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"A single twig breaks,
but the bundle of
twigs is strong."

— Tecumseh

Martin Luther King Remembered

McKENZIE (January 20) — Defying the cold weather, a small group of area citizens rallied and marched in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in celebration of his birthday. Starting at Webb High School in McKenzie, the group walked in 15 degree temperatures along Walnut, Main Street, Cedar Street, South Main, and back onto Walnut to end at Webb School.

Webb was an African-American school that closed in the 1960s following the signing of the Civil

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Marching in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It was a cold 15 degrees, but the determined group walked despite the brutal cold conditions.

DOWNTOWN McKENZIE COMING BACK TO LIFE



Congetta's brick-and-mortar restaurant at 41 Broadway in downtown McKenzie. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner

Congetta's Chi-talian Brings Downtown McKenzie a Taste of the Windy City

BY BRAD SAM

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A familiar name to those who frequent festivals and other outdoor events has taken root in downtown McKenzie.

Congetta's Chi-talian opened as a brick-and-mortar restaurant on November 19, 2024, evolving from a pushcart to a food truck before

settling into the Broadway location.

Owner Diana Haynes is a full-blooded Italian, born and raised in Chicago before moving to McKenzie with her family in 1991.

Haynes was a hairdresser for 20-plus years until salons were shuttered during the pandemic in 2020.

That's when she began selling Italian ice from a pushcart, setting up in various locations and at out-

door events throughout the area.

The operation first expanded in 2022, when she and partner Bluford "Blu" Cutno acquired a food truck and began offering Italian beef, Italian sausage and meatball sandwiches in addition to Italian ice and cannoli.

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Overflow Church Honored for 'Celebrate Recovery'

McKENZIE — Overflow Church was honored by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) and recognized as a Certified Recovery Congregation.

The people of Overflow Church believe this certification is important, because 'everyone deserves the chance at a fresh start' along with their emphasis of an 'opportunity to pursue their full potential through Jesus.'

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Overflow is a certified recovery congregation. (L to R): Josh Crawford, Tabitha French, Janet Shaw, Cindy Gaylord, Chris Smith, Robert Harrison, Tammy Haworth and Alex Gallien. Not Pictured: Tammie Parsley.

Postal Service Announces No Increase on First Class

Other Services Increase

WASHINGTON (January 2025) — The United States Postal Service (USPS) is not raising prices for First-Class Mail and other Market Dominant products in January 2025:

First-Class Mail

The price of a stamp to mail a 1-ounce single-piece letter will not increase.

Other Market Dominant Products

The USPS will not raise prices for these products until at least July 2025.

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HUNTINGDON

School Board Opposes Lee's Vouchers

BY BRAD SAM

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HUNTINGDON (January 15) — The Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education met Wednesday afternoon, and present members, along with Director of Schools Dr. Jonathan Kee, made plain their opposition to Governor Bill Lee's Education Freedom Scholarship Act.

The board members in attendance unanimously approved a resolution opposing the legislation. Absent for the vote were Shawna Smith and Kennedy White.

The governor has called a special legislative session later this month for a vote on the voucher initiative.

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TOWN OF TREZEVANT

Water Bill Concerns Expressed

TREZEVANT (January 14) — The Town of Trezevant sustained a major water line break in December, leaving some citizens without water for a short period of time and then requiring the water customers to run their water to clear the debris and air from the lines.

The extra water usage would create extra billing, so the city decided to seek advice on the best method to adjust the monthly billing for the anticipated overage, estimated as much as \$8,000 in totality for all customers.

Water Superintendent Erik Grimes and Mayor Bobby Blaylock were to

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Congetta's Chi-italian staff (L to R) Front Row: Owner Diana Haynes and partner Blu Cutno. Back Row: Manager Shawna Sweet, hostess Trinity Sigler and sandwich maker Braxton Sweet. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Congetta

...From Front Page

Congetta's was a mainstay at events in downtown Jackson, but made regular trips to McKenzie, especially for Nights on Broadway, the Sweet Tea Festival and the Fourth of July.

Haynes told The Banner the pushcart and the food truck "always did well coming to McKenzie, we've always been supported here."

The budding enterprise also began to offer catering services.

Haynes spoke about the addition of the popular Italian beef. "I was really afraid of it, because it's one thing when you're using your mom's recipe and nobody really knows what your mom's food tasted like, so they have nothing to compare it to. But the Italian beef is an iconic sandwich, so if you get it wrong, you have messed up the whole city."

The opening of the storefront allowed for further expansion of the menu. Pasta specials such as lasagna are offered daily, with bread and salads on the side.

But Haynes didn't stop there. After receiving requests for more side options, rather than offering something standard that wouldn't really fit the shop's theme, she created her Chicago Dog Potato

Salad as a Chi-italian take on a traditional side item.

Haynes and Cutno told The Banner the next step is expanding to a full kitchen. They hope to add a cannoli bar, bake fresh breads each day, make homemade fresh pasta and offer jarred sauces.

Settling into a building with a foundation is symbolic of Haynes' intention to become immersed in the McKenzie community.

Thanksgiving fell during Congetta's second week open, and the restaurant prepared and served a traditional Thanksgiving meal to anyone that wanted to come.

Haynes said of the generous undertaking, "Holidays are hard. Even if you have the means to make a holiday, sometimes they're just taxing on people. What sometimes is a season of joy for a lot of people is a season of sadness for others. I wanted to create a space for people going through any kind of hardship, whether loss of loved ones or sickness or financial restrictions. I wanted to have a meal and be a part of the community, welcome everybody. It was truly a beautiful experience."

Congetta's served over 50 people that day, including some unhoused individuals as well as many Bethel University international students. Cutno noted that for many, it was their first Thanksgiving experience.

Haynes explained that Congetta (Connie in English) was her grandmother's name. She emigrated through Ellis Island in 1919 and soon settled in Chicago.

Haynes recalled cooking with her grandmother since around age five, when she would use a stepstool to help stir the pots.

Cutno is a New Orleans native who relocated to West Tennessee after Hurricane Katrina, and he brings touches of Louisiana to the menu. The pair note that there's a ton of intersectionality between Chicago Italian and Louisiana cuisine.

From January up until Mardi Gras in March, Congetta's will offer specialty items such as king cakes and po' boys.

Besides Haynes and Cutno, the shop employs manager Shawna Sweet, hostess Trinity Sigler and sandwich maker Braxton Sweet.

Congetta's is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., offering dine-in, takeout, call-ins (731-393-0063) and delivery (in town, with a small fee). Catering and take-and-bake services are also available.

Haynes told The Banner, "It is such a privilege and honor to be able to serve my family's traditions and share my culture with the community and to be received so warmly. I'm so grateful."



Ashley Bell readies Cedar Street Studio for its opening in February.

Cedar Street Studio to Open in February

MCKENZIE — Ashley Bell is opening Cedar Street Studio on February 1 in downtown McKenzie. The women's boutique, located at 2375 Cedar, features clothing, jewelry, and accessories.

Ashley recently sold Urban Trading Company, located next door and facing Broadway. It is being converted into bookstore and

coffee shop. At Urban Trading, she sold clothing, gifts, held special interest classes, and served as a venue. At Cedar Street Studio, she is concentrating on women's clothing and accessories in what she describes as classy and boho.

The business hours will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The business has a dis-

tinctive mural that reads "This Must Be The Place." In previous years, it has been a beauty salon, real estate agency, and a lunch venue known as "The Lunchbox."

Ashley also is engaged in the family business, Bell Family Farms of Gleason. She said she will have in-season farm-fresh items to sell in the store.



Above, The Happy Book Stack McKenzie will open this spring on the corner of Cedar Street and Broadway. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner Below, David Jacobs, owner of The Happy Book Stack McKenzie, is eager to fill these shelves with thousands of books. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



The Happy Book Stack Coming This Spring

BY BRAD SAM
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Downtown McKenzie continues to see rejuvenation as another business prepares to open its doors this spring.

The Happy Book Stack McKenzie is a used bookstore and coffee shop expected to open in April on the corner of Cedar Street and Broadway.

Owner David Jacobs is a longtime online book seller who opened his first brick-and-mortar store, The Happy Book Stack, in Murfreesboro in 2022.

Looking to expand in a small town, he found the former Urban Trading property on the market and, having a few connections to the area, he visited. He said he loved the property and loved the town immediately.

Jacobs grew up in Shelbyville and now lives in Bell Buckle.

Aside from the 10,000-plus books that the shelves will hold and the coffee shop with soups, salads, sandwiches and pastries, the shop will feature a back room to be used for classes and activities. Jacobs hopes to involve church groups and homeschool families in utilizing that space, but the Happy Book Stack will also host some of its own events.

The store will soon be looking for employees, including management and part-time positions. Jacobs estimates up to 20 will be employed.

The owner told The Banner, "I like books. I got my degree in English, but I've always been pretty business-minded. My wife was into thrifting, so we started selling some things online. Then as I was sourcing things for that, I got into doing books. People think there's not money in books, and there's not unless you figure out how to scale it. Books are very unique item to build a store with, because they're all single, individual items. Many stores will have a hundred items, and you sell thousands of each a year. But you sell thousands of unique books over the course of a year, and you have to look at each one, evaluate each one, scan each one into the system. It's kind of a personal experience."

He also appreciates another unique aspect of running a bookstore. "I'm at the point now, having been in business, I could pick an industry to go into and be done with books. But the reason I'm sticking with this lane, books and coffee, is that there's not many stores that people go into that usu-

ally everyone's happy to be there. It brings something to the community that not many other stores can. You go into [other stores] because you have a problem or a need. Especially now that big chains have taken over most of industry, what stores do you go into that you're actually happy to walk into these days? Not many. Books are still that for a lot of people. Especially when it's a good value. We want to be a welcoming environment that meets the wants and needs of most people that walk in."

The company acquires thousands of books per week, allowing for frequent rotation of available books at the two locations and online. (After utilizing existing platforms for years, Happy Book Stack now has its own website, thehappybookstack.com.)

The company will expand further with a location in Utah this year.

Jacobs said, "I appreciate the community's support. I'm not a millionaire businessman parachuting into McKenzie. I'm doing this for the love of books, not the love of money. The book industry is hard, but it survives on the back of a community. I'm looking to help build that community here."

VFW Post 4939 Honors Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen Winners

MCKENZIE (January 16) — Winners of VFW Post 4939's annual Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen speech contests were honored at the post Thursday.

Madelyn Morris won first place in the Voice of Democracy contest. Second place was Brody Berryhill, and Tobey Brooks earned third.

Lauren Burleson won first place in the Patriot's Pen contest. Second place was Mary Ryan Morris, and Leighem Broyles earned third.

Pictured: Leighem Broyles, third place winner in the Patriot's Pen contest, was honored at the VFW post. Submitted photo



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Food Service Scores

Scores from Carroll County food service inspections conducted by the Carroll County Health Department for the week of January 1-16. (maximum score: 100; scores available online at inspections.myhealthdepartment.com/tennessee):

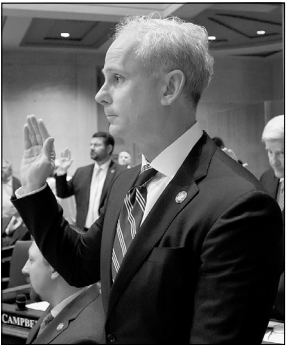
- McKenzie Donuts, 15950 Highland Dr., McKenzie — January 15. Score: 93 (follow-up inspection).
- Relax Inn, 15220 Highland Dr., McKenzie — January 14. Score: 83.
- Kiddie Kingdom Christian Academy Food, 747 West Magnolia Ave. — Score: 96.
- McDonald's #35652, 1153 Veterans Dr. N., Huntingdon — January 7. Score: 95 (follow-up inspection).
- Living Well Vegetarian Restaurant, 19760 E. Main St., Huntingdon — January 7. Score: 95 (follow-up inspection).
- Taco Bell, 210 Veterans Dr. N., Huntingdon — January 7. Score: 100 (follow-up inspection).
- Sunrise Sandwiches, 31993 Highway 70, Bruceton — January 2. Score: 100 (follow-up inspection).

Senator John Stevens Takes Oath of Office As 114th General Assembly Convenes

NASHVILLE (January 14) — State Senator John Stevens (R-Huntingdon) officially began his fourth term in the Tennessee Senate on Tuesday as he took the Oath of Office during the opening session of the 114th General Assembly.

The ceremony took place in the Senate Chamber in Nashville, where other newly-elected and reelected senators were also sworn in to their new terms.

“Thank you to the people of District 24 for giving me the opportunity to serve another term in the Tennessee Senate,” said Stevens. “It is a true privilege to pass legislation that benefits West



State Senator John Stevens takes the Oath of Office during the opening session of the 114th General Assembly.

Tennessee, and I do not take that responsibility lightly. I am eager to get back to work and continue making

a positive impact.”

Sen. Stevens was re-elected in November to serve another four-year term. First elected to the Tennessee State Senate in 2012, he represents Northwest Tennessee and was the first Republican to represent Obion and Weakley counties in the state senate. Beyond his legislative duties, Senator Stevens is a licensed attorney.

A longtime resident of West Tennessee, Senator Stevens lives in Huntingdon with his wife and two daughters.

Constituents can reach Sen. Stevens at (615) 741-4576 or by email at sen.john.stevens@capitol.tn.gov.

MLK

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Rights Act by President Lyndon Johnson. The students of that school integrated into the public schools throughout the area, mainly in Carroll County.

Dr. King led marches to bring attention to the disparities in civil rights. His most famous was the “I Have A Dream” speech in Washington, D.C. He was assassinated in Memphis while visiting their to support the sanitation workers. The Tennessee National Guard, includ-

ing soldiers from Carroll County, were sent to Memphis as peacekeepers following his assassination.

In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray, a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was convicted of the assassination, though the King family believes he was a scapegoat. After a 1999 wrongful death lawsuit ruling named unspecified “government agencies” among the co-conspirators,[4] a Department of Justice investigation found no ev-

idence of a conspiracy. The assassination remains the subject of conspiracy theories. King's death was followed by national mourning, as well as anger leading to riots in many U.S. cities. King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in cities and states throughout the United States beginning in 1971; the federal holiday was first observed in 1986. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011.

Postal

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However, the USPS is raising shipping prices for other services, including:

- USPS Ground Advantage: A 3.9% average increase.
- Priority Mail: A 3.2% average increase.
- Priority Mail Express: A 3.2% average increase.
- Parcel Select: A 9.2% average increase.

The price increases are part of the USPS's 10-year modernization plan, “Delivering for America”. The plan aims to make the USPS financially sustainable and capable of delivering mail and packages nationwide at least six days a week.

Voucher

...From Front Page

Board Chairman Dr. Lee Carter presented the resolution after consulting the Tennessee School Board Association. It reads, in part, “The [HSSD] Board of Education hereby expresses its opposition to the Governor's Education Freedom Scholarship Act as well as any other voucher or education savings account legislation due to the detrimental impacts these programs will have on our students, schools and community... [the board] urges the Tennessee General Assembly to consider the effects that vouchers or education savings accounts will have on local school districts and to instead seek out ways to support and strengthen public schools throughout the state.”

Dr. Carter pointed out that providing a public education is a constitutional mandate of the state.

Dr. Kee presented members with a “toolkit” titled “School Choice in Tennessee: The Risk of Expanding Vouchers,” which includes information and communication strategies.

He spoke candidly about his concerns. “I'm adamant that public dollars should stay with public schools, because it will affect our revenue. As expenses continue to go up, if a kid were to leave here and go to a private school, that affects our budget. And they can

say it doesn't affect that first year, but, long term, there's no guarantee. It's going to affect our funding. And that means cutting positions, that means cutting programs for kids. That's going to affect public school students. Also, accountability is not the same for public schools and private schools. If third grade retention is so needed for kids, and it's best for kids, then I think it needs to be applied in any school, private or public, especially if they are receiving public dollars. So, again, I'm adamantly against it.”

Kee noted specifically that “typically 65-90 percent of vouchers that are out there go to support kids that are already in [private] schools. They're getting a scholarship to reduce that tuition. Again, that affects public schools. I'm all about trying to add programs and add experiences and add staff for our kids and not reduce them, and I feel like this [legislation] will do that long term for us.”

The board discussed and took action on several other issues.

Dr. Kee's contract was extended by 12 months to the maximum 30 months.

The district calendar for 2026-27 was approved. There are no significant changes compared to 2025-26, and the calendar aligns with the one already approved by the county school board.

Three board policy updates were approved.

The first pertains to voluntary retention in grades

K-2. The policy requires a documented academic or behavioral delay. The update now requires the parent or guardian to submit such a request in writing within 30 days of the end of the school year. The school must respond in writing confirming the student's eligibility for retention.

The second policy update lowers Huntingdon's stated requirement of 28 credits to graduate to the state minimum requirement of 22 credits. Dr. Kee noted, “We have never denied any student from graduating as long as they had the 22.” The update is at the recommendation of the TSBA to limit confusion.

The third update reflects Tennessee's acceptance into the FBI's rap back program which precludes the need for a new background check for school district employees, contractors and volunteers every five years. Under the program, once an individual has completed an initial background check, they will never need another. The FBI continuously monitors individuals enrolled and reports any new findings to the district immediately.

Board members were presented gifts from the schools in honor of School Board Appreciation Week, which falls on January 26-February 1.

The meeting adjourned after 25 minutes.

The next meeting of the Huntingdon school board is Wednesday, February 19 at 5 p.m.



Top, First Place — Victoria Ard, Beverly Mueller, Debby Simon, Dan Simon, and Bill and Geneva Johnson. Above, Second Place — Ruth Carroll, Ashley Carroll, Paul Carroll, Rob Harris, and Allison Cummings. Below, Third Place — Karen Ibarra, Manuel Ibarra, Angie Menne, Tony Menne and Diana Perdue.



Carroll Arts Trivia Bowl A Success

MCKENZIE (January 18) — Carroll Arts held its 14th annual Trivia Bowl on Saturday at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. Twelve teams competed for first, second and third place prizes. Emcee Brad Sam asked the competitors a series of 10 multiple-choice questions and 21 fill-in-the-blank questions. Judges Ricky Price and Jason R. Martin reviewed and tallied each team's answer sheets. Each multiple-choice question was worth 4 points. Joel Washburn provided sound for the event. Music for the evening was themes from TV shows and movies with a mixture of oldies during the intermission. Carroll Arts members served snacks and delivered team answers to the judges' table.

Teams competing represented the McKenzie Senior Center, Carroll County Democratic Women, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inglebrook Book Club,

Tennessee River Artist Blacksmith Association, Wingo Baptist Church, and others.

Inglebrook Book Club won first place with 52 points, the Know Nothings of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church won second place with 48 points and the Oldies but Goodies of McKenzie Senior Center won third place with 45 points.

Guests enjoyed a variety of snacks and drinks during the event. Drinks were generously donated by Pepsi Mid-America.

Carroll Arts, Inc. extends a warm thank you to all who

participated in this event and encourages you to return next year for a fresh set of questions and a chance to unseat the reigning champs.

Carroll Arts is grateful to the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the use of its facility, Pepsi Mid-America for donating drinks, McKenzie Senior Center for the design of the handbill, Ricky Price, Jason R. Martin, Joel Washburn and The McKenzie Banner.

Proceeds from this event will go to fund Carroll Arts' upcoming events of the Carroll County High School Celebration of the Arts Exhibit at The Dixie on April 12 and the Creativity Camp held in July for elementary and middle school children.

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Water

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meet with a utility consultant, Mark Kelly, to determine the course of action to grant customers relief from this one-time higher billing. Eddie Granger brought the matter of high bills to the attention of the Council.

Grimes said the water main break occurred on December 3 behind the

school and emptied the elevated tank.

The Board also discussed an ongoing issue with Steve Traywick concerning a ditch on his property. Traywick said the city is at fault because the water backs up and runs under his house. The city indicated it's not the municipality's fault.

City Attorney Charles Trotter said the city does not owe Traywick anything, even though Traywick has indicated he will seek legal counsel to represent his position. Trotter said the city

should end any discussion with Mr. Traywick.

Mary Jo Hall said she will soon remodel the restrooms and breakroom at City Hall. The restrooms and breakroom will have new sinks and the restrooms will have new flooring.

The Board voted to transfer \$1,100 from the Local Government Investment Pool to the city's Solid Waste Fund.

The Board also approved the second reading on the city's new Drug Policy for employees.

Overflow

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In a press released issued by the church, it said Overflow is passionate about people in all walks of life and offers programs and support groups, such as: Chemical Dependent, Celebrate Recovery, A.A., Mixed Issues (co-ed), grief share, and others.

TDMHSAS developed its

faith-based initiatives to engage, equip, and empower individuals and communities of faith to have a positive impact on the needs of their communities in regards to addiction, behavioral health, and recovery.

The State developed the service to provide the opportunity to leverage this critical, untapped network of caring individuals and faith communities to help address unmet behavioral health needs in the state.

Chris Smith is the faith-based coordinator for northwest Tennessee, who recognizes those congregations through training and other partnerships.

Overflow welcomes everyone to attend worship services each Sunday at 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. plus an online-only service at 5 p.m.

Overflow is honored to partner with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Guest Editorial

Education Freedom Act is Misnamed, Bad For Public Schools

BY DR. LEE CARTER, MD
*Chairman, Huntingdon SSD
Vice President, Tennessee School Board Association*

Governor Bill Lee has called for a special session of the legislature to convene on January 27, 2025, to specifically deal with three issues. I encourage everyone to access the bill on TN.gov website and read it for yourself, looking at what it does say and what it does not say. First, if enacted, there will be a significant impact on how our state tax dollars are spent. Follow along with me on this logic. If a student attends their local public school, it will cost approximately \$9500 to fund that education next year. If no voucher is involved, there is no increase in expenditure of your tax dollars. If a student has attended public school this year and next year utilizes a voucher to partially pay for tuition at a private school, your tax dollars will cover the \$9500 of the public school and the \$7000 paid to the private school for a total of \$16,500. And oh, the student who has been attending a private school all their life with a \$0 cost of your tax dollars who utilizes a voucher will now cost you in tax dollars \$7000. Multiply the two scenarios that increase the expenditure of your tax dollars by the initial offering to 20,000 students and ask yourself is that truly showing fiduciary responsibility. Yes, those are rounded numbers based upon calculations from estimations and actual numbers from 2023 through 2025, but they are “close enough for government work.” The difference between the state’s TISA base amount of \$7000 everyone is talking about and the listed \$9500 is the state average local maintenance of effort which comes from the local funding bodies, whether Special, City or County. The bill in its current form does not directly address local funding for the moment. The cost involved with this bill is a yearly recurrent expenditure until graduation of each student, not a one-time cost. Second, “carrots” have been added to the bill to sell it to a reluctant public. The first carrot is the “hold-harmless” component that is supposed to keep public schools from funding losses due to disenrollment of students who take “advantage” of the vouchers. How long do you suppose the state can afford to continue this provision spending the amounts of tax dollars listed in the first paragraph? Since the Governor is also proposing cuts in the business and corporate tax structure,

and spending money in support of our fellow Tennesseans who lost all from the devastation of Hurricane Helene, as well as all the other costs of running the state, how long can we afford the “double dipping” in education for both public and private? The second carrot is the offer of a one-time teacher bonus of \$2000. That is wonderful, but why does it have to be tied to the success or failure of the EFA 2025 bill, other than as an enticement to garner support only to further the “see what we did for you” mentality? And again, regarding the cost of this endeavor, multiply \$2000 by the number of teachers across the state. HSSD has 127 certified teachers alone, so do the math. The final carrot is the utilization of “sports wagering tax revenue.” Currently this revenue is going toward paying college scholarships. Yes, that means college scholarship money is decreased unless it is replaced by another source of your tax dollars. The offer is reported to be 80% of this revenue to be redirected to fund school building and maintenance projects statewide, especially for emergencies and rural districts designated as at-risk or distressed. Sounds great, however the available amount is expected to be about \$77 million annually. Spread that across 141 school districts equitably, and you realize that it won’t go very far at all with the current cost of construction. It also does not begin to address the state’s estimated backlog of school facility needs which is currently at \$9.8 billion. But it makes for a great sound bite. Third, the idea that the proposal will help the economically disadvantaged and those with some form of disability just does not ring true. It is estimated that 19 private institutions exist across the state that will accept the voucher rate as full payment for education. The average cost of tuition at Tennessee private institutions is \$11,000. That means the parent or someone else will need to provide an additional \$4000, in addition to your tax dollars, to cover the full cost of tuition each year. Public schools are mandated to provide transportation, private schools are not. Who will cover this cost, particularly if we are focused on the economically disadvantaged? Of the 20,000 vouchers proposed for next year, 10,000 will be financial based, and the good news is the bill defines economically disadvantaged to be income under \$175K for a family of 4. How many families in Carroll County can qualify for this? The remain-

ing 10,000 vouchers will be first come, first serve. Furthermore, if a private school accepts a student from a disability category, the school will have to meet the federal mandates of the ADA and/or IDEA. Sounds wonderful in principle but will be difficult to meet. Sadly, there are even more nuances regarding this aspect. I recommend speaking with one of our SPED (special education) educators or with one of our local speech and occupational therapists as they engage with this aspect daily in their occupations. They comprehend so much more than our state legislature on this aspect. My personal belief is that it simply won’t happen. Use your common sense. Where is all the money to pay for glossy mailings, social media postings and other support materials favoring this proposal coming from? Who are all these PACs funneling money into the state of Tennessee to lobby in favor of this proposal continually? Do they love our students in Tennessee and Carroll County more than I and other school board members across our county who live with you as neighbors? And why will these shadow groups spend millions of dollars to support candidates only supportive of the voucher system? Why would any legislator seek the disruption of public education in Tennessee, a constitutionally mandated free public education? The “I don’t trust what public school teachers are teaching” mantra carries no weight in Carroll County. These teachers are our friends, our neighbors, our families and our fellow church members. We know better! I’m proud of every staff member of the Huntingdon Special School District. I know every other school board member across our communities feels the same about their District. And that’s just for Carroll County; every Special, City and County Board of Education across the state feels the same. Lest you forget, the curriculum is set forth for us by the state legislature and the state department of education. If you don’t trust what’s being taught, go to the source. That is another rant for another time. In closing, I, as well as my colleagues across the state who serve as local school board members, have ideas and desires to address educational discrepancies, parental engagement, interventions into the social determinants of education, teacher workflow, and most importantly student advancement. However, it seems we spend so much of our time just trying to figure out how to keep our district in compliance with the latest state mandate, usually unfunded. We don’t have a deep pocket PAC to respond to the for-profit voucher crowd. So, we depend on the good sense of the public to once again stand up for our free public schools.

Biden’s Posthumous Civil Rights Pardon

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At the end of every presidency, it’s common for the outgoing President of the United States to grant a few interesting and often controversial pardons. While this isn’t a political commentary, it’s certainly a point of interest. Yesterday, while waiting in the doctor’s office for my son to be seen, I came across President Biden’s list of pardons. One name immediately caught my attention: Marcus Garvey. At first, I could only recall that Garvey was somehow tied to the early Civil Rights Movement. A quick dive into some online research, however, uncovered a fascinating story—one worth sharing. Marcus Mosiah Garvey, born on August 17, 1887, in St. Ann’s Bay, Jamaica, emerged as one of the most influential figures in Black history. A visionary leader, orator, and activist, Garvey dedicated his life to uplifting Black people around the world. His enduring legacy lies in his efforts to promote pride, unity, and self-reliance within the African diaspora, igniting a global movement for freedom and identity. Garvey’s formal education ended at age 14, when he left school to work as a printer’s apprentice. His early exposure to labor organizing and racial inequality profoundly shaped his worldview. In 1912, Garvey moved to London, where he attended Birkbeck College and worked for a Pan-Africanist publication. There, he encountered the writings of Booker T. Washington, whose philosophy of Black self-reliance deeply influenced him. When Garvey returned to Jamaica in 1914, he founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) under the motto, “One God! One Aim! One Destiny!” The UNIA sought to unite people of African descent globally, promote economic independence, and foster cultural pride. Garvey championed the establishment of Black-owned businesses and self-reliant communities. In 1916, Garvey moved to Harlem, New York, where the UNIA flourished. By 1920, it boasted over four million members worldwide, making it the largest Black mass movement in history at the time. A central pillar of Garvey’s vision was the Black Star Line, a shipping company created to facilitate trade among Black communities worldwide and to support the repatriation of African descendants to Africa. Though it symbolized hope and empowerment, the Black Star Line was plagued by mismanagement and financial challenges. Garvey’s philosophy—later called “Garveyism”—blended

economic empowerment, cultural pride, and political advocacy. His slogan, “Africa for Africans,” envisioned a future where Black people reclaimed their ancestral homeland. While his message resonated with millions, it also drew opposition from some prominent Black leaders, such as W.E.B. Du Bois, who criticized his separatist ideology. Garvey’s influence also alarmed the U.S. government. In 1919, the Bureau of Investigation (the precursor to the FBI) began closely monitoring him. J. Edgar Hoover, then a young Justice Department official, labeled Garvey a “notorious Negro agitator” and authorized a campaign of extensive surveillance. The FBI even planted informants, including Black agents, within the UNIA to gather intelligence and disrupt its operations. In 1923, Garvey was convicted of mail fraud related to the Black Star Line—a charge many historians believe was exaggerated and politically motivated. Garvey himself argued his trial and conviction were racially and politically charged, famously stating, “I was not given a fair trial; my sentence was political, and the whole prosecution was merely an experiment to test the attitude of the American people toward the Negro.” After serving two years of a five-year sentence in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, President Calvin Coolidge commuted Garvey’s sentence in 1927. However, Garvey was deported to Jamaica, effectively ending his leadership of the UNIA in the United States. Despite his deportation, Garvey continued advocating for Black unity and independence. In 1935, he moved to London, where he spent his final years. He passed away on June 10, 1940, at the age of 52. Garvey’s teachings inspired the Rastafarian movement, which emerged in Jamaica during the 1930s, and his work set the stage for later civil rights leaders and movements. In 1964, the Jamaican government declared him a national hero. His ideals of self-reliance, unity, and justice continue to inspire generations worldwide. On January 19, 2025, President Joe Biden posthumously pardoned Marcus Garvey. This decision followed calls from 21 Democratic members of Congress, who urged the President to recognize Garvey’s 1923 mail fraud conviction as politically motivated. In his statement, President Biden highlighted that America is “a country built on the promise of second chances,” emphasizing the importance of using clemency power to uphold that promise.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES It Was Our Cultural Learning Center

The tables were 1950’s metal. The seats were red and white vinyl. We preferred one of the booths in the far back corner. The music bounced between country and rock ‘n’ roll. The milkshakes, cheeseburgers, and fries were delicious. But they were mostly window dressing.... We came to Frank’s Dairy Bar to hang out. To see. And to be seen! We started coming before we were old enough to drive. You’d catch a ride with an older brother, or a friend, or as a last resort, a parent could drop you off—if they would do it quickly and not linger to see you safely through the front glass door. Sometimes none of us had the money for a full meal. We’d buy a chocolate shake and nurse it for all it was worth. The talk in the ear-

ly days was about school, teachers we liked, and didn’t like, what movie was playing at the Park Theatre, how our parents didn’t understand us, and what it would be like to have a driver’s license. We did not discuss the car we would get when we turned sixteen. Ever! It just wasn’t a possibility. Most folks just barely had one “family” vehicle. We’d had a better chance of landing a man on the moon before me and Buddy, Ricky or Yogi got a car of our own! And surprisingly enough, in those early days, we didn’t talk about girls. I was beginning to notice them, for sure. But I was way too embarrassed to bring up the subject. So, we talked about school and which student had the skinniest legs, the most lopsided grin, or the meanest scowl.

And we’d sneak a peek at the older kids dropping nickels in the jukebox and marvel at how grown up and adjusted they looked. “Cool” was the word we used long before Fonzie came along. That booth became a comfortable place. We shared our early dreams there, which mostly consisted of passing English, surviving football practice, and raising enough money to buy a pair of Levi jeans. Our future was mostly the “here and now.” We’d pool our money for another shake, tell “knock-knock” jokes, make fun of Pamela’s butterfly hair clasp, and wonder if Memphis really had buildings taller than trees. We were enjoying each other’s company long before we realized we were enjoying each other’s company. Our junior high days melt-

ed seamlessly into our freshman and sophomore years. Now, that Statler Brothers’ song about how “Life gets complicated when you get past sixteen” hadn’t been invented yet, but we began to feel the effects of it. And we realized all those “cool” older guys that so impressed us when we first started “coming out to Frank’s” might have been paddling a little harder under the surface than we ever imagined. Girls took the place of “knock-knock” jokes and how our parents didn’t understand us. We had known every girl in town all of our lives. I didn’t understand this “new” awkward stage. They had been sitting “off and on” with us in this same booth for years, but somehow it was a little different now. But it didn’t seem to bother the girls.... They would laugh, share their French fries, make fun

of themselves, be brutally honest with you and, if the situation demanded, they could get dead-level serious about the ups and downs of teenage life. It wasn’t about dating or finding the perfect girlfriend. It was realizing how “regular” they were. And how much fun they could be. And they, like Yogi, Ricky, Buddy, and the rest, were going to be lifelong friends, regardless of who ended up dating whom. ‘Course, we didn’t do much philosophizing from that back booth. Suzie would regale everybody with how I threw up on Miss Belle right in the middle of the Blue Bird reading class. (I sure got tired of that story!) Charlotte would recount in great detail my flying dismount off her half-wild horse during a barrel race. (I still have the scar above my right eye.) We talked of Miss Katie’s kindergarten class; we laughed about doing all

those atomic bomb drills in elementary school; we commiserated with whichever one of us had recently lost a “girlfriend” or “boyfriend;” and we sat even closer together as our senior year moved into February.... We vowed to always remain close. Graduation came and we scattered in a dozen different directions. Some I’ve seen at various class reunions. Some I haven’t seen since we shared our last milkshake in those vinyl seats. A few still stay in touch. Some have gone on to glory. But I can double-dog guarantee you, not a day goes by in my little world that I don’t think, see, hear, and remember each of those special friends sitting around that table. Frank’s Dairy Bar had that kind of lasting effect.... **Respectfully, Kes**



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Obituaries



DARLENE PASCHALL
1934 – 2025

GREENWOOD, Miss. — Darlene Alice (Nance) Paschall, 90, died at her home in Greenwood, Miss., on Thursday, January 16, 2025. She was born on March 15, 1934, in Cottage Grove, Tenn., to the late Ernest Nance and Jewell (Hart) Nance.

She married the late Carves Paschall on July 4, 1953. They were married for 62 years. Together they owned and operated a Jersey dairy farm for over 40 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her twin brother, Eugene Nance.

She is survived by one daughter, Alene Walker of Otisco, Ind., one son, Kenneth Paschall (John) of Greenwood, Miss., one grandson, Brad Walker (Starla) of Otisco, Ind., and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation for family and friends was Sunday, January 19 from 1-2 p.m. at McEvoy Funeral Home in Paris. Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. at Walker Cemetery in Cottage Grove. Pallbearers were Brad Walker, Jim McCampbell, Ricky Nance, Kevin Travis, Hank Pantin and Everett Hart. Honorary pallbearers were Haddon Walker and Pax Walker. +

CHARLOTTE
MARTIN JONES
1934 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Charlotte Anne Martin Jones were at the First Presbyterian Church USA in McKenzie, on January 20, 2025, at 1 p.m. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Jones, 90, a long-retired factory worker, died at The Waters in McKenzie on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

She was a graduate of Henry High School in Henry, and was an active member of First Presbyterian Church USA for more than 80 years. She served her church and was a proud Eula Thorne Missionary Society member.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Max Ray Jones; her parents, William Jesse Martin and Charlotte McNeil Martin Barham; stepfather, Clarence D. Barham; brother, Paul Martin; and sister, Elizabeth Goolsby Martin Holmes.

She is survived by one son, Charles Jones (Leslie), a daughter, Elizabeth Jones Lott (David), all of McKenzie, two grandchildren, Holly Lott Ward (Travis) and Benjamin David Lott (Morgan), four “punkins” (great-grandchildren), Andy and Charlie Ward and Sonny and Lennie Lott, and one brother, Clarence Barham, Jr. of Huntingdon

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DALE SEXTON
1939 – 2025

GREENFIELD — Funeral services for Dale Sexton were Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Meridian Cemetery, Greenfield.

Mr. Sexton, 85, died Monday, January 13, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County. He was

born in McKenzie on February 22, 1939, to Robert Warren Sexton and Myrtle Allen Key. He was the co-owner of GSC Sign and Awning Business.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Williams Sexton, two sons, Steve Sexton and Mike (Karen) Sexton, all of Greenfield, a sister, Alice Lindsley of McKenzie, three grandchildren, Katie (Mathew) Thompson Matthew (Brittany) Sexton, Tyler (Hannah) Sexton, six great-grandchildren Jase, Maddox, Tucker, Ellie, and twins on the way, Charlie and Marley and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, James Sexton and Billy J. Sexton, and two sisters, Betty Joyce Delaney and Mary Margaret Adams.

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PATRICIA RAINEY
1934 – 2025

ENVILLE, formerly McKenzie — Funeral services for Janet Patricia (Pat) Rainey were Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rainey, 90, died Thursday, January 9, 2025, at her residence in Chester County. She retired from EW James & Sons, McKenize Deli and Bakery Dept. She is a member of Pinson Church of Christ. She was born in Detroit, Mich., on July 16, 1934, to Joseph Beecham and Annie Patrick Beecham.

She is survived by her daughter, June (Mike) Bridges of Enville; a step-daughter, Marcia (Jerry) Baucum; step-son, Jeff Rainey, all of McKenzie; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren;

15 step-great-grandchildren, and several step-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dorris Rainey, a daughter, Doris Jeanette Moore, two step-daughters, Susan Drey and Linda McMackin, and one step-granddaughter.

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MARY JO GARRISON
1940 – 2025

Mrs. Mary Jo Garrison, 84 of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

Memorial services will be held at the First Pentecostal Church in Huntingdon at a later date.

Mrs. Mary Jo Garrison was born on March 3, 1940, in Nashville, to the late Paul Irie Etheridge and Mildred Alene (Matthews) Etheridge. She was the proud owner of an original Nashville Lower Broad Honky Tonk Bar, The Music City Lounge. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Scott, Farmer.

She is survived by two daughters, Tammy Collins (Jim) of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Lori Leheuw of Hollow Rock, she also leaves behind seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and her faithful furry companion Lera.

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CARROLL ARTS TO HOLD VALENTINE'S EVENT

Carroll Arts, Inc. will host a valentine's-themed dinner on Saturday, February 15 at 6 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. The event will feature live musical entertainment with a delicious meal. The meal, provided by Marlene Kreuter, is pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and desserts with tea, lemonade, water and coffee to drink. All are welcome to attend, you do not have to have a date to come and have a good time. Tickets are \$15 per plate. Tickets must be purchased by February 12. Tickets sold by Brittany Martin at The McKenzie Banner, Eric Teas at the McKenzie VFW or Carol Arm Priest at the McKenzie Senior Center. Call 731-352-3323 for more information.

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.

BAPTIST CARROLL COUNTY TO HOST PREVENTATIVE HEALTH LUNCHEON

Friday, February 21, noon to 1 p.m. — When it comes to your heart health there are many things you can do

to minimize your chances of developing cardiovascular disease.

Our free, one hour lunch event, led by Baptist Carroll County's Cindy Cole, RN and certified diabetes educator, and Amber Bradley, RN, will help you learn how to improve your heart health by being proactive in your care.

- We'll cover:
- Understanding your risk factors (family history, cholesterol, blood pressure).
 - The importance of routine heart screenings and what tests to consider.
 - How to recognize early warning signs of a heart attack or stroke.
 - Heart-healthy lifestyle tips, including diet, exercise and stress management.
 - New medical advancements.
- To reserve your spot, please call 731-986-4461 or email sarah.pitcher@bm-hcc.org. Baptist Memorial Hospital, Carroll County.

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.

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.

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CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

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

Dog Vouchers

Dog vouchers are available for \$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 DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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



7 CAN SOUP

- 1 1/2 pound ground chuck
- 1 small chopped onion
- 2 cans ranch style beans
- 2 cans veg-all (do not drain)
- 2 cans minestrone soup
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes (mild)
- Brown ground beef and onion; drain. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

CORN CHOWDER

- 6 slices bacon
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 celery stalks
- 1 can chicken or beef broth
- 1 cups cubed potatoes
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 12 oz. can evaporated milk
- Cook bacon and set aside. In pan with bacon grease, cook onion and cel-

ery until tender. Add broth and potatoes and cook for 15 minutes until potatoes are tender; then add whole kernel corn, creamed corn and evaporated milk. Cook for 15-20 minutes until hot. Serve in bowl sprinkled with crumbled bacon.

CALIFORNIA DIP

- 1 envelope dry onion mix
- 1-pint sour cream
- Mix ingredients together. Chill. Serve with chips.

CHEESY VEGETABLE BAKE

- 4 eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 bag frozen mixed vegetables
- Mix until smooth the eggs, milk, flour, oregano and salt. Pour batter into 2 greased and floured pie plates. Sprinkle half the vegetables into each pie plate and push under the batter. Sprinkle half the cheese into each pie plate and push into batter. Bake

at 423 degrees for 30 minutes. They are done when a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

SCRUMPTIOUS HOT CHOCOLATE

- 1/2 cup instant coffee
- 1/2 cup hot chocolate mix
- 3 cups water
- 1/2 gallon chocolate ice cream
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream
- Large Cool Whip
- Bring instant coffee, hot chocolate mix and water to a boil. Add ice cream and cool whip.

REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER BARS

- 1 package crushed graham crackers
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- Mix together. Mix 1/2 pound butter with crumbs and sugar. Add 2 cups peanut butter; blend together. Press into cookie sheet and up sides. Melt 1 package of chocolate chips with 1/3 cup milk, stirring constantly. Spread on graham cracker mixture. Chill. Cut into squares.

County Chamber Hosts Capitol Talk

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is again hosting its annual Capitol Talk series with the three state legislators, who represent Carroll County. It is a one-hour event with the first 30 minutes with information provided

by the legislator and the final 30 minutes remaining for questions and answers. The events are 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. Representative Brock Martin is scheduled for Friday, February 14.

Representative Tandy Darby is scheduled for Friday, March 14. Senator John Stevens is scheduled Friday, April 11. For more information, contact the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 731-986-4664.

Carroll County Circuit Court Indictments

HUNTINGDON (January 6) — The Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court returned the following indictments during the January 6 meeting of the Grand Jury.

Brenna D. Clark, Aggravated Child Endangerment. Clark was charged by knowingly placing a child in eminent danger while in the presence of methamphetamine.

Melvin Lee Donnell, Sale of Methamphetamine. The indictment indicates Donnell did knowingly sell a controlled substance on April 29, 2024.

Sara Ernestine Durrance, Aggravated Child Neglect or Endangerment. The indictment indicates Durrance, on June 2, 2024, left a child, aged 8 or under, in the care of a person whom she knew had abused children in the past.

Ayanna Vitray Hicks, Forgery, Attempt to Commit Especially Aggravated Kidnapping. The indictment indicates Hicks attempted to defraud Huntingdon Pri-

mary School by forging the name of another person on the visitor log. She is also charged with attempting to take custody of her children from a facility, where they were staying, while those children were in the custody and care of the Department of Children's Services.

James Latron Horton, Sale of Meth. The indictment indicates Horton sold 26 grams of crystal-like substances containing meth on April 16 and May 21, 2024.

Justin Turner Hunley, Violation of Order of Protection. The indictment indicates Hunley text a subject, who had an order of protection against him.

Vannessa June, Aggravated Assault, Domestic Assault. The indictment indicates that on November 12, June struck a family member and caused serious bodily injury.

Michael G. Moore, Aggravated Burglary. The indictment indicates Moore entered a Bruceton residence with the intent to commit theft, assault and was charged with Aggravated Burglary.

Gina Marie Pierce, Possession of Meth, Possession of a Firearm During Commission of Felony. The indictment indicates Pierce, on April 8, 2024, did sell methamphetamine, possessed Alprazolam - a controlled substance, marijuana, had drug paraphernalia in her possession, and had a firearm during the commission of a felony.

David Ray Pruitt, Rape, Solicitation of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. According to the indictment, Pruitt had sex with a minor between the ages of 13 and 18, and coerced the minor through oral and electronic communication between a time period of September 1, 2023 and September 5, 2024.

Charles Joseph Rowden, Possession of Meth with Intent to Deliver, Drug Paraphernalia. The indictment indicates Rowden had .5 grams or more of meth on October 21, 2024 with the intent to deliver and also had possession of drug paraphernalia.

the West Carroll 3-2-1 Update

3-Exciting Highlights & Developments

- Innovative Learning Lab: West Carroll High School has successfully implemented a new Innovative Schools Model grant, transforming our library into a dual-purpose space for both traditional library services and college and career readiness resources.
- Celebrating Reading Milestone: Twenty five West Carroll Elementary students were recognized for reading 60 books or earning 60 Accelerated Reader points. Keeping with the theme "Reading is an Adventure", students were treated to a special "Polar Express" themed lunch and event in the library.
- Community Involvement: Parents, teachers, and students worked to construct a new batting cage pavilion near the baseball and softball fields, enhancing practice opportunities for our student-athletes.

2-Principal Quotes

"The annual West Carroll Primary 2nd Grade Christmas Musical was held in December. Mr. Wheeler always does a great job with the students every year." - Mrs. Jackie Wester, West Carroll Primary School Principal

"Our goal for the new year, as always, is to make the most of every single instructional day." - Dr. Jessica Williams, West Carroll Elementary School Principal

1-Community Challenge

This month's challenge is to visit our website, WCSSD.org. Answer three questions about our site for a chance to win a \$10 Sonic gift card. Details at www.wcssd.org/321

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students and community!

Preston Caldwell
wcssd.com/321



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McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — Ariel S. Mercer, 22, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on Suspended License and Violation of the Light Law on January 15.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Mercer's vehicle for not activating headlights at night. A traffic stop revealed the suspended status. She was cited into General Sessions Court.

Theft — Jane Merrell reported her son's motorcycle was stolen on January

16. It is a Trailmaster dirt bike, 2022 model, 125cc. It is valued at \$3,000 and was taken from Everett Street.

Officer Steven Scott took the report.

Theft — Wendy Calderon, 50, Highway 124, McKenzie, was charged with Theft of Merchandise on January 18.

Officer Tanner Jackson filed the report indicating Calderon took two alcoholic beverages from Dollar General and left the store without paying.

Officers stopped the vehicle in which she was a passenger and witnessed the cans of beverages, one of which was opened. Calderon was cited into the Carroll County Jail. The store banned her from again visiting the store.

Aggravated Assault — A 12-year-old male was charged with Aggravated Assault after he physically assaulted a fellow student at McKenzie Middle School.

Officer Colton Broyles filed the report.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (January 15) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on January 15, 2025.

One defendant was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court.

James D. Avery, Nashville, was bound over on charges of Evading Arrest, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Speeding, Driving While Revoked, Schedule I Drugs Possession.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Talya Brown, Rhodes Avenue, Memphis, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, time served, probation, forfeit weapon.

Clifford Lamar Clark, Jr, Eads, Tenn., guilty, Theft, time served, no contact with Walmart.

Jennifer Danaher, Ferrell Lane, Buena Vista, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, DUI School, alcohol and drug evaluation, 48 hours jail, not to drive for one year.

Jaclyn Dodd, Oaklawn Drive, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation.

Todd Dunn, Jones Mill Crossland Dr., Puryear, pre-trial diversion, Shoplifting, community service, repay \$47.44, no contact with store.

Kimberly Gazaway, Park Street, McKenzie, Domestic Assault, time served, probation, no violent contact with victim.

Brandon Hillsman, Clay Street, Trezevant, guilty, Failure to Carry Driver's License, probation; dismissed, Speeding.

Nicole Powers, Bruceton Drive, Clarksville, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, DUI School, not to drive for one year, jail 48 hours; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Donald R. Shell, Pillowville-Gleason Road, Gleason, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$100 fine, must obtain a valid license.

Brittany Marie Ward, Highway 190, McKenzie, Probation Violation, 18 days jail, extended probation.

Eddie Raymond Ward,

guilty, Probation Violation, 30 days jail, probation extended.

Jonathan York, Memphis, guilty, Simple Possession, forfeit firearm to MPD; dismissed, Unlawful Possession of Firearm; dismiss, Display of Registration Plates.

The following cases were dismissed:

Diego Calderon, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Mia Jackson, French Street, Casa Granda Arizona, dismissed, Obstruct Highway.

Hunter Lucas Manhart, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Speeding.

Somath Pon, Lexington Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Financial Responsibility.

Wolf Eric Schexnider, Main Street, Atwood, dismissed, Schedule II Drugs; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Property Transfers

Bradley Arnold to Christopher and Terri Crider in District 21.

Nicole and Juan Marcos Gutierrez to First Community Mortgage, Inc. No district listed.

Camille and Carl Musenden to Shoaf Investment Partnership in District 19.

Matthew Thomas Ramsey to Benjamin M. and Ellen Anne W. Wilkinson in

District 13.

Virgina R. Depriest to Phillip Dwayne and Tia Lynn Depriest in District 11.

Virginia R. Depriest to Virginia R. Depriest in District 11.

Jimmy R. Rainey to Belina Joan Rainey in District 4.

Ruth Ann Martin to Stephen Phillips in District 20.

James M. and Valerie J. Florine to Marty Ensley.

James M. and Valerie J. Florine to 50 Voss Lane, LLC.

James Timothy Daniel to Rolando S. Banasco.

David Allen Milligan to Jessica S. Milligan in District 22.

Christina L. Herriott to James Ramiriz.

W. Kent Jones to Richard Kent Jones in District 3.

W. Kent Jones to Richard Kent Jones in District 4.

Sheriff's Reports

Fleeing From Police — According to a report made on 01-09-25 by Deputy Chance Townes, he initiated a traffic stop on a truck for having a taillight out. The driver, Derrick Warbritton, 40, of Huntingdon, drove to his residence and got out of the vehicle. Deputy Chance advised Derrick what he pulled him over for, and Derrick stated that he would not come to the deputy's vehicle for a warning ticket and that he didn't have a taillight out. Derrick also was digging into his jacket pocket, and Deputy Townes asked him to stop and he said no and proceeded to walk away and holler for his grandmother then ran to the back of the house. Once Deputy Townes made it to the back of the house, he could no longer see Derrick, so he called for backup. Him and Deputy Thomas located Derrick in the woods near the home. He was arrested for evading arrest.

Unlawful use of a Firearm — According to a report made by Deputy Grant Davis on 01-11-25, he responded to Smyrna Rd. in Huntingdon in reference to shots fired. A neighbor called reporting a fight between her neighbor and another black male. She stated that the black male she did not

know pulled out a pistol and fired three rounds off, before getting into their vehicle and driving off. When deputies arrived on scene, the victim was standing in his driveway. Deputies asked to speak to him in which he was not cooperative. Deputies were able to recover a spent shell casing from the snow in the yard. Deputies attempted to try and get the victim to fill out a statement form, but he would not cooperate. Instead, deputies contacted Agent Dennis Adkins and a search warrant for the firearm, and it was found in the trunk of a vehicle in Hollow Rock. The offender, Eric Junior Parker, 54, Hollow Rock, was arrested for the incident.

Animal Displacement — On 1-12-25, deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Futrell Road and Dillahunt Road in reference to 4 dogs inside a kennel with no food and water. The dispatch advised that the caller said it is in an empty lot at the corner of the intersection and there is no house there. Deputy Furr arrived on scene where the caller was waiting and showed her where the dogs were; they couldn't be seen from the road. In the kennel, there were four pit bull mixes without food and

water. The shelter was just two dog houses with some wood chips: no tarp or roof over the kennel. The ribs were showing on all the dogs, but especially a brown and white girl. Dispatch tried to get a hold of the dog catcher and couldn't. After about two hours, deputies were able to find out who owned the property and dogs; Jason L. Holiday, 41, of Hollow Rock. After speaking with Jason, he stated that someone had dropped them off in Clarksburg one day and he took them in trying to care for them. He rents a home right now and can't have them there so that's why they are left out in the kennel. He advised he goes and feeds them every other day. Deputy Furr let him know he must do better and take better care of the dogs. This issue is still under investigation at this time.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Fillies Cage Lady Lions, Mustangs Fall

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (January 17) — Huntingdon High School hosted Camden Friday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Fillies pulled away in the third for a 59-36 victory, while the Lions had big advantages in the second and third quarters en route to a 94-73 win.

Huntingdon Fillies 59, Camden Lady Lions 36

The Fillies doubled up Camden 10-5 in the opening frame, led by Josey Stokes with six points, including a three-pointer. Sara Beth Smith scored four points. Lady Lion Bailey Berry scored four, and Addi Jo Melton hit a free throw.

Huntingdon had a 17-12 advantage in the second quarter. Delaney Byars, Quinn Kelley and Knox Bennett each had five points, Kelley with a three-pointer. Stokes added a pair. Abbi Grace Wallace scored five for Camden with a three. Emma Pierce had three points, and Berry and Melton each added a pair. At the half, Huntingdon led 27-17.

The Fillies pulled away with a 25-11 tilt in the third, led by Kelley with nine points on a trio of threes. Stokes scored seven with a three, and Smith had five points. Byars and Bennett each added a pair. Melton had four points for Camden, Wallace hit a three, and Berry and Miley Hartney each had a pair. Entering the final frame, the Fillies led 52-28.

The Lady Lions had an 8-7 edge in a quick fourth, led by Wallace with a three-pointer. Hartney and Ava Manes each had a pair, and Berry hit a freebie. Kelley hit another three-pointer for Huntingdon, and Byars and Stokes each added a pair.

Fillies Quinn Kelley and Josey Stokes led all scorers with 17 points each, Kelley with five three-pointers and Stokes with a pair of threes.

Abbi Grace Wallace led Camden with eleven points, including a trio of threes.

Lions 94, Mustangs 73

Camden had a 17-15 edge after the first frame, led by Aden Melton with 12 points, including a three. Nowah Porter also hit a three-pointer, and Isaac Moore had a pair. Mustang Kenton Smith scored five points. E.J. Lewis had four points, and Caleb Ezell, Braylin Dearmon and Bryson Whiteside each had a pair.

The Lions had a 31-18 advantage in the second quarter, led by Melton with 15 points, including a three. Jake Reynoldson scored nine with a three. Porter had four points with a three, and Gage Johnson hit a three. Smith led Huntingdon with six points. Dearmon scored four, and Lewis had three points. Ezell and Whiteside each added a pair, and Hayes Eubanks hit a free throw. At the half, the Lions led 48-33.

Camden enjoyed a 31-17 tilt in the third, led by Melton with 13 points. Porter scored ten with a pair of threes. Reynoldson had eight points, and Johnson added a pair. Ezell led the Mustangs with seven points, including a three-pointer. Smith scored six, and Lewis



Above Left, Huntingdon's Josey Stokes eyes the basket on a fast break. Stokes was tied for the leading scorer with 17 points. Above Right, Mustang Kenton Smith defies gravity for a reverse (and draws the foul for a three-point play). Smith led Huntingdon with 25 points. Below Left, Huntingdon's Delaney Byars pulls up for a jumper over a Camden defender. Below Right, Mustang Bryson Whiteside sneaks in the back door for two points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



and Dearmon each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Lions led 79-50.

Huntingdon rallied 23-15 in the fourth for a closer final, led by Smith with eight points, including a three. Garvin Kee scored five with a three, and Owen Kreuziger also hit a three. Ezell, Dearmon and Kylen Turner each had a pair, and Lucas Smith hit a free throw. Melton led Camden with nine points. Jake Barker scored four, and Porter

added a pair.

Lion Aden Melton led all scorers with 49 points, including a pair of threes. Nowah Porter scored 19 with four three-pointers, and Jake Reynoldson had 15 points with a three.

Kenton Smith led Huntingdon with 25 points, including a three. Caleb Ezell scored 13 with a three, and Braylin Dearmon had ten points.

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.		
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO:		
997 Trucking, Limited Liability Company c/o Jason Sparks 288 Woodlawn Avenue Huntingdon, TN 38344 and 997 Trucking, Limited Liability Company c/o Jason Sparks 404 East Wood Street Paris, TN 38242		
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.		
Within forty-five (45) days after January 13, 2025, to respond with a written demand for a copy of the Summons and Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is:		
Clerk of Circuit Court - Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 North 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233		
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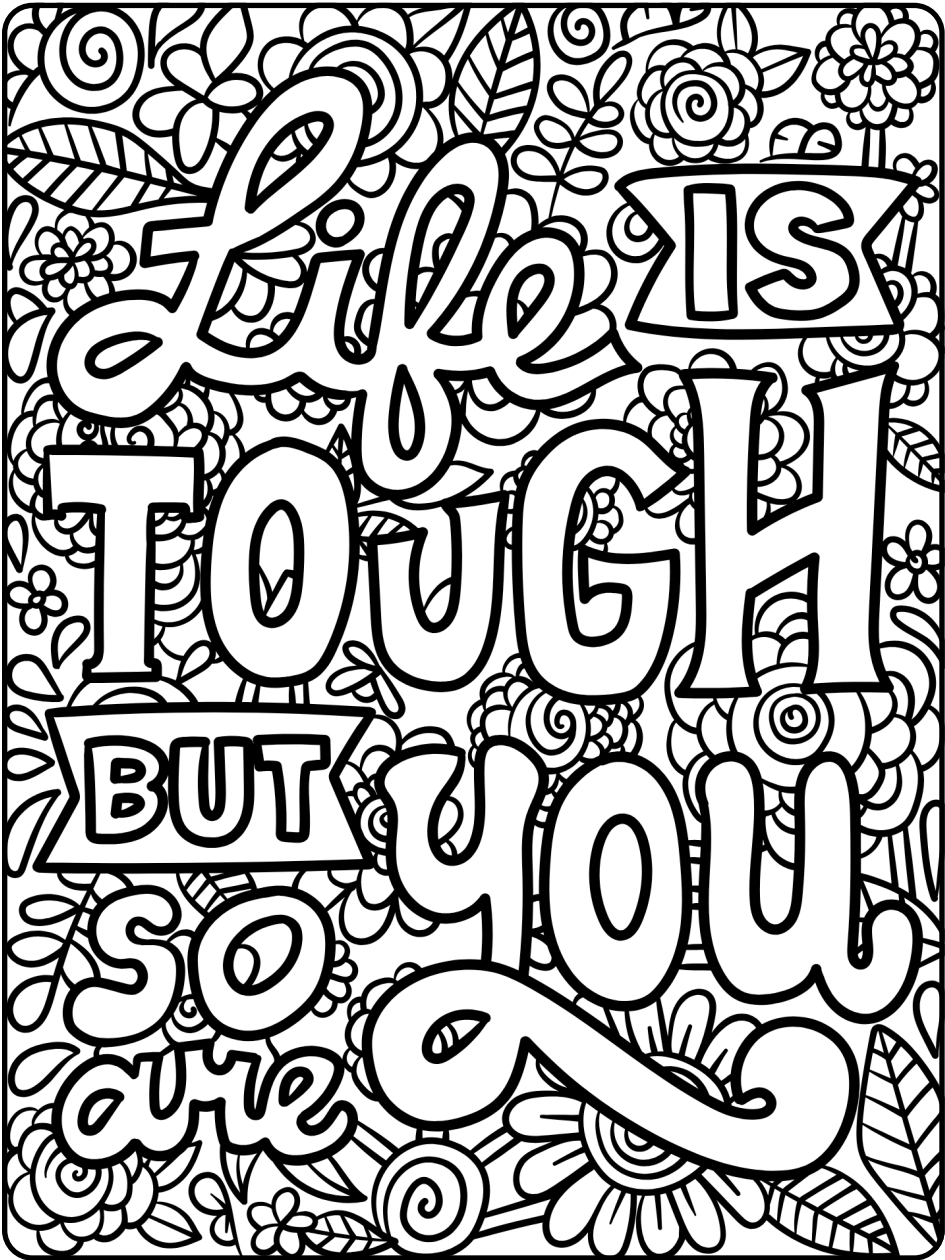
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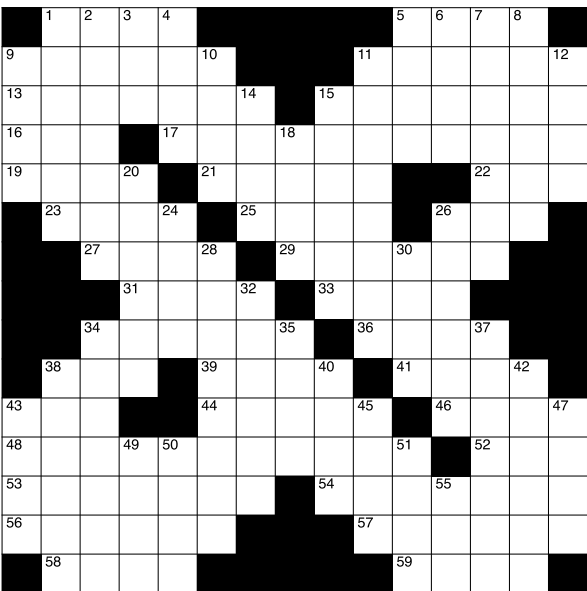
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Loser" rocker
- 5. Partner to relaxation
- 9. Mixing
- 11. Winged nut
- 13. Expression of blame
- 15. Vast ocean
- 16. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 17. Multiply
- 19. Meat from a pig (French)
- 21. Related
- 22. Rocker Stewart
- 23. Surprise completely
- 25. Loon
- 26. Canister
- 27. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 29. Takes forcefully
- 31. Oil cartel
- 33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
- 34. More than one
- 36. Places down purposefully
- 38. Pitching statistic
- 39. Type of sword
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. Body part
- 44. Mixes slowly
- 46. Satisfy
- 48. Strong belief
- 52. One's physique (slang)
- 53. More frightening
- 54. Soup cracker
- 56. Teaches
- 57. One who carries something
- 58. Actor Sean
- 59. Changes



CLUES DOWN

- 1. ___ Aires, city
- 2. Coarse grass
- 3. Type of gene
- 4. Door handle
- 5. Competition
- 6. Muslim ruler title
- 7. Hunting expeditions
- 8. Large mollusk
- 9. Bind securely
- 10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 11. 2-point plays in football
- 12. Breezed through
- 14. Type setting
- 15. Felt for
- 18. Codified rules
- 20. Small dome
- 24. Chevrotain
- 26. Male reproductive gland
- 28. Controversial beliefs
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. One who confines another
- 34. Bishop
- 35. Garlands
- 37. Bird that flies by the coast
- 38. Optical device
- 40. Greek goddess of discord
- 42. Some are "Rolling"
- 43. Formerly (archaic)
- 45. Thrust a knife into
- 47. German river
- 49. Atomic #26
- 50. Make a grotesque face
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. Chinese philosophical principle

Week 3

See solution in next week's edition.

Neat and Tidy Word Search

P A C K R A T Z S A A N O I T A N O D V
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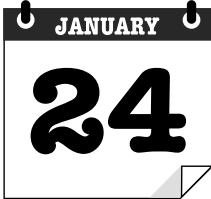
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1848: James W. Marshall finds gold at Sutter's Mill near Sacramento.

1908: The first Boy Scout troop is organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

1984: The Macintosh personal computer is made available to American consumers.

SUDOKU

WEEK 3

		1			5			9
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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to organization. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = T)

A. 5 10 3 1 7 16
Clue: Divided into categories

B. 5 18 5 1 7 9
Clue: Way of doing things

C. 1 22 16 18
Clue: Neat

D. 23 20 4 1 1 7 3
Clue: Scattered items

Answers: A. sorted B. system C. tidy D. clutter

LETTER MIX-UP

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

ORGANIZE

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
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- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

How do you make "one" disappear?

Answer: Add a C to it and it's gone.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

L F E I

Answer: File

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Left, Rebel Tate Surber drains a three-pointer. Center, Lady Rebel Ava Hastings fires a corner three. Hastings had seven three-pointers in the game and led all scorers with 21 points. Right, Lady Rebel Gracie Aird navigates the crowded paint for two points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Sweeps Central

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (January 14) — McKenzie High School basketball began district play Tuesday, hosting Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central. The Lady Rebels had a big lead at the half, but Central made it interesting down the stretch before McKenzie claimed a 59-49 win. The Rebels pulled away early and coasted to a 98-55 victory.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 59, Central Lady Tigers 49

The Lady Rebels jumped out to a 19-8 lead after the opening frame, led by Jaycee Stafford with seven points. Ava Hastings scored six on a pair of three-pointers. Aurora Johnson had four points, and Gracie Aird had a pair. Lady Tigers McKinley Garrison and Olivia Scott each hit a three-pointer, and Ava Finley had a pair.

McKenzie enjoyed a 13-6 tilt in the second quarter, led by Hastings with nine points on a trio of threes. Stafford and Sophie Pate each had a pair. Ady Olds scored four for Central, and Keely Williams had a pair. At the half, the Lady Rebels led 32-14.

The Lady Tigers cut the deficit with a 19-14 advantage in the third, led by Williams with six points on a pair of threes. Olds and Lilly McGee each hit a three-pointer. Garrison, Finley and Scarlett King each had a pair, and Makala Bass hit a free throw. Stafford led

McKenzie with six points. Hastings and Molly French each hit a three, and Pate and Braylin Auvenshine each hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, the Lady Rebels led 46-33.

Central's continuing rally came up short at 16-13 in the fourth, led by Finley with five points, including a three. Garrison, Scott and Olds each hit a three-pointer, and Williams added a pair. Stafford scored five McKenzie points, including a three. Hastings hit another three, and French also scored three points. Auvenshine added a pair.

Lady Rebel Ava Hastings led all scorers with 21 points on seven three-pointers. Jaycee Stafford scored 20 with a three.

Keely Williams and Ady Olds led Central with ten points each, each with a pair of three-pointers.

Rebels 98, Tigers 55

McKenzie led 26-15 after the first frame, led by Eli Vinson with eight points, including a pair of three-pointers. Carter Kee scored seven with a three, and Landon Brown had six points. Tate Surber and Craegen Travis each had a pair, and KD Cunningham hit a free throw. Tigers Bryce Frye, Nic King and Parker Finley each scored five points, Frye and Finley each with a three-pointer.

The Rebels had a 23-14 advantage in the second quarter, led by L. Brown with eleven points, including a

three. Kee and Surber each scored four, Kee with a three. Travis and Cole Brown each had a pair. Tiger Caden Dean scored five with a three, and King had four points. Finley and Brayden Maness each had a pair, and Brody Huff hit a free throw. At the half, the Rebels led 49-29.

McKenzie exploded for a 38-14 tilt in the third, led by Surber with 14 points, including a three-pointer. Kee scored ten, and C. Brown had six points. Vinson and Nolan Fawcett each hit a three, and Travis added a pair. Finley scored seven Central points with a pair of threes. King, Kaydince Banks and Sal Sala each had a pair, and Dean hit a freebie. Heading into the final frame, the Rebels led 87-43.

The Tigers had a 12-11 edge in a quick fourth, led by Banks with six points. Dean scored four, and Ethan Joseph had a pair. Fawcett hit another three for McKenzie, and C. Brown, Kason Brown, Cayden Ownby and Cooper Davidson each had a pair.

Rebel Carter Kee led all scorers with 21 points, including a pair of threes. Tate Surber scored 20 with a three, and Landon Brown had 17 points with a three. Eli Vinson scored eleven with a trio of threes, and Cole Brown had ten points.

Parker Finley led Central with 14 points, including a trio of threes. Nic King scored eleven, and Caden Dean had ten with a three.



Left, Bulldog Owen Taylor pulls up for a midrange jumper. Center, Lady Bulldog Ahmyre Allen drives into the paint. Allen scored ten points in Gleason's win. Right, Lady Bulldog Skylar Arnold looks to the basket for two points. Arnold was tied for the leading scorer with eleven points. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Gleason Splits With South Fulton

BY BRAD SAM
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GLEASON (January 17) — Gleason High School hosted South Fulton Friday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Lady Bulldogs ran away with a 54-10 victory, while the Red Devils rallied late to force overtime and earn a 63-62 win.

Lady Bulldogs 54, Lady Red Devils 10

The Lady Bulldogs had a 10-4 lead after the opening frame, led by Skylar Arnold with five points. Hylan Leach hit a three-pointer, and Brinley Lehmkuhl had a pair. Abbi Bivens had all four South Fulton points.

Gleason pulled away with an 18-2 advantage in the second quarter, led by Addy Black with six points on a pair of threes. Leach hit another three, and Ahmyre Allen also scored three points. Arnold, Madi Dean and Ava Bennett each had a pair. Lady Red Devil Reagan Johnson scored two points. At the half, Gleason led 28-6.

The Lady Bulldogs blanked South Fulton 16-0 in the third, led by Allen with seven points, including a three-pointer. Leach scored five with a three, and Arnold

had four points. Entering the final frame, the Lady Bulldogs led 44-6.

Gleason capped the win with a 10-4 tilt in a quick fourth, led by Black and Karlie Wilson, each with a three-pointer.

Lady Bulldogs Hylan Leach and Skylar Arnold led all scorers with eleven points each, Leach with a trio of threes. Ahmyre Allen scored ten with a three, and Addy Black had nine points on a trio of three-pointers.

Red Devils 63, Bulldogs 62 (OT)

Gleason led 14-10 after the first frame, led by Drake Lehmkuhl with six points, including a three-pointer. Brody Sanders scored four, and Kade Sawyers and Owen Taylor each had a pair. Red Devils Brady McFarland and Charlie Mike Mulcahy each scored four, and Conner O'Neal had a pair.

South Fulton had a 14-11 edge in the second quarter, led by Mulcahy with six points. Clark Rice hit a three, and Carson Choate also scored three points. McFarland added a pair. Sawyers led Gleason with seven points. Ashton Morgan and C.J. Reed each had a pair. At

the half, Gleason led 25-24.

The Bulldogs enjoyed a 16-11 tilt in the third, led by Sawyers with five points. Lehmkuhl scored four, and A. Morgan had three points. Taylor and Parker Morgan each had a pair. Mulcahy scored five for South Fulton, McFarland had four points, and Choate added a pair. Heading into the final frame of regulation, Gleason led 41-35.

The Red Devils rallied 22-16 in the fourth to force overtime, led by McFarland with eleven points, including a three. Rice and O'Neal each hit a three, and Mulcahy also scored three points. Jayden Wilder had a pair. Sawyers and P. Morgan each scored six for Gleason, Morgan on a pair of three-pointers. A. Morgan and Lehmkuhl each added a pair. At the end of regulation, the game was knotted at 57-57.

South Fulton took the win with a 6-5 edge in overtime, led by Wilder with four points. Mulcahy added a pair. Lehmkuhl scored three points for Gleason, and Sawyers added a pair.

Bulldog Kade Sawyers led all scorers with 22 points. Drake Lehmkuhl scored 15 with a three-pointer.

Huntingdon's Delaney Byars Reaches 1,000-Point Milestone

HUNTINGDON (January 13) — Huntingdon High School senior basketball standout Delaney Byars was recognized Monday night following the Fillies' win for her recent milestone of 1,000 career points. She achieved the benchmark during a win at Stewart County on Friday, January 10. Byars is the 13th player in Fillies history to reach 1,000 points. She was presented with a commemorative ball by Head Coach David Wilkins. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Stokes, Kelley Honored for Career Milestones

HUNTINGDON (January 17) — Following the Fillies' victory over Camden Friday, two senior players were recognized for career milestones. Josey Stokes (pictured left) recently surpassed 350 career assists, averaging over three per game for four years. Quinn Kelley (center) passed 200 career three-pointers. Her 103 last year was a Fillies record. Her career three-point shooting percentage is 34 percent. The pair were presented plaques by Head Coach David Wilkins. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Left, Huntingdon's Knox Bennett scores on a fast break. Above Right, Mustang E.J. Lewis scores on a pull-up jumper. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Fillies Handle Henry County, Patriots Edge Mustangs

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (January 13) — Huntingdon High School hosted Henry County Monday for a pair of basketball contests. The Fillies established an early lead and built on it for a 70-51 victory. The Mustangs fell behind early but rallied late, pulling within two points several times before the Patriots claimed a 65-61 win.

Huntingdon Fillies 70, Henry County Lady Patriots 51

The Fillies led 15-8 after the opening frame, led by Delaney Byars with nine points, including a three-pointer. Knox Bennett and Quinn Kelley each hit a three. Lady Patriot Olivia Kendall scored four points, Breely Pierpoint hit a free, and Annie Snow hit a three and throw.

Huntingdon had a 19-12 advantage in the second quarter, led by Bennett with seven points, including a three. Kelley scored six on a pair of threes, Byars scored four points, and Sara Beth Smith had a pair. Lady Patriots Eve Eaton and Na'Kiyah Moore each scored five, Eaton with a three-pointer. Jenna Herrod had a pair. At the half, Huntingdon led 34-20.

The Fillies grew the lead with a 22-14 tilt in the third, led by Josey Stokes with eleven points, including a trio of threes. Smith

scored eight, and Bennett had three points. Moore led Henry County with nine points. Pierpoint hit a three, and Kendall added a pair. Entering the final frame, the Fillies led 56-34.

The Lady Patriots cut the final deficit with a 17-14 edge in the fourth. Pierpoint and Eaton each scored five, each with a three-pointer. Na'Liyah Coats had three points, and Moore and Herrod each added a pair. Byars and Smith each scored four Huntingdon points, and Kelley and Grier Bartholomew each hit a three.

Huntingdon's Delaney Byars led all scorers with 17 points, including a three-pointer. Sara Beth Smith scored 14 points. Knox Bennett had 13 with a pair of threes, and Quinn Kelley scored a dozen on four three-pointers.

Na'Kiyah Moore led Henry County with 16 points. Breely Pierpoint scored eleven with a trio of threes.

Patriots 65, Mustangs 61

Henry County jumped out to a 17-9 lead after the first frame, led by Luke Stephens with six points on a pair of three-pointers. Carson Curd scored five with a three, and Kendrick Moore, Aden Jackson and Tristan Grgic each had a pair. Mustang Kenton Smith scored six points, and Kelton Johnson hit a three.

The Patriots had a 15-11

edge in the second quarter, led by Jackson with four points. Curd, Stephens and Colby Stallings each hit a three-pointer, and Jamari Foster had a pair. Smith led Huntingdon with five points, including a three. E.J. Lewis scored four, and Bryson Whiteside had a pair. At the half, Henry County led 32-20.

The Mustangs had a 21-15 advantage in the third, led by Whiteside and Lewis with seven points each, Whiteside with a three-pointer. Smith scored four points, and Caleb Ezell hit a three. Patriot Drew Pack scored four with a three-pointer. Foster also hit a three, and Curd, Stephens, Stallings and Grgic each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, Henry County led 47-41.

Huntingdon's fourth-quarter rally came up just short at 20-18, led by Smith with ten points, including a pair of threes. Lewis scored six, and Braylin Dearmon had four points. Curd led the Patriots with five points. Stephens scored four, and Foster hit a three. Moore, Stallings and Jackson each added a pair.

Mustang Kenton Smith led all scorers with 25 points, including a trio of three-pointers. E.J. Lewis scored 17 points.

Carson Curd and Luke Stephens led Henry County with 15 points each, Stephens with a trio of threes and Curd with a pair.