communities we've had the honor to serve. Even after all these years, I continue to learn something new from Sharon every day we work together."

The Legacy Award, first given in 2012, recognizes those in the state economic development community who have had an extraordinary impact on the profession and the community in which they worked. This award is not given annually but is instead offered as a special recognition for individuals who are highly respected, active in economic development and have been a TEDC member for at least 10 years.

Awards were presented at the TEDC Fall Conference which was held this year in Jackson, Tennessee, where Younger Associates is based; Dr. Younger is based at the firm's Memphis office.

TEDC is a statewide organization for both public and private sector professionals involved in economic development. Since 1967, TEDC has provided professional development opportunities for its more than 425 members and works with state officials to maintain an attractive business environment in Tennessee.

For more information, visit www.tnedc.com or contact Suzie Lusk at 615.256.5141.

Holiday Events

Bethel University Christmas with Renaissance

Bethel University announces the return of its beloved holiday tradition, "Christmas with Renaissance," a captivating musical celebration that has become a staple event across West Tennessee. Show times are Friday, December 6, 7 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m. The performances are in the Dickey Fine Arts Building on the Bethel University campus. Tickets are available for purchase now, with Preferred Tickets priced at $20 and General Admission Tickets at $15. There is also a limited number of VIP tickets at $50. This ticket price gives you the best seat in the house and includes special Renaissance gifts. A discount is available for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, visit www.bethelrenaissance.com or call the Renaissance office at (731) 352-6980.

Carroll Arts Presents A Mistletoe Christmas

Carroll Arts, Inc., presents A Mistletoe Christmas Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at the Park Theatre. Performers include Keith and Melissa Herris, Isaac Stephen Walker, the Rebel Singers under direction of Joanna Turner, Anna Moore, Veronica Davis, Jason and Brittany Martin, Denise Sam, Carol Armpriest, Eric and Bonnie Teas, Mona Batchelor and possibly more. Santa Claus has promised to make an appearance. Tickets available ahead of time from Leigh Goodwin 901-481-5859 and Carol Armpriest 731-393-3048 and at the door. Admission is $7. Come support the arts.

Live Nativity at First Cumberland Presbyterian

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 16835 Highland Drive, McKenzie, presents a live nativity on Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Christmas Parades in Carroll County

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

Clarksburg, Thursday, 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.

Christmas at The Dixie

Saturday, December 7 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Dixie Carter PAC, 191 Court Square, Huntingdon. Tickets are on sale through the Box Office, in person or by phone at 731-986-2100, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 2024 Cast for Christmas at The Dixie: Ava Bates, Annh Browder, Chelsea Brown, Lee Carter, Bryton Cole, Charlotte Cole, Madilyn Dudley, Hannah Eaton, Nathan Eaton, Jessica Tucker, Lolo.

Huntingdon Main Street Christmas

Saturday, December 14 from noon-7 p.m. Join The Dixie and the Town of Huntingdon for a community-favorite: lighting of the tree at City Hall, great food and pop-up vendors, Court Theatre movie showings, holiday choirs, and more!

Mandy Barnett "Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, December 21 from 7:30-9 p.m. at The Dixie Carter PAC, 191 Court Square, Huntingdon. Tickets are on sale through the Box Office, in person or by phone at 731-986-2100, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are: $34, $39, $44, $49 plus taxes and fees. Grand Ole Opry member Mandy Barnett celebrates the warmth and joy of the holiday season, featuring classic ballads like "White Christmas," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," along with spirited standards like "Jingle Bell Rock," "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Marshmallow World," and "Winter Wonderland."

West Carroll Holiday Mart

The ninth annual Holiday Mart, located at West Carroll High School Auxiliary Gym from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 14. Sponsored by Class of 2025 Project Graduation. If interested in a vendor booth call or text 731-571-7392.

Snow Couple Paint Party

Join us for a magical winter evening at our Snow Couple Paint Party with The Huntingdon Elks Lodge, Friday, December 6 7-9:30 p.m. at the lodge. $35 per person (Non-Members please contact Brian Sinclair Bennett at The Elks) Choose your style - Gold or Pink! Create your own 12x16 canvas masterpiece with our easy step-by-step instructions. No artistic experience needed and your first drink is included in your ticket price. Your host Joy Bryan with The Splat Paint Parties will guide you through creating these adorable snowman paintings perfect for winter decor or holiday gifts! To reserve your spot: Call/Text: 731-445-1221; Email: TheSplatGirl@gmail.com; Facebook.com/thesplatgirl. Space is limited - sign up today! You can register in person at the Huntingdon Elks Lodge (150 Elks Lodge, Huntingdon).

Holiday Stroll on the Hill

Event by Southern Chiropractic & Acupuncture, City Drug Company and Robertson Dental Clinic at RB Wilson Dr, Huntingdon Thursday, December 12 at 3 p.m.. Stroll through our businesses "on the Hill" on RB Wilson Drive for an afternoon of free holiday themed fun and sweet treats! City Drug Company - The Grinch: Meet the Grinch and Popcorn. Southern Chiropractic - Christmas Vacation: Clark's Jelly of the Month Club Cookies & Eggnog. Harmony Hill - Elf: Meet Buddy the Elf and Hot Cocoa Mix. Robertson Dental - Santa Claus: Pictures with Santa and Candy Canes.

Polar Express at the Lodge at Paris Landing

This Holiday Season, join us and step into the magic of the North Pole! Experience an enchanting Polar Express themed adventure! Includes: "The Polar Express" showing then milk & cookies, with a special visitor for story time. Breakfast featuring Reindeer pancakes. One standard Lodge Room. Total ticket: $175 (for one parent and child, extra adult or child will have an additional charge). Saturday, December 21 6-9 p.m.; Sunday, December 22 7-10 a.m. For tickets, call 731-924-4302.

Christmas Market Pop Up

Saturday, December 7 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 27 Broadway Street, McKenzie. Join me at the Mustard Seed Social and Events in downtown McKenzie. There will be food, gifts, crafts and tons of vendors.

Lakeside Santa Sweet Shop Open House

Lakeside Senior Living hosts a Santa Sweet Shop Open House on December 22 from 1-3 p.m. with desserts, music and a door prize.

Paris Events

November 29-December 15 - Festival of Trees will be on the square in Downtown Paris! Located at The Old 5 & 10 Event Center, 110 W. Washington Street. Hours: Monday-Friday 12 noon -3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday 1-4 p.m. Call 731-642-3431 for more information.

December 4 – Take part in the Candlelight Advent Walk to downtown Paris churches starting at 6 p.m. For information, call 731-642-5074 or 731-642-4764.

December 6-8 – Remember the reason for the season with the New Harmony Baptist Church's Live Nativity from 6-8 p.m. nightly. This beautiful drive-through event is a community treasure. For more information, call 731-593-5276.

December 7 - Inman Middle School PAC is hosting the 9th Annual Mistletoe Market in the Inman gym with over 25 booths with local small businesses and crafters from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This would be a great place to do some early Christmas shopping and find those one-of-a-kind gifts. For information, call 731-642-8131.

December 7 - Support the youth of Henry County as the KPAC Young Artists HarmoniX acapella group and the Vocal Express, present their Christmas Concert at the KPAC at 7 p.m. To learn information, call 731-644-2517.

December 8 – At KPAC, the Paris-Henry County Community Concert Band will play at 3 p.m. featuring Christmas music and a guest artist, Dr. Christa Frye. Tickets are $5 in advance and can be purchased from a band member or at Jack's Java & Wood Street Warehouse. At the door cost is $8. For more information, contact 731-644-2517.

December 9 – For fun galore, check out the Holly Jolly Electric Parade at 5 p.m. Awards include Clark Griswold, Golf Cart, Cutest Critter and Best Decorated. For details and entry information, call 731-642-3431 or email downtownparistn@gmail.com.

December 14 – Get in the holiday spirit by listening to the elite group of singers from HCHS in Christmas with the Madrigals. Starts at 7 p.m. at the KPAC. Call 731-644-2517 for information.

December 18 - KPAC's talented singing group, the HarmoniX, followed by the HCHS Madrigals, will perform at Paris First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. For information, call 731-642-4764.

December 20-21 – The KPAC Players will be presenting "It's A Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play" on Friday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 3 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 731-644-2517.

'Let it Glow' at Discovery Park

Discovery Park of America in Union City hosts the 2024 "Let it Glow" walk-thru and drive-thru through December 30. Admission to the walk-thru is $5 for all other guests with ages three and under admitted free. Admission to the "Let It Glow" drive-thru is $10 per vehicle. Both the "Let It Glow" Drive-thru and Walk-thru are open 5-9 p.m. The attraction is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Tickets may be purchased at discoveryparkofamerica.com/event/letitglow. Pets are prohibited at the walk-thru.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the "Let It Glow" walk-thru and available for photos with guests on several select dates: December 6-7, 13-15 and 23.

Judge

...From Front Page

Influence and Possession of a Weapon on Saturday, November 30.

He was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol in the Atwood area around noon and transported to Carroll County Jail.

According to the Carroll County Court Clerk's office, no hearing has been set in the case. General Sessions Judge Michael King will recuse himself from hearing the charges. A substitute judge will be assigned to hear the charges.

Information from the Tennessee Highway Patrol was not available by press time on Monday afternoon.

Huntingdon Approves Purchase Of Air Packs for Fire Department

HUNTINGDON (November 26) — The Huntingdon Mayor and Council approved the purchase of five self-contained air packs for the Huntingdon Fire Department during the November 26 meeting. The cost was $49,988 from Sourcewell.

The Board also voted to request the non-profit board of the Carroll County Inclusion Park name a portion of its park in memory of Martha Taylor. The request reads that it is recommended to be named "Martha's Musical Garden.

Mrs. Taylor was born July 17, 1950 to the late Gailford and Brooxie Bennett of Huntingdon. Martha was a business lady who helped establish Taylor Real Estate in the mid-1970s along with her late husband, Lynn Taylor. She also contributed 42 years to the community, working for the Town of Huntingdon in various roles and the last 22 years as town recorder.

A request to donate the old air compressor from the Fire Department to the Mansfield Fire Department was approved.

The Public Works Department was granted permission to sell surplus scrap metal.

Councilman Andrew Maddox was honored by his fellow councilman in being named vice-mayor, who serves in the absence of the mayor.

The board and committees list was approved.

Finance and Administration include John Sanders, chairman; Lori Dillahunty, Daniel Eubanks, Kelly Eubanks, and Andrew Maddox.

Public Works - Lori Dillahunty-chairman; Chad Barnhart, Kelly Eubanks, Andrew Maddox, and John Sanders.

Public Safety - Andrew Maddox, chairman; Will Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Daniel Eubanks, and John Sanders.

Adult-Oriented Establishment-Massage Registration Board - Will Atkins, chairman; Chad Barnhart, Lori Dillahunty, Daniel Eubanks, and Andrew Maddox.

Council Representatives to Boards - Huntingdon Industrial Development Board - John Sanders; Huntingdon Municipal Planning Commission - Daniel Eubanks; Huntingdon Recreation Advisory Council - Andrew Maddox; and Huntingdon Beautification Committee - Kelly Eubanks.

In other business, police officers Angie Barker and Jonathan McDowell were honored for their timely efforts in saving a resident's life from her burning apartment.

Carter

...From Front Page

by the Tennessee School Board Association as a Level 5 Master School Board Member. Only 5% of current school board members in Tennessee have received this recognition.

Achieving the Level 5 Master Board Member designation is earned by board members who submit a portfolio to the TSBA including their work in policy development, a self-evaluation, colleague referrals, evidence of advocacy, an essay, and a demonstration of teaching or mentoring activities.

Four individuals were recognized from West Tennessee at the TSBA conference for achieving Level 5 status.

Dr. Carter has served on the Huntingdon School Board for 24 years.

Surber

...From Front Page

classification.

During the regular season (on which nominations are based), Tate Surber had 2,904 total yards of offense. This includes 2,096 passing yards with 25 touchdowns. Surber rushed for 808 yards with 21 touchdowns. He was 113 of 163 passing, a 69.3 completion percentage.

The McKenzie senior is also a 4.0 student and was recently named Mr. McKenzie High School.

Five semifinalists in each classification were announced on November 7. There are six classifications in Division I and three in Division II.

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.

"We are very appreciative of the Tennessee Titans for their continued support of these awards," stated Mark Reeves, Executive Director of the TSSAA. "Having the awards presented at Nissan Stadium will provide a very special atmosphere for these outstanding student-athletes."

This is the 40th year that the Mr. Football Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school football players. A Mr. Football trophy will be presented to the winners of each category. A Mr. Football plaque will be presented to the other two finalists in each category. The other semi-finalists will each receive a certificate.

Mike Keith, play-by-play voice of the Tennessee Titans, will emcee the awards presentation. A live videostream of the awards will be provided on the Tennessee Titans website.

2024 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Finalists

DIVISION I, CLASS 1A

Nate Adams, Clay County High School

Bennett O'Neal McDougal, Whitwell High School

Tate Surber, McKenzie High School

DIVISION I, CLASS 2A

Andrew Johnson, Fairley High School

Jaydon Peete, Milan High School

Kason William Young, East Robertson High School

DIVISION I, CLASS 3A

Eli Graf, Alcoa High School

Graham Simpson, Westview High School

Skylan Smith, Covington High School

DIVISION I, CLASS 4A

Waylon LaRue, Anderson County High School

Carson Quillen, Greeneville High School

Tyler Thompson, Marshall County High School

DIVISION I, CLASS 5A

Brenden Anes, Page High School

Eric Hazzard, Page High School

Kelvin Perkins, Southwind High School

DIVISION I, CLASS 6A

Samuel Iroh, Collierville High School

Donovan Starr, Ravenwood High School

Craig Tutt, Oakland High School

DIVISION II, CLASS A

Jared Curtis, Nashville Christian School

Nix Fullen, Tipton-Rosemark Academy

Jay'len Mosley, Jackson Christian School

DIVISION II, CLASS AA

Hutson Chance, Christ Presbyterian Academy

Kaedyn Marable, Battle Ground Academy

Noah Spencer, University School of Jackson

DIVISION II, CLASS AAA

David Gabriel Georges, Baylor School

George MacIntyre, Brentwood Academy

Ethan Utley, Ensworth High School

KICKER OF THE YEAR

Elliott Arnold, McCallie School

Philippe LaForge, Baylor School

Ethan Lane, Boyd Buchanan High School

Police

...From Front Page

It read, "On Friday, November 11, 2024, Huntingdon Public Safety Dispatch was advised of a fire alarm at 41 Hunter Ridge Cove. Huntingdon Police Officers Lieutenant Angie Barker and Officer Jonathan McDowell arrived on the scene first to find the single level apartment full of smoke with the sprinkler system activated. Upon learning that the resident, Ms. Betty Smith, was still inside the structure the two officers made entry into the smoke filled structure and located Ms. Smith in her wheelchair. They were then able to wheel Ms. Smith outside to relative safety away from the smoke. Lieutenant Barker was treated for smoke inhalation at the local hospital and released. It was the opinion of the E.R. Doctor that had Ms. Smith remained inside the smoke filled structure any longer than she had, that she most likely would not have survived.

This letter is to commend Lieutenant Barker and Officer McDowell for their heroic actions that went above and beyond the call of duty in saving the life of Ms. Betty Smith on November 11, 2024, with a copy of this commendation being placed in their permanent personnel file at the Town of Huntingdon.

The letter was signed by Walter Smothers, director of Public Safety and Mayor Edwards.

Officer Jonathan McDowell recently returned to the Huntingdon Police Department after several years of working in law enforcement in Weakley County.

Christmas

...From Front Page

On Friday, December 6, make plans to attend Mistletoe Market at the Farmers Market from 6-9 p.m. The market continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The premier of this year's Christmas with Renaissance is Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Dickey Fine Arts Building on the campus of Bethel University. Encore presentations are Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and the finale is Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at BethelRenaissance.com.

On Saturday, December 7 from 8-11 a.m. is Breakfast with Santa and the Polar Express Train at the historic train depot on Bruce Street. (Prices vary.)

Saturday festivities continue with Meet and Greet the Grinch, presented by Carroll Bank & Trust, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the building across from Super Drugs on Cedar Street. This event is free (bring your own camera).

Then, at 4 p.m. is the Big Jingle Christmas Parade, which runs down Stonewall Street (from the middle school) to Cedar Street (Park Theatre). Following the parade at 5 p.m. is the Christmas Tree Lighting with special music by McKenzie Elementary Rebel Singers.

CARROLL COUNTY

Commission to Hold Called Meeting To Establish Rural Fire Department

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, December 9 to determine the fate of the Resolution 12-01-2024 that establishes a county-wide fire department. The current format used by the county is a hybrid format that is not conducive to the longevity of the multiple districts established.

The resolution states the purpose of the fire department is to provide "protection services in the unincorporated areas of Carroll County as well as the County units stationed in incorporated municipalities within Carroll County."

The Carroll County Fire Department will be funded through revenue generated by situs-based taxes collected in unincorporated areas of the county, revenues from other sources which have already been shared with municipalities or donations or charitable contributions to fund the activities of the county fire department. The new formation will not use funds contributed to the county by taxes generated in the incorporated areas of Carroll County.

Also considered is Resolution 12-02-2024 to levy an occupancy tax in Carroll County. This will authorize a maximum rate of occupancy tax established of 4% within Carroll County in both the unincorporated and incorporated jurisdictions, which shall be in addition to any existing occupancy tax in an incorporated jurisdiction.

Lastly, the Commission will discuss Resolution 12-03-2024 to amend the FY 2024-25 Budget. Included are the following items: Recycling/Solid Waste - $20,000 — Solid Waste is purchasing three new recycling trucks at $62,623 utilizing previously allocated ARPA funds for $168,987 with the amendment/transfer of $20,000 covering the remainder of the cost. Rural Fire - $12,300 — these are funds received from surplus scrap equipment sale, to be used to purchase small items on the Fire Department's immediate needs list; Rural Fire - $161,802 (from fund balance to motor vehicles) — this includes funds from insurance recovery funds from the Hico fire station $61,339.38 and Hico pumper truck $100,462.50 which will, in turn, be used to purchase the following: two brush truck Chassis estimated at $40,000, one Air Van/Truck – estimated at$120,000. Rural Fire - $50,250 (from fund balance to salary/benefits) — the funds are for salary, benefits, and deductions for a new position of the Carroll County Fire Chief with an estimated start date of January 1, 2025.

The Carroll County Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Carroll County Government Complex on High Street in Huntingdon.

Inglenook Book Club November News

COURTESY BEVERLY MUELLER
Recording Secretary

McKENZIE (November 13) — The Inglenook Book Club's monthly meeting was Wednesday at Lakeside Senior Living Community with 15 ladies in attendance.

The program started with Beverly Mueller's guest speaker, Mayor Ryan Griffin of McKenzie. It was an informative speech from Mayor Griffin. The group was brought up to date on the continued progress of the city's needs, accomplishments and ongoing projects. We appreciated Mayor Griffin taking time out of his schedule to attend and speak to us.

After Mayor Griffin departed, President Gail Mack called the meeting to order. Special thanks to the hostesses Jean Hollomon and Suzanne Russell for the delicious sandwiches, assorted chocolates and beverages. The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Club Motto were recited by all. The November birthday ladies are Carolyn Goodwin and Beverly Mueller. Happy Birthday was sung by all.

President Mack called for the roll and reading of the October minutes. Motion was made to approve the reading by Jean Hollomon and seconded by Suzanne Russell. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read as well. The committee reports were given by Sunshine Chair Elaine Williams, Membership Chair Suzanne Howell and Telephone Chair Carolyn Moore, who will take on as the chair for 2025.

In unfinished business, Suzanne Howell named the officer slate for 2025. No changes made, except for telephone chair, who will be Carolyn Moore. No further old business.

New business was discussion on the upcoming Christmas party on December 11 at noon. It was voted to have the party at Lakeside and have food catered. Secretary Beverly Mueller will send out a friendly reminder of the party. There will be $10-$15 gift donations for items that the Lakeside residents can use.

With no further new business, Book Passing Chair Mary Newman called out the order of passing. She reminded everyone to get the title and author of the book they are going to submit for 2025 to her soon so it can be printed in the 2025 booklet. The next book passing date is November 27, or earlier if desired due to Thanksgiving Day on Thursday.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party on December 11 at 12 noon at Lakeside. Remember to bring individually wrapped food items for the school donation.

The Benediction was recited by all, and the meeting adjourned.

Members present were: Peggy Chappell, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinnie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward and Elaine Williams.

Former UT Martin Chancellor Named to Tennessee Higher Education Commission

NASHVILLE (November 26) — The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert M. Smith to the Commission. Officially appointed by Governor Bill Lee in early November, Dr. Smith brings a wealth of experience in higher education, public policy, and leadership to his new role.

Dr. Smith is a highly respected higher education leader who is president emeritus of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania and chancellor emeritus of University of Tennessee at Martin. He previously served as the Interim Executive Director of THEC, stepping in during a critical period to ensure continued success and stability for the agency.

"Dr. Smith's leadership and vision will be invaluable as we continue to support Tennessee's colleges and universities," said Dr. Steven Gentile, Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. "His deep understanding of our state's higher education system, combined with his commitment to improving educational opportunities for all Tennesseans, will be critical as we work to meet the challenges and opportunities facing our institutions."

As a member of the Commission, Dr. Smith will play a pivotal role in advising on critical policy decisions and initiatives that support students, Tennesseans, and the Tennessee higher education system.

Dr. Smith attended his first THEC commission meeting in his new role on November 7, 2024.

Carroll County Humane Society
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Carroll Arts Presents 'A Mistletoe Christmas' Thursday

Carroll Arts, Inc., presents A Mistletoe Christmas Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at the Park Theatre. Admission is $7 at the door.

Performers include Keith and Melissa Herris, Isaac Stephen Walker, the Rebel Singers under direction of Joanna Turner, Anna Moore, Veronica Davis, Jason and Brittany Martin, Denise Sam, Carol Armpriest, Eric and Bonnie Teas, Mona Batchelor and possibly more.

Tickets available ahead of time from Leigh Goodwin 901-481-5859 and Carol Armpriest 731-393-3048 and at the door. Admission is $7. Come support the arts.

Santa Claus has promised to make an appearance.

Lakeside Senior Living News

BY SHEILA WILLIS
Activity Director

Greetings,

November was a month of counting blessings. We exercise three times a week, and we closed each session by saying something we were thankful for. It was a great reminder that our cups runneth over (Psalms 23). We had the honor of thanking some very special residents on Veterans Day.

We recognized Army Sgt. Carol Sierling Murphy - Korean, Army Corporal Carl Applegate - Radar Tech- Korean, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Sammy Scruggs - Vietnam (VA Home), Marine Sgt. E4 Harry A Walch, Marine Sgt. E5 Bill Byars - Vietnam (posthumous June 2024) and Air Force Air Policeman Elbert Hatley - Korean/Vietnam. Residents created a wall of hand-crafted poppies and adorned the room with Americana decorations. Front and center the American flag flew.

Lillian Brown, who participated in the middle school program came and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the origin of military Taps and music. Sheila Willis read In Flanders Fields. We played patriotic music and presented each veteran with a candle gift to remember the warm glow of home. Recognizing also the family who stood steadfast stateside awaiting their soldiers' return. Check out photos on Facebook-Lakeside Senior Living.

Another opportunity arose for Thanksgiving as we celebrated November birthdays: Steve Jackson, Clark Brown, Norman Maggard and Harry Walsh. Evelyn Coleman celebrated her 90th with a party attended by family and friends. Lena Morgan celebrated her 95th with her family bringing a beautifully decorated red rose cake for all the residents and staff to enjoy. Each day and each year is a gift.

We always enjoy the volunteers who faithfully come to visit and entertain us and this month we welcomed a new group. Larry Moore and Corey Bridges came and played music and sang for us and we all had so much fun they said add them to our calendar. Speaking of calendars, it is so hard to cover everything we do in this article, but we have the calendar posted on our website lakesidesenior.com each month and printed copies are available in our front lobby.

We have been so inspired by the volunteers who come here that we decided we needed to pay it forward. We created the Lakeside Choir. We have put together a holiday program of stories, songs and a small gift. The ladies spent a few afternoons making gifts and we have been practicing faithfully so if you see the Lakeside van going down the road full of elves, reindeer and Santas, it's just us spreading some Christmas joy. I look forward to telling you where all we visited next month.

We will also have a Christmas Open House — Santas Sweet Shop on December 22 from 1-3 p.m.

Speaking of the bus, we kept the road hot this month. We visited the Amish store, Sweet Jordans, Dairy Queen, Dollar Tree, Save-A-Lot, Dollar General, Factory Connection, Bobby Gees and the Senior Dance in Huntingdon at the Civic Center. They had a potluck vegetable soup and our wonderful kitchen staff made cornbread muffins for us to contribute. And we went to the movies, where we saw Here starring Tom Hanks. Each month they have a senior day movie and $5 gets your ticket, popcorn and drink. We thank the city for providing this opportunity.

On Thanksgiving, the kitchen served a delicious traditional holiday meal. Some went home with family and others had family join them here for lunch. We also took part in the Thanksgiving traditions of the Macy's Day Parade, football games and the much-needed afternoon nap. We look forward to the gift of December.

-Until Next Time...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter To Editor

Mike Pence warned us. Bill Barr warned us. Chris Christie warned us. Liz Cheney warned us. Dick Cheney warned us. Hillary Clinton warned us. Michael Cohen warned us. Andrew Scaramucci warned us. Bernie Sanders warned us. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez warned us. Stormy Daniels warned us. E. Jean Carroll warned us. Mark Meadows warned us. John Kelly warned us. Alyssa Farran Griffin warned us. Olivia Troye warned us. Nobel prize winning economists warned us. Michael Steele warned us. Nicole Wallace warned us. Rachel Maddow warned us. Hakeem Jeffries warned us. The January 6th select committee and everyone who testified before them warned us. His teachers warned us. James Carville warned us. Heather Digby Parton warned us. Amy Goodman warned us. Tom Sullivan warned us. Mary Trump warned us. Fred Trump, Jr. warned us.

Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, conservatives, liberals all had the same warning:

Donald Trump is a clear and present danger to democracy. The majority of the American voters chose not to heed the warning.

So, when the Constitution is suspended, remember. When public education and Head Start are gone, remember. When more women's rights are stripped away, remember. When our military is deployed against American citizens,remember. When the Affordable Care Act is repealed, remember. When the nice family down the street is deported, remember. When internment camps are being built, remember. When prices continue to rise due to corporate price gouging, remember. When there is no one to pick the produce, remember. When public libraries are shuttered, remember. When there is no election in 2028, remember: We were warned.

I pray that I am wrong. God bless us all.

Joyce Hale
McKenzie

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Obituaries



LISA ANN SLATER
1961 — 2024

WAVERLY — Lisa Ann (Williams) Slater, 63, died Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at her home. She was born August 18, 1961, in Milan, to Bernice and Wilma Kirkland.

She loved to fish, cook and spend time with family.

She worked at H.I.S. for 14 years and attended Compassion Church in Waverly.

Survivors include her husband, Darwin Slater of Waverly, two sons, Michael White and wife, Ginger of Milan, and Phillip White and wife, Latosha of McKenzie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Ernie, Bobby and Jerry Kirkland.

JOAN WELCH
1942 — 2024

McKENZIE — A Funeral service for Joan Welch was Friday, November 29, 2024, at Union Academy Baptist Church. Interment was at Union Academy Cemetery, McKenzie.

Ms. Welch, 82, died Monday at AHC of McKenzie. She was a member of Union Academy Baptist Church, a retired third grade school teacher for McKenzie Special School District. She was born in McKenzie on September 22, 1942, to the late Andrew and Dorothy Coleman Welch.

She is survived by her sister, Kathryn Smith of McKenzie and brother, Phillip (Peggy) Welch of McKenzie, three nieces, Beverly (Stanley) Haywood of McKenzie, Angela (John) Hartz of McKenzie, Stacy (Jess) Shackelford of Smyrna and one nephew, Steven (Renee) Welch of Nashville and several great nieces and nephews.

If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

PAUL MERWIN
1934 — 2024

McKENZIE — A funeral service for Paul Merwin, was Monday, December 2, 2024, at 10 a.m. at McKenzie First Baptist Church. Interment was at Bethlehem Cemetery, Henry.

Brother Paul "Bud" Merwin, 90, died at his residence on Thursday, November 28, 2024. He was born in Clear Lake, Iowa, on July 12, 1934, to Chauncey and Alice Merwin.

He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn "Tillie" Merwin, a son, Jerome (Debbie) Merwin of Wright City, Mo., a sister, Sara (Ed) Lyon of Memphis, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Hershel Mark Merwin and thirteen of his fourteen siblings.

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LISA KAY KYLE
1968 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Lisa Kay Kyle, 56, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, November 23, 2024, at her residence.

Mrs. Kyle was born April 7, 1968, in Chicago, Ill., to the late Jean and Ted Hammonds.

She is survived by her husband, Phillip Kyle of Huntingdon; one son, Cameron Kyle of Florence, Ala.; her brother, Teddy Hammonds of Tennessee; and two grandchildren.

Dilday Carter Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

JANET GALE BAKER
1962 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Janet Gale Baker, 62, of Huntingdon, died at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital on November 25, 2024.

Funeral services were Friday, November 29, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral. Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery. Brother Bryan Oakes officiated.

Mrs. Baker was born October 15, 1962, to the late Norma J. Foster and Leon Oakes. She is also preceded in death by her loving husband Charles Anthony "Tony" Baker.

She is survived by sons, Burt (Shelly) Baker and Blake (Melissa) Baker, both of Huntingdon; brother, Bryan (Mary) Oakes of Huntingdon; and five grandchildren.

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

Christmas at The Dixie is Saturday

Get ready to experience the joy and magic of the holiday season with Christmas at The Dixie, a festive celebration presented by West Tennessee PBS and The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. This heartwarming event on Saturday, December 7, at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon, features a spectacular evening of live music, performances, and holiday cheer for the whole family.

"We're thrilled to continue this tradition of bringing people together for a festive night filled with holiday cheer and beautiful performances," said Peter Noll, General Manager and CEO of West Tenn. PBS. "Partnering with The Dixie Carter PAC for this event truly highlights the spirit of community, and we hope this performance will bring joy to all who attend."

The 2024 Cast for Christmas at The Dixie (in alphabetical order): Ava Bates, Annh Browder, Chelsea Brown, Lee Carter, Bryton Cole, Charlotte Cole, Madilyn Dudley, Hannah Eaton, Nathan Eaton, Jessica Tucker - featuring LOLO.

Families are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as this event typically sells out quickly.

Event Details: Christmas at The Dixie is Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, 191 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee. Tickets are $15-20 plus fees and are available now at DixiePAC.net.



Skillet Beef and Broccoli

1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
1 pound sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch strips
1 (10oz.) pkg frozen broccoli florets thawed
1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secret onion soup mix
1 1/4 cups water
1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon soy sauce

In 12 inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium high heat and brown steak, stirring occasionally. Remove steak from skillet and set aside. Stir in broccoli and soup mix blended with water, brown sugar and soy sauce. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, usually 2 minutes. Return steak to skillet and cook 1 minute or until steak is done. Serve, if desired, over cooked rice.

Italian Roast

5-6 pound heel of round or rump roast
1 tsp rosemary
2 cloves garlic (or garlic salt to taste)
1 tsp crushed red pepper
1 tsp oregano
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 pound oleo or butter
2 cans beef broth
2 cans water
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 cup parsley

Mix all ingredients and pour over roast. Bake at 300 degrees for 2-3 hours. Remove roast and refrigerate overnight. Strain and save broth. To serve: Slice thin and warm in broth.

Jello Salad

1 pkg lime or strawberry jello
1 medium can crushed pineapple
24 large marshmallows
8 oz. cream cheese
8 oz. cool whip

Drain pineapple and save juice. Add dry jello to juice and add marshmallows. Microwave 1 minute on medium heat; stir. Continue to heat for 1 minute at a time until marshmallows are melted. Do not get it too hot. When marshmallow mixture is melted, set aside or in fridge until it cools. Cream together the cream cheese and pineapple. Add marshmallow mixture to cream cheese mixture and stir until smooth. Stir in cool whip. Place in refrigerator until firm.

Low Fat Boiled Custard

1 quart skim milk
1 cup sugar
2 whole eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat eggs and add to milk and sugar. Cook in double boiler until thickens slightly.

Add vanilla. Cool and refrigerate.

Be Safe During Cold Weather

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hypothermia occurs when a person is exposed to extremely cold temperatures. When this happens, your body begins to lose heat faster than it's produced. Lengthy exposures eventually uses up your body's stored energy, which leads to lower body temperature.

While hypothermia is most common during very cold temperatures, it can still occur during cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

The people most at risk of hypothermia include:
- Older adults with inadequate food, clothing, or heating.
- Babies sleeping in cold bedrooms.
- People who remain outdoors for long periods - people without housing, hikers, hunters.
- People who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

Know the warning signs of hypothermia:
- Shivering
- Exhaustion or feeling very tired
- Confusion
- Fumbling hands
- Memory loss
- Slurred speech
- Drowsiness
- Bright red, cold skin
- Very low energy

Remember to Protect the 4 P's during Cold Weather

People — Minimize time outdoors. Dress in layers. Check on loved ones.

Pets — Keep warm and dry indoors. Make sure food and water don't freeze. Limit time outside.

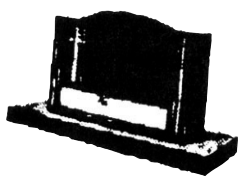
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CHRISTMAS PARADES IN CARROLL COUNTY

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

Clarksburg, Thursday, 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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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. 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.

LIVE NATIVITY AT FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 16835 Highland Drive, McKenzie, presents a live nativity on Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15 from 5:30-7 p.m.

McKENZIE TOPS TO MEET

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

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Carroll County Humane Society hosts a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Waddell Place. The event serves as the organization's annual gala. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased only through the shelter (21822 Highway 22, McKenzie) in person or over the phone (731-358-1019). Bealla-Q of Huntingdon is catering the dinner. The murder mystery takes place at a famous costume party set in the 1970s. If you wish to participate in the theatrics, inform CCHS when you purchase your ticket. The event begins with dinner, followed by a period for mingling, then dessert. Awards will be presented for Best Detective, Best Costume and Best Acting. An online auction will be held on the CCHS Facebook page leading up to the event. Sponsorships are available at four levels: Leader of the Pack ($1,000) sponsors earn a table of six reserved seats and complimentary tickets. Best in Show ($250) sponsors earn two reserved seats and tickets. Loyal Companion ($100) sponsors receive one complimentary ticket. Pawsitively Purrfect (auction or monetary donation) sponsors will be recognized on social media.

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.

Dog Vouchers

Dog vouchers will be available starting December 10th. $60 each cash or card only. These must be purchased at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments will be made at the time of purchase and begin on January 6, 2025. The participating vet clinic is Huntingdon Animal Clinic. You'll be responsible for paying the clinic when you pick up your animal. We do recommend that you have your pet vaccinated due to exposure to other animals. Puppies must be a minimum of 4 months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

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 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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McKenzie City Council to Meet

The City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meets Thursday, December 12 at 6 p.m. with the following items on the agenda: discuss/approve a flat rate for water and discuss/approve Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. The meeting takes place at McKenzie City Hall in the Council Chambers.

West Carroll Special School District Board of Education Meeting Agenda

December 5, 6:30 p.m.

West Carroll Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria

Call meeting to order

Approve Retirement Letter from Mrs. Regina Alred

Update on College - Career Rediness Center - Mrs. Kristen Lindsey

Discuss Board Member Training - Director Caldwell

Discuss/Approve Safety Status of Highway 79/76 (S. Board St) Trezevant, TN in front of WCES - Mr. Chris Hayden

Public Comment (*Prior Approval)

Principal Reports

Director of Schools Report

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McKenzie Native Dies In Boating Accident

STEWART COUNTY, Tennessee — A McKenzie native drown on Kentucky Lake on the evening of November 26, 2024.

Officers from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources responded to a report concerning an overdue boater. Upon their arrival at Kentucky Lake in Stewart County, the officers discovered a deceased individual.

Preliminary investigations reveal 63-year-old Mark Edward Powell had launched a small Jon boat from Piney Campground in Stewart County to work on a duck blind. Mr. Powell was unfortunately found deceased in the water near the boat ramp. His vessel, equipped solely with a trolling motor, was located against the bank approximately 65 yards from the ramp.

This incident marks the second boating-related fatality on Kentucky Lake for the current year and the 22nd such fatality on Tennessee waterways this year.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (November 27) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on November 27.

The following defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Raekwon Dodd, Archwood Street, Jackson, bound over on charge of Possession of a Weapon with Intent to Go Armed; Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Bradley Gibson, Paris Street, McKenzie, bound over on a charge of DUI-First Offense, Unlawful Use of Telecommunication Device While Driving, Implied Consent.

Tammy Teeter, Radford Lake Road, Henry, bound over on a charge of Schedule II Drugs- Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Keith Butler, Imogene Street, Memphis, guilty, Probation Violation.

Jenna Cornelison, Lake Street, Camden, pre-trial diversion, Underage Possession and Transportation of Beer; dismissed, Youth Tobacco law; pre-trial diversion of six months, $50 fine, probation.

Morgan Scott Napier, Old Pinson Road, Jackson, judicial diversion, Underage Driving While Impaired, $100 fine, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling, supervised probation; dismissed, Seat Belt Violation.

Ashlynn Redmond, West 9th Street, Trenton, pre-trial diversion, Underage Driving While Impaired, probation; dismissed, Speeding, dismissed, Youth Tobacco Law.

Michael A. Smith, Dillon Road,, Denmark, guilty, Probation Violation, guilty, Driving While Canceled-Second or Subsequent Offense, $100 fine, 10 days jail, probation; dismissed, Stop Sign Violation.

The following cases were dismissed.

Demareo Harwell, Highway 59, Somerville, dismissed, Fugitive From Justice.

Maurice Lawrence, homeless, McKenzie, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Morgan Scott Napier, Old Pinson Road, Jackson, dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Amber Denise Parker, Hunter Ridge Cove, Huntingdon, dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Montryll Robinson, Reynolds Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While Revoked Due to Conviction of DUI; dismissed, Stop Sign Violation.

Katherine P. Trull, Bell Street, Rutherford, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving On Suspended — Gary L. Hutchens, 64, Travis Road, Martin, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Failure of Display of Registration on December 1. Officer Darren Davis observed Hutchens' vehicle with the registration plate not illuminated and stopped it. He determined Hutchens' license was suspended for failure to provide proof of insurance and cited him in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

DUI — Derick D. Staten, 35, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Violation of Window Tint on November 30. Officer Dustin McClure observed the window tint was too dark on Staten's vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The officer noticed an open can of beer and other unopened beer in the rear passenger area. A check of the window tint revealed it was out of compliance. Staten was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which resulted in the DUI charge. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended License — Paul D. Robinson, 5th Street, North Little Rock, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Speeding on November 29. Officer Bryan Batchelder stopped Robinson's vehicle was speeding. A license check revealed the suspended status out of Arkansas. He was cited into court.

Simple Possession — Joby Lynn Farough, 53, of Nunnely, Tennessee was charged with Simple Possession of Schedule 1 and Schedule 6, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Violation of Window Tint laws on November 26. Officer Dustin McClure stopped Farough's vehicle for an apparent window tint violation. The report indicated that officers could smell marijuana. A search of the vehicle resulted in 5.33 grams of marijuana, psychedelic mushrooms, THC butter and a grinder. The vehicle was towed and Farough was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Escape — Charles D. Dunning, 40, homeless, McKenzie, was arrested on charges Escape and Failure to Appear on November 27.

Both were active warrants on file. Officer Dalton Raspberry observed Dunning walking on Florida Avenue and made the arrest. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

Jason and Carson Erin Hicks to Keith C. and Gina C. Eatman in District 11.

Arnd Morawe to Jeremy M. and Brittany J. Fowler in District 21.

Jon K. and Don K. Zemanek to Barrison Blake and Laura L. Fawcett in District 22.

Elbert B. Hatley to William R. Young, Jr. in District 3.

Mary Balthrop to Silicon Ranch Corporation. No district listed.

William D. and Stella R. Harbin to Nathan T. Rich in District 11.

Michael Patrick Williams to Nathan T. Rich in District 11.

Janet E. and Wesley G. Foutch to Colton James Moon in District 11.

Marty E. Ensley to Cachengo, Inc. in District 11.

Samuel E. and Beverly A. Yoder to James S. and Navy M. Curtis in District 16.

Keith A. Calhoun to Steven R. Kopperman.

Kristin Ivory to Hunter Pruitt in District 6.

Tommy and Peggy Boaz to James Keith and Paula Lynn Barnes in District 16.

Sandra Hodge to Linsey T. Hugueley in District 11.

Ben Thomas Jr. and Meredith K. Surber to Jonathan D. and Susan S. Davis in District 4.

Joseph Bruce and Kay F. Grooms to Daniel D. Sines District 16.

Jimmy Lee and Betty F. Cole to Greg A. and Glynda C. Woolam in District 12.

Weakley County Has State's Highest Unemployment Rate

NASHVILLE — Unemployment rates in two-thirds of Tennessee's counties declined from the previous month, according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

In Carroll, the October unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, up from 4.2 one month earlier and equal to one year earlier. Of 11,744 in the labor force, 11,241 were employed and 503 were unemployed.

In Henry, the unemployment rate for October was 3.9 percent, up from 3.8 one month earlier and up from 3.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,603, a total of 13,074 were employed and 529 were unemployed.

Weakley County had the state's highest unemployment rate for the month at 6%. That rate was 2 percentage points over the county's September rate of 4%. From a labor force of 15,240, there were 14,333 employed and 907 unemployed.

In 63 of the state's 95 counties, unemployment rates for October were down when compared with September's rates. Rates remained the same in 15 counties and increased in 17 counties.

All but six Tennessee counties recorded unemployment rates of less than 5% in October. Those six counties had rates that were greater than 5% but less than 10%.

Sevier, Moore, and Williamson counties once again reported the state's lowest unemployment rates. All three had October rates of 2.6%.

Sevier County's rate was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than in September. Moore County's rate also was down one-tenth of a percentage point from the previous month. Williamson County's rate was down two-tenths of a percentage point.

Unicoi and Lake counties had the next-highest unemployment rates for the month at 5.6% each. Unicoi's rate was up 1.3 percentage points over the previous month, and Lake's rate was up five-tenths of a percentage point.

Tennessee's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 3.3%. The rate was up slightly over the previous month but eight-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 4.1%.

Unlike the statewide rate, county rates are not adjusted to account for seasonal impacts on employment, such as weather and school breaks.

NOTICE TO BID

The West Carroll Special School District will accept bids for System-Wide Mowing and Grounds Maintenance.

Instructions for bidders and specifications MUST be secured from the Central Office at 1415 Hwy 77, Atwood, TN 38220. Bid opening will be January 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the school board meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

of Contract Completion — 2022 McKenzie CDBG Project #15352 — Sewer System Improvements

Notice is hereby given that contractors, BAM2 Inc., 107 West Union Street, Gleason, TN 38229, and Luttrell & Sons, LLC, 190 Bank Circle Drive, Dundee, KY 42338, have requested final payment and contract completion for the 2022 CDBG #15352 Sewer System Improvements project. Said project is located in the City of McKenzie in Carroll County, Tennessee. Any local resident, subcontractor, or supplier who has claim against either contractor regarding said project has 10 days from the date of this notice to file his/her claim with Mayor Ryan Griffin at McKenzie City Hall, 2470 Cedar Street, TN 38201.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JASON ALEXANDER CHESSER,
PLAINTIFF,
VS. DOCKET NO. 2024DR186
KATRINA D. CHESSER,
DEFENDANT,

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

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COUNTY OF CARROLL

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a called meeting December 9 at 7 p.m. of the Carroll County Commission. Resolutions are limited to the establishment of a county-wide fire department, levying an occupancy tax, and approving proposed budget amendments to the 24-25 FY.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE206

ESTATE OF: AUBREY EARL TAYLOR, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of AUBREY EARL TAYLOR deceased, who died SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

KAREN T. STEELE & LAURINDA T. INGRAM, Executor/Administrator
LAURA A. KEETON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT NAME: Emergency Communications District New Offices
PROJECT NO: 23299
OWNER: Carroll County E911

Separate sealed bids for the **Carroll County Emergency Communications District New Offices** will be received by its **Director, Kristy Meggs** at the **Carroll County Jail, 200 Norandal Dr, Huntingdon, TN 38344** until **2 p.m.** local time on **January 9, 2025**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Carroll County E911 project site, 101 Dillahunty Ln, Huntingdon, TN 38344** at **10 a.m.** local time on **December 11, 2024**.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Forms of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

1) CARROLL COUNTY E911
101 DILLAHUNTY LN, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344
2) A2H, INC. www.a2hplanroom.com
3009 DAVIES PLANTATION RD, LAKELAND, TN 38002
3) BUILDERS EXCHANGE
642 SOUTH COOPER, MEMPHIS, TN 38104
4) WEST TENNESSEE PLANS ROOM
439 AIRWAYS BLVD., JACKSON, TN 38301
5) GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF DIVERSITY BUSINESS
https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office--cpo-/go-dbe.html

Electronic files will be available for download free of charge on **December 3, 2024** from the A2H Planroom at www.a2hplanroom.com. Hard copy sets of plans and specifications will also be available for purchase on the planroom at the contractor's expense.

An official list of bidders will be maintained at www.a2hplanroom.com to ensure eligibility requirements of the bidder are met prior to bid opening. Any bid submitted from a bidder not on the official bidders list and/or not containing the above information will not be opened.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1994 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Carroll County E911 is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, drug-free with policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or military service.

Kristy Meggs, Director, Carroll County E911

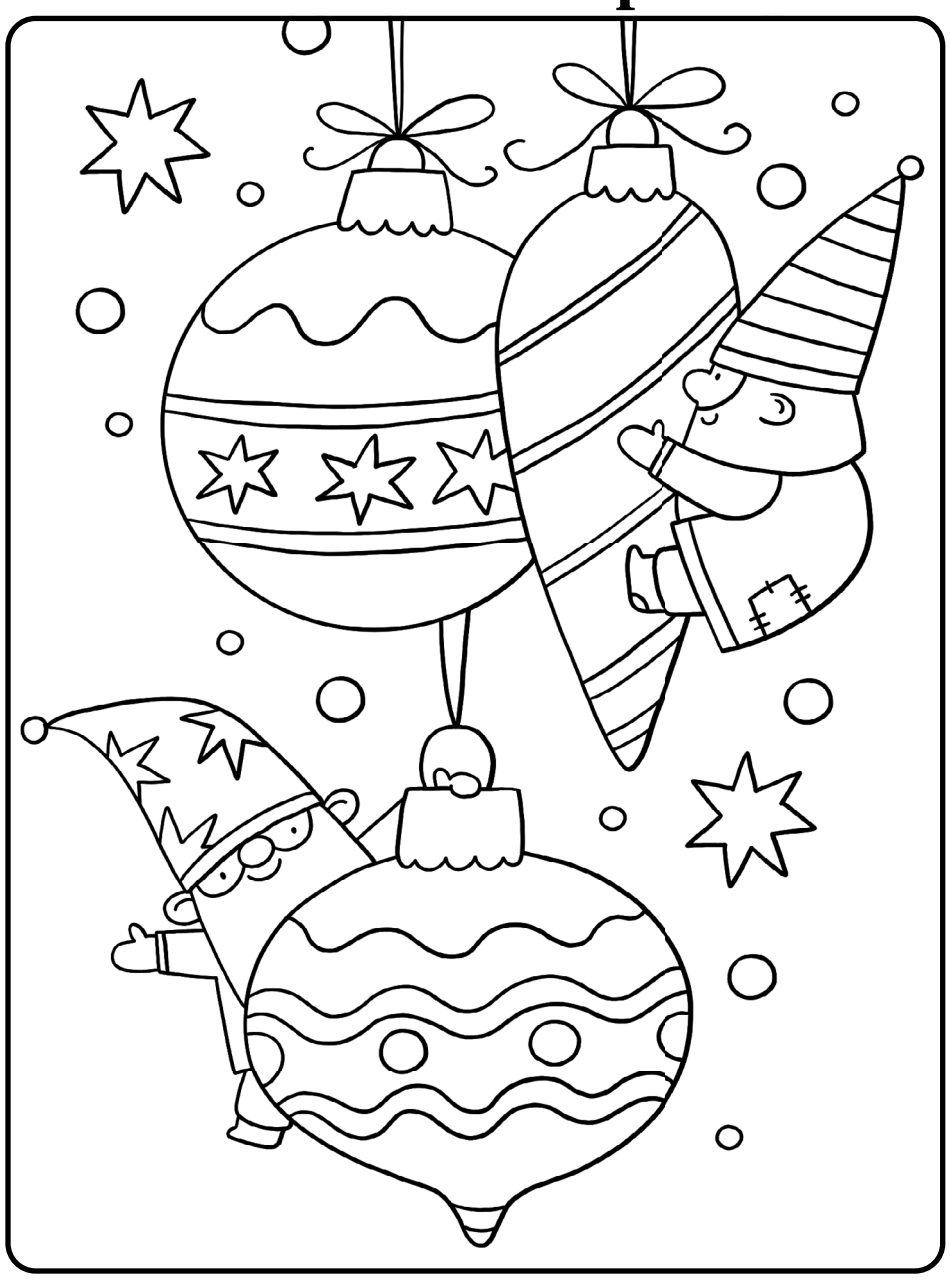
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The Elements of Journalism

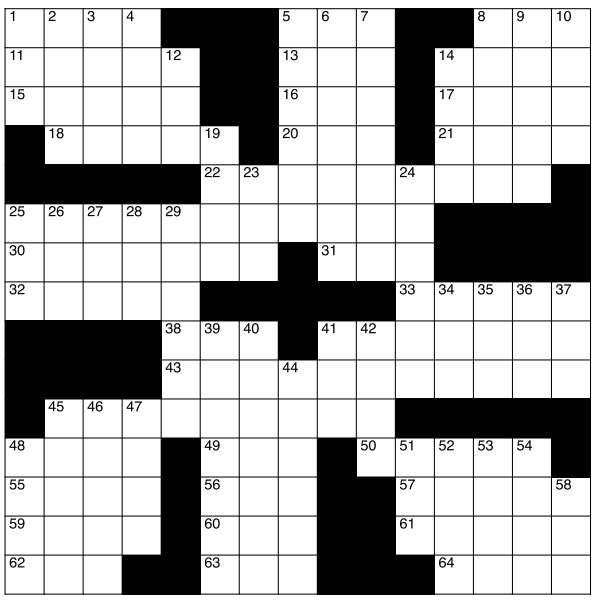
- Journalism's first obligation is to the truth.
- Its first loyalty is to citizens.
- Its essence is a discipline of verification.
- Its practitioners must maintain an independence from those they cover.
- It must serve as an independent monitor of power.
- It must provide a forum for public criticism and compromise.
- It must strive to make the significant interesting and relevant.
- It must keep the news comprehensive and proportional.
- Its practitioners must be allowed to exercise their personal conscience.

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

Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Bar bills
5. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
8. Swiss river
11. Czech Republic capital
13. "Officially known as"
14. A French abbot
15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
16. Local area network
17. Data transmission speed measure
18. Embarrass
20. When you hope to get there
21. This (Spanish)
22. Gives up
25. Churchgoer
30. Current
31. Slang for gun
32. Small drum
33. Vanished union bigwig
38. Rocker's tool of the trade
41. Dearth
43. 2024 Olympics host
45. Excess blood in the vessels
48. Afrikaans
49. Agreement between provider and customer
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Ancient Syrian city
56. Witch
57. Celebrations
59. Long period of time
60. A team's best pitcher
61. Current unit
62. One-time aerospace company
63. French/Belgian river
64. Swedish rock group

CLUES DOWN

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
2. Genus of clams
3. Remark
4. Actor LaBeouf
5. Ohio town
6. Olympic sport
7. Cure
8. Behave in a way that belittles
9. Shares a boundary with
10. Give advice
12. Promotional materials
14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
19. "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
23. Small piece
24. King of Camelot
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. Small Milky Way constellation
27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)
28. Equal (prefix)
29. Shawl
34. S. American wood sorrel relative
35. The end
36. Supervises interstate commerce
37. Yes vote
39. Officer of high rank
40. Church office
41. Tire pressure measurement
42. From a distance
44. Photographs
45. Industrial process
46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
47. Map out
48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
51. Honorable title (Turkish)
52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
53. Speak incessantly
54. Poetry term
58. Relaxing space

Week 49

See solution in next week's edition.

Senior Safety Word Search

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

DECEMBER

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1492: After exploring Cuba for gold, Christopher Columbus lands on an island he names Hispaniola.

1790: The U.S. Congress moves from New York City to Philadelphia.

2006: NASA reveals photos that suggest liquid water is present on Mars.

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WEEK 49

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See solution in next week's edition.

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Clue: Caution

B. 8 9 26 4 22 24 8
Clue: Older adults

C. 10 11 4 26 11
Clue: Growing older

D. 19 22 7 4 17 12
Clue: Change or adapt

Answers: A. safety B. seniors C. aging D. modify

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Riddle Me This

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

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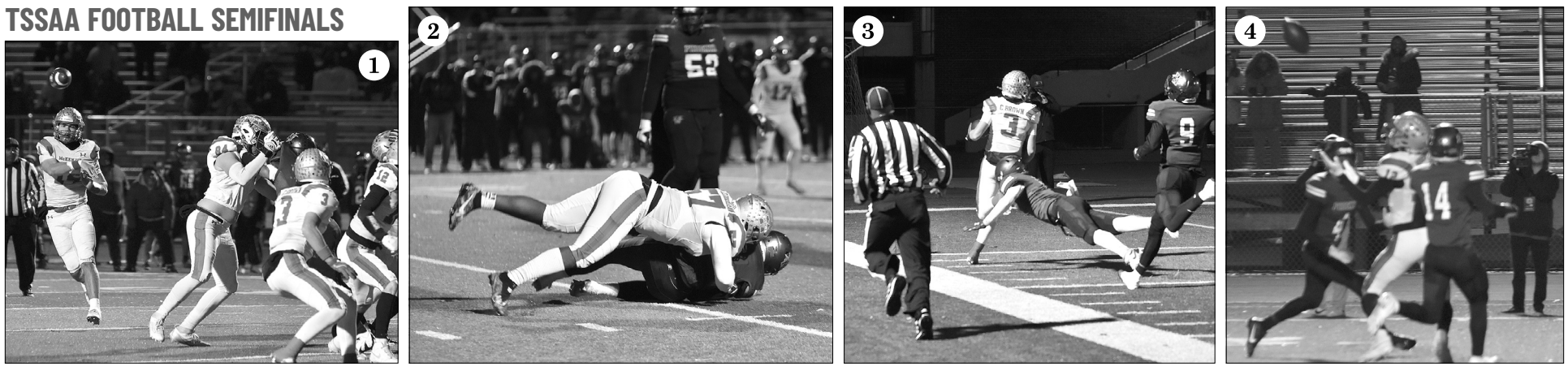
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TSSAA FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS



1. Rebel quarterback Tate Surber throws to Cole Brown (3) as Craegen Travis (84) holds off a blitzing defender. 2. Rebel KD Cunningham sacks Phoenix quarterback Brody Whitaker for a big loss. 3. Rebel Cole Brown beats a diving defender to cap a 75-yard receiving touchdown. 4. Rebel Colt Norden makes a deep catch in double coverage.
Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels End Season with Heartbreaker in Memphis

BY BRAD SAM
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MEMPHIS (November 29) — The McKenzie Rebels traveled to the Bluff City on Black Friday for a TSSAA Football Semifinal with a trip to the state championship on the line. They met the MASE Phoenix at Crump Stadium and stormed out to a 19-0 lead in the second quarter. MASE cut into the deficit, but a Rebel touchdown to start the second half gave McKenzie a 22-point lead and seemingly a smooth path to victory. The Phoenix climbed back with 28 unanswered points to claim the lead in the final minute for a 40-34 win.

McKenzie won the coin toss and deferred possession.

The kickoff was muffed by the Phoenix and recovered by Rebel Gage Crosland at the MASE 16.

Back-to-back penalties against the Rebels moved the ball back 15 yards. Then, on fourth-and-21, Rebel quarterback Tate Surber threw to Cole Brown in the end zone. There was contact by the defender and a flag was thrown, but after some discussion the flag was waved off and MASE took over on downs.

The Phoenix earned three first downs, converting one fourth down, but on fourth-and-six, quarterback Brody Whitaker threw an interception to Rebel Lelan Gordon.

Taking over at the McKenzie 38, Surber threw to Avery Brown for 61 yards, then punched it in on a keeper from the 1. Guillermo Hickman kicked the PAT, and the Rebels led 7-0 with five minutes to play in the opening frame.

The Phoenix went three-and-out and punted.

McKenzie started at their 32. Surber threw incomplete, then found Matteo Tabada for 18 yards. Next, Surber threw to Colt Norden for 39. The QB kept for eight, then for a three-yard touchdown. The PAT was no good, and the Rebels led 13-0 with 21 seconds left in the first quarter.

MASE earned a first down just before the end of the quarter and another to start the second, but were forced to punt.

On the first snap of the drive, Surber threw to C. Brown for a 75-yard touchdown. Another missed kick made the score 19-0 with 9:21 to play in the second frame.

A MASE penalty on the kickoff return backed the Phoenix to their 15, and Whitaker's first pass was intercepted by Surber. A good return was marred by a penalty, and the Rebels took over at the MASE 43.

McKenzie quickly faced fourth down, but Surber converted on a keeper. On the next play, Surber's pass was tipped and intercepted by Kadience Nelson, who returned it 66 yards for a touchdown. The Phoenix failed the two-point conversion, but the Rebel lead was cut to 19-6 halfway through the second quarter.

The Rebels scored again on a seven-play, 65-yard drive capped by a 13-yard keeper by Surber. He threw to Craegen Travis for the two-point conversion, and McKenzie led 27-6 with three minutes to play in the first half.

MASE responded with a 65-yard drive, also on seven plays, culminating with a ten-yard pass from Whitaker to Nelson. The two-point conversion failed, and McKenzie led 27-12 with 21 seconds left in the half.

The Rebels received the kick and took a knee to end the half.

McKenzie received the second-half kick and drove 83 yards on eight plays, with Surber throwing to Brown for a 31-yard touchdown. Hickman kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 34-12 with eight minutes to play in the third.

MASE's Deuante Jones returned the ensuing kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown. The Rebels thwarted the two-point attempt and led 34-18 with just under eight minutes to play in the third.

Rebel Jacobi Melton returned the kickoff about 20 yards to the McKenzie 40, and the Rebels drove down the field for a first-and-goal at the 4. Surber was stopped for a two-yard loss as the third ended and was stopped for no gain on the first play of the final frame. Surber was intercepted on the next play for a Phoenix touchback.

MASE drove all the way down to the 8, but failed to convert a fourth-and-two, and the Rebels took over on downs with 8:26 remaining in the contest.

McKenzie earned two first downs, but stalled and faced fourth-and-long. A high snap prevented the Rebels from getting off the punt, and MASE took over at the Rebel 1.

The McKenzie defense held on first down, but then Whitaker threw to Jones for the touchdown. He threw to Nelson for two points, and the Rebel lead was down to 34-26 with four minutes on the clock.

The Rebels went three-and-out and punted with just over three minutes left.

MASE advanced the ball into McKenzie territory but then faced third-and-ten. The Rebels had a moment of elation as it appeared they had recovered a fumble, but instead McKenzie was called for a penalty and the Phoenix had a fresh set of downs. Two plays later, Whitaker threw to Nelson for a 35-yard touchdown. He threw to Jones to tie the game at 34-34 with just over two minutes to play.

Three plays into the Rebels' next drive, MASE intercepted a pass and took over at the McKenzie 41.

Whitaker completed two passes, the latter to Christopher Watson for an eleven-yard touchdown. The two-point try failed, but the Phoenix had a 40-34 lead with half a minute to play.

Surber completed a 12-yard pass to C. Brown, then ran for eleven for a first down at midfield. With six seconds remaining, Surber threw deep, but Jones picked off the pass as time expired.

Rebel quarterback Tate Surber was 15 of 28 passing for 331 yards with two touchdowns. He rushed 26 times for 112 yards and three touchdowns.

Cole Brown had six receptions for 130 yards and two touchdowns. Avery Brown had three catches for 115 yards, and Colt Norden had three for 51.

Norden led the defense with four tackles and one assist. KD Cunningham had three tackles, including a sack. Landon Brown had two tackles (one for a loss) and two assists.

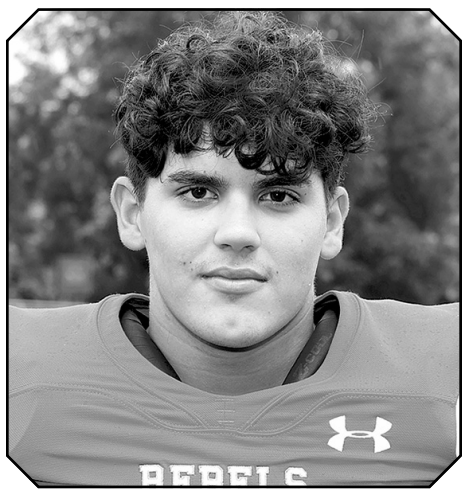
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Above Left, Mustang Kenton Smith draws contact in the paint and follows through for a three-point opportunity. Smith scored 15 points. Above Right, Huntingdon's Delaney Byars floats to the basket for two points. Byars led the Fillies with eleven points. Below Left, Mustang Caleb Ezell fires a three-pointer. Ezell led all scorers with 19 points, including a trio of threes. Below Right, Josie Stokes drains a three for the Fillies. Stokes scored nine on a trio of three-pointers. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*





Huntingdon Swept by South Gibson

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HUNTINGDON (November 26) — Huntingdon High School hosted South Gibson Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests. Both games were competitive in the fourth quarter, but the visiting teams held on for wins in both. The Lady Hornets topped the Fillies 48-34, while the Hornets defeated the Mustangs 60-53.

South Gibson Lady Hornets 48, Huntingdon Fillies 34

The opening frame was a 5-5 wash. Quinn Kelley hit a three-pointer for Huntingdon, and Delaney Byars had a pair. Lady Hornet Karson Dunn hit a three, and Jade Reed had a pair.

South Gibson had a 7-4 edge in the second quarter, led by Reed with four points. Ivy Cianciolo hit a three. Byars scored all four Fillies points. At the half, South Gibson led 12-9.

The Lady Hornets doubled up the Fillies 18-9 in the third, led by Cianciolo with five points, including a three. Ava Owens scored four, and Dunn hit a three. J. Reed, Faith Reed and Trinity Johnson each had a pair. Sara Beth Smith scored six points for Huntingdon, and Josie Stokes hit a three. Entering the final frame, the Lady Hornets led 30-18.

South Gibson capped the win with an 18-16 tilt in the fourth, led by J. Reed with six points. F. Reed scored five with a three-pointer, and Cianciolo had four points. Dunn added a pair, and Johnson hit a freebie. Stokes scored six Fillies points on a pair of threes, and Byars had five points. Grier Bartholomew hit a three, and Smith added a pair.

Lady Hornet Jade Reed led all scorers with 14 points. Ivy Cianciolo scored a dozen with a pair of threes.

Delaney Byars led the Fillies with eleven points. Josie Stokes scored nine on a trio of three-pointers.

Hornets 60, Mustangs 53

The boys' first frame was also a wash, 18-18. Mustang Caleb Ezell scored eight points, including a pair of three-pointers. Kenton Smith scored seven, and Bryson Whiteside hit a three. Hornet Gavin Crawford scored eight with a pair of threes, and Richard Addo had four points. Koen Thomas, Sam Tritt and Cade Beaver each had a pair.

Huntingdon took the lead with a 14-11 edge in the second quarter, led by Smith with eight points. Ezell hit a three, and Braylin Dearmon also scored three points. Cooper Yarbro scored five for South Gibson, including a three. Tritt had four points, and Beaver added a pair. At the half, the Mustangs led 32-29.

The Hornets stormed ahead with a 15-6 advantage in the third, led by Thomas and Tritt with four points each. Beaver scored three, and Addo and Crawford each added a pair. Ezell scored four for Huntingdon, and Dearmon added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Hornets led 44-38.

South Gibson sealed the win with a 16-15 tilt in the fourth quarter, led by Tritt and Aiden Moore with five points each (each with a three). Thomas, Crawford and Yarbro each added a pair. Ezell, Tyreke Hutch and Hayes Eubanks each score four for Huntingdon, and Whiteside hit a three.

Mustang Caleb Ezell led all scorers with 19 points, including a trio of threes. Kenton Smith scored 15 points.

Sam Tritt led South Gibson with 15 points, including a three. Gavin Crawford had a dozen with a pair of threes.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenzie Swept at JCS

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JACKSON (November 26) — McKenzie High School traveled to Jackson Christian School Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady Rebels kept the game in reach until the Lady Eagles pulled away in the fourth for a 58-43 win. The Eagles built their lead in the second quarter en route to a 66-39 win over a six-man Rebel squad.

JCS Lady Eagles 58, McKenzie Lady Rebels 43

The Lady Eagles led 18-11 after the opening frame, led by Gibson Boykin with a dozen points. Blakely Melton scored four, and Riley Bradford had a pair. Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford scored five, and Sophie Pate and Molly French each hit a three-pointer.

McKenzie cut the deficit with a 15-13 edge in the second quarter, led by Stafford and Addison Milam with a pair of three-pointers each. French also hit a three. Carly Holt scored six for JCS, Boykin had four points, and Meredith Melton hit a three. At the half, the Lady Eagles led 31-26.

JCS enjoyed an 11-9 tilt in the third. Tess Little and Jenna Tinsley each hit a three, and B. Melton also scored three points. Bradford added a pair. Pate hit a three for McKenzie, and Stafford also scored three points. French added a pair, and Ava Hastings hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, JCS led 42-35.

The Lady Eagles pulled away with a 16-8 advantage in the fourth, led by Bradford and B. Melton with four points each, Bradford with a three. Little and Tinsley each hit another three-pointer, and Holt added a pair. Pate and Milam each hit a three for the Lady Rebels, and Stafford added a pair.

McKenzie's Jaycee Stafford tied for the leading scorer with 16 points, including a pair of threes. Sophie Pate and Addison Milam each scored nine on a trio of threes.

Lady Eagle Gibson Boykin also scored 16 points. Blakely Melton scored eleven.

Eagles 66, Rebels 39

JCS had a 17-14 lead after the first frame, led by Birman Jenkins with six points. Co Vargason, Ethan Matthews and Chase Brooks each hit a three, and Cam Jackson had a pair. Rebel Eli Vinson scored five, including a three-pointer, and Carter Kee, Nolan Fawcett and Cayden Ownby each hit a three.

The Eagles had a 15-6 advantage in the second quarter, led by Jenkins with nine points, including a three. Vargason, Kelsey Rose and Carter Smith each had a pair. Kee and Landyn Smith each hit a three for McKenzie. At the half, the Eagles led 32-20.

JCS enjoyed a 21-14 tilt in the third, led by Vargason with nine points. Jenkins scored eight, and Rose had four points. Fawcett scored eleven for the Rebels with a trio of threes, and Kee had three points. Heading into the final frame, JCS led 53-34.

The Eagles capped the win with a 13-5 edge in the fourth, led by Smith with five points, including a three. Rose scored four points, and Carlos Roberson had a pair. Kee had all five McKenzie points, including a three-pointer.

Eagle Birman Jenkins led all scorers with 23 points, including a three-pointer. Co Vargason scored 14, also with a three. Kelsey Rose had the points.

Rebels Carter Kee and Nolan Fawcett each scored 14, Fawcett with four three-pointers and Kee with three.

Gasoline Prices Decrease During Week

TENNESSEE (December 2) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee decreased 5.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $2.63/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 5.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 24.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 1.1 cents in the last week and stands at $3.514 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at $2.29/g yesterday while the most expensive was $3.99/g, a difference of $1.70/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $2.29/g while the highest was $3.99/g, a difference of $1.70/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.00/g today. The national average is down 7.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 23.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

December 2, 2023: $2.88/g (U.S. Average: $3.23/g); December 2, 2022: $2.98/g (U.S. Average: $3.39/g); December 2, 2021: $3.07/g (U.S. Average: $3.38/g); December 2, 2020: $1.88/g (U.S. Average: $2.17/g); December 2, 2019: $2.29/g (U.S. Average: $2.60/g); December 2, 2018: $2.20/g (U.S. Average: $2.43/g); December 2, 2017: $2.25/g (U.S. Average: $2.47/g); December 2, 2016: $1.99/g (U.S. Average: $2.17/g); December 2, 2015: $1.86/g (U.S. Average: $2.03/g); and December 2, 2014: $2.55/g (U.S. Average: $2.75/g).

"Millions took to the road for Thanksgiving, and while some regions, like the Great Lakes, saw gas prices rise just in time for travel, most of the nation saw prices hold mostly stable or decline slightly as the national average remains near the lowest level we've seen since 2021," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "The weeks ahead should feature slight drops in gas prices in most areas, with over 100,000 stations now offering a gallon for $2.99 or less, which should stick around through the holiday shopping season. While the potential impacts from tariffs are something to watch, they would have no effect until late January, if implemented at all. For this week, all eyes will be on the previously delayed OPEC+ meeting on Thursday. If they begin to restore oil production, oil prices could soften to the mid-$60s."

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Henry Cho on stage at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

Henry Cho Performs at The Dixie

HUNTINGDON — Internationally acclaimed comedian Henry Cho performed Saturday, November 23 to a capacity audience at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon.

This was Cho's second performance at The Dixie.

Some of Cho's early comedy were in the TV series of Designing Women, with Dixie Carter.

Cho, of Korean heritage, was born and reared in Knoxville, Tenn. Cho was recently honored at the Grand Ole Opry.

On February 11, comedian Henry Cho was inducted as the 229th member of The Grand Ole Opry. This prestigious honor has not been extended to a comedian since 1973.

Alongside Cho, comedian Gary Mule Deer was also invited to become a member. Both men were surprised by the invitation on January 6 when Opry member and Country Music Hall of Famer Marty Stuart announced it backstage at the Ryman Auditorium during a Facebook Live event.

"After Marty surprised me with the invitation, someone asked if this was a dream come true. I had to say 'no way!'" Cho beamed. "Because I've never even imagined this happening, not in any realm. I love performing on the Opry stage and it's going to be really incredible to continue performing here, but now as a member of this historic organization."

Cho's TV credits include appearances on NBC's The Tonight Show, CBS's The Late, Late, Show, and NBC's Young Comedians Special. He served two years as host of NBC's Friday Night Videos and had many guest roles on various network sitcoms. Cho was co-creator, co-producer and co-writer of The Henry Cho Show on GAC.

Cho's one hour Comedy Central Special, What's That Clickin' Noise? ran previously on Comedy Central and Netflix. He can also be heard daily on SiriusXM, Blue Collar Radio and Pandora. Some of Cho's film credits include Universal's McHale's Navy with Tom Arnold and David Allen Greer; Say It Isn't So with Heather Graham and Sally Field; and Material Girls with Hilary Duff and Angelica Houston produced by Madonna.

Cho was the keynote entertainer for The 59th Annual Radio & Television Correspondents' Dinner and has worked extensively with Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Willie Nelson, Carrie Underwood, Reba and many, others. Cho's clean comedy is so versatile that he can headline Vegas and then tour with Michael W. Smith.

Huntingdon Mayor, Council Assigned Committees



HUNTINGDON (November 26) — Following the meeting of the Huntingdon Mayor and Council on November 26, the newly constituted board of mayor and council posed for a photograph. Pictured (L to R): Councilman John Sanders, Councilman Daniel Eubanks, Councilwoman Kelly Eubanks, Councilman Will Atkins, Mayor Chad Edwards (seated), Vice Mayor and Councilman Andrew Maddox, Councilwoman Lori Dillahunty, and Councilman Chad Barnhart. *Photo By Joel Washburn/The Banner*

McKenzie Interact Aids Those in Need

McKENZIE (November 26) — As part of their annual community service projects, the McKenzie High School Interact Club, in part with the McKenzie Rotary Club, donated food to United Neighbors in McKenzie. The soup and cracker drive also included other items that include Ramen noodles, protein bars other goods that would provided much needed nourishment within the community.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. A local Rotary club sponsors, mentors and guides Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.



The McKenzie High School Interact Club recently held a food drive for United Neighbors. Pictured (L to R): Gracie Aird, Sophie Cole, Brody Berryhill, Carlton Townes, Tobey Brooks, Lydia Pate, Emma Smith and Kaitlyn Prather. Not all members were present. *Submitted Photo*

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