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Gaskins Confirmed as Fire Chief

Jones Announces Plan to Retire

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HUNTINGDON (January 20) — During the January meeting of the Carroll County Commission, McKenzie's Jonathan Gaskins was confirmed as the new Chief of the Carroll County Rural Fire Department.

Gaskins comes to the Carroll County Fire Department with 23 years of fire service experience along with 20 years in the emergency medical field. Before taking the position with the county, he was with Vanderbilt 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 member of the City of McKenzie Fire Department where he held the position of EMS operations chief. Gaskins has fire chief experience, having served as head of the Milan Arsenal Fire Department before its closure in 2019.

In an August 19, 2024 meeting of the Carroll County Rural Fire Committee, Marc Alley, Emergency/Fire Management Consultant with County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) informed members of the Carroll County Commission, Rural Fire Committee members and local firefighters that the current system the county is operating under does not constitute as a rural county-wide fire department.



Property Assessor Rita Jones addresses members of the Commission.

The department was created in the 1980s under Wesley Beal's administration. To become a county-wide fire department, Carroll County had to pass a resolution creating a department.

Resolution 1-05-2025 – Authorizing a Continuous Five-Year Reappraisal Cycle was tabled at the behest of Commissioner Barry Mac Murphy. It was during these discussions that County Property Assessor Rita Jones announced that she planned to retire this calendar year. In the discussion, she recommended moving from a six-year to a five-year reappraisal cycle. She felt that it did not put an increased workload on the staff.

Commissioner Murphy stated that the TN Comptrollers Officer was pushing for counties to have a four—or three-year cycle. He stated that the heaviest tax burdens should not be placed on residential property and farms. The largest equity of the burden should be placed on commercial and industrial, and

more frequent reappraisals would keep the burden where it needs to be.

Several budget amendments were approved. Resolution 1-08-2025 amends the General Purpose School Fund Budget. This is a \$6,000 increase to be used towards the cost of substitute teachers. Resolution 1-09-2025 amends the Highway Fund Budget of \$11,610 for clerical staff. Resolution 1-10-2025 amends the General Fund Budget for the Sheriff's Office \$14,777 for receiving a TCI Grant. Resolution 1-11-2025 amends the ARPA Fund Budget to a total of \$361,253.62 by locating funds to the County Fire Department.

In other business, Marty Hurley was appointed to the Carroll County Indigent Care Board. John Austin, Steve Russell and Luis Salazar were reappointed to the Carroll County Airport Board. Sheriff Andy Dickson, Willie Huffman and Steve Price were reappointed with Joe Walker, Sr. being appointed to the Carroll County E911 Board of Directors.

Resolution 1-06-2025 authorizing the submission of an application(s) for FY 2025 State Community Development Block Grant Funds was approved. As was Resolution 1-07-2025 selecting Community Development Partners, LLC for State Community Development Block Grant Professional Administrative Services.

The following were elected notaries: Greg Blackburn, Ashley Gardner, Rebecca Johnson, Anna M. Mill and Donald Ricketts.

Huntingdon's Blankenship to Install HVACs at Civic Center

TDOT to Lease Land for Rochelle Road Project

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HUNTINGDON (January 23) — Members of the Carroll County Purchasing Committee, Budget Committee and Real Estate Committee met Thursday. While the meetings were not related to one another, they factored into some important improvements and changes in the near future.

As part of the \$2 million project to renovate the Carroll County Civic Center, one of the key items to be replaced is several HVAC units in the facility. Five bids were provided to the Carroll County Purchasing Committee to procure and install 12 five-ton units and two four-ton units. Of the five, Blankenship Heating & Cooling of Huntingdon was selected with a bid of \$122,129.

Other bidders were Mid-South Heating and Air of Decaturville (\$131,000); TN Home Solutions of Martin (\$194,009); Culley Mechanical Services of Paris (\$1295,000) and SM Lawrence of Jackson (\$160,000). Members of the board unanimously went with Blankenship in part due to the price but also because it is a local business.

In other business, the

Purchasing Committee selected Barger Construction of Yuma, Tenn., to serve as the construction manager for the Connected Communities Facilities Project i.e., the Civic Center renovation. Two organizations, Barger Construction and JLL of Nashville, submitted professional dossiers of past projects and plans. Barger's bid of \$155,000 (flat rate) was selected over JLL's \$80,000 (6% cost of the project) due in part to their location adjacent to Carroll County and the Purchasing Committee's knowledge of past projects in the area.

Barger Construction managed the construction of the Martin Library, government offices in Lexington and The Dixie.

The Real Estate Committee met informally as there was no quorum. Jason Nobles for TDOT presented information on the Rochelle Road widening project. This project required TDOT to lease two tracts of land from the Carroll County Airport Regional Authority.

The two tracts would be leased and provide compensation valued at approximately \$18,260. It was also noted that the Fairview Baptist Church sign located on the corner of Highway 22 South and Rochelle Road is in the right of way of the highway and is considered an encroachment by TDOT.

Thus, the church has to remove the sign.

During the Budget Committee meeting, there were several items discussed most of which revolved around moving line item transfers.

The Election Commission requested moving \$2,654 from legal notices to offset overspending on workers during the election. The Election Commission also requested \$14,481 for maintenance. The County Registrars' Office requested \$11,839 be moved from reserves to purchase a new computer server.

Carroll Academy received a grant valued at \$840 for metal detectors. The Circuit Court received notice of awarding a grant and must allocate/spend the money for reimbursement. Also, there is an adjustment to the County Building Fund due to a miskey of information.

Additionally, members were provided a possible schedule for the FY 2025-26 Budget by County Financial Director Stacey McCaleb. This schedule while not set in stone would consist of five phases giving department supervisors and committee members time to work through the budget process. McCaleb additionally requested for consideration, creating an account that was strictly based around grants.



Above, Trezevant Mayor Bobby Blaylock commends City Recorder Kathy Edwards upon her retirement. Right, Kathy Edwards displays a cake to honor her retirement.



Kathy Edwards Honored with Retirement Reception in Trezevant

TREZEVANT (January 24) — Kathy Weatherford Edwards was celebrated with a special reception to mark her retirement after nearly two decades of dedicated service to the Town of Trezevant. The event, held on Friday at the Trezevant Community Center, brought together family, friends, and city

officials to honor Edwards for her outstanding contributions as the city recorder.

Mayor Bobby Blaylock took a moment during the luncheon to personally thank Edwards for her work since 2007, commending her for her unwavering dedication to the town. "Kathy has been a cornerstone of our commu-

nity, and we are truly grateful for everything she has done," Mayor Blaylock said.

Edwards' career as city recorder involved a variety of responsibilities, including managing water bills and taxes, serving as the clerk for city court, and handling fines and customer service. She noted that, beyond official duties, people frequently stopped by City Hall for help with simple requests like directions—even if their destination wasn't in Trezevant.

Former Mayor Wayne David Bryant, II, who was the first mayor Edwards worked with, also attended the event to share his well-wishes. Virginia Knott has been named as Edwards' successor in the role.

Though Edwards' official retirement date is set for February 1, she will be utilizing accumulated vacation time until then. In her retirement, Edwards looks forward to traveling, sleeping in, and enjoying her free time. A proud Trezevant native, Edwards grew up just blocks away from City Hall and graduated from Trezevant High School in 1977. She earned a degree from Union University in 1981. The daughter of Joe Pat and Brenda Weatherford, Edwards now plans to spend more time with her husband, Tony Edwards, and their daughter, Emily Watkins.

With a deep sense of gratitude, the Trezevant community bids farewell to Kathy Edwards, whose service has left a lasting impact on the town she has served for so many years.

Huntingdon Basketball Homecoming Royalty



HUNTINGDON (January 24) — Left, (L to R): Freshman Representatives Grier Bartholomew, daughter of Shane and Julie Bartholomew, escorted by Colt Wood, son of Chad and Cassie Wood. Sophomore Representative Aubrey Castleman, daughter of Ryan and Billie Jo Brockman and John and Danna Castleman, escorted by Charlie Logan, son of Larissa Logan. Junior Representative Claudia Cooper, daughter of Leslie and Brooke Cooper, escorted by Tripp Johnson, son of Justin and Lindsey Johnson. Senior Representatives Delaney Byars, daughter of Chad and Kim Byars, escorted by Brady Warbritton, son of Jeff and Stephanie Warbritton. A senior and Homecoming Queen, Quinn Kelley, daughter of Cliff and Holly Kelley, escorted by Gabe Smothers, son of Nathan and Deanna Smothers. Junior Representative Kylie Tippitt, daughter of Brannon and Summer Tippitt, escorted by Broox Bennett, son of Seth and Jill Bennett. Sophomore Representative Macie Grice, daughter of Lynn and Jennifer Grice, escorted by Brayden Davis, son of Claye and Bianca Reynolds. Freshman Representative Ellie Wilson, daughter of Zach and Jenny Wilson, escorted by Gavin Gray, son of Josh and Misty Gray. Right, Quinn Kelley, a senior, is the 2025 Huntingdon Basketball Homecoming Queen.

McKenzie High School Homecoming is February 7

McKenzie High School Basketball Homecoming is Friday, February 7. Tip-off for McKenzie's games against Houston County is at 6 p.m. The Homecoming royalty will be presented and the queen crowned at 5:30 p.m. A dance for students will follow the basketball games at 10 p.m. Pictured are members of the royalty (L to R): Emma Smith, Jacey Pinson, Sophie Pate, Brooklin Hudgins and Kyla Beveridge. All five nominees are seniors. Photo courtesy Carol Nanney



American Legion to Host Four Chaplain's Service

The annual Four Chaplains' Service commemorates the selfless acts of four chaplains on February 3, 1943.

This year, Huntingdon American Legion Post 47 will host the Memorial Service on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 5 p.m., at the Carroll County Civic Center, 201 Mustang Drive, Huntingdon.

The event is free. The event is open to everyone and a free meal is provided. The guest speaker is Rev. Lt. Garrett Burns, Active Duty Navy Chaplain and Associate Chaplain at Bethel University.

On that fateful early morning in 1943, as the USAT Dorchester sank in the Labrador Sea, survivors saw four men, arms linked, praying on the deck. These

men, known as "The Four Chaplains," had given away their life vests to save others as the ship, en route to Greenland, was hit by torpedoes from German U-boat U-233.

In this tragedy, another hero, Charles Walter David Jr., a mess attendant aboard the USCGC Comanche, displayed remarkable courage. Despite facing discrimination and holding a low rank, David helped lift soldiers from lifeboats onto the Comanche's deck and bravely dove into the water to rescue two shipmates, including Lieutenant Langford Anderson.

Sadly, David reportedly died of pneumonia days later, due to his exposure during the rescue.

The Dorchester, carrying over 900 men, had left New

York City for Greenland on January 23, 1943.

These men were destined to replace personnel at Greenland bases, a commitment by the U.S. following a 1941 agreement with Denmark to protect Greenland during World War II.

The four chaplains, united in their duty despite different faiths, had joined the military after the Pearl Harbor attack.

As the Dorchester sank, they guided soldiers to safety and sacrificed their life vests. In a notable act of selflessness, Rabbi Goode gave his gloves to Navy Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, later revealed to be his only pair.

The Dorchester's escort included the USCGC Tampa, USCGC Escanaba, and USCGC Comanche.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for replacement of HVAC units at the Carroll County Civic Center.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, February 11, 2025, at which time the bids will be opened and considered at a public meeting of the Purchasing Committee.

For inquiries, please contact Natalie McMasters, Civic Center Director, by phone at 731-986-1357 or by email at nmcmasters@carroll.tn.org. For copies of bid documents, please email Ms. McMasters or pick up documents at the Carroll County Civic Center, located at 201 Fairgrounds Rd., Huntingdon, TN 38344.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Carroll County strives to protect individuals' civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

The Owner (Carroll County) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
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Rape

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On Thursday, January 23rd, at the request of the 24th Judicial District Attorney General Neil Thompson, TBI special agents began investigating James Edward Thomas, Jr. for allegations of sexual misconduct. During the course of the investiga-

tion, agents developed information that identified Thomas as the individual responsible for the misconduct.

Authorities obtained an arrest warrant for James E. Thomas, Jr. (DOB 12/19/1945), charging him with one count each of Aggravated Rape of a Child, Aggravated Sexual Battery, and Incest. Thomas was arrested on January 24th in the 100 block of Veterans

Drive North in Huntingdon and booked into the Carroll County Jail on a \$275,000 bond.

The charges and allegations referenced in this release are merely accusations of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

Fire

...From Front Page

place the property loss at \$193,800, with content losses valued at approximately \$150,000. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

According to the incident report, a caller reported seeing flames on the roof of the restaurant around 11:43 p.m. on Tuesday. Upon arrival, the first responding unit observed fire coming from the HVAC unit on the roof. Firefighters attempted to extinguish the blaze from the roof but quickly determined that the fire had spread throughout the building.

“We observed smoke puffing from all the eaves of the structure and suspected the fire was widespread,” said Fire Chief Brian Tucker. “For safety reasons, the crew was ordered off the roof.”

Due to the intensity of the fire, firefighters decided it was too dangerous to enter the building for an interior attack. Crews established a water supply and deployed multiple attack lines while awaiting reinforcements from the Huntingdon Fire Department, Carroll County Fire Department, and Gleason Fire Department.

Once mutual aid units arrived, firefighters forced entry through the front door but were met with rapidly escalating conditions. Shortly after, the roof collapsed, forcing

a shift in strategy.

“Huntingdon’s Ladder 1 set up a water supply and used aerial apparatus to attack the fire from above,” the report stated. Ground crews operated several hoses, using approximately 260,000 gallons of water to bring the blaze under control.

The fire was officially contained by 4:16 a.m. Wednesday morning, though crews returned to the site several times throughout the day to extinguish lingering hot spots.

The site was slated for redevelopment as a Taco Bell franchise, but the fire’s aftermath has left the property’s future uncertain. Further updates are expected as the investigation continues.

Bethel

...From Front Page

Springer spent eight seasons as the Wildcats’ defensive coordinator under Jasper before the promotion.

Springer helped Bethel to an 11-0 regular season, Mid-South Conference championship and playoff appearance in 2022. The Wildcat defense finished the regular season ranked among the top ten in the nation in multiple categories including scoring defense (12.3 points per game), pass defense (152.2 yards per game), defensive takeaways (25), interceptions (16) and third down defense while finishing in the top 25 in a number of other categories. The Wildcats held top ten opponents on the road to an average of 12.6 points per game.

Springer played at Bethel University and Lindenwood University, where he was a four-year letterman and served as captain as a defensive back. Springer graduated from Lindenwood in 2013 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and earned a master’s degree in sports recreation and administration from Western Kentucky University in 2017. Springer is a native of Bartlett and resides in Lexington with his wife Megan and daughters Chandler and Sydney.

The boardroom in the Vera Low Center for Student Enrichment was filled with players, coaches, university staff and administrators, fans and media for the official introduction, led by Interim Athletic Director Dave McCulley.

McCulley welcomed all, “It marks an exciting moment for all of us today, but especially for the Springer family. We thank you for being here today to share this day with him and with his lovely family. I think that it’s not only a wonderful day for him. It’s a wonderful day for our program. It’s a wonderful day for our university and for all the fans that support us year and year out.”

Bethel President Dr. Perry Moulds spoke, first praising McCulley and the search committee he assembled. “They had a very difficult job. We had a lot of interest in this position, very highly qualified, impressive candidates, and they had a hard job to find the right person for this position. They did a fantastic job.”

Dr. Moulds also praised the outgoing head coach. “Coach Jasper served Bethel faithfully and incredibly well for many years, and he left a culture of winning that was a cornerstone of the search.”

The president said, “When Dave and I first sat down to talk about the



New Bethel University Head Football Coach Chris Springer with wife Megan and daughters Chandler and Sydney. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

characteristics of our next state coach, we talked about Bethel’s mission, and we talked about the reason that we exist as a university. Bethel is dedicated to providing excellent academic opportunities and pathways to success in a caring, Christian environment with a strong emphasis on building character, because we believe that it is important to be successful in a chosen career in the most positive ways possible. We emphasize whole-person development here, so that when our graduates leave Bethel University, they’re not only competent and capable in their fields of study or their career, but they make a positive impact on their communities, on their institutions and on their families. They become the kind of people that you want to have in your life. So as we sought our next head coach and we cast a wide net, we placed a high priority on those specific characteristics as well.

“To continue our winning tradition, to continue recruiting young men of character, to lead those men to success on the football field, academically, socially, spiritually, we look for a leader who would not only do that with our football team and make our athletics department proud, but it would also be a leader across our campus to help develop all of us as we move ahead as a university.”

McCulley noted the high level of interest in the position. “We had a ton of people... apply for this job, which told me that it’s a job that’s well respected and thought of. So I think you players need to take pride in that, too.” He credited Coach Jasper with putting him “over the hump” with his recommendation of Springer as well as “very, very nice letters” from some players.

McCulley said of Springer, “He’s been an integral part of the program. His ability to inspire you, to motivate you, not only as football players, but as student-athletes. He has that passion, that vision. His expertise not only in drawing up the Xs and Os is impressive, but

his conduct on and off the field is impressive as well. We’re excited to see where the program will take us and where he will take us.

McCulley made the official introduction, and Springer took the podium. He thanked God, President Moulds, Director McCulley and Coach Jasper. “This whole experience really has been a humbling opportunity. I don’t take this honor lightly, and I look forward to not only the precedent the Coach Jasper set and every head coach that I’ve worked for laid the foundation before, but how can we take this university along with the vision of President Moulds to another level? This whole experience is evidence that there’s something special going on in McKenzie. West Tennessee has meant a lot to my family. I look forward to serving the players. I can’t wait to continue to get to work with these guys.”

Springer told The Banner his experience in the McKenzie community has been great. “I look forward to getting out in the community more and getting to know people. It’s a great community to be a part of and work in.”

He wants his program to represent Bethel well in the community. “The logo’s never going to leave us, so we have to make sure when people see Bethel, it’s in a positive light.”

He spoke about the transition from focusing on the defensive side of the team and expanding his relationships with the team as a whole. “My biggest thing is getting down and talking to them personally, one-on-one. I’m still big on that. I like to get them right in front of me and develop true, genuine relationships. Try to stay ahead of potential issues and let them know that they have that open line of communication. One-on-one straightforward interaction.”

As head coach, Springer plans to emphasize recruitment of top talent, development of a robust football culture, and maintaining the program’s strong academic standards.

McKenzie Man Arrested for Online Threat Against Police

Retaliation Against Police Officer — Rashad D. McCreary, 20, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was arrested for an online threat posted against Officer Darren Davis. A report filed by Officer Davis indicated McCreary threatened the officer in

an online post on Snapchat following a traffic stop Davis performed on McCreary. The online threat indicated McCreary was not happy about the stop for his tinted windows and then he threatened Davis and other officers. The District Attorney au-

thorized McCreary’s arrest, and officers from McKenzie P.D., Carroll County Sheriff’s Department, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol served the warrant and made the arrest. McCreary said “I was joking” and “I removed it,” referring to the online post.

Halford

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Halford’s career in public service was marked by significant contributions at both local and state levels. He began his public service as a Gibson County Commissioner and later served as the Public Works Superintendent for the city of Dyer. In 2009, he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing the 79th Dis-

trict until his retirement in January 2023.

During his tenure in the legislature, Halford served with distinction, holding key positions such as Secretary of the Agriculture Committee and Vice-Chair of the Bill Review Committee. He was also a valued member of the Health and Human Resources and Ethics Committees, where his efforts earned him the respect of colleagues and constituents alike.

In recognition of his commitment to improving the lives of Tennesseans,

the 1,000-Acre Recreational Lake in Carroll County was renamed Lake Halford in his honor, a testament to his enduring legacy.

Beyond his political achievements, Halford will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his community, his warm demeanor, and his deep love for his family. His life and service leave a lasting impact on the state of Tennessee and the countless lives he touched.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

Meters

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company based in Benton, Kentucky, which will print and mail the monthly bills.

Mayor Charles Anderson announced that the installation of the new meters is 90 percent complete, with the work being done by local contractor, BAM, who submitted the lone bid for the installation. He informed the City Council, including several newly elected members, that the new meters will help reduce unmetered water usage and reduce water loss. This project was partially funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, which were approved during the Biden administration as part of post-COVID relief efforts.

Council member were informed that some residents are inadvertently driving over the meters, causing damage to their internal mechanisms. The cost of repairs for damaged meters will be assessed to the one causing the damage.

The city is also working to improve its wastewater (sewer) system. Mayor Anderson stated that the rehabilitation project is being undertaken by Gulf Coast Underground.

A survey is being distributed to each of the 670 water customers, with the goal of collecting at least 340 completed surveys to qualify for additional grant funds.

The rental fee for the city’s Community Center has increased to \$150 per day, up from the previous rate of a \$50 refundable deposit and \$50 for dai-

ly use. Mayor Anderson explained that costs for cleaning, utilities, insurance, and providing toiletries have increased. He also noted that some renters are less considerate than others in caring for the facility.

Police Chief Marcus Hopper reported that the GMC Canyon SUV patrol vehicle had significant problems and is being returned to the manufacturer for a refund. The proceeds from this will be sufficient to purchase at least one new patrol sedan. He also requested that the Council raise the city court fees by \$25, due to increased costs for computer software. The current fee is \$110. The Council will discuss this proposed increase in a future meeting.

The next Council meeting is February 24 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Dixie

...From Front Page

The Smith family’s continued support has been integral to the center’s success. Recently, the family made a significant \$200,000 donation to help pay down the building’s mortgage, ensuring the long-term stability of the center and its mission.

The story of the Dixie’s inception dates back to 1987 when former Mayor Dale R. Kelley traveled to Austria and discovered a small town theater that was at the heart of the community’s economic and cultural life. Inspired by this vision, Kelly brought the idea back to Huntingdon, aiming to revitalize the town’s downtown area. Despite initial resistance, the plan for a performing arts center took shape, with key support from individuals like Ray Smith.

The late Ray Smith was a farmer, banker, car dealer, and a public servant.

Smith and his family were instrumental in the construction of the Dixie. While the town purchased two of the buildings on the block, Smith generously donated the other two. His philanthropic gesture set the stage for the center’s development, and his commitment to the arts and community continues to be felt today.

As the Dixie enters its 20th season, it hosts artists, draws more than 20,000 attendees—including nearly 10,000 children—and boasts a dedicated volunteer usher staff of 75. Beyond performances, the center provides a wide range of community events, including art classes and the popular “Designing Women Market,” honoring the late actress Dixie Carter.

“I can’t think of a more fitting way to honor the legacy of Ray Smith than to use this generous donation to secure the future of the Dixie,” said the center’s executive director, Angela DeMaris. “Ray’s vision and heart for his community continue to inspire all of us.”

Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards, unable to attend the celebration due to illness, sent a heartfelt message praising Smith’s profound impact on the town.

“Ray was a mentor and a friend to so many of us. His support of the Dixie, and countless other community efforts, has left an indelible mark on our town,” said Edwards in his statement. The statement was read by Vice-Mayor Andrew Maddox.

Smith’s son, Brent Smith, who spoke on behalf of the family during the event, reflected on his father’s legacy. “Dad was a man of simple values: God first, family second, career third. He always put people first, and his love for this town and its people is what drove him to support the Dixie,” he said.

The evening concluded with the Smith family being honored for their contributions, with many attendees sharing stories of Ray Smith’s kindness, generosity, and commitment to improving Huntingdon. As the Dixie looks toward the future, the town remains grateful for the legacy of a man who believed deeply in the power of arts and culture to bring a community together.

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Pardon My Paltry Puns Proliferation

Boy howdy, you talk about feeling left out. Alone. Ostracized. Adrift at sea. My self-esteem just fell ten floors lower than a whale's belly....

I believe I'm the only citizen left in America who did not receive a presidential pardon this past week!

I don't see how they could have missed me. They sure included everyone else! We all know it couldn't have been my clean living, spotless record, or choir boy good looks.

I stole that spyglass from the Ben Franklin store in 1954 like the common thief that I was. I blew up Mrs. Boaz's mailbox with a cherry bomb in 1959 because it seemed like a good idea at the time. I peered over Anne Alexander's shoulder during a math test in elementary school because she was a lot smarter than me. I whacked David Mark over the head with a hoe handle one time (ok, maybe more than once) because he made me mad.

I lied like a dog when I told Milicent Blackburn in the seventh grade that I loved her. But her grandmother made the best oatmeal raisin cookies I've ever put in my mouth. It was a ploy to ingratiate myself into granny's kitchen.

Come to think of it, I repeated that same lie to Charlotte Melton because her dad owned all of those horses. My young dream was to rope, ride, and sing like Roy Rogers. The riding came easily, and I learned to rope a fence post if I wasn't galloping by. But I gave up Roy, and Charlotte, before I got to high school because I couldn't yodel worth a lick, and it was near 'bout impossible to play "San Antonio Rose" on Leon's old Silvertone guitar and keep that horse moving along in a straight line at the same time.

Now, it was only a partial lie when I told Mary Hadley Hayden I loved her. And we may be splitting hairs here. But, as we all found out last week, there ain't much hairsplitting in the presidential pardoning business. Everybody, except me, gets an equal opportunity to be a part of it.

It wasn't that I didn't love Mary Hadley, but the "hairsplitting" truth is her dad had a right smart bit of cash. The pardonable fact here is obvious. I don't believe you can be dead level honest out on that front porch....when you've got one eye on the girl, and the other one on her father's money!

Think of all the years I wasted dancing and playing cards. You might not think one would need a pardon for being involved with such innocent rituals.... But then, you didn't know my Mother. And you

weren't with me and Bobby Brewer in that small shed over by his house when we were playing strip poker with Carol Jean Ellis.

My conscious has not let me rest over the years because I stole that 15-cent spyglass. I couldn't "come clean" about Mrs. Boaz's mailbox because Daddy (he suspected Leon, but had no proof) would have found out and whipped the living daylights out of me.

I have kicked myself over the years for not being a little more forthcoming, honest, decent, truthful with the aforementioned girls. I didn't handle any of those situations in a correct manner. These are mistakes that I cannot take back, rectify, or forget.

You see my frustration this morning. We've got not one, but two, presidents throwing out pardons like rain coming down in the days of Noah. And I don't get a drop. It's inconceivable with my need for exoneration.

There is no justice here. I could use Anne Alexander's help. She always had the answers. All my little brain can come up with is that I got ignored because I haven't killed anybody lately. I have not led a charge against CVS demanding they lower their prices on Diet Cokes. I have not strangled my hairdresser because she cuts my hair like she wants it to look.

I don't know one person in China. I don't know anyone who's even been to China. It's the same for Russia and North Korea. That eliminates me from any list involving foreign espionage. I don't have enough money for insider trading. I have never lied before a Senate subcommittee.

My family's influence and worldwide status is so poor I can't sell it to anyone.

I apparently don't have enough axes to grind to be in the running for a pardon. It is disheartening to be so overlooked.

You'd think a lifetime Chicago Bears fan would be in line for a pardon.

I wonder if you could get a presidential pardon for your thoughts? 'Course, that clearly isn't the answer either, thinking is not my long suit. I feel like a man without a country. I can't get a pardon when presidents are passing'em out like candy canes at Christmas.

Good Golly, they pardoned Leon! I kid you not, he was on one of those guy's list. He rightfully needed to be there, no one could disagree with that; but I was still mildly surprised....seeing as how he died ten years ago....

Respectfully,
Kes

McKenzie Elementary Honor, Merit Roll - Second Quarter

HONOR ROLL

First Grade

C. Barton: Sean Bomar, Mason Pruitt, Hunter Sedgwick, Larissa Staten

K. Brown: Easton Bynum, Timothy Coleman, Brody Moore

A. Crowell: Stella Brown, Avery Butler, William Luca Bynum, Dominic Gordon, Willow Haberland, Louie McLearen, Landon Nunnery, James Drake Simmons

R. Edlin: Brinley Dodd, Connor Russell, Hudson Wallace, Axel Wilson

L. Flannery: Max Cross, Lenox Ferguson, Callum Petering, Scout Sczesny

Second Grade

E. Bolin: Josiah Armstrong, Emeric Monteith, Liliana Paredes Jaime, Logan Wilson

L. Brown: Isaac Griffin, Kayelynn Riola

S. Lane: Ruby Allen, Kaitlyn Long, Liam Neville, Charlie Smith

C. Moore: Corbin Fowler, Briley Stafford, Hazel Tippitt

K. Simmons: Chase Alexander, Isabella Benson, Bailey Smith, Beckman Warren

B. Turman: Jensen Cox, Anderson Murphy, Kipton Taylor, Heidi Workman

Third Grade

J. Brown: Liam Sevieri

M. Spivey: Sam Kee

M. Taylor: Gatlin Weaver

C. Wall: Neyland Hollowell, Kyren Sczesny, Easton Webb, Avery Winston

Fourth Grade

K. Brown: Aimee Harris, Abby Price, Avery Grace Anderson, Tripp Hollowell

C. Kee: Ronan Stenberg

A. Oakley: Jayna Gauthier, Merritt Ghyers, Grace Trevathan

A. Sellers: Vera Tippitt

MERIT ROLL

First Grade

C. Barton: Zurrie Banuelos, Delaney Gant, Avery Meddings, Easton Prince, Noah Searatt

K. Brown: Aspyr Becerra, Kirby Bell, Faith Lynn French, Penny Jones, John Wallace

A. Crowell: Daniel Baker, Selah Banuelos, Isabel Umsted, Hadleigh Veazey, Kip Warmath

R. Edlin: Graeme Brown, Emmy Eaton, Stetson Estes, Michael Hammett, Briella Howard, Myrcella Knight, Richard Navarro-Venegas, Trinity Ross, Antonio Tellez-Berumen, Mikaela Wilkerson

L. Flannery: Luis Ajin, Elizabeth Case, Caiden Grovette, Devanny Navarro, Mia Norris, Halle Pierce, Oliver Price, Liam Wilson, Cain Zuniga

Second Grade

E. Bolin: Wyatt Chandler, Dakotah Jackson, Luna Tabor

L. Brown: Landry Chapell, Kody Cowan, Cole Epperson, Caden Solomon, Camden Wilson

S. Lane: Jordan Baker, Brilee Berry, Thomas Dugger, Ashima Mendoza-McEwen, Brooklyn Morton, Dominic Norton

C. Moore: Beckham Flip-pin, Kinlee Harris, Cason Hernandez, Emma Hopkins, Alexa Ramirez, Laylah Waller, Baylin Weimer

K. Simmons: Parker Cantrell, Carli Kintner, Santiago Padilla

B. Turman: Wyatt Hartz, Charli Mann

Third Grade

J. Brown: Caleb Bobb, Jazlyn Carroll, Briley Cupples, Blair Eldridge, Maddox Ferguson, Iaden Fortune, Dax Hickerson, Lane Mathis,

Ros McClarkin, Avery Pruitt, Kassie Scott, Lillian Vestal, Marlee Wheat

M. Spivey: Ellie Cross, Carver Holt, Gabe Johnson, Ava Moore, Mya Vermillion, Hannah Winstead, Cooper Yeley

M. Taylor: Jace Brown, Allison Padilla, Michael Rushing, Christopher Sneed, Lydia Walker

C. Wall: Amelya Becerra, Maddox Holmes, Ridley McClure, Essie Owen, Julianne Stafford, Tate Warmath, Kingston Wilson

Fourth Grade

K. Brown: Maylie Gottshall, Brookelynn Grouette, Elijah Henson, Jaxon Hochreiter, Waylon Malin, Kane Phillips

C. Kee: Addy Anderson, Zion Crawford, Karson Hairrell, Kaiden Holbrook, London Andrews, Harper Irwin, Olivia Neville, Isabella Ochoa, Brennan Olcott, Charlotte Rodgers, Blake Ryg

A. Oakley: Benson Beard, Bo Fail, Jeremiah Hernandez, Reece Milam, Caroline Perry, Coby Poore, Hayden Wallace, Miles Workman

A. Sellers: Jaxon Howell, Alicyn Ninness, Graclyn Rose, Ty Scott, Jacob Stafford, Landon Wilson

Principal's P.R.I.D.E. Reading Award

First Grade: Easton Prince, Brody Moore, Louie McLearen, Brinley Dodd, Cain Zuniga

Second Grade: Luna Tabor, Isaac Griffin, Jordan Baker, Alexa Ramirez, Beckman Warren, Kipton Taylor

Third Grade: Briley Cupples, Ava Moore, Michael Rushing, Amelya Becerra

Fourth Grade: Aimee Harris, London Andrews, Emmalyn Adkins, Alicyn Ninness

Principal's P.R.I.D.E. Math Award

First Grade: Hunter Sedgwick, Timothy Coleman, Isabel Umsted, Axel Wilson, Scout Sczesny

Second Grade: Emerie Monteith, Landry Chappell, Charlie Smith, Corbin Fowler, Bailey Smith, Kaiya Shaw

Third Grade: Liam Sevieri, Sam Kee, Gatlin Weaver, Kyren Sczesny

Fourth Grade: Ethan Redmond, Blake Ryg, Merritt Ghyers, Madilyn Chappell

B.U.G. Award (Bringing Up Grades)

First Grade: Noah Searatt, Keiandra Milton, Landon Nunnery, Hudson Wallace, Marlilyn McBride

Second Grade: Callie Watson, Camden Wilson, Aubry Ninness, Kinlee Harris, Braxton Eaves, Heidi Workman

Third Grade: Alayna Broadway, Shiloh Campbell, Marley Springer, Essie Owen

Fourth Grade: Ja'Mear James, Charlotte Rogers, Benson Beard, Remington Broyles

Citizenship Award

First Grade: Raelyn Roberts, Faith Lynn French, Selah Banuelos, Emmy Eaton, Isaac Smith

Second Grade: Martin Gonzalez, Korra Sevieri, Ruby Allen, Nola Aldridge, Khloe Prestwood, Nevaeh Belk

Third Grade: Marlee Wheat, Marcanna Cunningham, Lily Ann Wolski, Riley Barksdale

Fourth Grade: Bodie Ann Cunningham, Kaiden Holbrook, Larry Smith, Cason Roberts

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

1/32 of an Inch

Dwight was older than me.

He had the knowledge and experience.

I had the eagerness to learn woodworking and building things.

He had the patience to teach me.

It was a perfect pairing.

Most every Saturday I would make my way to Dwight and Betty's farm where they lived in a simple frame house.

"Dwight and Betty's." That's how everyone referred to it. Never just "Dwight's." That's because you couldn't think of one without thinking of the other.

I never saw Betty that she wasn't busy doing something, whether it was hoeing the weeds and grass out of the gorgeous flowers she grew, carrying firewood into the house, or canning vegetables. Her homemade relish makes my mouth water just thinking about it.

She was a go-getter.

Dwight took a more casual approach to things.

One day in July, though, I arrived on the farm ready to join Dwight in the small single-wide trailer his mother-in-law used to live in that he'd taken all the walls out of and converted to a woodworking shop, but he was out in the yard on his tractor-mower pulling tree limbs behind it, while Betty was hollering directions at him.

I headed on in the shop to work on a project we'd started, expecting him to

join me shortly once he saw my truck.

A couple of hours passed and he still hadn't showed up, so I paused and looked out the open doorway to see what was going on.

The tractor was idling in the yard, and Dwight was heading toward me, wiping sweat off his face. I'd never seen him sweat.

He stated the obvious. "It's hot out here, Dave."

I agreed, and asked, "What are you doing? Doesn't Betty usually take care of the yard?"

With a straight face, he answered, "I'm keeping peace. I may be too busy to work in the shop today."

And with that, he headed back to the tractor.

"Keeping peace." That's a good idea, isn't it. Whether you're talking about your marriage, your friendships, or your work setting, "Keeping peace" would sure go a long way towards making life easier and more enjoyable.

In the shop, Dwight and I tended to be perfectionists. Many times we would look at a joint were trying to put together or a shelf we were trying to level, and we'd see it was "off," which meant it wasn't perfect. And even though we both agreed no one would notice, and we'd quote the adage to each other, "the difference between good carpenter and a really good carpenter is the ability to hide your mistakes," it didn't matter. We would either re-cut a new piece to make it fit, or we'd

toss the whole thing out the door to go in a burn pile.

Walking into the shop was dangerous for pedestrians, lest they be hit by flying pieces of wood. (Not that there were any pedestrians on the farm. I'm just trying to paint a picture for you.)

Besides being perfectionists, Dwight and I were both tight with money. When we began calculating how much wood we'd burned up because of errors we'd made, it forced us to reach an agreement, and it was this:

"If something is within 1/32 of an inch of being perfect, then that's close enough."

If that doesn't translate for you, think of how long an inch is, then divide that inch into thirty-two sections. Yeah, it's small.

I think the "1/32 is Close Enough" rule is a good one to apply in countless situations.

Are you expecting too much out of your kids? Are those expectations unrealistic? Your kids are never going to be perfect at anything. Is the weight of your expectations on them too much? You know, it's important to help them feel "good enough."

Speaking of parents, are your expectations of yourself unrealistic? If you're not able to make it to every single one of your kids' practices, competitions, ballgames, or performances, yet you always tell them you love them, you take time to listen to them, and you teach them right from wrong, doesn't that put you within that 1/32 area? Aren't you doing a "good enough" job? Go ahead, pat yourself

on the back. You need the encouragement.

If you work in the manufacturing sector, or in sales, or any other highly competitive setting, you know how those above you are always wanting more. If you reach a goal or quota they've set, they'll brag on you, then bump those goals and quotas a little higher. It's never enough. It grinds on you, frustrates you, and makes you feel like quitting. Even if they won't give you a break, give it to yourself by recognizing your performance will never be enough. As long as you're doing your best (and that's an important qualifier here), then you're in that one-thirty second zone. You're not perfect, but you're good enough.

What if you're a Christian? Are you constantly beating yourself up, feeling depressed and hopeless because you keep falling short? I can speak to that because I lived there for too long a time. Let me tell you, if you're striving to follow Christ and to do the will of the Father, then you're NOT in the one thirty-second zone. Nobody is because nobody can live that perfect a life. The zone all Christians are in is the Grace and Mercy Zone. Because of grace and mercy, God says we're good enough. That's a truth we need to embrace and absorb the peace and comfort that's there. Say it with me, "I'm not perfect, but I'm good enough."

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Senior football players, managers and cheerleaders (l. to r) Front Row: Guillermo Hickman, Skyler Fornera, Aden Heath, Jaylin Megaw, Ally Gibson, Lydia Pate, Laila Scott, Baylee Barden and Reese Gallimore. Back Row: Jacob Smith, Barry Swalley, Martez Teague, Colt Norden, Tate Surber, Gage Crosland, Landon Brown, KD Cunningham and Craegen Travis. Not pictured is Trey Gilbert. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, MHS football team award winners (l to r): Colt Norden, Skyler Fornera, KD Cunningham, Tate Surber, Cole Brown, Landon Brown and Craegen Travis. Below, MHS cheerleaders (l to r) Front Row: Brooke Murphy, Madelynn Pewitt, Laila Scott, Olivia Pate, Miley Prince and Lydia Pate. Back Row: Addi Davis, Aleecia Williams, Baylee Barden, Reese Gallimore, Tobey Brooks, Carleigh Lunn and Katelyn Prather. Not pictured is Cheyenne Risner. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie High School Football Celebrates Phenomenal Season

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (January 26) — Players, coaches, cheerleaders, family members, fans and members of the media gathered Sunday afternoon at McKenzie Church of Christ to celebrate another highly successful McKenzie High School football season and all of the people that made it possible.

The Rebels had plenty to celebrate after a 13-1 season (10-0 in the regular season) that ended with a narrow road loss in the semifinals to eventual state champion MASE. The team's success includes many individual accolades, including some entries into the TSSAA record books.

Following welcoming remarks by Principal Kelly Spivey and a prayer by junior player Ryan Toombs, guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Hometown Hangout.

As guests finished dessert, Cheer Coach Brittany Colotta spoke, thanking school administration, the Touchdown Club, fans, parents and, finally, the cheerleaders for "giving their all until the very last moment of the season." Colotta then recognized each member of the squad.

Senior football players presented each senior cheerleader with a gift.

First-year Head Coach Keith Hodge thanked a great many groups and individuals, then began the awards presentations.

Coach Austin Chapman presented 21 players and managers with first-year letterman awards. Another 37 earned standard letterman awards (second year on team, significant varsity playing time or year-long special teams starter).

Chapman then presented academic awards, 19 to players with 3.0-3.49 GPA and 17 to players with 3.5-4.0 GPA.

Coach Merritt Spence recognized players earning region and state accolades.

Tate Surber was the region MVP and Class 1A Mr. Football. He was named to the TNFCA and TSWA All-State teams and the All-West Tennessee team.

Cole Brown was named to the All-Region, TNFCA and TSWA All-State and All-West Tennessee teams.

KD Cunningham was named All-Region Defen-

sive MVP and to the TNFCA All-State and All-West Tennessee teams.

Skyler Fornera was named to the All-Region, TNFCA and TSWA All-State and All-West Tennessee teams.

Ryan Toombs, Barry Swalley, Landon Brown, Colt Norden and Craegen Travis were named to the All-Region team.

Martez Teague, Gage Crosland, Lelan Gordon, Ethan Batton and Jacob Smith were named to the Second Team All-Region.

Coach Ben Carter presented the David Long Academic Award (highest GPA) to Tate Surber. Coach Kentrell Diggs presented the Kermit Holland 3-D Award (dedication, determination and discipline) to KD Cunningham. Coach Chris Wall presented the Impact Player of the Year Award to Cole Brown. Coach Ben Carter presented the Howard Nolen Team First Award to Craegen Travis. Coach Trey Cantrell presented the Coaches' Award to Colt Norden. Coach David Duncan presented the Jerry Carter Century Award to Skyler Fornera. Cantrell presented the Unsung Hero Award to Landon Brown. Coach Hodge presented the Mr. Rebel Award to Tate Surber. Hodge then recognized some TSSAA records achieved by two Rebel players.

Tate Surber had the third most touchdowns in a season with 64, the sixth most total offense in a season with 4,389 yards and the ninth most touchdowns in a career.

Skyler Fornera had the tenth most PATs in a season with 80 and the ninth most consecutive PATs made with 59.

TD Club President Chad Batton presented gifts to the seniors, including large shadowboxes containing jerseys, photos and other mementos and a photo book.

Martez Teague, Gage Crosland, Colt Norden, Tate Surber, Craegen Travis, KD Cunningham and Jacob Smith, were recognized as four-year members of the team and presented with sport coats and plaques.

The teams these seven players played on had a combined record of 55-4 (39-1 in the regular season) with a championship, two runner-up finishes and a semifinals appearance.

Senior players presented gifts to the coaches.

TD Club officers Batton, Raven Cunningham (vice president), Reni Toombs (treasurer) and Lisa Stewart (secretary) were presented plaques.

Coaches Cantrell and Diggs gave emotional farewell remarks to the seniors, and Coach Hodge took a moment to recognize the middle school program.

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

Junior players include: Timmy Arline, Mason Batton, Ethan Batton, Aiden Callis, Jackson Cantrell, Khamari Coleman, Landin Deatherage, Matthew Gaylord, Davarion Gilbert, TJ Johnson, Evan Norman, Emil Schreitmuller and Ryan Toombs.

Sophomore players include: Avery Brown, Cole Brown, Casey Cunningham, Lelan Gordon, Christian Hytinen, Landon Knight, Jacobi Melton, Pedro Mendez, Aiden Orten, Joe Stallion, Matteo Tabada and Rayhan Zulmai.

Freshmen players include: Wyatt Brewer, Kason Brown, Jayden Callis, Cooper Davidson, Brody Davis, Kenneth Ellis, Jayden Gordon, Malakai Harris, Alex Hughes, Connor Mann, Wyatt Risner, Maddox Shiell, Hunter Sims, Gakhari Thomas, Jacion Townes and Hunter Winstead.

Managers include: Olivia Cantrell, Sophie Cole, senior Ally Gibson and senior Jaylin Megaw. Film crew: Eian Gibson and Laila McDade.

Sideline managers: Dawson Reeder and Parker Ross.

Coaches include: Head Coach Keith Hodge, Trey Cantrell, Ben Carter, Austin Chapman, Nick Chappell, Kentrell Diggs, David Duncan, Jacob Fuzzell, Merritt Spence, Zach Renfro and Chris Wall.

Cheerleaders include seniors Reese Gallimore, Laila Scott, Lydia Pate and Baylee Barden; juniors Tobey Brooks and Miley Prince; sophomores Brooke Murphy, Madelynn Pewitt, Cheyenne Risner and Aleecia Williams; and freshmen Addi Davis, Carleigh Lunn, Olivia Pate and Katelyn Prather.

Obituaries

JENNIFER LYNN KING 1964 – 2025

PARIS — Jennifer Lynn King, 60, of Paris, died Friday, January 17, 2025, at her residence.

She was born on September 1, 1964, in Paris, to the late Silas Hottle Sager and the late Thelma Irene Smith Lamb.

She is survived by her two daughters, Brandi (Thomas "TK") Russell of Paris, and Kayla Wallace Todd of Murray, Ky.; six sisters, Brenda Hill of Paris, Cathey (Jimmy) Stambaugh of McKenzie, Donna (Bobby) Beasley of Murfreesboro, Jennie Dyer of Camden, Jackie Shawn of Eddyville, Ky., and Kathy Lamb of Paris; one brother, Charles (Debi) Colley of Springville, and six grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two brothers, W.C. Colley, Jr., and Ronald David Sager.

Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap Street, Paris, handled the arrangements. A funeral services was Sunday, January 26, 2025. Burial was at Memorial Cemetery with Malaki Russell, Aiden Marr, Lukas Mitchell, Thomas "TK" Russell, Andrew Marr, Ramiah "Ray" McDougal, Justin Stambaugh, and Derrek Colley serving as pallbearers.

RON McCADAMS 1948 – 2025

MILAN — Funeral service for Ronnie Earl "Ron" McCadams, 76, of Milan, were January 21, 2025, at the New Hopewell Church of Medina with burial in the Centerville Cemetery near Medina.

Ron was born on September 3, 1948, in McKenzie, to Reuben and Retha Vancleave McCadams. Ron served his country during the Vietnam War serving in the Marine Corp, and he was a member of the New Hopewell Church of Medina.

Ron is survived by his wife, Linda McCadams, three children Shannon McCadams (Suzie) of Milan, Clint McCadams of Atwood and Melanie Kissell (Corey) of Halls, three brothers, Hansel McCadams (Teresa) of Paris, Tansel McCadams (Carmi) of Paris and Van McCadams (Sue) of McKenzie, and four grandchildren and one great-grandson Ellison Kissell.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Reuben and Retha Vancleave and a brother, Darrell McCadams.



Apple Dumplings

2 granny smith apples, peeled and quartered
1 (8count) can crescent rolls
½ cup margarine
1 cup sugar
1 cup orange juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
Wrap each apple quarter in a crescent roll. Sprinkle cinnamon over crescent rolls. Mix margarine, sugar and orange juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour over crescent rolls. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Beef Cheese Ball

3 (8oz.) cream cheese, softened
4 or 5 green onions, chopped
2 (2 1/2oz) Armour Dried Beef
1 tablespoon Accent
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Mix all ingredients together. Shape into 2 rolls. Sprinkle it with paprika. Chill. Serve with Wheat thins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to New Hopewell Church of Medina (PO Box 158, Medina, TN 38355), The Milan Mustard Seed (PO Box 634, Milan, TN 38358) or to Captain Jack Holland Detachment 735 Marine Corp League (228 McIntosh Drive, Jackson, TN 38305).

Bodkin Funeral Home served the family of Ron McCadams.

HAROLD LEE WILLIAMS 1941 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Harold Lee Williams, 83, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Friday, January 24, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in Tucker Cemetery.

Mr. Williams was born March 28, 1941, in Huntingdon, to the late Ily and Dessa Johnson Williams.

He is survived by a brother, Darrell Williams, of Huntingdon, and a sis-

ter, Marion Sue Royals, of Loris, S.C.

VERLENE ARNOLD 1926 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Verlene (Nanny) Arnold were at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home on January 27, 2025. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Arnold, 98, a homemaker and caregiver, died at her residence on Friday, January 24, 2025. She was born on September 12, 1926, in Chesterfield, Tenn.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, William Lee Arnold; her parents, Will G. Scott and Margaret Ester Nowell; two sons, Jimmie Arnold and Billy Arnold; three grandchildren and four brothers, Floyd Scott, JD Scott, Elmer Scott, and Don Scott.

She is survived by three daughters, Judy Dunning of McKenzie, Nancy Sollis of Lexington, and Peggy (Tim) Hart of Henry, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

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The senior movie at the Park Theater is Wednesday, January 29 at 2 p.m. "A Complete Unknown" will be shown. Movie, soda and popcorn is \$5.

DANCE PARTY AT McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER

The Larry Morgan Dance Party at the McKenzie Senior Center is Saturday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person.

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 Armprist at the McKenzie Senior Center. Call 731-352-3323 for more information.

COUNTY LIBRARY TO HOST SOUP FUNDRAISER

Friends of the Carroll County Library is hosting a soup fundraiser on Friday, February 7, 2025, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Carroll County Library, 625 High St. Huntingdon. A variety of soup will be available including potato, taco, vegetable soup and chili for \$10 a bowl with crackers, dessert and drink.

McKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD TO MEET

The McKenzie Industrial Board meets Thursday, February 20, 2025, for training with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. Janna Helling is the presenter.

The Mayor and council members are invited and encouraged to participate in this meeting and learn about economic development in Tennessee.

The meeting is at 6 p.m. at The RailYard, Broad-

way Street, Downtown McKenzie.

CARROLL 911 BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communication District Board of Directors meets on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon (Sheriff Department Training Room). Anyone wishing to address the directors must be registered to do so by phoning 731-986-8911.

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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.

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educator, and Amber Bradley, RN, will help you learn how to improve your heart health by being proactive in your care.

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 - New medical advancements.

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LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Council is accepting applications for the Low-Income

Home Energy Assistance Program. This program assists low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Individuals interested in applying for the LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest TN Economic Development Council office in their county of residence. Go to our website for county site contact information: nwcommunitaction.org.

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.

GET THE WORD OUT

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Mulberry Soccer Complex On McKenzie Parks Agenda

The City of McKenzie Parks and Recreation Board meets Wednesday, February 5 at 5 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

On the agenda are updates from Supervisor Billy Hollowell on

the high school ballfield fence, scoreboard and t-ball fence. Also there will be an update on the Mulberry Park Complex which will include public input regarding the new soccer fields.

Willodean Long Celebrates 96th Birthday



Willodean Long of Trezevant celebrated her 96th birthday on January 15, at her home. Lots of family and friends participated in the celebration.

McKENZIE School Board Agenda

Tuesday, February 4, 5:30 p.m., McKenzie Middle School Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Prayer and Pledge to the Flag

Adoption of Agenda:

A. Consent Agenda

B. Regular Agenda (New Business)

Hear correspondence addressed to the Board.

Public comment(s) on actionable agenda items

(not to exceed 15 minutes)*.

*MSSD Board Policy 1.404.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider for approval McKenzie SSD budget amendment(s).

Consider for approval, on first reading, amendments to the McKenzie SSD Board of Education Policy Manual.

4.603 Promotion and Retention.

5.118 Background Investigations.

Consider for approval MHS DECA State Competition trip: Chattanooga, February 25-28, 2025.

Consider for approval MHS FFA State Convention trip: Gatlinburg, March 22-26, 2025.

Discussion of proposed projects—McKenzie Middle School gym bleachers; McKenzie High School gym floor; District two-way radios/communication needs. Director's Report.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL McKenzie Swept by McEwen

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (January 20) — McKenzie High School hosted McEwen Monday for a pair of district basketball contests. The fifth-ranked Warriorettes rode an early lead to a 75-51 win. The Rebels made a late rally, pulling within two points more than once before falling to the Warriors, 72-64.

McEwen Warriorettes 75, McKenzie Lady Rebels 51

The Warriorettes jumped out to a 19-6 lead after the opening frame, led by Laila Downs-Darden with 15 points, including a three-pointer. Shana Bohanon scored four points. Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford scored six points.

McEwen had an 18-12 advantage in the second quarter, led by Downs-Darden with ten points. Bohanon scored five with a three, and Ellie Littleton also hit a three-pointer. Stafford again led McKenzie with eleven points. Ava Hastings hit a free throw. At the half, McEwen led 37-18.

The Warriorettes had a 23-19 edge in the third, led by S. Bohanon with a dozen. Downs-Darden scored nine with a three, and Tiana Bohanon had a pair. Stafford scored 14 for the Lady Rebels, Molly French hit a three, and Aurora Johnson had a pair. Entering the final frame, the Warriorettes led 60-37.

McEwen sealed the win with a 15-14 tilt in the fourth, led by Downs-Darden with ten points, including a pair of three-pointers. Littleton also hit a three, and Avery Branch had a pair. Hastings and French each hit a three for McKenzie, and Stafford and Braylin Auvenshine each scored three points. Johnson added a pair.



Left, Rebel Craegen Travis snags a rebound and goes back up strong to the basket.



Right, Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford draws hard contact and makes a circus shot for a three-point opportunity. Stafford led McKenzie with 34 points.

Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Warriorette Laila Downs-Darden led all scorers with 44 points, including four three-pointers. Shana Bohanon scored 21 with a three.

Jaycee Stafford led McKenzie with 34 points.

Warriors 72, Rebels 64

McEwen had an 18-13 lead after the first frame, led by Zeke Harrington with eight points. Caleb Coates and Landon Davis each scored four, Coates with a three-pointer. Ty Greene had a pair. Craegen Travis led McKenzie with six points. Tate Surber scored four, and Landon Brown hit a three-pointer.

The Warriors had a 14-10 advantage in the second quarter, led by Davis with eight points. T. Greene, Harrington and Case Greene each had a pair. Eli Vinson led the Rebels with five points, including a three. Cole Brown and Carter Kee each had a pair, and Surber hit a free throw. At the half, McEwen led 32-23.

McKenzie had a 15-14 edge in the third, led by

Surber and L. Brown with six points each, Brown on a pair of threes. C. Brown also hit a three. Coates and C. Greene each scored six for the Warriors, each with a three-pointer. T. Greene and Davis each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Warriors led 46-38.

The fourth was a 26-26 wash. C. Greene led McEwen with 13 points, including a three. Davis scored four, and Harrington had three points. Coates, T. Greene and Dalton Williams each had a pair. Surber led the Rebels with nine points, including a three. Kee scored seven with a three, and Travis had four points. C. Brown and L. Brown each hit a three-pointer.

Tate Surber led McKenzie with 20 points, including a three. Landon Brown had a dozen on four three-pointers. Craegen Travis scored ten points.

Case Greene led McEwen with 20 points, including a pair of threes. Landon Davis scored 18, and Zeke Harrington had 13 points.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenzie Sweeps Houston County

BY BRAD SAM
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ERIN (January 24) — McKenzie traveled to Houston County High School Friday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Lady Rebels led throughout and held off a late Lady Irish rally for a 58-54 win. The Rebels trailed at the half but dominated down the stretch for a 76-54 victory.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 58, Houston County Lady Irish 54

The Lady Rebels had a 12-8 lead after the opening frame. Sophie Pate and Jaycee Stafford scored six points each, Pate on a pair of three-pointers. Kylee Smith scored all eight Houston County points, including a pair of threes.

McKenzie had a 14-13 edge in the second quarter, Stafford scoring all 14 with a three-pointer. Lady Irish Maddie Brooks scored eight points with a three. Presley Moore also hit a three, and Ally Mitchell had a pair. At the half, McKenzie led 26-21.

The Lady Rebels had a 17-9 advantage in the third, led by Stafford with eight points, including a three-pointer. Molly French scored four with a three, Pate hit another three, and Braylin Auvenshine had a pair. Brooks scored five Houston Coun-

ty points with a three, and Smith had four points. Entering the final frame, McKenzie led 43-30.

The Lady Irish rally in the fourth came up just short at 24-15, led by Brooks with 12 points, including a three-pointer. Mitchell scored five with a three. CJ Clark had four points, and Smith hit a three. Stafford led McKenzie with six points. Ava Hasting hit a three, and French also scored three points. Auvenshine added a pair, and Pate hit a free throw.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford led all scorers with 34 points, including a pair of threes. Sophie Pate scored ten with a trio of three-pointers.

Maddie Brooks led Houston County with 25 points, including a trio of threes. Kylee Smith scored 15, also with a trio of threes.

Rebels 76, Fighting Irish 54

Houston County led 23-15 after the first frame, led by Townes Epps with seven points, including a pair of three-pointers. Brady Bucciarelli scored six on a pair of threes, and Hagen Honeycutt had five with a three. Ryan Carter scored three points, and Mac Baggett had a pair. Rebel Craegen Travis scored seven with a three. Cole Brown had four points. Landon Brown and Carter

Kee each had a pair. McKenzie had a 16-10 edge in the second quarter, led by Tate Surber with 14 points, including a pair of threes. Kee added a pair. Carter led the Irish with four points. Bucciarelli hit a three, and Casen Clark also scored three points. At the half, Houston County led 33-31.

The Rebels pulled ahead with a 21-6 tilt in the third, led by Surber with eight points. L. Brown scored five with a three, and Travis had four points. C. Brown and Eli Vinson each had a pair. Honeycutt, Clark and Baggett each added a pair for the Irish. Heading into the final frame, the Rebels led 52-39.

McKenzie capped the comeback win with a 24-15 advantage in the fourth, led by Travis with nine points. Surber scored six, and Kee hit a three-pointer. C. Brown, L. Brown and Avery Brown each had a pair. Clark and Baggett each hit a three for Houston County, and Honeycutt and Owen Reason each scored three points. Epps added a pair, and Brody Link hit a free throw.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 28 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Craegen Travis scored 20 with a three.

Hagen Honeycutt led the Irish with ten points, including a three.

Hale and Hamilton Properties, LLC to Chad Hamilton.

Paul Marshall to Timothy and Jill Nutting Comes. James K. Peterson to Tasha Gurley in District 13. Johnnie M. Hollingsworth to Conner B. Hollingsworth in District 16.

Willie Lee Willis to Doris Chappel in District 15.

Jesse M. Hilliard to Centennial Bank.

Darryl L. and Alene J. Ball to Josh and Heather Flamingo in District 11.

Brent C. and Carol C. Rice to Gary E. and Karen W. Wilson in District 16.

Cynthia M. Szalay to Billie Joann Cobb in District 8.

Cynthia Marie Szalay to Christal Marie Reed in District 8.

Willie Lee Willis to Philip Willis in District 15.

Sean Garrison to Penny Garrison in District 20.

Property Transfers

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

Christina L. Herriott to James Ramirez.

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

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

Nancy L. Choate to Peter James Bartlette.

Richard F. Odle III to Kimberly Terese Odle in District 14.

Oliver Darrell and Charlotte S. Shands to Oliver Darrell Shands as Trustee in District 14.

Brent B. and Brandon B. Barlowe to Amber Nicole Mueller in District 2.

Ashley Cook to Zane B. Mebane in District 11.

Rickey Jerome Beadles to Alec C. Parrish in District 4.

Janis E. Noel to Janis E.

Noel Revocable Trust dated 17th of January 2025 in District 4.

Christine Jackson to Johnathon D. Jackson. No district listed.

Kim Davis Garner to Matt Thomas and Allie Nicole Simpson in District 12.

Kal Pork, LLC to White Farms in District 9.

Timothy Young to Timothy Young in District 6.

Kenneth Selsor to Raeleen Burke.

Steve Kee to Ray Ann Black.

Ray Ann Black to Kelly Family Properties, LLC.

Royal View Properties, LLC to Roy Allen Barnett in District 11.

Sadie Borntrager to Clayton L. Hammer in District 16.

Gary Simmons to Gary W. Simmons as Trustee in District 22.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (January 22) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on January 22.

Defendants bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court include:

Mark Thomas, Spruce Street, McKenzie, bound over on Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess With Intent; Simple Possession; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Zachary Ward, Bradford Highway, Milan, bound over on charge of Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases re-

sulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Jaclyn Dodd, Oaklawn Drive, McKenzie,, pre-trial diversion, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$750 fine, probation; Probation Violation - extended six months.

Rebecca Jean Evans, Highway 77, Atwood, pre-trial diversion, Criminal Trespass, no contact with Hunter Ridge Apartments.

Nicole Tere Ferguson, Highway 124, McKenzie, guilty, Drivers License Must Be Carried and Exhibited.

Mario Gutierrez, Packard Drive, Nashville, guilty, Driving While Suspended;

guilty, Speeding, \$100 fine, time served, probation; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Registration Violation.

Michael Hubble, Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended six months.

Joseph Long, Highland Drive, McKenzie, guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 30 days jail, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Jeffery Wayne McPeake, Center Point Road, Reagan, guilty, Probation Violation, time served, probation.

Sheriff's Reports

Drug Violation — According to a report made on January 23 by Deputy Townes, he initiated a traffic stop on a gray Hyundai for failure to maintain lane. Once he spoke to the female driver, he noticed that she was nervous and she advised that the passenger, Timothy Coffman, 49, of Jackson, was the cause for her nervousness. She said she didn't know where she was and was trying to get to Perry County. She gave her driver's license, but Timothy refused. The driver stepped out of the vehicle and dispatch confirmed Timothy

had a warrant outside of Madison County. Timothy had a small baggy of meth in his pocket and in the car near where he was sitting. He was transported to jail for possession of methamphetamine.

Simple Assault — According to a report made on January 20, Deputy Crowe received a call about a domestic. During the investigation, Deputy Crowe spoke to Shannon Butler, 52, of Atwood and Lisa Mathis, 49, of Atwood. Mr. Butler stated that he confronted Lisa asking her to leave. Mr. Butler then

stated that Ms. Mathis got mad and started hitting him in the face. Butler says he then pushed her onto the bed, which she rolled to the floor. Mr. Butler had several scratch marks on the right side of his head and a busted lip. Ms. Mathis stated that they started arguing when he asked her to leave. She said Butler pushed her down, dragging her across the floor and punching her in the face. There was no significant marking on Lisa to prove her statement. This led the deputies to believe that Ms. Mathis was the aggressor by punching Mr. Butler in the mouth and scratching his face.

McKenzie Police Reports

Retaliation Against Police Officer — Rashad D. McCreary, 20, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was arrested for an online threat posted against Officer Darren Davis.

A report filed by Officer Davis indicated McCreary threatened the officer in an online post on Snapchat following a traffic stop Davis performed on McCreary.

The online threat indicated McCreary was not happy about the stop for his tinted windows and then threatened Davis and other officers.

The District Attorney authorized McCreary's arrest, and officers from McKenzie Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Department, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol served the warrant and made the arrest. McCreary said "I was joking" and "I removed it", referring to the online post.

Evading Arrest — Monetavious D. Finch, 33, Paris, was charged with Evading Arrest, Driving on a Revoked License on January 23.

According to a report by Officer Steven Scott, Finch failed to stop when the officer activated his blue lights. He drove about one-quarter mile, stopped, and exited, running on foot. He was arrested.

Driving on a Revoked License — Stacy L. Garner, 49, Barksdale Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Display of Registration Plate Violation on January 21.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Garner's vehicle for inoperable lights on the registration plate. A check of her license revealed the suspended status. She was charged as noted and cited into court.

Driving on Suspended License — Thomas A. Walker, 20, McDonald Avenue, McKenzie was charged a Suspended License violation and Light Law Violation on January 21.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Walker's vehicle with an inoperable headlight. A check of his license revealed the suspended status. Walker was cited into court.

Evading Arrest, Prohibited Weapon — Timothy Hickey, 35, Herd Law Lane, Trenton, was charged with Evading Arrest, Prohibited Weapon and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on January 24.

Officer Steven Scott witnessed Hickey on a motorcycle on January 22. The motorcycle was operated by Hickey and failed to stop. Officer Scott was able to arrest Hickey at a residence on January 24. He had a glass pipe and a pair of knuckles

and was taken into custody for outstanding warrants in Weakley County, including felony evading, drug paraphernalia, and prohibited weapons.

Violation of Probation — Monetavious D. Finch, 33, Paris, reported to the McKenzie Police Department to 'turn himself in' for outstanding warrants for Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear. He was transported to Carroll County Jail on January 23.

Display of Registration Plates — Barbara Griffin, 49, Kuttawa, Kentucky, was charged with Display of Plates Violation, Simple Possession and Light Law on January 24.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped the vehicle for inoperable license plate lights. The officer indicated he smelled marijuana and the driver said she smoked marijuana for medical purposes. A blunt of green leafy material was located during a vehicle search. She was cited into General Sessions Court.

Vandalism — Jaleesa L. Cherry, 32, Knox Street, Huntingdon, was charged with Vandalism on January 24.

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Involuntary Plaintiffs,		
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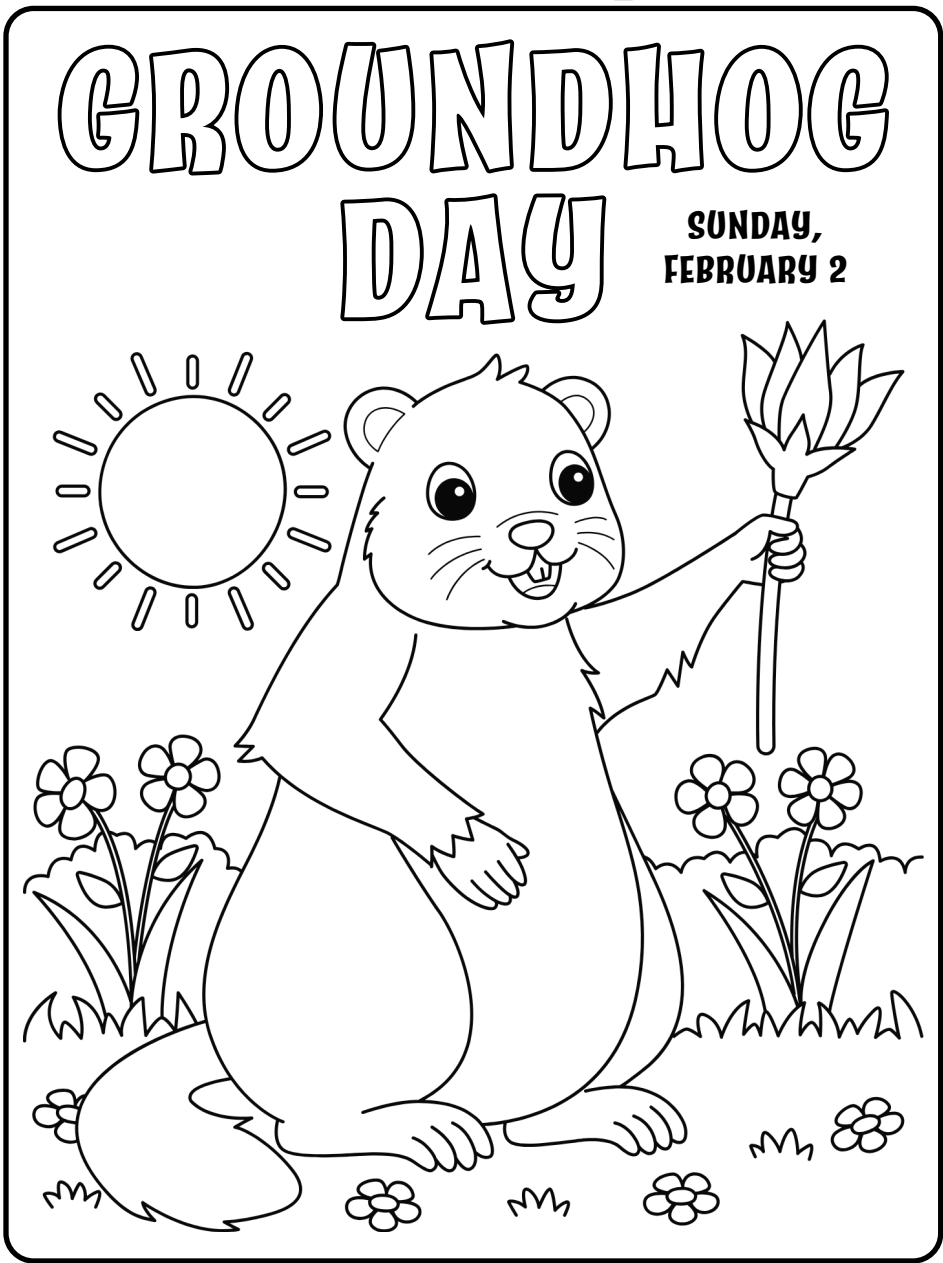
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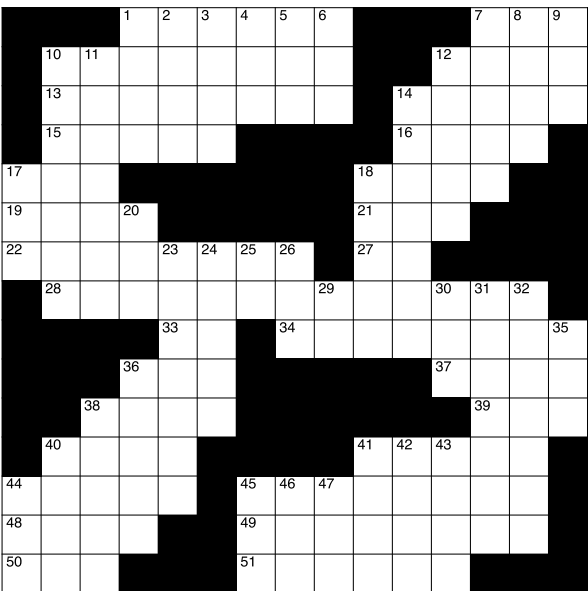
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Weekly Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Where entertainers perform
 - 7. Miller beer variety
 - 10. Ageless
 - 12. River in SE Europe
 - 13. Able to be repaired
 - 14. Type of wrap
 - 15. Atomic #54
 - 16. Type of tent
 - 17. U.S. Treasury position
 - 18. Opposed to
 - 19. Protective covering
 - 21. Bridge building degree
 - 22. Clouding of the lens
 - 27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
 - 28. Unacceptable
 - 33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
 - 34. American national park
 - 36. One point south of due east
 - 37. Assist in a crime
 - 38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
 - 39. A major division of geological time
 - 40. German courtesy title
 - 41. English family dating back to Norman times
 - 44. Discounts
 - 45. South American nation
 - 48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
 - 49. Hostile
 - 50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
 - 51. Discourages from doing



- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
 - 2. Nevada city
 - 3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
 - 4. Bird's beak
 - 5. Language
 - 6. Midway between south and southeast
 - 7. Punjab village
 - 8. Small biting flies
 - 9. Sportscaster Patrick
 - 10. A way to get around
 - 11. Repeat
 - 12. A way to cook with fat
 - 14. Temporary loss of consciousness
 - 17. Reciprocal of a sine
 - 18. Fir tree genus
 - 20. "Transformers" director
 - 23. Criminals who steal
 - 24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
 - 25. Music product
 - 26. "Talk to you"
 - 29. Santa says it three times
 - 30. Doctors' group
 - 31. African nation
 - 32. Ageless
 - 35. When you hope to get somewhere
 - 36. Worn
 - 38. Deprives of vigor
 - 40. Used to have (Scottish)
 - 41. Where you live
 - 42. Muslim ruler title
 - 43. Basics
 - 44. Type of drug (abbr.)
 - 45. Spanish soldier
 - 46. It precedes two
 - 47. Illuminated

Week 4 See solution in next week's edition.

Slow Cooking Word Search



- Barbecue
- Baste
- Blanch
- Braise
- Caramelize
- Cooking
- Hours
- Low
- Meals
- Patience
- Prepare
- Recipe
- Reduce
- Roast
- Sear
- Simmer
- Slow
- Smoke
- Stew
- Temperature
- Tender
- Timing

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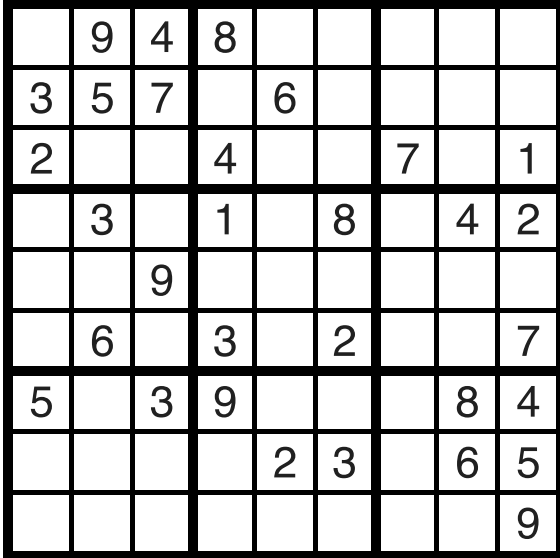


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WEEK 4



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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to slow cooking. Each number corresponds to slow cooking. (Hint: 22 = E)

- A. 24 26 11 9 26 20
Clue: Not quickly
- B. 14 10 11 14 6
Clue: Ceramic vessel
- C. 15 18 17 10 22 23 15 22 18 16 24
Clue: Parts of a recipe
- D. 14 11 5 22 10 22 23
Clue: With the top on

Answers: A. slowly B. crock C. ingredients D. covered

LETTER MIX-UP

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

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Riddle Me This

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Answer: A plant

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

MSRMEI

Answer: Simmer

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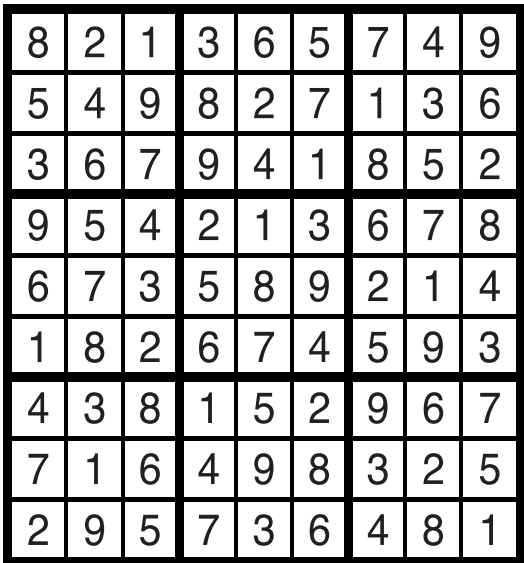
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gleason Sweeps Lake County

BY BRAD SAM
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GLEASON (January 24) — Gleason High School hosted Lake County Friday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Lady Bulldogs were in control throughout for a 43-29 win, while the Bulldogs battled through momentum shifts to come out on top, 66-58.

Gleason Lady Bulldogs 43, Lake County Lady Falcons 29

The Lady Bulldogs led 11-7 after the opening frame, led by Brinley Lehmkuhl with five points, including a three-pointer. Hylan Leach also hit a three, Ahmyre Allen had a pair, and Kadence Witherspoon hit a free throw. Laken Chism scored all seven Lady Falcon points.

Gleason had an 8-5 advantage in the second quarter, with Skylar Arnold scoring all eight points. Lake County's Mariah Valentine hit a three, and Caren Johnson had a pair. At the half, Gleason led 19-12.

The Lady Bulldogs enjoyed an 11-5 tilt in the third, led by Lehmkuhl with five points, including a three. Leach and Allen each hit a three-pointer. Lady Falcon Jordyn Burpo hit a three, and Chism and Kaitlin Jones each hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, the Lady Bulldogs led 30-17.

Gleason sealed the win with a 13-12 edge in the fourth, led by Leach with five points, including a three. Arnold scored four, and Lehmkuhl and Allen each added a pair. Chism led Lake County with seven, including a three. Valentine scored three points, and Johnson added a pair.

Lady Falcon Laken Chism led all scorers with 15 points, including a three.



Left, Lady Bulldog Brinley Lehmkuhl gets in front of the Lake County defense for two points. Lehmkuhl was tied for the leading scorer with 12 points. Right, Bulldog Kade Sawyers finds an open lane to the basket. Sawyers led all scorers with 29 points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Brinley Lehmkuhl and Skyler Arnold led Gleason with 12 points each, Lehmkuhl with a pair of three-pointers. Hylan Leach scored eleven with a trio of threes.

Bulldogs 66, Falcons 58

Lake County had a 15-11 lead after the first frame, led by Aikee Ward with seven points, including a three. Xander Hertel scored five with a three, and Ka'Devon Gross also hit a three. Bulldog Drake Lehmkuhl scored six with a three, and Kade Sawyers had five points with a three.

Gleason had a 15-5 advantage in the second quarter, led by Lehmkuhl and Parker Morgan with six points each. Brody Sanders had a pair, and Sawyers hit a free throw. Jataveion Ricks scored four Falcon points, and Hertel hit a freebie. At the half, Gleason led 26-20.

The third quarter was a 22-22 wash. Sawyers led Gleason with eleven points, including a three.

Lehmkuhl scored nine on a trio of three-pointers, and Sanders added a pair. Ricks led Lake County with 13 points. Ward scored five with a three, and Hertel and Camden Chamberlain each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Bulldogs led 48-42.

Gleason clinched the victory with an 18-16 edge in the fourth, led by Sawyers with a dozen, including a pair of threes. Lehmkuhl scored three points, Sanders added a pair, and Ashton Morgan hit a free throw. Chamberlain led the Falcons with seven, including a three. Ricks scored four points. Hertel hit a three, and Gross added a pair.

Bulldog Kade Sawyers led all scorers with 29 points, including four three-pointers. Drake Lehmkuhl scored 24, also with four threes.

Jataveion Ricks led Lake County with 21 points. Aikee Ward had 12 with a pair of threes, and Xander Hertel scored eleven, also with a pair of threes.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Huntingdon Adds Wins on Homecoming

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (January 24) — Huntingdon High School celebrated basketball Homecoming Friday with a sweep of district opponent Stewart County. The Fillies amassed a sizable lead after three quarters, but had to hold off a late Lady Rebel rally for a 65-56 win. The Mustangs started strong and cruised to a 91-58 victory.

Huntingdon Fillies 65, Stewart County Lady Rebels 56

The Fillies had a 16-14 edge after the opening frame, led by Sara Beth Smith with eight points. Josey Stokes and Delaney Byars scored four points each. Lady Rebels Faith Dacus and Angie Nelson scored six points each, Dacus on a pair of three-pointers. Jadyen Newman had a pair.

Huntingdon doubled up Stewart County 20-10 in the second quarter, led by Quinn Kelley with nine points on a trio of threes. Smith scored six, Stokes hit a three-pointer, and Byars added a pair. Nelson led the Lady Rebels with four points. Neely Cook hit a three, Karlie Bisogro had a pair, and Newman hit a free throw. At the half, Huntingdon led 36-24.

The Fillies had a 18-9 advantage in the third, led by Byars and Smith with seven points each. Knox Bennett scored four points. Dacus scored five for Stewart County with a three, and Nelson had four points. Entering the final frame, the Fillies led 54-33.

The Lady Rebels' rally in the fourth came up short at 23-11, led by Dacus with ten points, including a pair of threes. Nelson scored eight, Newman hit a three, and Namine Bridges had a pair. Smith scored seven for Huntingdon, and Bennett and Stokes each added a pair.

Huntingdon's Sara Beth



Left, Mustang E.J. Lewis pulls up for a midrange jumper. Lewis scored ten points in Huntingdon's win. Right, Huntingdon's Sara Beth Smith goes strong to the basket and draws contact. Smith led all scorers with 28 points in the Fillies' win. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Smith led all scorers with 28 points. Delaney Byars scored 13.

Angie Nelson led Stewart County with 22 points. Faith Dacus scored 21 with five three-pointers.

Mustangs 91, Rebels 58

Huntingdon stormed out to a 33-15 lead after the first frame, led by Kenton Smith with eleven points, including a three-pointer. Caleb Ezell scored nine on a trio of threes. E.J. Lewis had eight points, Bryson Whiteside scored four with a three, and Braylon Dearmon hit a free throw. Jacob Morgan led the Rebels with a dozen points. Zachary Morgan hit a three.

Stewart County had a 20-19 edge in the second quarter, led by J. Morgan with eight points, including a three. Landon Green and Hargis Cherry each scored five with a three, and Z. Morgan added a pair. Smith led the Mustangs with nine points, including a pair of threes. Whiteside and Keltan Johnson each scored four, Whiteside with a three. Hayes Eubanks had a pair. At the half, Huntingdon led 52-35.

The Mustangs had a 27-15 advantage in the third, led by Smith with eleven (with a three-pointer). Garvin Kee scored five with a three, and Johnson had four points. Ezell hit a three, and Lewis and Kylan Turner each had a pair. J. Morgan led the Rebels with nine (with a three), Jacob Finch scored five with a three, and Benn Hendricks hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, the Mustangs led 79-50.

Huntingdon capped the win with a 12-8 tilt in the fourth, led by Owen Kruezigier with five points, including a three. Tyreke Hutch, Owen King and Jeremiah Cannon each had a pair, and Lucas Smith hit a free throw. Green led Stewart County with four points, and Cherry and Easton West each had a pair.

Mustang Kenton Smith led all scorers with 31 points, including four three-pointers. Caleb Ezell scored 12 points on four three-pointers. E.J. Lewis had ten points.

Jacob Morgan led the Rebels with 29 points, including a pair of threes.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Mustangs Battle, Fillies Cruise in Waverly Sweep

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (January 21) — Huntingdon High School hosted Waverly Tuesday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Fillies built a solid lead over three quarters, then dominated the fourth for a 74-42 victory. The Tigers kept it close through three frames, but the Mustangs pulled away at the end for a 69-55 win.

Huntingdon Fillies 74, Waverly Lady Tigers 42

The Fillies had a 15-11 lead after the opening frame, led by Delaney Byars with four points. Josey Stokes, Quinn Kelley and Grier Bartholomew each hit a three-pointer, and Sara Beth Smith had a pair. Lady Tiger Hope Damesworth scored eight, and Lacey Cotham hit a three.

Huntingdon had a 16-9 advantage in the second quarter, led by Stokes with eight points, including a pair of threes. Byars scored four, and Smith and Knox Bennett each had a pair. Damesworth scored all nine Waverly points, including a three-pointer. At the half, Huntingdon led 31-20.

The Fillies had a 17-14 edge in the third, led by Kelley with eight points, including a pair of threes. Byars scored six, Smith added a pair, and Bennett hit a free throw. Lady Tiger Tinlee Maples scored six. Cotham had five with a three, Carley McKlemurrey had a pair, and Damesworth hit a freebie. Entering the final frame, the Fillies led 48-34.

Huntingdon capped the win with a 26-8 tilt in the fourth, led by Bennett with eight points, including a pair of threes. Ellie Wilson scored five with a three, and Stokes had four points. Bartholomew, Claire Cary and Emalynn Maness each hit a three-pointer. Damesworth led Waverly with four points. McKlemurrey and Maples each added a pair.



Left, Fillie Delaney Byars scores in the paint. Right, Mustang Braylin Dearmon pulls up in the paint for a jumper. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lacey Cotham hit a three. Damesworth scored eight, and Lacey Cotham hit a three.

Lady Tiger Hope Damesworth led all scorers with 22 points, including a three.

Josey Stokes led the Fillies with 15 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Delaney Byars scored 14. Quinn Kelley and Knox Bennett each had eleven points, Kelley with a trio of threes and Bennett with a pair.

Mustangs 69, Tigers 55

Huntingdon had a 15-13 lead after the first frame, led by Braylin Dearmon with seven points. Caleb Ezell and E.J. Lewis each scored three points, and Kenton Smith had a pair. Corben Ramsey led Waverly with six points. Malachi Burns scored five with a three-pointer, and Aiden Ralston had a pair.

The Tigers tied it with a 19-17 edge in the second quarter, led by Burns with eleven points. Kycen Damesworth and Tucker Rawlings each hit a three, and Ralston added a pair. Smith led the Mustangs with eleven, including a

pair of threes. Lewis, Bryson Whiteside and Kylan Turner each had a pair. At the half, the score was knotted at 32-32.

Huntingdon pulled ahead again with an 18-13 advantage in the third, led by Smith with six points on a pair of threes. Lewis and Dearmon each scored four, and Ezell and Whiteside each added a pair. Rawlings scored six for Waverly on a pair of three-pointers. Damesworth also hit a three, and Burns and Ty Brooks each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, Huntingdon led 50-45.

The Mustangs sealed the win with a 19-10 tilt in the fourth, led by Smith and Ezell with six points each, Smith with a three. Lewis scored four, and Whiteside hit a three-pointer. Damesworth hit a Tiger three, and Ramsey also scored three points. Burns and Domonick Williams each had a pair.

Mustang Kenton Smith led all scorers with 25 points, including five three-pointers. E.J. Lewis scored 13, and Caleb Ezell and Braylin Dearmon each had eleven points.

Malachi Burns led Waverly with 20 points, including a three.



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The Role of a Home Health Aide

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Home health aides, sometimes called personal care aides, are brought in to assist a person with activities of daily life. An HHA typically helps a person who may need some assistance with tasks they cannot perform due to illness or disability. HHAs may work in a person's home, in a group home or in another care facility.

AARP says home health aides are considered health care paraprofessionals and must meet established training requirements, which vary by location.

HHAs may perform various duties, including:

- Assistance with personal care, such as dressing, toileting, feeding, and moving from bed to chair, etc.
- Checking vital signs



- Monitoring a client
- Light housekeeping
- Meal planning and cooking
- Picking up prescriptions
- Companionship

HHAs typically will not provide skilled nursing care and may not be able to offer recommendations on treatment or medications.

Individuals can find the services of HHAs who may work independently or are placed through agencies. Sometimes a doctor or hospital will have connections to HHA services and can make

referrals. It can be useful to interview several potential HHAs to find one who will fit with the needs and personality of the person requiring assistance. A good HHA will be compassionate, patient and flexible. As illness or injury also can affect a person's mood, HHAs must be able to adjust if a client is reluctant to receive help or is depressed or anxious from his or her limitations.

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Did You Know?

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behaviors and fears or phobias. Some pets also experience depression, with similar symptoms of social withdrawal, lethargy, loss of interest in food or activities, and more. Some animals are predisposed to mental health conditions. For example, small dog breeds generally are more inclined to exhibit signs of anxiety. Other pets develop mental health issues over time. Compulsive behaviors may start out as a way for an animal to self-soothe during a fearful event or trauma, such as licking a toy or at paws. But these behaviors can become harmful, repetitive actions that may cause physical health problems. If a pet is acting out of character or is displaying behaviors that are concerning, pet owners should seek the advice of the animal's veterinarian.



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Top disease experts work together throughout the year to update the recommended immunization schedules. Schedules are approved by the AAP, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health care organizations. Recommended vaccines are based on ongoing reviews of the most recent scientific data for each immunization.

An immunization schedule offers a series of vaccinations and the timing of all doses. Vaccines go through multiple phases of trials to ensure safety and efficacy. Following an immunization schedule is ideal for optimal health. Here are a few facts to consider:

- The timing of vaccines is carefully studied and recommended to work with the body's immune system.
- People with chronic conditions or medications that weaken the immune system may need a different type of vaccine or a booster. A doctor can discuss the



best approach in such situations.

- Many vaccines are administered during infancy. Getting a child vaccinated on time is the best way to protect him or her.
- There is no research to show that a child would be equally protected against diseases if a varied schedule is followed.
- If a dose is missed or a child is behind schedule, that does not require starting all over. A doctor can be consulted and the next shot in a series can be scheduled as soon as possible.
- Adults receive fewer vaccines than their younger counterparts. According to the CDC, these are some of the shots adults should discuss with their doctors.
- COVID-19 (one or more doses of up-

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- Influenza (one dose annually)
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (seasonal administration during pregnancy)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td or Tdap booster every 10 years, unless pregnant, then one dose Tdap each pregnancy)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (one or two doses depending on indication if born in 1957 or later)
- Varicella (two doses if born in 1980 or later)
- Zoster recombinant (two doses at age 50)

Following an immunization schedule is one way to maintain personal health. Any questions or concerns about vaccines should be discussed with a primary care doctor or another trusted health professional.

Considerations When Choosing Health Insurance

Health insurance is vital in the modern world. Some countries provide universal health care to residents, but the United States is not among them. As a result, Americans must navigate the health care system carefully, particularly when choosing their own insurance plans. Even professionals whose companies offer employer-sponsored insurance may need to choose between options within those plans. As individuals and families consider their health insurance options, they may want to keep these factors in mind.

- Open enrollment period:** Changing health insurance plans may only be allowed during specific periods, notably at the time of hire, after a major life change (marriage or birth of a child) or during a period known as open enrollment. Typically open enrollment starts in November and runs through January.
- Employer or state insurance marketplace:** Many employers offer health insurance to workers, and employees will be limited to the plans available. Those who do not get health insurance through an employer or people who simply want to see other options can shop their state's online

marketplace or the federal marketplace to find a plan. Health insurance also can be purchased directly from an insurer or through a private exchange, but the costs may be higher.

- Alphabet soup:** Insurance jargon can be complicated and consumers will come across various abbreviations alluding to different offerings. Health maintenance organization (HMO), preferred provider organization (PPO), exclusive provider organization (EPO) and point of service plan (POS) are some types of coverage. Generally speaking, plans that require in-network doctors and referrals have lower out-of-pocket costs but less freedom to choose providers.
- Claim denial rate:** It may be wise to research particular health insurance companies to learn the percentage of insurance claims that are denied and how long appeal processes can take.
- Identify all the costs:** A health insurance premium is the cost of the coverage, regardless of services used. This is the amount that an employer, employee, or a combination will pay each pay

period. Copayments are fixed fees for certain kinds of office visits, other services and prescriptions due at the time of service. A deductible is the cost paid (after premiums) for services before insurance kicks in. Healthy individuals who do not visit the doctor often may want a higher deductible plan which could have lower premiums. Coinsurance may be another cost required on certain services to make up for what insurance doesn't cover. For instance, many plans pay 80 percent and then the individual is responsible for the remaining 20 percent. Plans also have out-of-pocket maximums that, once hit, would cover all future costs. Each of these costs merits consideration.

- Medication coverage:** Make sure the health insurance plan covers the medications needed. Create a list of medications and note if brand name prescription drugs or generics are covered. If prescriptions are primarily generic, you may be able to choose from a wider array of plans.

Health insurance considerations are numerous. Wading through the information helps consumers make wise choices.



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What You Should Know About Seasonal Affective Disorder

There’s much to look forward to when winter begins. Outdoor enthusiasts may relish a return to the slopes to ski or snowboard each winter, while others praise the crisp fresh air and lack of insects as more conducive to activities like hiking.

Winter indeed has plenty to offer, but some people find that less daylight has an adverse effect on their mood. The National Institutes of Mental Health notes that shifts in mood and behavior that align with changes in the seasons could be indicative of seasonal affective disorder, also known as SAD.

What is SAD?

Johns Hopkins Medicine characterizes SAD as a form of depression in which individuals’ mood and behavior changes when the seasons change. The NIMH notes SAD is sometimes referred to as the “winter blues.”

Is SAD Exclusive To Winter?

Though SAD can affect people at any time of year, the NIMH reports that most cases of SAD start to affect people in late fall or early winter before symptoms begin to subside during the spring and summer. Johns Hopkins Medicine notes researchers believe the shorter days and thus fewer hours of daylight that occur each

winter set off a chemical change in the brain that leads to a person experiencing symptoms of depression.

What are the Symptoms of SAD?

The NIMH points out that, since SAD is a type of depression, symptoms of the condition include those associated with depression. Such symptoms include:

- » A persistent sad, anxious or “empty” mood most of the day. This occurs every day for at least two weeks.
- » Feelings of hopelessness or pessimism
- » Feelings of irritability, frustration or restlessness
- » Feelings of guilt, worthlessness or helplessness
- » Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities
- » Loss of energy or feelings of fatigue. Some also feel as if they have slowed down.
- » Difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions
- » Changes in sleep or appetite or unplanned weight changes
- » Physical aches or pains, headaches, cramps, or digestive problems that have no explanation and do not subside even af-

ter treatment

- » Suicidal thoughts or attempts or thoughts about death

It’s important to note that the above are symptoms of depression that people with SAD may experience. Additional symptoms of winter-pattern SAD include:

- » Hypersomnia
- » Overeating that leads to weight gain. The NIMH notes people with SAD may have a particular craving for carbohydrates.
- » Social withdrawal

How is SAD Treated?

People who suspect they have SAD are urged to speak with their physicians. Various treatments, including light therapy, psychotherapy or antidepressant medications, can help to treat SAD. Individuals may also be prescribed vitamin D supplements.

Can I Prevent SAD?

The NIMH notes that since SAD is tied to seasonal changes, people can take steps in an effort to prevent it. Starting treatments prior to a change in seasons may help.

Many people experience difficulty when fall transitions to winter, and such troubles may be attributable to SAD. More information about SAD is available at www.nimh.nih.gov.

WHAT PET OWNERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HEARTWORM

Pets owners go to great lengths to ensure their animal companions are happy and healthy. Nutritious diets and routine visits to a veterinarian are two ways to keep pets healthy. Pet owners also can educate themselves about various conditions that can adversely affect their pets’ health, including heartworm.



What is Heartworm?

The American Heartworm Society notes heartworm is a potentially fatal disease caused by foot-long worms that can live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets. A pet affected by heartworm can develop severe lung disease, heart failure and organ damage.

Are All Pets Vulnerable To Heartworm?

The American Veterinary Medical Association* reports that heartworm primarily infects dogs, cats and ferrets. However, wild animals like foxes and wolves also can be infected, as can animals like raccoons and opossums that many people see in their backyards and local parks. Humans also have been infected with heartworm, though the AVMA* notes such instances are rare.

Heartworm and Dogs

The AHS notes dogs are a natural host for heartworms. Heartworms that live inside a dog can mature into adults and even mate and produce offspring while inside the dog. Numbers increase if the dog is not treated for heartworm. Even if a dog is treated, the effects

of heartworm infection can linger after the worms are gone, contributing to lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries.

Symptoms of heartworm infection in dogs may not manifest early on. The AHS notes that it’s more likely symptoms will develop the longer the infection persists. Such symptoms may include:

- ▲ A mild, persistent cough
- ▲ Reluctance to exercise
- ▲ Fatigue after moderate activity
- ▲ Decreased appetite
- ▲ Weight loss

According to the AHM, active dogs, dogs with heavy heartworm infections or those with additional health problems frequently exhibit pronounced clinical signs.

Heartworm and Cats

The AVMA notes diagnosis of heartworm in cats is more difficult than it is with dogs. Unlike dogs, cats are not natural hosts for heartworms, and the AHS reports most worms in cats do not make it to the adult stage. In fact, many cats with heartworm have no adult

worms. That contributes to the difficulty of diagnosis, and it does not protect cats against harmful side effects of heartworm, including a condition known as heartworm associated respiratory disease (HARD).

The AHS notes that signs of heartworm in cats can be subtle or very dramatic. Sadly, the AHS also reports that the first sign of heartworm in some cases is the sudden collapse or sudden death of the cat. If cats exhibit symptoms, those signs may include:

- ▲ Coughing
- ▲ Attacks that mimic an asthma attack
- ▲ Periodic vomiting
- ▲ Lack of appetite
- ▲ Weight loss
- ▲ Difficulty walking
- ▲ Fainting or seizures
- ▲ Fluid accumulation in the abdomen

Heartworm poses a potentially serious threat to cats and dogs. Pet owners are urged to speak with their veterinarians about heartworm prevention and what to do if a pet becomes infected.

Different Types of Insurance Products

Financial security is vitally important for adults and their families. Recognition of that reality is evident in the efforts individuals make to secure their financial futures, which include investing in education, retirement planning and saving.

Insurance is another way individuals protect their financial security and the safety of their families. Insurance products run the gamut from auto insurance policies to annuities. It can benefit anyone to refresh their memories about the significance of various insurance products that can help them protect their financial freedom and manage unforeseen life events that much more easily.

Annuities

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner of Washington State notes that annuities are a type of contract between a consumer and an insurance company. When individuals purchase an annuity, they may pay a large, single premium or make a number of payments over a designated period of time. In exchange for those payments, annuity holders guarantee a future income. Money in an annuity grows on a tax-deferred basis. When an annuity reaches maturity, money can be withdrawn in a lump sum or withdrawals can be arranged on a fixed payment system, which is why annuities are often characterized as means to ensuring income later in life. Insurance companies typically offer various types of annuities, so individuals can speak with an agent to determine which vehicle is best for them.



Life Insurance

It’s easy for young adults to overlook the importance of life insurance. After all, few individuals in their twenties or thirties think about providing for their families upon their passing. But life insurance is vital to securing the long-term financial security of your family, even for those individuals who have yet to start a family of their own. In addition, monthly premiums on life insurance policies tend to be lower the earlier a policy is opened, which provides another benefit to looking into life insurance at a young age.

Travel Insurance

The utility of travel insurance took center stage during the pandemic, when millions of individuals across the globe were forced to cancel or postpone travel plans due to travel restrictions at home and abroad. Before purchasing travel insurance, it’s vital to read policies carefully, as individuals want to be sure the policy they’re purchasing will protect them if they are forced to cancel a trip. Policies differ, so some might offer protection against variables like a pandemic, while others may not. The main reason to purchase

travel insurance is to secure protection against financial loss if you’re forced to cancel, delay or interrupt a trip. Confirm what a policy does and does not offer with an insurance agency representative. The knowledge that a travel investment is protected should plans change can make it all the more enjoyable to plan vacations.

Natural Disaster Insurance

Homeowners and even renters are urged to carefully read their existing homeowners’ or renters’ insurance policies to confirm what level of coverage, if any, their policy provides against natural disasters. Some policies specifically note certain coverage is not provided. For example, residents in coastal areas may have policies indicating flood protection is not part of their coverage. However, many companies will offer separate coverage against natural disasters. Such supplemental coverage is worth investigating as the effects of climate change become more and more apparent in the coming years.

Insurance is a safety net no one should go without. Various insurance products are worth investigating for individuals who want to secure their financial futures.

Signs a Loved One Might Need Assisted Living

Assisted living facilities provide an invaluable service. When a medical condition, developments associated with aging or another variable affects an individual’s ability to live independently, assisted living facilities can ensure such men and women get the help they need to live as fully and actively as possible.

It’s not always easy to identify when an individual may need to move into an assisted living facility. Some individuals choose to do so on their own, but families often make such decisions together. As families work to determine if a loved one should move into an assisted living facility, they can look for various signs that suggest the time is right to do so. According to the Elder Care Alliance, signs that an individual may benefit from assisted living include:

- » Requiring routine reminders to take medication
- » Noticeable changes in weight, including weight loss or gain
- » Loss of mobility or increase in falls
- » Signs that household maintenance is being neglected
- » Difficulty with daily tasks like grooming and meal preparation
- » Increased isolation
- » Loss of interest in hobbies

It’s important for families to recognize that some of the signs noted above might suggest the presence

of a condition or disease that would not, if treated successfully, compromise an individual’s ability to live independently. For example, the SilverSneakers program offered through Tivity Health notes that weight gain among seniors may be attributable to slower metabolism, a less active lifestyle or menopause for women. Each of those conditions can be addressed without requiring a relocation to an assisted living facility. Family members are urged to discuss anything that seems to be affecting a loved one’s ability to live independently with that person’s health care team before they consider if a

person needs to move into an assisted living facility. It’s equally important to ask a loved one’s health care team which type of facility they think might be most beneficial if, in fact, they think it’s in an individual’s best interest to relocate. No two facilities are the same, and the Elder Care Alliance notes many specialize in specific types of care, such as tending to individuals with cognitive issues like dementia or physical issues like limited mobility.

Assisted living facilities help millions of individuals every day. Families can work together to decide if a loved one can benefit from moving into such a facility.



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What’s a Good Heart Rate for Your Age?

A resting heart rate can be a good indicator of health. According to the Mayo Clinic, generally speaking, a lower heart rate at rest implies more efficient heart function and better cardiovascular fitness. Conversely, an unusually high resting heart rate may signify an increased risk of heart disease or another medical condition.

While the official stance on resting heart rate for adults indicates it should range from 60 to 100 beats per minute (bpm), most healthy adults fall between 55 and 85 bpm. However, certain people may fall outside of this range and still be healthy. Penn Medicine says resting heart rate generally should not be too fast or too slow,



and should not fluctuate all that often. What qualifies as a healthy resting heart rate changes as one ages. In fact, heart rates for children are much different from adults.

- ▶ Newborn babies: 100 to 205 bpm
- ▶ Infants under 1 year: 100 to 180 bpm
- ▶ 1 to 2 years: 98 to 140 bpm
- ▶ 3 to 5 years: 80 to 120 bpm

- ▶ 6 to 7 years: 75 to 118 bpm
- ▶ Older children and teens: 60 to 100 bpm
- ▶ Adults: 60 to 100 bpm

Men and women differ slightly in resting heart rate. The National Institutes of Health says the average adult male heart rate is between 70 and 72 bpm, while the average for adult women is between 78 and 82 bpm. This is due in large part to the fact that men have larger hearts than women. This occurs even after accounting for age and physical fitness. There are ways to lower resting heart rate. Exercise, quitting smoking and relaxing to reduce stress and anxiety can promote a low resting heart rate.

Did You Know?

Hearing aids can be a useful ally for individuals as they navigate and seek to overcome hearing loss. Older individuals affected by age-related hearing loss may be particularly in need of hearing aids, but data indicates usage of the devices is low among the aging pop-

ulation. According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, just three in 10 adults over 70 with hearing loss have ever used hearing aids. And it’s not only the aging population that is reluctant to use hearing aids, as the NIDCD notes that just 16 percent of adults between the ages of 20 and

69 who could benefit from wearing hearing aids have ever used them. Greater education regarding the efficacy of hearing aids and the range of user-friendly aids that are nothing like the bulky, often ill-fitting products of yesteryear could compel more individuals with hearing loss to turn to these devices in the years to come.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN DONATING BLOOD

Donating blood is a selfless act that benefits countless individuals each day. The need for a steady blood supply is ongoing.

The process of donating blood is simple, safe and quick. Although each organization may run a blood drive differently, here is what a blood donor can expect of the donation process.



- ▶ **Register for the blood drive at an organization close to you.** Many groups require you make an appointment, but some may accept walk-ins.
- ▶ **Get plenty of rest and stay hydrated the day before the donation appointment.** Also, set aside your identification. The type of identification needed may vary by donation center.
- ▶ **Wear a short-sleeved shirt or one with sleeves that can be rolled up.**
- ▶ **Arrive for the appointment and complete a mini-physical and health history.** Your temperature and blood pressure may be taken,

- and other vital signs may be checked. The attendant will ask questions about behaviors or illnesses that may exclude you from being able to donate blood.
- ▶ **You may undergo a finger prick to test whether you are anemic,** or when your body doesn’t produce enough red blood cells or hemoglobin.
- ▶ **During the donation, 500 milliliters, or roughly 17 ounces, will be collected.** A phlebotomist will cleanse an area on your arm and insert a new, sterile needle for the blood draw. The quick pinch is over in seconds. For a donation of platelets, a special machine called an apheresis machine will be connected to both arms.
- ▶ **Blood donation takes about eight to 10 minutes to complete, during which you can be seated comfortably or lie down.** For platelets, the machine will collect a small amount of blood, remove the platelets, and return the rest of the blood through the other arm. This cycle repeats several times for a period of about two hours. Bandages will be placed on your arm at

- the conclusion of the donation where any needles were removed.
- ▶ **Following the blood draw, you’ll be allowed to rest and recover.** There likely will be small snacks and beverages. After 10 to 15 minutes, you’ll be allowed to leave and continue your normal routine.
- ▶ **Avoid vigorous activities for at least four hours after the donation.** Remain hydrated for two days following the donation.
- ▶ **While most donors feel fine afterwards, it is not uncommon to experience mild dizziness, lightheadedness, fatigue, or bruising and pain at the draw site.** These symptoms should resolve fairly quickly.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says you can donate blood and blood products at these intervals:

- ▶ Whole blood donation: 56 days
- ▶ Platelet donation: 7 days
- ▶ Double red cell donation: 112 days
- ▶ Plasma donation: 28 days

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