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County Commission Meets Monday

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, January 20 at 7p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex. The following items are on the agenda: Resolution 1-01-2025 – appoint Marty Hurlley to the Carroll County Indigent Care Board; Resolution 1-02-2025 reappoint John Austin, Steve Russell, and Luis Salazar to the Carroll County Airport Board; Resolution 1-03-2025 – reappoint Sheriff Andy Dickson, Willie Huffman, and Steve Price and appoint Joe Walker, Sr. to the Carroll County E911 Board of Directors; Resolution 1-04-2025 – confirming the Appointment of Jonathan Gaskins as Carroll County Fire Chief; Resolution 1-05-2025 – authorizing a Continuous Five Year Reappraisal Cycle; Resolution 1-06-2025 – authorizing the Submission of an Application(s) for FY 2025 State Community Development Block Grant Funds; Resolution 1-07-2025 – selecting Community Development Partners, LLC for State Community Development Block Grant Professional Administrative Services; Resolution 1-08-2025 – amend the General Purpose School Fund Budget; Resolution 1-09-2025 – amend the Highway Fund Budget; Resolution 1-10-2025 – amend the General Fund Budget for Sheriff's Office TCI Grant; and Resolution 1-11-2025 – amend the ARPA Fund Budget.



Bookstore, Coffee Shop Coming Soon to Downtown McKenzie

MCKENZIE — McKenzie will soon have a bookstore/coffee shop combination at 55 Broadway in downtown McKenzie. David Jacobs announced Happy Book Stack is located in mid-2025 in the former Urban Trading building, located at the corner of Broadway and Cedar Street. Jacobs operates a bookstore in Murfreesboro. The bookstore will feature new and older titles, 6,000 pop(ular) fiction books, homeschool books, and books for students of all ages. The Happy Book Stack welcomes book clubs to the business.

In November 2024, downtown McKenzie welcomed Premier Furniture and Bedding in Union City and Jackson in the former Williams Furniture location. And, just recently, Congetta's Chi-talian Favorites foods opened at 41 Broadway. It offers Chicago-Style Italian street food.

Elder Paul Blair is New Pastor at Union Church

Paul Blair of Cedar Grove is the new pastor of Union Primitive Baptist Church, located six miles from McKenzie on Highway 140.

He was elected during a Sunday morning conference following his sermon. He and his wife, Sonia, were also accepted as members of the congregation.

He was ordained as a minister in Sept. 2002 and was elected pastor of New Antioch Primitive Baptist Church in Lexington where he served for 22 years.

He attended Delta State University and received a degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. He was an occupational therapist for 31 years and retired from LeBonheur Children's Hospital after 21 years of service.



Paul Blair

He currently serves as a property field assessor for four counties in West Tennessee.

His wife, Sonia, has taught school for 33 years and is a current teacher at Milan Elementary School where she has taught for 25 years. She graduated with a teaching degree from Delta State University in 1989.

They also own BeBe's Biscuit Food Truck and enjoy serving homemade biscuits, locally sourced meats, and other homemade breakfast items in local communities.

The couple has two children, Hannah Stewart of Lavinia and Drew Blair of Hixon.

Hannah and her husband, Colton Stewart, have two children, Porter James, 4, and Annie Blair, 10 months.

Blair, 10 months. Hannah is a nurse at Jackson Madison County General Hospital and Colton is a facility/construction manager at Hargett Materials, Inc.

Drew and his wife, Erica, have a daughter, Gracie Poe who is one year old. He is a project manager at Henkels and McCoy and Erica is a physical therapist at BenchMark.

Carroll County Teachers Graduate WestTeach



MARTIN (January 9) — The University of Tennessee at Martin WestTeach program graduated its sixth class as 23 class members completed the program, including three from Carroll County. Pictured are (L to R): Ginger Taylor of Huntingdon High School, Noah Rogers of West Carroll Junior/Senior High School and Dana-Marie Christian of Hollow Rock-Bruceton Middle School and High School. WestTeach is a function of the WestStar Leadership Program, which provides instruction to help local people become leaders in their fields. For more information about WestStar or WestTeach, call Jennifer Smiley, assistant director, at 731-881-7298. For more information about UT Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861). Photo courtesy UTM

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Area Residents to Participate In WestStar Leadership

MARTIN — WestStar, a leadership program for adults in West Tennessee, announced its list of class members for 2025.

A total of 35 people are participating. In the Carroll, Henry and Weakley county

area, are: Erica Bell, Keith Dooley, Dr. Mary Giles, Lindee McCurley, and Al-isha Melton of Weakley County; Madison Endres and Rakaya Humphreys of Carroll County; and Betha-ny Edwards and Skye Prince

of Henry County.

Sessions are January 30-31 at UT Martin; February 20-21 in Obion and Lake Counties; March 11-12 in Nashville; April 3-4 in Mad-ison and Hardeman Coun-ties; May 1-2 in Haywood and Tipton Counties; June 5-6 in Chester and Hardin Counties; and graduation on June 17 at UT Martin.



Preliminary Plans for the Mulberry Park Soccer Complex.

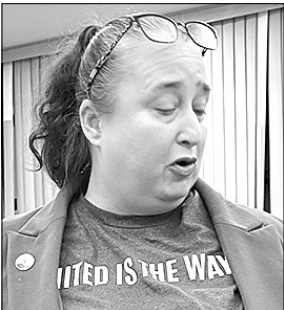
Beeler

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newly elected council per-son Drew Beeler was select-ed from the sitting council members as the new Vice Mayor. Beeler replaces long-time Councilman and Vice Mayor Jessie Townes. Both Townes and Beeler were nominated for the position, which resulted in a 3-3 tie vote. Mayor Ryan Griffin broke the tie.

Beeler was originally ap-pointed to the Council in May 2024 before running and winning a seat in No-vember 2024. He previously filled the unexpired term held by the late Charles Pruneau.

The Mulberry Park Soc-cer Complex was discussed. In the plans, there are six fields which equates to a field for each age group in the local youth soccer league. There is an area plotted for restrooms and concessions. A pledge of \$50,000 has been made for additional lighting. The plan is to be run through the Parks and Recreation



Jennifer Medford speaks the Council about the Little Library Box.

Committee in February be-fore final approval comes from the Council. The Ten-nessee National Guard will be on-site during the sum-mer months to help with construction.

The Council approved the placement of a library box sponsored by United Way. The box, construct-ed by TCAT-Newbern, will resemble the food pantry/ blessing boxes stationed in town. Jennifer Medford, who is chairing the part-nership, stated that McKen-zie is receiving the first box but there will be 15 boxes coming in the near future to other locations.

Medford said families who can not afford books

now have an opportunity to take ownership of books. Having increased access to text will help a family im-prove reading levels. Cur-rently, Martin has a similar box located near its housing authority.

Each box will have a charter number that will be stocked in part by the United Way. The little li-braries will be periodically monitored making sure that content is appropriate for the readers. It was noted that the books donated do not have to be child-based reading as the little library is designed for everyone.

Before the regular meet-ing, SAI of McKenzie Cor-poration, dba: Food Mart, 17525 Highland Drive, McKenzie was granted an Off Premise Beer Permit. It was noted by City Attorney Beau Pemberton that there is a lease agreement that allows for the transfer of the beer permit.

In other business, La-Donna Herrin and Jennifer Travis were appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Coun-cil is February 13 at 6 p.m.



5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN — Preston Caldwell (center), Director of Schools for West Carroll Special Schools, discusses the state report card results and the impact of the system's 5 year strategic plan during last Thursday's monthly board meet-ing. Pictured (L to R): William Robinson, Board Chairman, Preston Caldwell, and Jeremy Jackson.

West Carroll School Board Talks About State Report Card

BY JEAN ODOM
Courtesy of Mirror-Exchange

ATWOOD (January 9) — West Carroll School Board met Thursday evening, Jan. 9, despite the threats of pending winter weather. The board discussed the state report card which showed improvements across the board of the West Carroll Special School District.

The district received the rating of Advancing, moving from a Satisfactory rank-ing the year prior. Scores are based on the 2023-2024 school year. Overall the schools improved in all subject areas including ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science. Students are tested at the end of year in Grades 3-12 in the four core

subject areas.

Director of Schools, Pres-ton Caldwell stressed the importance of the five-year plan and the focus on ac-ademic improvement and bell-to-bell instruction.

"Our grades on the report card are not perfect, they are not what we want them to be. But they are improv-ing and we're getting there. We are showing improve-ment," Caldwell explained to the board, "This data supports goal number 3 in our five year strategic plan. It supports K-12 literacy and numeracy."

The board also voted to waive advertisement for competitive bids to pur-chase a new HVAC system, due to the emergency need to replace a unit at the Ju-

nior/Senior High School that is not operating. This unit services two class-rooms at the school and is needed to keep the room heated and cooled. The board also approved the bid to replace the unit from Newbill's Heating and Air.

The board also approved a bid to purchase a soil machine with grant money from the Perkins Reserve Grant. The \$10,600 ma-chine will take food waste compost and turn it into fertilizer that can be used in the raised beds for the agri-culture classes at West Car-roll. This purchase is part of the attempt to make the Career Technical Education CTE department at West Carroll Junior Senior High School more self-sufficient.

Huntingdon School Board to Meet

The Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education meets Wednes-day, January 15 at 5 p.m. at the board office at 585 High Street.

The agenda includes discussion on the director

of schools contract, the 2026-7 district calendar and board policies regard-ing promotion and reten-tion, graduation require-ments and background investigations.

The board will acknowl-

edge the employment of HMS educational assistant Alexas Goodwin, the resig-nation of HMS educational assistant Emily Richardson and a leave of absence for Holly Peale from January 29-March 12.

Gaskins

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Rural Fire Department. Following Tuesday's in-terviews conducted by the Carroll County Rural Fire Committee, Gaskins was selected to lead the coun-ty's fire service.

Thirteen individuals ap-plied for the position before interview selections were narrowed to six and then five following an individ-ual removing his name for consideration. The five who interviewed other than Mr. Gaskins were John Fordon of Carroll County, Aidan Dixon of Carroll County, Eric Dale Allen of New Johnsonville and Scott Co-op-er of Maryville.

After much discussion following interviews, Gas-kins and Dixon were the top two candidates. Experience and future vision were large factors in the committee's decision. Members of the committee discussed the strengths and weakness-es of both candidates from the interview. Through a roll-call vote, Gaskins came out ahead 3-2. Jimmy Hal-ford, Lana Suite and Phil-ip Moore voted in favor of Gaskins. Dan Wilman and Jimmy McClure voted in favor of Dixon.

The hiring of Gaskins as chief is not official. While he has been recommend-ed or will be nominated as the chief by Mayor Jo-seph Butler, the full County Commission must ratify the nomination. That vote takes place Monday, January 20, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Complex.

During the interview pro-cess, each candidate was asked the same series of questions by members of

the Fire Committee which included Lana Suite, Chair-person, Jimmy McClure, Philip Moore, Dan Wilman and Jimmy Halford. Ques-tions ranged from leader-ship styles, change imple-mentation and plans for restructuring. Throughout the interviews, Committee members were allowed to ask follow-up questions.

It was noted during the December 30, 2024 meeting of the Fire Committee that Amanda Sneed, who was serving as the fire chief and was to move to administra-tive assistant, had resigned with a tendered last day of December 31, 2024.

While Gaskins is not scheduled to start in the official capacity as fire chief, he is visiting and working with county officials to hit the ground running.

Gaskins comes to the Carroll County Fire Depart-ment with 23 years of fire service experience along with 20 years in the emer-gency medical field. Before taking the position with the county, he was with Van-derbilt Adult Emergency Department in Nashville as a Paramedic Shift Leader. He worked as a paramedic for Carroll County EMS for four years. Since 2002, he has served as a team mem-ber of the City of McKenzie Fire Department where he held the position of EMS operations chief. Gaskins has fire chief experience from where he served as head of the Milan Arsenal Fire Department before its closure in 2019.

One of the biggest perks of hiring Gaskins was his qualifications and experi-ence as a training officer. His resume shows the following professional certifications: Firefighter 1 & 2 IFSAC / State of TN; Fire Instructor 1

& 2 IFSAC / State of TN; Fire Officer 1 & 2 IFSAC / State of TN; Fire Inspector 1 & 2 IFSAC / State of TN; Fire In-spector 1 & 2 ICC; Incident Safety Officer IFSAC / State of TN; Hazmat Awareness IFSAC / State of TN; Hazmat Operations IFSAC / State of TN; Hazmat Technician IFSAC / State of TN; Hazmat Incident Commander IF-SAC / State of TN; Driver / Pumper Operator IFSAC / State of TN; State of TN 64 Hour Firefighter Instructor; NIMS 100, 200, 300, 700 and 800; Paramedic License State of TN; PALS, AMLS, PHTLS, ACLS, BLS; CPR Instructor with American Heart Association; State of TN Ventilator Paramedic; and State of TN First Re-sponder Instructor.

In an August 19, 2024 meeting of the Carroll County Rural Fire Commit-tee, Marc Alley, Emergency/ Fire Management Consul-tant with County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) informed members of the Carroll County Commis-sion, Rural Fire Committee members and local fire-fighters that the current system the county is operating under does not constitute as a rural county-wide fire department. The depart-ment was created in the 1980s under Wesley Beals' administration. To become a county-wide fire depart-ment, Carroll County had to first pass a resolution creat-ing a department.

Now with the resolution and an official fire chief, the Carroll County Rural Fire Department can begin moving forward and laying out a plan. This would in-clude training, personnel, equipment, budgets and numerous items that need to be addressed in the com-ing weeks and months.

Fire

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fire was observed coming from a HVAC unit located on the roof of the building. A crew went to the roof to attempt to extinguish the fire but advised the fire was not contained to just the roof.

Fire Chief Brian Tuck-er ordered the firefighters from the roof immediately. The report states, "We ob-served smoke puffing from all the eaves of the structure and suspected the fire was throughout the building. The crew was ordered off the roof. Due to the extent of the fire inside of the build-ing, we determined it was not safe to enter the struc-ture for an aggressive inter-ior attack. We established a water supply and deployed several attack lines before attempting to access the doors of the building. We also requested mutual aid from Huntingdon Fire De-partment, Carroll County Fire Department and Gleason Fire Department."

Upon the arrival of mutu-al aid units, firefighters en-tered the structure through forced entry of the front door. The fire escalated and within a short period of time the roof collapsed.

"Huntingdon Ladder 1 established a water supply and was set up on the A side of the building. The aerial apparatus was used to attack from above. Ground crews operated multiple lines using approximately 260,000 gallons of water to contain the fire," the report continues.

By 4:16 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2025, the fire was considered to be contained. Crews responded back to the property several times after the initial fire in or-der to cool and contain hot spots within the building.

Officials requested assis-tance from the TBI to in-vestigate and determine the cause and origin of the fire.

The location was set to be razed to make way for a Taco Bell franchise at the site. At this time, no word has been provided on the property's future.



Top, Firefighters work diligently to not only put out the fire at Old West Steakhouse but also contain the blaze. Photo by Lacey Lane/McKenzie Fire Department Above, A window booth facing the front of the steakhouse. Below, The kitchen at Old West Steakhouse was still smoldering at 8 a.m. on Wednesday. Photos by Jason Martin/The Banner



HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

'Rawhide' Is Still TV's High Water Mark

Some folks were talking about the greatest invention, event, or happening in our lifetime. Well, in my case, that covers a lot of ground. And I immediately gave them Leon's stock answer when that question rolled around back in his day:

"The thermos bottle."

My older brother loved the startled look on everyone's face when he didn't say moon landing, John F. Kennedy's assassination, Viet Nam, the birth of computers, the British music invasion led by the Beatles, or the annual goat roping contest they used to hold in Helena, Arkansas.

Before the startled people could get their respective mouths closed, Leon would add with a completely straight face, "It's the darndest contraption, that remarkable thermos bottle knows when to keep hot things hot....and cold things cold."

Believe it or not, this question would come up back when we were in elementary school. 'Course, at the time, we didn't have enough "lifetime" to make it pertinent to any great extent. I guess we could have answered with the time Bobby Brewer threw a lighted pack of firecrackers in amongst all those big animals on Mule Day.

Or we could have "remembered" trying to catch those greased pigs at the county fair. Leon's Halloween runaway horse ride through town as the "Headless Horseman" would have been a good candidate. As would the time he snuck the cow into the high school auditorium.

The big free-for-all up at the Skyway Grill hadn't taken place yet. But those chairs and bottles flying through the air and Rollin Trull tossing Chet Hinson halfway through a plate glass window was the first thing mentioned when this same question came up in high school. I didn't actually see Chet hit the

window, I was halfway out the back door, already pondering what I was going to say when Daddy found out about this incident.

Miss Belle Alexander, our third-grade teacher, wisely expanded the question to include the entire 20th Century to at least give us a chance. We still stuttered, paused, and twisted embarrassingly in our seats trying to come up with a viable answer. World War II, automobiles, and airplanes were about all we could muster up.

Bobby Brewer, who you maybe have already ascertained, was the smartest guy in our class, didn't take a split second to answer, "Miss Belle, I don't think the greatest thing in the 20th Century has happened yet!" This was in 1957. And I am still marveling at the astuteness of his ten-year-old mind.

But a serious question deserves a serious answer. For me, it is hard not to say television. I saw my first set just a few houses up Stonewall Street circa the time Bobby was answering Miss Belle. We were playing "hide-and-go-seek" at Richard and Linda Gregg's house. I had heard all about TVs. Kids all over town were raving about them. But to peep through the screen door and see it for myself is a moment forever frozen in time.

The show was "I've Got a Secret." Gary Moore was the host. They had a panel of experts trying to guess what that secret was. These people were in New York City for goodness sakes! And I was looking at them plain as day in the Gregg's living room in McKenzie, Tennessee.

It's the stuff miracles are made of!

And ok, I admit, it wasn't exactly as "plain as day." There was some snow in the picture, and, remember, I was looking through a screen door. But you could see Gary Moore with his crew haircut. And you could

definitely distinguish panelist Henry Morgan from Jayne Meadows.

It was in black and white and the TV box was as big as all outdoors, but the screen was kinda small and rounded at the corners. Size didn't matter. It was a picture show right in your living room. I'm still a little bit awed by it to this day.

We got our first set a couple of years later. It would play the National Anthem when it signed on in the morning. And it would play it again when they signed off at midnight. We watched everything in between. We only had two channels. CBS and NBC. But believe me, it was all we needed!

"The Lone Ranger," fighting for truth and justice, became an early favorite. I liked a detective show entitled "Boston Blackie." I ate a lot of Wheaties cereal because it sponsored "Tales of the Texas Rangers." We got all of the news of the day via a 15-minute segment every evening with Walter Cronkite.

I'm telling you, WDXI-TV out of Jackson, Tennessee, had live studio wrestling every Saturday night. They'd have Frank "Tarzan" Hewitt pitted against Tojo Yamamoto. It was sponsored by a flour company. They did live commercials in front of stacks of flour located just outside the ring. You can bet before the evening was over, Frank and Tojo were banging each other over the head with exploding sacks of flour.

TV changed my world. It expanded my world. It brought entertainment and information to my world. It shaped the world to come for me. And when I didn't have any money, it was an inexpensive way to spend the evening with my date. Of course, she had to put up with Mom and Dad questioning her intentions.... and Leon and David Mark making fun of her....

Respectfully,
Kes



A group of 14 came from 7 different states to participate in Global Citizen Adventure Corps and Bethel University's latest program to Cuba. (L to R) Front Row: Leslie Schutt, Dancyville, Tenn.; Shana Kirk, Denver, Colorado; Stacie Freeman, Dresden, Tenn.; Toni King, Ashland City, Tenn.; MarthaLyle Ford, Brownsville, Tenn.; and Karen Campbell, Greenfield, Tenn. Back Row: Carson Stover, Union City, Tenn., via Washington state; Tim Gearin, Gleason, Tenn.; Jessica Stricker, York, South Carolina; Nancy Bean, McKenzie, Tenn.; Brittany Burch, Houston, Texas; Sarah Eltabib, Bayville, New York; Jes Cornelius, Guilford, Indiana; and Joel Washburn, McKenzie, Tenn.

Cuba Inspires U.S. Nonprofit Travelers

A local nonprofit committed to expanding opportunities for rural students to learn and serve in other countries recently returned from Cuba with considerably more support for their efforts. The transformative power of witnessing joy in hardship was at least one of the takeaways – along with some coffee, honey and perhaps a few cigars.

Dresden-based nonprofit Global Citizen Adventure Corps and its educational partner Bethel University provided the means for 14 travelers to spend January 4-10 in Havana and Viñales, Cuba.

Stacie Freeman, Global Studies Director for Bethel and Co-Founder of GCAC, served as the group's leader. GCAC Board Vice-Chair and recently retired newspaper publisher Joel Washburn was co-leader, having recruited many of the group's participants.

GCAC saw a first as two Ph.D. candidates concentrating on global leadership from New York and Indiana connected via an internet search.

Educators, medical personnel, corporate and nonprofit professionals, farmers, a therapist and an electrician shared eclectic conversations over breakfasts served in the courtyard of the "casa particular" or hostel in Havana and the farm-to-table meals in the countryside.

Landing in Havana under the U.S.-approved category of "support of the Cuban people," travelers made their way to a family-owned hostel in the old part of the city. The building was established in 1836 but included amenities such as in-room refrigerators and blow dryers.

A Sunday morning walking tour of the city's squares and an afternoon ride in classic midcentury convertibles offered participants a glimpse into a complex history and difficult current reality.

Travelers soon learned of the shortages of food, gas, and goods Cubans face as the result of embargos or hurricanes, guides explained. Maria Elena Miqueli, the hostel owner in Havana, started collecting ingredients for the three days of meals the group would eat there two months prior to their arrival.

"We don't have a shortage of sun," Yaniel Luis Alvarez, the guide for the Viñales area, noted. "For everything else, we have shortages."

What they may not have for the table, the Cuban people make up for in their hospitality as Maria celebrated both finding chicken in the market and



Nancy Bean, Tim Gearin, MarthaLyle Ford, and Stacie Freeman are ready for the tour of Havana in a 1957 Chevrolet classic convertible.

her friends from Havana's thriving music scene who entertained after a meal of a traditional stew called "ropa vieja."

Time in the agriculturally rich valley included stops at national parks, farm tours, an in-depth look at the tobacco growing and cigar making industry, more music and a surprising abundance of pineapple, papaya, guava, bread, beans, rice, yucca, grilled meats and traditional dishes. Beach time searching for starfish, bicycle rides and horseback riding rounded out optional activities.

A component of all GCAC programs includes service, so the group spent one morning learning from and working alongside workers on a terraced farm-to-table enterprise before enjoying the bounty at the table.

The sacrifice and the hospitality were both acknowledged and appreciated by the U.S. guests.

"Cuba is a place where the past and present dance together in vibrant colors. Every street tells a story, and every sunset paints the sky with hope," said Toni King, a nontraditional student at Bethel, currently employed in the medical field and pursuing a degree in business to make a positive impact through non-profit work."

Brittany Burch, a Houston-based licensed clinical social worker and supervisor, found affirmation for her investment as a donor to GCAC scholarships.

"When I began donating to GCAC, I wanted to support my friend's passion for this organization," she explained. "After a week in Cuba with GCAC, I'll continue to make recurring donations to support this incredible program. Visiting Cuba was both awe inspiring and heartbreaking. Students and non-students alike have so much to learn about the world, and GCAC offers phenomenal opportunities to learn, grow and contribute to our global community,"

Jessica Stricker, a corpo-

rate recruiter and aspiring agribusiness owner in York, SC, said, "Having traveled internationally when I was younger, I understand how transformative experiencing other cultures can be, especially during formative years. It broadens perspectives and inspires beyond one's own environment. As a regular donor to GCAC and now a program participant, I've witnessed what a profound impact it has on students and the communities it serves, and I wholeheartedly support its mission."

As the travelers were preparing to leave Cuba, the sporadic internet service revealed snow accumulations that would possibly make the returns difficult.

Nancy Bean, twice retired, first as an administrator with the Commonwealth of KY and later as Vice President for Bethel is now the university's chair of the board of trustees. A frequent traveler but on her first program with GCAC, she found both the company of such diverse fellow travelers and the experience enriching and enlightening.

"I'm convinced that students need such an experience to truly develop into ones who can navigate an ever-changing world, to see other cultures and the ways they face such enormous challenges is an incredible learning experience."

"Hard work and tranquility can co-exist," she concluded.

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

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Obituaries

KEITH TRUMAN PARKER 1944 – 2025

MCKENZIE — A committal service for Keith Truman Parker was Monday, January 13, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Parker, 80, died Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at his residence. He retired from the New Johnsonville Dupont plant and was a maintenance director during employment. He was born in Paris, Tenn., on January 9, 1944, to Johnny and Celeste Mizell Parker.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Brooke (Shane) Depriest, Ben Parker, Chase (Nicole) Parker, and Clay Parker, and his great-grandchildren Bladen, Piper, Gavin, Benjamin and Watts.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marilyn Lewis Parker and children, Melanie Parker and Steven Parker.

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

**BILLY JOE KIRK
1932 – 2025**

COLLIERVILLE — Mr. Billy Joe Kirk, 92, of Collier-ville, Tenn., died Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services are

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon, with Bro Philip Halter officiating. Interment to follow in Hickory Flat Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Wednesday, 11 a.m. until time of service.

Mr. Kirk was born April 21, 1932, in Cedar Grove, to the late Bee Kirk and Ada Hamilton Kirk. He was the owner or Kirk's Trucking. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Jane Kirk, and an infant son, Keith Kirk.

He is survived by a daughter, Sharon Walsh (Patrick) of Clinton, Ark.; a son, Michael Kirk, of Olive Branch, Miss.; and his caregiver, Sharon Einbinder, of Moscow, Tenn. He also leaves a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

**MCKINLEY WILLIAMSON
1954 – 2025**

HUNTINGDON — Mr. McKinley Williamson, 69, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, January 11, 2025, at his home.

Memorial services were Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 1 p.m. at New Reedy Creek Baptist Church in McLemoresville.

Mr. Williamson was born June 2, 1954, in Milan, to the late Mark Lee Williamson and Willie Maude Williamson.

He is survived by his brother, Micheal Williamson of McLemoresville, and two sisters, Gale Carter of

Milan and Tina Williamson of McLemoresville.

**DORIS BOYD-GWINN
1958 – 2025**

Mrs. Doris Boyd-Gwinn, 67, of Gautier, Miss., died Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Monday, January 13, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Jamison Cemetery. Brother Josh Parker officiating.

She was born January 6, 1958, to the late Odell Boyd and Velma Irene Gilliam Boyd and was also preceded in death by her first husband, Eugene Daniel.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence David Gwinn; one daughter Christina (Greg) Sanders; one son, Drew Daniel and five grandchildren; three sisters, Lola June Boyd, JoAnn (Carlton) Davison and Margaret Hollis; four brothers, Charles (Robert) Hollis, Roy Odell Boyd, Alvin J (Annette) Boyd and James Boyd.

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

**ROBERT WYATT
1929 – 2025**

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Robert (Bob) Wyatt, 95, died January 8, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were Monday, January 13, 2025, at the Huntingdon Church of Christ. Interment was at Twin Oaks Community Cemetery. Brother Chase Sanders officiating.

Mr. Wyatt was born April 29, 1929, to the late Willie C. Wyatt and Mittie Lou Everett Wyatt. He was the youngest of seven children.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Shirley Bridges Wyatt; and his siblings, Louise Redden, Leland Wyatt, Maudine Williams, Evelyn Everett, Billie Hampton and Jimmy Wyatt.

He is survived by his children: Tony (Pam) Wyatt, Renee Miller, and Michelle (Phillip) Sanders, all of Huntingdon. He leaves behind five grandchildren.

He also leaves behind his four great-granddaughters.

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

BRUCE JUNIOR BAILEY 1950 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Bruce Junior Bailey, 74, of Huntingdon, died at his home on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

A memorial visitation is Thursday, January 16, 2025, 5-7 p.m., in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home.

Mr. Bailey was born May 14, 1950, in Huntingdon, to the late Thurman Bailey and Ruth Ellen Boyd Bailey. He was a brick mason. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

He is survived by two sisters, Debbie Burns, of Huntingdon; Brenda Todd (Steve) of McKenzie; a brother, Scotty Bailey (Nellie) of Huntingdon; and several nieces and nephews.

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Anna Anderson's Homecoming Brings 'Fresh Look' to Smith & Smith Optometry

BY BRAD SAM
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Over a decade ago, McKenzie middle schooler Anna Anderson made a bold declaration to Dr. Mark Smith during an eye exam: "I want to be an eye doctor, and I'm going to work with you one day."

In October 2024, her foresight came to fruition as Dr. Anna Anderson joined Smith & Smith Optometry.

Anderson would return to the clinic just before her graduation from McKenzie High School in 2015 to job shadow Dr. Smith, an experience that would reaffirm her earlier plans.

She told The Banner, "I got to follow patients from start-to-finish at first just to see what everybody does, what is important about everyone's job. And then I got to see a couple of patients whose lives have been changed by Dr. Mark. One was a child who got her first pair of glasses, and just like you see in videos, her face lights up. 'Oh, Mom, I can see what color your eyes are!' It really makes a difference.

"But then I also got to see a patient whose eyesight wasn't saved, but their life was. They found a tumor, and it may not have been caught if they hadn't come to the eye doctor. That was such a powerful message to me.

"The world's too beautiful a place for us to not have our vision. You want to see your children and grandchildren's faces. You want to be able to see the beautiful young lady or young man that they become. And so I wanted to be a part of making that happen. And that's how it started."

Anderson graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin and then Southern College of Optometry in Memphis.

She was in communication with Mark, but it wasn't apparent yet when Dr. Thomas Smith (Mark's father) would retire and make room for Anna.

So the new doctor went another route, joining a three-clinic group in Paris, Dover and Camden, "to make sure I got some on-the-job experience, didn't get rusty, and that I was worth my salt."

She spoke about her time in that first job setting. "The other place did teach me a lot of things. It taught me a little bit more about the doctor I wanted to be and what works for me and what doesn't. And now I get to implement those things a little bit better over here.

"Another factor for me to come home was that, in my previous job, I didn't feel like I got to know the community very well. And I didn't get to see follow-ups. I wanted to spend longer with my patients. I didn't feel like I was on the same page, and I knew I would be here. When you're a young O.D., it's scary to switch jobs. But I had



Dr. Anna Anderson (left) joins Dr. Mark Smith at Smith & Smith Optometry. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

all the faith in the world that I would be taken care of, because I know Dr. Mark, I know this staff, and I know this place. And I knew that I would thrive here, and I truly have."

Dr. Mark told The Banner, "When Dr. Tom retired [in May 2023], it all fell on me being the sole doctor here. I'm only one guy, and it became hard to try to fit all of these patients in and still be able to do the best job we can possibly do and treat them like we had been for years. So that meant a lot of people had to wait. Adding Anna has really helped patients have another opportunity to get in to see an eye care provider much faster without having to wait for me or other doctors to have openings.

"We're excited to have Anna come back home to McKenzie and practice optometry in the community she grew up in. It's exciting for me with Dr. Tom retiring after having a good partnership with him throughout the years and now having a little bit of a void there. It's really been exciting to have somebody to bounce diagnoses and treatment plans off of. A fresh look on eyes has given me a fresh look too."

He continued, "She's coming into a situation where there are patients who have been waiting patiently to be seen at a clinic that they've come to for years. She has the ability to have a schedule that's not necessarily overbooked where she can get to know people and take care, and at the same time she's able to continue to grow."

Anderson added, "It's been great for me just because I have somebody to bounce ideas off of that I'm comfortable with that is seasoned and has ideas for me and wants to talk about what I think about things and is open

about learning things with me."

Smith jumped in, "It has reinvigorated my enjoyment for my job. I love my job. I loved working with Dad, and I love being by myself. But having her come back has really renewed my love for the job. I come to work everyday now even more excited now that I have another partner here.

"When Dr. Howard [Smith, Mark's grandfather] started this business, when Dr. Tom joined the business, and when I joined the business, it was 'treat everybody as if they were a family member' and Anna and I are on the same page on that. That's why I felt like it was immediately such a good fit. We knew that she was going to treat people the same way that would make my grandad happy, that would make Dr. Tom happy. That's something that's important."

Anderson said, "I was definitely excited to move back to the community that I grew up in, to be able to give back in any way. I want to take care of everybody like I would want to be treated, how I would want my family to be treated. That's my drive for this, I want everybody to be able to see the world as best they can."

The two optometrists and their patients aren't the only ones excited.

"My family is very excited to have me home. I'm very excited to be back with my family and friends," Anderson said. "And the community is fantastic here. They're so supportive."

Smith and Anderson have both received countless messages from patients and from members of the community expressing their pride and excitement that one of McKenzie's own has returned to share and cultivate her talents right here at home.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Dogs At Large — On January 9, 2025, a call came into the McKenzie Police Department regarding two loose dogs at a residence on Highland Drive. The property owner stated ownership of four ducks and twelve chickens. Officer Dalton Raspberry counted five of the chickens to be deceased and two were missing. Of the four ducks, all were still alive, however, three showed signs of life-threatening injuries. Animal control was called to the scene to temporarily take custody of the two dogs. The owner of the loose dogs was determined to be Keith Obrien.

Parking Regulations — January 10, 2025, Ptlm. Dustin McClure, while on patrol, was traveling South on Stonewall St. when he observed a blue 2011 Chevrolet Cruze parked and blocking the westbound lane on Walnut Ave.

Ptlm. McClure attempted to make contact with the driver of the vehicle. After multiple attempts to get someone to answer the door while the vehicle blocked an entire lane of travel.

D&D Towing was dispatched to remove the vehicle from the roadway, the vehicle in question was a danger to the public blocking a lane of travel while there was snow and ice on the roadway.

After the vehicle was removed from Walnut Ave., the vehicle owner, Mia J. Jackson advised that she did not have anywhere else to park. Ms. Jackson was informed that her vehicle was towed by D&D Towing. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions and advised of a 10-day book in for the proper booking procedure at the Carroll County Jail for obstructing highway or other passageway.

Sale/Delivery of a Controlled Substance — On January 11, 2025, Ptlm. Dustin McClure observed a 1997 green Chevrolet pickup truck traveling south on Highland Dr. The vehicle had no working tail lights and the registration light was also not functioning.

Ptlm. McClure initiated a traffic stop on the pickup at 15980 Highland Dr. (Eagle Food Mart). The driver, later identified as Jeremy S. True via his license number, identified himself as Jeremy S. Marcum. The name and date of birth given did not match anything in the statewide system. The social

security number that Mr. True gave also was not coming back to him. Dispatch contacted Daviess County Sheriff's Department in Kentucky in an attempt to identify Mr. True who was still at the time identifying himself as Jeremy Marcum.

Ptlm. McClure requested consent to search the vehicle because the passenger Jamie L. Carter was constantly making secretive movements while on the traffic stop. During the search of the vehicle, a black purse belonging to Jamie L. Carter was located on the floorboard of the pickup. Inside of the purse a digital scale commonly used during the illegal sale of narcotics was found. On the scale, a large amount of a white crystal/powder residue was on the scale. The residue field tested positive for Methamphetamine.

Ms. Carter was arrested for the paraphernalia and placed inside the patrol unit for the drug paraphernalia. Mr. True, still unable to be positively identified because he was still using a fake name, date of birth, and social security number was also placed under arrest. EMS was called to the scene after officers believed that Mr. True had ingested narcotics. EMS cleared Mr. True, and both subjects were transported to the Carroll County Jail for the proper booking procedure.

While at the jail, Jeremy S. True's positive identification was made and confirmed. A hit out of NCIC showed a full extraditable warrant out of California. A hit confirmation was sent and confirmed with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. Mr. True's driving status was suspended from 8/25/2014 with no reinstatement date.

Ms. Carter was scanned into the Carroll County Jail and four baggies of a white crystal/powder substance that field tested positive for Methamphetamine were found to be in her bra. Ms. Carter assaulted a corrections officer leaving a mark on her hand while trying to destroy the baggies by throwing them down the toilet at the jail, one of the baggies' contents was partially destroyed by the water in the toilet bowl. Both subjects were booked into the Carroll County Jail for the proper booking procedure for the following:

Jeremy S. True: Fugitive from justice - Bond - Hold

For Judge; Criminal Impersonation - BOND \$5,000; Driving on a Suspended - Cite; Financial responsibility - Cite; Light Law Violation - Cite; Display of plates - Cite Jamie L. Carter: Possession of Schedule 2 w/ intent - Bond - \$10,000; Possession of drug paraphernalia - Bond - \$ 1,500; Tampering with Evidence - Bond - \$ 2,500; Assault on a 1st responder - Bond - \$2,500; Possession of Contraband in a penal institution - Bond \$ 5,000.

Driving on Suspended/ Revoke License — On January 12, 2025, Ptlm. McClure observed a black 2006 Acura ATL traveling west on Cedar St with its drivers side headlight not functioning properly. He initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle.

The driver was later identified via his TN. ID as Joshua L. Cashman advised that he did not have a valid driver's license. Dispatch advised that Joshua L. Cashman was suspended for an accumulation of points in Tennessee in 2019.

Cashman was issued a General Sessions citation and advised to check himself in the

Carroll County Jail within 10 days for the proper booking procedure for the following: Driving on Suspended (3rd) - Cite.

Driving on Suspended/ Revoke License / Display of Registration Plates — January 13, 2025, Sgt. Darren Davis observed a red 2005 Dodge Neon driving southbound on Highland Drive with no functioning registration plate lights.

Sgt. David then performed a traffic stop on the vehicle for display of registration plates. The driver was identified as Robert Anthony Ill via his TN issued driver's license.

Mr. Anthony stated that his driver's license might be suspended because of not paying a ticket. After checking his driver's license status McKenzie dispatch did advise that Mr. Anthony's driver's license was currently suspended for an FTA out of Gibson County General Sessions Court with a suspension date of 11/20/2022 to Indefinite.

Anthony was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court and had 10 days to book himself to the Carroll County Jail for proper booking procedures on the following: Driving on suspended 1st; Display of registration plates.

he ran through the woods on foot. At a later time, officers discovered he had been picked up by Kenneth Cook, 31, of Milan. Cook and Lee were discovered going into Gibson County and were transported to Carroll County Jail. Kenneth Cook was charged with Accessory after the Fact.

and Master to Hunter Scott in District 13.

Delores Marie Kirkendoll Pedigo to Derek Doster in District 4.

William H. Smith to David G. and Sherry L. Smith in District 9.

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Carroll County General Sessions

Breeanna Lynn Buddie, Cedar Grove, Dismissal Failure to Appear Felony.

Scott Daniel Carroll, Henry, Guilty Plea-Lesser Charge Reckless Driving, Sentence \$350 Fine Jail Sentence Suspended Except All w/ Unsupervised Probation for 6 Months; Dismissal for Display of Registration Plates and Implied Consent.

Bryan Keith Craddock, Huntingdon, Guilty Plea-As Charged DUI: First Offense; \$350 Fine; Jail Sentence 48 Hours At 100%; Supervised Probation; Dismissal Open Container and for Implied Consent.

Shawn Michael, Riley Foreman, McKenzie, Guilty Plea-Lesser Charge Driving While License Canceled; Dismissal Registration Expired; Dismissal Entered Financial Responsibility.

Rosa Hampton, Huntingdon, Guilty Plea-As Charged Criminal Trespass, Sentence Entered \$50 Fine, 10 Day

Jail Sent; Unsupervised Probation.

Edward Floyd Hilliard, Jr., Huntingdon, Dismissal Possessing Firearm Intent To Go Armed - Dangerous Felony; Dismissal Meth - Mfg, Deliver, Sell, Poss With Intent; Dismissal Unlaw Possession Of Weapon; Dismissal Possession Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; Dismissal Probation Violation - Not Booked.

Christopher Hopper, Jackson, Dismissal Meth - Possess Or Casual Exchange.

Christavon R. Horton, McKenzie, Bound Over To Grand Jury, Meth - Mfg, Deliver, Sell, Possession With Intent; Dismissal Evading Arrest.

Crystal Gail Hudson, Trezevant, Dismissal Failure To Appear; Guilty Plea-Lesser Charge Meth - Possess Or Casual Exchange; Dismissal Poss Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia

Uses & Activities.

Bryant Johnson, Clarks-ville, Bound Over to Grand Jury DUI: Fifth; Bound Over to Grand Jury Financial Responsibility Law, Bound Over to Grand Jury Driving On Roadways Landed for Traffic.

Wilbert Trey Montgomery, Iii, Hollow Rock, Dismissal Violation Of No Contact Order.

Kristofer C Stenberg, Trezevant, Guilty Plea-As Charged Probation Violation - Not Booked.

Stephanie Waynick, Jackson, Guilty Plea-Lesser Charge Simple Poss/Casual Exchange \$750 Fine With Supervised Probation 11/29 And Alcohol And Drug Evaluation; Dismissal Simple Poss/Casual Exchange.

Jacob S Welch, Huntingdon, Guilty Plea-As Charged Probation Violation - Not Booked; Probation Extended for Six Months.

Carroll County Sheriff Reports

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — According to a report made by Deputy Alex Sherwood on January 3, a traffic stop was conducted for light law violation and illegible registration plate. The driver and only occupant, Beverly Ann Overton, 48, of Stanton, Tenn., was found to have a suspended Tenn. driver's license and the displayed registration plate had been altered by intentionally whitening out the expiration date and writing on a fictitious date. A consent search of the vehicle was conducted, and two small clear plastic baggies of meth were found along with two used meth pipes.

Overton was placed under arrest and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Sean Bongiovanni on January 3, deputies were dispatched to Butler School Rd. for a possible domestic altercation. The victim met the deputies at the end of the driveway and stated that his girlfriend, Alexis Castillo, 23, of Bruceton, had a verbal argument with him and then began punching him in the head. Then when he called the police, she continued to hit him in the head again. Castillo admitted to the domestic assault and was charged and arrested.

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Driving on Revoked and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm — According to a report made by Deputy Chance Townes on January 4, he initiated a traffic stop on a white Honda Civic for an inoperable headlight. Once Deputy Townes approached the vehicle, the driver Justin Arnold, 43, of Camden, appeared fidgety and frustrated. Arnold advised that there was a rifle in the front seat after being asked to step out of the vehicle and a smell of marijuana was also coming from inside of the vehicle. Dispatch informed Deputy Townes that Arnold was a felon and had a revoked license. After a vehicle search a nugget of marijuana was found, white crys-

tal crumbs in the seat that tested positive for meth, a magnetic box with residue, and a firearm. Arnold was charged and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Jeremy Smith on January 6, he received a call about a domestic dispute in Trezevant. The victim stated that Joshua A. Dailey, 36,

of Trezevant, grabbed her by the hair and was trying to get her to leave with him. He then grabbed her by the neck attempting to scare her to leave with him, and he also broke three necklaces off her neck. A witness told the same story. Joshua Dailey was then charged with domestic assault and transported to Carroll County Jail.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

KEVIN D. PERKINS,

Plaintiff,

ASCENSION HEALTH and AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.,

Involuntary Plaintiffs,

v.

AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I., PENSKE TRUCK LEASING COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, PROGRESSIVE HAWAII INSURANCE CORPORATION, 997 TRUCKING, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ABC INSURANCE COMPANY (An Unknown Insurance Company), GO EXPRESS SOLUTIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, DEF INSURANCE COMPANY (An Unknown Insurance Company), and JEFFERY D. PARKER TDOC# 00640292,

Defendants.

45-DAY SUMMONS

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Case Code: 30101 & 30303
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Clerk of Circuit Court - Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

And to plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is:

Hupy and Abraham, S.C.
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 7th day of January 2025.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Assault, Evading Arrest — According to a report made on December 27, Huntingdon Police Department received a hang-up phone call originating from Hill Court. The victim stated that she had been assaulted by Malik Lee, 20, of Atwood, but when the police arrived,

he ran out of the back door. The victim stated they had been fighting all night and at one point he swung a mop handle at her, missing her, and striking her three-year-old daughter on the bridge of her nose. Officer Joey Hedge went outside to look for Lee and spotted him, but

Property Transfers

Michelle Lynn Mattix to Dawn Rene and Todd A. Raymo.

Mary Newsom as administrator, to Derek. J. Doster in District 4.

Mary Newsom as administrator, to Pearl Realty, LLC in District 4.

Robbie C. Barker to William Martin and Shannon Godwin in District 4.

Martin Amador to Adam J. Wells in District 16.

Dwight Williams to Jamal Currie in District 15.

Kristin Ivory to Donald R. and Maggie L. Tutor. No district listed.

Dale Nelson, Sr. to Tanner Workman in District 4.

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Robert to Sarah Kristen Vawter in District 6.

Kelly Family Properties, LLC to American International Home Investments Tn, LLC in District 16.

Leanna Maree Taylor to Lois Susan Taylor Minga. No district listed.

Lois Susan Taylor Minga to Ronald Washburn. No district listed.

Ashley Wilson Little to The Happy Book Stack, LLC in District 4.

Ashley Redmond to Matthew P. and Jessica Marie Fern in District 21.

Anthem Properties WTFA Tennessee, LLC to Stephanie and John Quinn Rexinger in District 4.

Mark C. Swearingen to Gene Williams in District 6.

John Rhodes to Brent Austin Rhodes in District 22.

Kenneth Todd as Clerk

Marriage Licenses

Jessie Willard Garrett Jr, 75, of Huntingdon, to Joanne Betty Lee Garrett, 64, of Huntingdon.

Amanda Carol Western Lowery, 40, of Atwood, to Jason Paul Williquete, 47, of Atwood.

Robert Thomas Leadbeater Jr, 53, of Huntingdon, to Elizabeth Frances Przyzycki Adams, 60, of Huntingdon.

Lavonda Krystina Carroll Shafer, 40, of McKenzie, to Jason Michael Parish, 47, of McKenzie.

PUBLICATION NOTICE
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JOANNA ALLEN STILES,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.
JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES,
DEFENDANT,

DOCKET NO. 2024DR214

TO: JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint which is sworn to, that the whereabouts of the Defendant, JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES, is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the diligent search and inquiry made to that end. JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES 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 17th day of December, 2024.

Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

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47. Dallas-adjacent Texas city
48. African nation
49. Dark brown or black
52. A place to get caught
53. Large-headed, elongated fish
54. Type of sword
55. Scottish tax or levy

1. Partner to "oohs"
2. Scaly water dweller
3. Pueblo people of New Mexico
4. Music producer Teo
5. Greek mythological goddess
6. Got together to discuss
7. Acquires
8. Involve
9. Some are tomato-based
10. Old Irish alphabets
11. A sheet of glass in a window or door
13. Blood poisoning
17. A moon of Saturn
24. Neither
25. Sums
26. They follow "A"
27. Satisfaction

See solution in next week's edition.

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See solution in next week's edition

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

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Answer: An egg.

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

Answer: Roller

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Clarksburg's Segraves Nets 1,000 Career Points



CLARKSBURG (January 7) — Clarksburg Lady Rockets basketball standout Sam Segraves was recognized Tuesday for reaching 1,000 points in her high school career. She was presented with a commemorative ball by Coach Nick Cobb during halftime of the Rockets' game against Huntingdon. Segraves hit the milestone on Saturday, December 28 with a three-pointer against Camden in the Huntingdon Point Guard Coca-Cola Classic. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenzie Dominates Bradford in Sweep

BY BRAD SAM

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MCKENZIE (January 6) — McKenzie High School hosted Bradford Monday for a pair of basketball contests and coasted to a pair of victories. The Lady Rebels made their mark in a lopsided third quarter for a 66-34 win. The Rebels pulled away in the second quarter en route to a 76-51 victory.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 66, Bradford Lady Red Devils 34

The Lady Rebels had a 13-8 edge after the opening frame, led by Jaycee Stafford with five points, including a three-pointer. Sophie Pate and Ava Hastings each hit a three, and Gracie Aird had a pair. Lady Red Devil Brooklyn Armstrong scored four points, and Ashlyn Reynolds had a pair. Abby Glisson and Rylee Jorgensen each hit a free throw.

McKenzie doubled up Bradford 16-8 in the second quarter, led by Stafford with ten, including a pair of threes. Hastings scored four, and Aird added a pair. Glisson scored four for Bradford, and Reynolds and Armstrong each added a pair. At the half, McKenzie led 29-16.

The Lady Rebels opened up the lead with an 18-4 advantage in the third, led by Molly French with seven points, including a three. Stafford scored six, Hastings hit another three-pointer, and Braylin Auvenshine had a pair. Jorgensen and Armstrong each added a pair for Bradford. Entering the final frame, the Lady Rebels led 47-20.

McKenzie sealed the victory with a 19-14 tilt in the fourth, led by Auvenshine with nine points, including a three. Aurora Johnson scored five points. Ashley Dunavant and Zayda Scates each had a pair, and Kallie Hudgins hit a free throw. Reynolds led the Lady Red Devils with eight, including a three. Armstrong had four points, and Princess Cain had a pair.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Staf-



Above Left, Rebel Cole Brown scores on a fast break. Brown scored a dozen in the win. Above Right, Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford eyes the basket on a jumper. Stafford led all scorers with 21 points in the win. Below Left, Rebel Landon Brown goes strong to the basket for two points. Below Right, Lady Rebel Gracie Aird gets inside for a layup. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



ford led all scorers with 21 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Braylin Auvenshine scored eleven points with a three, and Ava Hastings had ten with a pair of threes.

Ashlyn Reynolds and Brooklyn Armstrong led Bradford with a dozen points each, Reynolds with a three-pointer.

Rebels 76, Red Devils 51

McKenzie had led 17-13 after the first frame, led by Tate Surber with seven points, including a three-pointer. Cole Brown scored five with a three, Carter Kee also hit a three, and Landon Brown had a pair. Carver Cates led Bradford with eleven points, including a trio of three-pointers.

Quacey Lewis had a pair.

The Rebels pulled away with a 23-6 advantage in the second quarter, led by Surber with 14 points, including a pair of threes. L. Brown hit a three, and Craegen Travis also scored three points. Kee added a pair, and C. Brown hit a freebie. Lewis, Jax Richardson and Brodie McDaniel each had a pair for the Red Devils. At the half, the Rebels led 40-19.

McKenzie had a 20-19 edge in the third, led by Kee and Surber with seven points each (Kee with a three-pointer). L. Brown scored four, and Travis added a pair. McDaniel scored seven for Bradford with a three. Richardson hit a three-pointer, and Lewis also scored three points. Cates, Jax Street and Princeton Cain each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 60-38.

The Rebels capped the win with a 16-13 tilt in the fourth, led by C. Brown with six points. Kee scored four, and Avery Brown hit a three-pointer. Kason Brown had a pair, and Travis hit a freebie. Richardson scored eight for Bradford with a three, and Street scored five points, also with a three-pointer.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 28 points, including a trio of threes. Carter Kee scored 16 with a pair of threes, and Cole Brown had a dozen points with a three.

Red Devils Carver Cates and Jax Richardson each scored 13 points, Cates with a trio of three-pointers and Richardson with a pair.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Huntingdon Earns Road Sweep at Clarksburg

BY BRAD SAM

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CLARKSBURG (January 7) — Clarksburg High School hosted Huntingdon Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests. The Fillies jumped out to an early lead and coasted to a 76-29 win. The Rockets kept it close in the first half, but the Mustangs pulled away in the third quarter en route to an 82-39 victory.

Huntingdon Fillies 76, Clarksburg Lady Rockets 29

The Fillies stormed out to a 28-9 lead after the opening frame, led by Quinn Kelley with ten points, including a pair of three-pointers. Sara Beth Smith scored seven, and Josey Stokes had five with a three. Knox Bennett scored four points, also with a three-pointer, and Delaney Byars had a pair. Sam Segraves scored all nine Clarksburg points, including a three-pointer.

Huntingdon had a 22-3 advantage in the second quarter, led by Byars with eight points. Claire Cary scored six on a pair of threes, and Smith had four points. Kelley hit another three, and Stokes hit a free throw. Segraves added a pair for the Lady Rockets, and Brooklyn Laws hit a free throw. At the half, Huntingdon led 50-12.

Clarksburg had a 17-16 edge in the third, led by Segraves with six points. Addison Milam and Maleigha Abdallah each scored five, Milam with a three-pointer. Laws hit another freebie. Emalynn Maness led the Fillies with five points, including a three. Kaylen Cary scored four, and Grier Bartholomew hit a three. Camdyn Sellers and Ellie Wilson each had a pair. Entering the final frame, Huntingdon led 66-29.

The Fillies shut out Clarksburg 10-0 in a quick fourth, led by Wilson with four points. Tatum Rich scored three, Maness added a pair, and Bartholomew hit a free throw.

Lady Rocket Sam Segraves led all scorers with



Above Left, Mustang Kenton Smith floats to the basket for two. Smith led all scorers with 38 points in the win. Above Right, Rocket Clay Glosson drives underneath the basket for a reverse. Glosson led Clarksburg with eight points. Below Left, Huntingdon's Ellie Wilson gets inside for two points. Below Right, Lady Rocket Sam Segraves scores on a fast break. Segraves led all scorers with 17 points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



17 points, including a three-pointer.

Quinn Kelley led Huntingdon with 13 points, including a trio of threes. Sara Beth Smith scored eleven, and Delaney Byars had ten points.

Mustangs 82, Rockets 39

Huntingdon led 22-15 after the first frame, led by Kenton Smith with 12 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Caleb Ezell hit a three, and Bryson Whiteside also scored three points. Braylin Dearmon and Kelton Johnson each had a pair. Jake Miller led Clarksburg with five points. Trae Cobb and Chase Hollingshead each scored four, and Kannan Hampton had a pair.

The Mustangs had a 20-16 edge in the second quarter, led by Smith with eleven points, including a three-pointer. Ezell scored five with a three, and Dearmon and Johnson each added a pair. Rocket Clay Glosson scored eight points. Ritchie Lewis hit a three, and Erin Dickson also

scored three points. Cobb added a pair. At the half, the Mustangs led 42-31.

Huntingdon pulled away with a 28-5 advantage in the third, led by Smith with 14 points, including a pair of threes. Hayes Eubanks scored five, and Dearmon had four points. Johnson and Tyreke Hutch each had a pair. Rocket Reagan Halter hit a three-pointer, and Miller added a pair. Heading into the final frame, Huntingdon led 70-36.

The Mustangs closed out the win with a 12-3 tilt in the fourth, led by Owen Kreuziger with four points. Garvin Kee, Zayden Connelly, Kylan Turner and Owen King each had a pair. Hollingshead added a pair for Clarksburg, and Weston Vestal hit a free throw.

Mustang Kenton Smith led all scorers with 38 points, including five three-pointers. Caleb Ezell and Braylin Dearmon scored eight points each, Ezell with a pair of threes.

Clay Glosson led Clarksburg with eight points. Jake Miller scored seven.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

West Carroll Swept by Middleton

BY BRAD SAM

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ATWOOD (January 9) — West Carroll High School hosted Middleton Thursday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Lady War Eagles fell to the Lady Tigers 55-31, and the Tigers topped the War Eagles 66-24.

Middleton Lady Tigers 55, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 31

The Lady Tigers had a 16-10 edge after the first frame, led by Harmony Bell with eight points. TyAngela Geanes scored seven, and KeMora Buggs hit a free throw. Lady War Eagle Hailey Mitchell scored four points. Gracelyn Vernon and Alayna Lovelace each had a pair, and Aubrey Hammett and Triniti Adkisson each hit a free throw.

Middleton had a 15-3 advantage in the second quarter, led by Bell with nine points. K. Buggs hit a three-pointer, Laila Buggs had a pair, and Ronaia Tall-ey hit a free throw. Mitchell had all three West Carroll points. At the half, Middleton led 31-13.

The Lady Tigers enjoyed an 18-6 tilt in the third, led by Bell with a dozen. Tall-ey scored four points, and Melody Perry had a pair. Mitchell, Vernon and Taylor Robinson each had a pair for the Lady War Eagles. Entering the final frame, the Lady Tigers led 49-19.

West Carroll doubled up Middleton 12-6 in the fourth, led by Mitchell with five points. Vernon scored three points, and Robinson and Abbi O'Bryan each had a pair. Narayan Williams scored three points for the Lady Tigers, Perry added a pair, and Geanes hit a free throw.



Above Left, War Eagle Kayden Melton goes strong to the basket. Melton led West Carroll with ten points. Above Right, Lady War Eagle Abbi O'Bryan pulls up for a jumper in the paint. Below Left, War Eagle Demarion Gilbert splits a pair of Middleton defenders for two points. Below Right, Lady War Eagle Taylor Robinson finds an open lane to the basket. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Lady Tiger Harmony Bell led all scorers with 29 points.

Hailey Mitchell led West Carroll with 14 points.

Tigers 66, War Eagles 24

Middleton led 19-11 after the first frame, led by Tamarus Smith with six points. Savion Hoyle scored four, and Clifton Davis hit a three-pointer. Jeremiah Woody, Jordan Woody and James Glass each had a pair. War Eagle Kayden Melton scored seven points. Chandler Rimmer and Isaiah Snyder each had a pair.

The Tigers had a 24-2 advantage in the second quarter, led by Jo. Woody with ten points. Je. Woody scored four points. Hoyle, Jadavion Bills, Kaleb Holmes, Kylan Anderson and Tyler Perry each had a pair. Melton added a pair for West Carroll. At the half, the Tigers

led 43-13.

Middleton had a 17-5 tilt in the third, led by Kenneth Williams with four points. Davis and DJ. Tate each hit a three-pointer. Jo. Woody, Glass and Chartavian Tate each had a pair. Hoyle hit a freebie. Rimmer and Demarion Gilbert each had a pair for West Carroll, and Skyler Wilhite hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, Middleton led 60-18.

The fourth was a 6-6 wash. Wilhite hit a three for the War Eagles. Gilbert added a pair, and Melton hit a freebie. Bills, Williams and Glass each added a pair for the Tigers.

Middleton's Jordan Woody led all scorers with 14 points. Savion Hoyle scored seven.

Kayden Melton led West Carroll with ten points.

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