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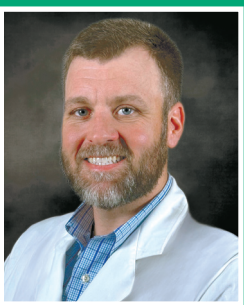
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Tennessee's \$447M School Voucher Law Now in Effect

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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Tennessee's largest expansion of school vouchers is now law. Governor Bill Lee has signed the \$447 million program, opening 20,000 taxpayer-funded scholarships for private school tuition and education expenses.

The program removes restrictions that previously limited vouchers to Memphis, Nashville, and Chattanooga, making them available statewide. Families can receive \$7,300

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TENNESSEE'S NEW IMMIGRATION LAW What Changes, Who It Affects

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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Tennessee has enacted one of its most aggressive immigration laws to date, criminalizing local officials who support sanctuary policies, establishing a new state immigration enforcement office, and

requiring separate driver's licenses for non-U.S. citizens. Governor Bill Lee signed the bill, and while enforcement begins in July 2025, legal challenges are already underway. The ACLU of Tennessee has announced plans to sue, calling

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LIFESAVING DONATION



Pictured (L to R): Amber Parham, Carroll County's Grants Administrator; Heather Adams, Sales and Customer Relations with JC Educational; Dr. Justin Barden, Director of Schools for McKenzie Special School District; Preston Caldwell, Director of Schools for West Carroll Special School District; Renee Sutton, Director of Carroll Academy; Dr. Lisa Norris, Director of Schools with South Carroll Special School District (Clarksburg School); Dr. Myles Hebrard, Director of Schools at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District; Dr. Jonathan Kee, Director of Schools at Huntingdon Special School District; Johnny McAdams, Director of Carroll County Schools; Brad Hurley, President of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and Joseph Butler, Carroll County Mayor. Submitted photo

Classrooms Receive Trauma Bags

HUNTINGDON (January 28) — The Carroll County Commission recently donated \$50,000 worth of trauma kits/bags to the school systems within the county. 300 bags were purchased from JC Educational and Office Supply. The bags are more than just first aid bags as

they were designed for critical first aid. Along with basic first aid items and burn care packs, each pack has items to aid in bleeding control if an individual needs care following a shooting or stabbing.

Mayor Joseph Butler stated that there are approximately 400 classrooms in Carroll County including those at the County's Vocational School. While every classroom will not receive a grab-and-go trauma pack it will help the schools by helping offset the cost.

The seven school districts were on hand to receive the backpacks.

Bethel University Nursing Program Receives \$335,450 Workforce Development Grant

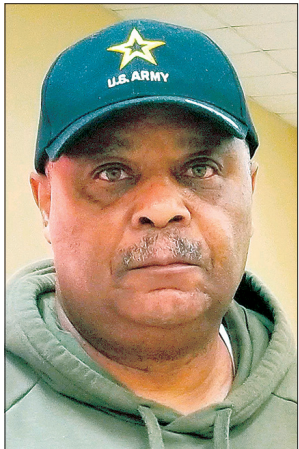
BY JOEL LANCASTER
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Bethel University has been awarded a \$335,450 Workforce Development Grant to expand and enhance its nursing program, a move aimed at addressing the growing demand for healthcare professionals in Tennessee.

The funding will be used to strengthen the nursing curriculum, provide advanced training resources, and support faculty development. University officials say this initiative aligns with Bethel's



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William Milam, Jr.

William Milam, Jr. Honored As Drum Major For Justice

PARIS — William Milam, Jr., affectionately known as Junior, was the recipient of the Drum Major for Justice on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Currently employed as foreman/supervisor with West Tennessee Public Utilities, the 1985 Henry County High School graduate retired in 2005 after

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Huntingdon Adds Police Chief, Fire Chief Positions

HUNTINGDON (January 29) — The Town of Huntingdon is eliminating the Director of Public Safety position and creating two positions previously under that single designation. In the first of two readings, the Council voted to create positions of Police Chief and Fire Chief. The Council also voted to amend the position of Director of Public Works.

During the January 29 meeting, the Council approved capital outlay notes up to an amount of \$150,000 to purchase three 2025 police interceptors.

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Dilla's Boutique Opens

MCKENZIE (February 1) — Dilla's Boutique held its grand opening on Saturday, February 1 at its 181 S. Main Street, McKenzie location.

Jackelyne Padilla opened the new boutique inside her family's business, which is now known as Dilla's Sewing and Boutique. The new boutique offers event, pageant, and prom dresses. Plus, the business offers on-site alterations.

Roberto Padilla and his wife, Hilda, opened Dilla's Sewing in 2013 across from E.W. James Supermarket. The family-owned business provides custom-made clothing and alterations. Roberta said the business made dance uniforms, swimwear and seat covers under contract for vendors. He also performs custom alterations of clothes, does embroidery and creates custom-made t-shirts.

The family consists of Roberto, Hilda, and children, Stephanie, Allison, Ariadna and Jackelyne, who is an MHS graduate and a freshman at Bethel University.

The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce hosted the ribbon-cutting.

Mayor Ryan Griffin welcomed the new business to McKenzie and wished them well. Monica Heath, executive director of the McKenzie Industrial Board, offered the support of the McKenzie Chamber to the new business.



Emily McGill
BETHEL UNIVERSITY / RENAISSANCE ALUMNI

Bethel Graduate to Compete on The Voice

The Voice premiered February 3 at 7 p.m. and featured a Bethel University graduate, who participated in the Renaissance program. The NBC broadcast includes Emily McGill.

Emily is a soulful country-inspired singer/songwriter with a strong musical pedigree from Jackson, Tenn., where she grew up singing in a family band, the Paula Bridges Band, and working in her dad's local music store, The Bandstand.

Watch episodes on NBC.com and the NBC App. Kelsea Ballerini, Michael Bublé, John Legend and Adam Levine are the coaches for this year.

McKenzie Teachers Honored

The memory of Mrs. Cleo Dudley Webb, a beloved and longtime member of the community was honored by her daughter, Dr. Reo Dudley Edwards, a 1979 graduate of McKenzie High School. Dr. Webb recognized the outstanding service of two exceptional teachers from McKenzie Middle School.

Mrs. Cleo, a devoted mother of ten and grandmother to more than twenty, deeply valued education despite being unable to complete her own schooling in the 1940s. She firmly believed in the transformative power of learning and instilled in her children the importance of higher education and giving back. Her enduring legacy is reflected in the many academic achievements of her children and grandchildren, who have earned technical certifications, college degrees, master's degrees, and even doctorates.



Pictured (L to R): Dorethea Royle, McKenzie Middle School Principal; Amanda Morris, 6th Grade Math Teacher; Josephine Wright, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher and Josh Kee, Assistant Principal.

Inspired by this commitment to education, Dr. Reo Dudley Edwards is honored to recognize two McKenzie Middle School teachers for their dedication and excellence in the classroom. These educators have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to student success through high-quality instruction. Amanda Morris achieved the highest growth scores across all 5th-8th grade subjects at MMS on the 2023-2024 TCAP assessment, while Josephine Wright earned the highest achievement scores across the same subjects. In recognition of their accomplishments, each teacher was awarded a \$1,500 check from the Cleo and Reo Dudley Fund.

On behalf of Mrs. Cleo Dudley Webb's entire family, they celebrate and support these outstanding educators. The Cleo and Reo Dudley Fund, established in her honor at the Communities Foundation of Texas, continues to support the causes she cherished most: church, education, and social services.



The first McKenzie Chamber for 2025 was held at McKenzie City Hall with a number of attendees.

McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, City Host Morning Coffee

MCKENZIE (January 30) — McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and the City of McKenzie hosted the first in 2025 of several morning coffees planned during the year. The first was at City Hall on Thursday, January 30.

Chamber Director Monica Heath welcomed the attendees at the come-and-go, informal event. She was pleased with the number of attendees.

Mayor Ryan Griffin thanked everyone for attending and thanked Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder, for preparing the food.

Mayor Griffin told attendees about activities and planned development in the city.

UTIA Trade Expert Reappointed to Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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KNOXVILLE — The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) has announced the reappointment of Andrew Muhammad, an agricultural trade expert and Blasingame Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Policy, to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee. Muhammad will continue to provide guidance to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative on international agricultural trade issues.

The committee is composed of senior representatives from the U.S. agricultural sector, advising on trade policy matters, overseeing the enforcement of existing trade agreements, and negotiating objectives for future agreements. Muhammad previously served on the committee from June 2019 to June 2023.

Muhammad has conducted extensive economic analyses on tariffs and international trade agreements and has been a trusted source for national media outlets such as Forbes and Bloomberg. He is the only faculty member from a land-grant university serving on the committee.

"Serving on the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee is an excellent opportunity that benefits UTIA and the agricultural, food, and forestry industries in Tennessee," Muhammad said. "The committee plays a crucial role in shaping trade policy, and I look forward to working with industry leaders and policymakers to advance U.S. food and agriculture globally."

The Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee was established by Congress in 1974 to ensure U.S. trade policy reflects both public and private sector interests in agriculture. It is managed jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR).

Muhammad's reappointment extends through December 2028.

Since joining UTIA's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics in 2018, Muhammad has assisted state and national agricultural decision-makers in evaluating trade policies and programs related to agricultural commodities, food, and international trade. His research focuses on trade policy, its effects on developing nations, and global food demand.

UTIA, a leading institution in agricultural education, research, and outreach, includes the Herbert College of Agriculture, UT College of Veterinary Medicine, UT AgResearch, and UT Extension. Through its land-grant mission, UTIA provides real-life solutions to Tennesseans and beyond.



West Tennessee Healthcare Expands Dog Therapy Program To Henry County Hospital

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PARIS — West Tennessee Healthcare (WTH) is expanding its Dog Therapy Program to Henry County Hospital in Paris, bringing the benefits of animal-assisted therapy to more patients in the region.

The program, which has already made a significant impact on Jackson, TN, will introduce trained therapy dogs to the hospital environment, offering emotional support and stress relief to patients, visitors, and healthcare workers.

"We're thrilled to bring this heartwarming program to Henry County Hospital," said Amanda Smiles, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for WTH. "Pet therapy has been shown to reduce stress and improve overall well-being, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact on our community."

The first therapy dog team is expected to begin visits later this spring, once the dedicated handler and their canine companion complete certification through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) and Volunteer Services at WTH.

For those interested in volunteering as a therapy dog team, applications are now open through WTH's Volunteer Services Department.

West Carroll School Board Agenda

February 6, 6:30 p.m.
WCHS Cafeteria.
Resignations from Mr. Colton Taylor, Mr. Zach DePriest.
Renovation Project (WCP/WCES/WCJSHS) Update — Mr. Greer Lashlee.
Discuss/Approve 2026/2027 School Calendar — Director Caldwell.
Discuss/Approve Policies 4.603 Promotion and Retention and 5.118 Background Investigation (2nd Reading) — Director Caldwell VIII.
Discuss the retirement

of Mrs. Regina Alred and her replacement hired as Mrs. Michelle Matthis (must be in WCSSD board meeting minutes for our banking audit) — Director Caldwell.
Discuss/ Approve WCJSHS grades 7-8 and 9-12 Beta Club Field Trip Request to Gatlinburg, TN for March 5-7 (one reading required) — Mrs. Brittany Fowler.
Discuss/Approve WCJSHS FCCLA State Convention Field Trip Request to Gatlinburg, TN for April

2-4 (one reading required) — Mrs. Kristin Lindsey XI.
Discuss/Approve CTE/FBLA State Conference Field Trip Request to Chattanooga, TN for April 6-9 (one reading required) — Ms. Erin Lewis.
Update on the West Carroll Spirit Box Store — Ms. Erin Lewis.
Public Comment (*Prior Approval).
Principal Reports.
Director of Schools Report.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTRIC

Board Approves Apprenticeship Program, Infrastructure Upgrades

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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The Carroll County Electric Department (CCED) Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 30, to address workforce training initiatives, infrastructure expansion, and financial planning.

Apprenticeship Program Gets Green Light

To strengthen Carroll County's electrical workforce, the board approved a formal apprenticeship program in partnership with the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA). TVPPA Director Caleb Hall outlined the structured four-year program, which will replace the current on-the-job training model with a standardized curriculum, including:

- 8,000 hours of hands-on training.
- 600 hours of classroom instruction.
- Local training at the Jackson, Tennessee, facility

to reduce costs.

- Estimated cost: \$1,500 to \$2,000 per apprentice annually.

"This program helps standardize training while keeping costs down for local utilities," Hall said. The board approved the measure unanimously.

Infrastructure Projects Move Forward

The board reviewed updates on three major infrastructure initiatives:

- **Trezevant Substation Upgrade** — Foundation and fencing for the new control house are in progress. The installation of a 69-kilovolt breaker and high-side switches will improve system stability.
- **Silicon Ranch Solar Farm** — Construction is 15 percent complete, with trenching underway for underground transmission lines. The project remains on schedule for completion in April 2025.
- **State Highway Expansion** — As highway work near Trezevant progresses,

CCED will relocate critical power lines to prevent service interruptions.

Financial and Regulatory Actions

The board approved a municipal advisory agreement with Cumberland Securities Company to manage funding strategies for ongoing infrastructure projects.

Additionally, a state-mandated compliance resolution was passed, confirming CCED has no financial agreements with international entities that conflict with U.S. law.

Upgraded Communications System Approved

The board approved a contract with ICI Motorola for Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN) services to improve emergency and operational response. Installation begins February 1.

The next Carroll County Electric Board meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Milam

...From Front Page

a 21-year career with the U.S. Army and Tennessee National Guard.

The retired US Army Master Sergeant was awarded the Bronze Star, among other honors, after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom III.

A local, state and national member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he was honored as the Henry County Veteran of the Year in November 2023.

In Henry, Tenn., he

is an active board member of Mary's Kids, a non-profit that seeks to brighten the Christmases of Henry School children each year. He is also a former Henry City Alderman, a current member of the Henry County Airport Board and a McKenzie Rotary Club member.

He volunteers with Henry County Helping Hand, the Community Action Network, the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, and is chairman of Boy Scouts of America Troop 423. He was the former commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4939 in

McKenzie.

Milam began by thanking his wife of 38 years, Ella Milam, along with his family and friends.

In his brief remarks, Milam urged the crowd to give back however they could.

"We all must do community service," he said. "If you don't have the resources to help them, find the resources to help them. If you see someone having a bad day, just depressed (and) down and out — this is something my wife always says — say something nice to them," he said. "And always smile."

Voucher

...From Front Page

per student, per year. Initially, half of the scholarships will be reserved for low- and middle-income families, but after the first year, all income limits will be removed.

Public schools won't see immediate cuts to funding, but because Tennessee funds schools based on student enrollment, funding follows students when they leave. The law includes a temporary provision to keep state fund-

ing for public schools, but once it expires, district budgets will reflect the loss of students. Schools in Weakley, Carroll, and Henry counties will have to evaluate how this affects local funding.

Unlike public schools, private schools that accept voucher money are not required to follow state curriculum standards, testing, or enrollment policies. They do not have to admit all students who apply, and they are not required to provide special education services. Amendments to require voucher students to take state tests and prevent discrimina-

tion against students with disabilities were both voted down by lawmakers.

Supporters say school choice gives parents more control over their children's education. Opponents, including some rural Republican lawmakers, argue that public tax dollars are being funneled into private schools with little oversight.

The program will begin in the 2025-26 school year. Applications are expected to open later this year. The McKenzie Banner will continue reporting on how this affects local schools, funding, and families.

Immigration

...From Front Page

the law unconstitutional.

Tennessee already bans sanctuary cities, but this law adds strict enforcement measures. Any local official who votes for a sanctuary policy now faces felony charges. The penalty is up to six years in prison, a \$3,000 fine, and automatic removal from office. Lawmakers argue this is necessary to strengthen state immigration enforcement, while opponents say it undermines democratic governance.

The law also creates a

\$5 million immigration enforcement division within the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security. A Chief Immigration Enforcement Officer, appointed by the governor, will oversee coordination between state, local, and federal immigration agencies. The state will also push more local law enforcement agencies to enter 287(g) agreements, allowing them to enforce federal immigration laws directly.

Another major change is new driver's licenses for non-U.S. citizens. Currently, legal residents—such as green card holders, visa holders, and DACA recipients—receive standard

Tennessee driver's licenses. Starting January 1, 2026, they will be issued "visually distinctive" licenses. Those renewing their licenses must provide proof of U.S. citizenship or receive a temporary ID.

Supporters say the law ensures stronger immigration enforcement and aligns Tennessee's policies with federal law. Critics, including legal and civil rights groups, argue it invites legal challenges and targets immigrant communities unfairly.

The McKenzie Banner will continue following how this law impacts local governments, law enforcement, and residents.

Bethel

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commitment to delivering high-quality education and preparing students for critical roles in the healthcare industry.

Bethel's nursing program consistently ranks

among the top programs in Tennessee, with a four-year pass rate of 90% for the classes of 2020 through 2023. The program was also ranked #15 among 52 nursing schools in the state.

With this grant, Bethel plans to expand hands-on training, improve simulation labs, and increase student support services.

The university hopes these investments will attract more nursing candidates and help address regional healthcare shortages.

Applications for the program are open, and school officials encourage prospective students to explore new scholarship opportunities tied to the grant funding.



The Huntingdon Mayor and Council during the January 28 meeting.

Chief

...From Front Page

A in-lieu of performance bond was approved as an assurance bond as part of the 30-year post-closure of the former city landfill. The landfill was closed in the 1990s and the city was required to have a 30-year liability for its closure. There are monitoring test wells on site to assure the buried waste is not polluting nearby property.

Huntingdon High School JAG program was permitted to install a Mustang Mentors Storybook Trail community project. Councilwoman Lori Dillahunt said she spoke with teacher Ginger Taylor to get the details of the project.

An ordinance that amends the city's business signs size was approved on the second and final reading. The first of two readings approved the change of the city's rules concerning mo-



Dana Deem, a consultant with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) offers to conduct a strategic planning session with city officials.

bile homes. It eliminates future mobile home parks, allowing only single homes on individual lots.

Dana Deem, a consultant with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) offered to conduct a strategic planning session with the Mayor

and Council. Deem resides in Carroll County. Mayor Chad Edwards said the city will soon decide the fate of the Huntingdon Heritage Museum, located across from City Hall. He said the museum could be moved to an empty space in City Hall.



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Editor's Viewpoint

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A New Joel

Hard to believe we are already into the second month of 2025. January was action-packed with lots of changes, some good and some bad.

One of the good changes we've made here at The Banner is we've hired an additional reporter.

In the past, a mistake that plagued bigger news entities is cutting local news reporters in favor of filling the paper with "wire news," but we believe local stories are the lifeblood of our publication and vital to the community.

Not knocking wire news, because someone has to tell the big stories, but you can easily find that same news in five different publications; but the story about the small business opening up down the street, you'll only find that in one (or maybe two) local publications.

So in an effort to strengthen our commitment to local news reporting, we have hired a new Joel.

Yes, a new Joel. The original Joel works just fine, he may actually work too much, but you already knew that.

Side note about original Joel, my only concern is that after one full year of threatening retirement, he's still doing retirement wrong... he comes in to work almost every day, may not stay the whole day, he may not come in at all... which is fine, he's earned that right. I just pictured more relaxing in retirement.

Just messing with you, Dad. You will always be

welcome at the newspaper for as long as you want to be here. You are loved and appreciated.

I should get to the introductions, our new reporter's name is Joel Lancaster.

He applied for our stringer position and after reviewing his resume, we realized he could be a valuable asset for day-to-day operations, not just writing occasionally.

He brings a wealth of knowledge to the job and has displayed an eagerness to dive into some of our upcoming projects.

Some of those projects include: A Tribute to Black History and Babies of 2024 in February, LOCAL magazine, Graduation in May, Gridiron Guide in August, A Tribute to Manufacturing in October, Basketball Guide in November and Christmas Greetings in December.

Lancaster won't be alone in tackling these projects.

Brad Sam is a seasoned reporter on our staff who has worked with many groups over the years to capture the history of local people and businesses. His storytelling ability is matched only by his attention to detail. I'd be remiss if I didn't give him a shout out too.

We have so many exciting stories to share with you and now two full-time journalists devoted to recording these stories.

My goal is to fill the newspaper with the necessary news, but also lots of good news.

We are each woven into the fabric of local history, but unless we take the time to appreciate all the beautiful colors in the tapestry, the moment may pass us by. Time slips away so quickly.

So, we at The Banner are not waiting around for an invitation to celebrate the people and businesses in our

community and my hope is, that if we call on you, you will take a moment and share your story with us.

Also, if you want us to feature your business, don't wait around for us to contact you, call 731-352-3323 or e-mail us at banner@mckenziebanner.com!

Finally, I asked Joel Lancaster to write a short bio about himself as an introduction. So, without further delay, here are his words.

Joel Lancaster:

It's great to be back home in Tennessee after fifteen years of teaching in Taiwan. I was born in Paducah, spent summers in Martin, and grew up in Knoxville. In 2009, I graduated from Bethel University and headed overseas to start my teaching career. Taiwan became a second home, allowing me to travel across Asia and work with students worldwide—an experience I'll always be grateful for.

While teaching, I earned my master's degree and authored a thesis on U.S.-China-Taiwan relations, exploring how global policies shape everyday lives. That research deepened my understanding of international affairs and how decisions made in high offices ripple through communities, whether abroad or right here in West Tennessee.

Now, I've found my new home at The Banner, where my focus is simple: fact-based, ethical reporting that serves the tri-county area. Whether it's government decisions, economic shifts, or the stories defining our region, my goal is to provide reporting people can trust.

It feels good to be back, and I'm excited to be here. Thank you for the warm welcome!

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A Dog of Noble Character

A pet of noble character who can find?
It is worth far more than rubies.
Its owner has full confidence in it and lacks nothing of value.
It brings its owner good, not harm, all the days of its life.
It selects wool and flax and tears and shreds it with eager paws and teeth.
It is like the merchant ships, bringing dead animals from the yard.
It gets up while it is still night; it prowls through the house, disturbing adults and children.
It considers a field and digs holes in it; out of its rear it drops its scat.
It goes about its play vigorously; its legs are strong for its tasks.
It sees that acting scared and needy is profitable, and results in getting treats.
In its paws it holds your heart and in its smile it holds your soul.
It senses when you feel poorly and is there when you feel needy.
When it snows, it has no fear;

for you will keep it warm and cozy.
It shows disdain for its bed; even if it's made of fine linen and purple.
It expects to be respected, and to lie and sleep wherever it wishes.
It destroys rugs, carpet, curtains, and shoes, while showing disdain for store-bought toys.
It parades with strength and dignity; and never worries about tomorrow.
In silence it speaks with wisdom, and is faithful to a fault.
It watches over the household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
The children arise and call it by name; spouses also do the same:
"Many animals do noble things, but dogs surpass them all."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a pet who serves its master is to be praised.

UT Martin Announces Fall 2024 Dean's List

MARTIN — The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2024 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Atwood — Analee M. McPherson, High Honors; Chloe J. McPherson, Highest Honors; Alexis M. O'Neal, Highest Honors.

Bruceton — Taylor L. Anthony, Highest Honors; Anna C. Batte, Highest Honors; Chloe S. Hoskins-Ward, Highest Honors; James T. Noe, High Honors.

Buena Vista — Lucy J. Heuring, Honors.

Cedar Grove — Luke M. Gibson, Honors; Riley E. Gore, Honors; Noah B. Hickman, Highest Honors; Lakyn D. Mitchell, Honors; Avery D. Reindl, High Honors.

Hollow Rock — Nevaeh S. Davis, High Honors; Wesley C. Duclos, Highest Honors; Addison K. Hampton, Highest Honors; Bradon A. Rogers, High Honors.

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Banana Punch

4 cups sugar
6 cups water
6 bananas
Juice of 2 lemons
12 oz. orange juice, undiluted
46 oz. pineapple juice
7-up
Bring sugar and water to boil and let cool. In blender, mix bananas, lemon juice and orange juice. Stir the two mixtures together with pineapple juice and freeze 24 hours.
Two hours before serving, set out to thaw and mix with equal amount of 7 up. Mixture should be slushy.

Chicken Devine

Cooked chicken (or turkey), cut up
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 small can pet milk
1 stick oleo

1 cup broth
1 box stove top stuffing a little onion
Grease a Pyrex dish and place chicken in dish. Heat the soup and milk and pour over the chicken. Heat oleo and broth and pour over stuffing, then place on the chicken. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

Swiss Steak

1 round steak, tenderized and cut into serving size pieces
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1/2 cup instant onion
2 cups water
Mix flour, salt and pepper; mix well. Dip meat into mixture. Brown on both sides in skillet. Add onions and water. Place in 350 degree oven. Cook 1 1/2 hours until tender. Add more water during

cooking if needed. If too thin, mix 1 spoonful flour with water and stir well. Add to steak to thicken gravy.

Super Simple Ham and Cheese Quiche

2 cups cooked ham (fully cooked)
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup chopped onion
4 eggs
2 cups milk
1 cup Bisquick
Salt and pepper to taste
Place ham,cheese and onion in buttered pie pan. Mix remaining ingredients until smooth; pour into pie pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 35-40 minutes. When done, knife inserted in center of quiche will come out clean. Serves 2-4

Broccoli Cauliflower Salad

4 cups broccoli
4 cups cauliflower
1 medium red onion
1 large jar sliced pimentos
Dressing:
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup vinegar
Chop fresh vegetables and combine in large bowl. Whisk or blend until smooth all the dressing ingredients. Pour over vegetable mixture and chill.

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Obituaries



ELMER BROACH
1931 – 2025

PARIS — Elmer M. Broach, 93, of Paris, died Friday, January 31, 2025, at Patriot Health and Rehab Center. His funeral service was Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at McEvoy Funeral Home with Bro. Randy Stephens officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery. Family members served as pallbearers.

Elmer Martin Broach was born July 15, 1931, in McKenzie, to the late Sidney Euel Broach and the late Minnie Mae Martin Broach.

He married Rubie Oliver Broach on May 22, 1954, and she preceded him in death on May 19, 1991.

Mr. Broach is survived by his daughter, Rhonda (Dave) Purdon of Paris; sons, Andy Broach of Paris, Roger (Bonnie) Broach all of Paris, and Ronnie Broach of Henry; grandchildren, Christopher Broach, Brian Broach, Gabrielle Kelly, Samantha Purdon, and Drew Purdon; also survived by other family members and friends.

Besides his parents and wife, Elmer is also preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Ann Broach.

Mr. Broach was a lifetime member of the Church of Christ. He formerly worked at Holley Carburetor, was a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard for more than 30 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, was manager and agent for Woodman of the World Life Insurance Company for many years and was also a member of the Paris Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years. He was active in many local civic organizations and farmed for many years in Henry County.

Arrangements by McEvoy Funeral Home, 507 W. Washington St., Paris, TN 38242, 731-642-1441 +

TERRY LLOYD
SMITH

Terry Lloyd Smith, 57, formerly of McKenzie, died on January 18, 2025.

Terry spent twenty-five years working for Allstate with his father and brother.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janice Pierce; stepmother, Carla Smith; paternal grandparents, Lloyd and Virgie "Sis" Smith; maternal grandparents, Howard Belinda Pierce.

Terry leaves to cherish his legacy a loving daughter, Josie Smith; devoted sons, Zachary (Mariana) Smith and Anthony Smith; father, Dennis Lloyd (Betty) Smith; sister, Jenny (Benny) Elder; and brother, Todd (Shannon) Smith.

Madison Funeral Home, Madison, Tenn.

LOTTYE CHOATE
1929 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Lottye Ruth Choate were Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 3 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Saturday, 1 p.m. until service time. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Choate, 95, died Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at her daughter's residence in Jackson.

She was born in McKenzie on August 27, 1929, to Grady and Mary Morgan Coleman.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa (Don) Matlock of Jackson, a sister, Floy Teague of Olive Branch, Miss., four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Edward Choate, brothers, William Coleman, Johnny Coleman, and Jimmy Coleman, and sisters Geneva Coleman McDonald and Rebecca Coleman.

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

RUTH CAROL
SAVAGE
1958 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Ruth Carol Savage, 66, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, January 25, 2025, at her residence.

A memorial visitation was at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Mrs. Savage was born February 7, 1958, in Gary, Ind., to the late Cleo Gaskins and Maelean Dunn. She is also preceded in death by sisters Pamela Bogash and Anna Gaskins and brother John Gaskins.

Mrs. Savage is survived by her husband, Wayne Newsome of Huntingdon; daughters, Miranda (Emily) Savage of Ludlow, Ky.; Katherine (Keith) Gilmer of Conway, Ark.; sons, Fred Savage Jr. of Henry; Matthew (Vickie) Savage of Sherwood, Ark.; brother, Melvin (Rosie) Gaskins of Gary, Ind.; and eight grandchildren.

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

SONYA MARIE
COLEMAN
1968 – 2025

HUMBOLDT — Funeral services for Sonya Marie Coleman were at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11 a.m.

Services were Monday, February 3 with burial at Enon Cemetery, McKenzie.

Ms. Coleman, 56, died at her sister's residence in Michigan on Saturday, January 25, 2025. She was born on August 6, 1968, in Martin, to the late Elbert Gene Coleman and Janice Marie Ward Turnbow.

She is survived by two sons, Ethan (Michelle) Goodman of Bruceton and Brandon (Jasmine) Barnhart of Como, five sisters, Donna (Todd) Smith of Michigan, Tammy Jo (David Ray) Forrest of McKenzie, Angela Thorton of McKenzie, Stacy (Bradly) Willis of Jackson and Tracy (Billy) Borum of McKenzie, three brothers, Carl Allen Turnbow of McKenzie, Kelly Ray Turnbow of McKenzie and Michael (Rachel) Turnbow of Big Sandy, and eight grandchildren.

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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 Solis of Lexington, and Peggy (Tim) Hart of Henry, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

MICHAEL DAVID
RIDGELY
1947 – 2025

TREZEVANT — A Celebration of Life for Michael David Ridgely were Sunday, February 2, 2025, at McLemoresville Baptist Church.

Brother Ridgely, 77, died January 30, 2025, after several months of failing physical health. He was a bivocational pastor of many churches throughout East Arkansas, North Mississippi and West Tennessee.

He leaves a legacy of being a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ.

He is survived by two sons, Darrell (Meklisha) Ridgely of Cedar Grove, and Paul Ridgely of Pahala, Hawaii, nine grandchildren, Andy Ridgely, Luke Ridgely, Chole Ridgely, Sydney Ridgely, Matt Ridgely, Joy Ridgely, Obadiah Ridgely, Azariah Ridgely, and Matea Ridgely.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Cynthia Ridgely; son, Jeff Ridgely; mother, Hildred Byrd Ridgely; and father, Andrew T. Ridgely.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, McKenzie, TN 38201.

BETTY SUE FULLER
1950 – 2025

ATWOOD — Funeral services for Betty Sue Fuller are Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Fuller, 74, died on

February 2, 2025, at Patriot Health and Rehab Center, Paris. She was born to Joe and Flora Mae Reynolds Sharp in the Christmaville Community on November 24, 1950. She is a member of Temple Baptist Church, Milan, and a retired sewing machine operator.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Fuller of Atwood; a daughter, Melissa (Brad) Allen of McKenzie; a son, Kevin (Tina) Fuller of Dyer, a sister, Joe Ann Weaver of Atwood, three grandchildren, Matt Cox, Ty (Jessica) Galey and Alexia (Heath) Keeling and four great-grandchildren, Bennett, Silas, Sylvie, and Marley.

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HELEN LOUISE
MOORE
1937 – 2025

CAMDEN (Formerly McKenzie) — Mrs. Helen Louise Moore, 87, of Camden, formerly of McKenzie, died Friday, January 31, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

The family received friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in Huntingdon, on Monday, February 3, 2025, 5-8 p.m.

She was a hairdresser who owned her own business, StyleMakers, in McKenzie.

Mrs. Moore was born October 28, 1937, to the late Vester Arden and Ardell Dovie Ross Washburn. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Fred Moore; sons, Curtis Pugh, Jr. and Johnny Pugh; brothers, Fred Washburn, Leo Washburn, James (Ramona) Washburn, and Bill (Alice) Washburn.

Mrs. Moore is survived by a sister, Arlene Davis of McKenzie; brother, Wayford (Elizabeth) Washburn, Sr. of McKenzie; sister-in-law, Hazel (Fred) Washburn; granddaughters, Erica Hudgins, Brianna Pugh, Lacey Pugh; great-granddaughter, Kailie Hudgins; along with a number of other nieces, nephews, and family members.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS

The following list of events was provided by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Specific information about events may be available at a later date.

February 8 — Clarksburg Sweethearts Breakfast.

March 10-14 — Bethel University Spring Break.

March 24-28 — Carroll County Schools Spring Break.

May 1 — National Day of Prayer.

May 3 — Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame and Bethel University Spring Commencement.

May 17 — Bruceton in May.

May 22 — Chamber Golf Tournament.

May 22 — Last day of school spring semester.

May 26 — Huntingdon and McKenzie Memorial Day Celebrations.

June 28 — Eastview Fireworks Celebration.

July 4 — McKenzie and McMoresville July 4th Celebrations.

August 5 — 2025-2026

school year begins.

August 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival.

September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival.

October 13-17 — Fall Break.

October 27 — County Chamber Banquet.

November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market.

November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet.

December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CAPITOL TALK DATES RELEASED

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce announced upcoming dates for "Capitol Talk" with local state elected officials at the Carroll County Civic Center. Representative Brock Martin will be at the civic center on Friday, February 14. Representative Tandy Darby will speak on Friday, March 14. Senator John Stevens will be at the center on Friday, April 11. Events start at 8 a.m. with remarks from 8:10 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and question and answer from 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

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 Cumber-

land 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 Armpriest at the McKenzie Senior Center. For more information, e-mail carrollartsinc@gmail.com or call 731-352-3323 (The Banner).

HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS APRIL 12

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents the Celebration of the Arts, an event showcasing Carroll County high school students involved in the arts, will be held on Saturday, April 12 at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon. The celebration is open to all high school students in Carroll County to exhibit or perform in the areas of visual arts, music, and drama. Performers will take to The Dixie stage to display their talents and artwork will be prominently displayed in the gallery. The art exhibit starts at 6:30 p.m. and performances start at 7 p.m. If students are interested in participating, please reach out to your school's art, drama, band, or guidance counselor.

Carroll Arts, Inc. is a non-profit dedicated to shining a light on the arts in Carroll County, Tenn. To learn more, e-mail carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

Other upcoming events include: Hearts in Harmony Dinner on February 15; An Evening with Carroll Arts in June; The Creativity Camp

for Carroll County elementary and middle school students in July; Southern Fried Funnies during McKenzie's Sweet Tea Festival in August; Storytelling during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in September; A Mistletoe Christmas Program during McKenzie's Christmas Celebration in December; and the 15th Annual Trivia Bowl in January 2026.

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, Broadway 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.

BAPTIST CARROLL COUNTY TO HOST PREVENTATIVE HEALTH LUNCHEON

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

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

We'll cover:

- Understanding your risk factors (family history, cholesterol, blood pressure).
- The importance of routine heart screenings and what tests to consider.
- How to recognize early warning signs of a heart attack or stroke.
- Heart-healthy lifestyle tips, including diet, exercise and stress management.
- New medical advancements.

To reserve your spot, please call 731-986-4461 or email sarah.pitcher@bmhcc.org. Baptist Memorial Hospital, Carroll County.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location — Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

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.

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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

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McKenzie Police Reports

Huntingdon Police Reports

Domestic Assault — Darren D. Washington, 24, Main Street, McKenzie, was charged with Domestic Assault and Aggravated Assault on January 29.

Officer Matthew Cunningham took a report from a female victim, who said she was Washington’s girlfriend. After an argument, she left the premises and then returned to retrieve some items. She stated Washington came down the house’s steps toward her car with what appeared to be a gun and beat on the top of the vehicle. She immediately left the residence and drove to the police station. Washington was arrested. He was already on probation for a previous domestic assault conviction.

Driving on Suspended License — James T. Baker, 46, Webb Street, Whiteville, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility and Violation of Window Tint Law on January 30.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Baker’s vehicle with the excessive window tint and made a traffic stop. A check of Baker’s license revealed the

suspended status. He was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Stolen Firearm, Expired Registration — Kenyale Cliff, 21, Trenton Highway, Humboldt, was arrested on January 27 for Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Display of Plates, Expired Registration, and Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Cliff’s vehicle for inoperable lights on the registration plate. The officer smelled marijuana and conducted a search when he found a stolen handgun. Cliff was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Failure to Appear, Violation of Probation — Stacy Mann, 42, White Street, McKenzie, was stopped on January 31 after the officer observed her driving and knew of the outstanding warrant.

Officer Dalton Raspberry made the traffic stop and was taken into custody on the charges of Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear. A family member was allowed to retrieve the automobile.

Driving on Suspended License — Jennifer L. Thompson, 41, Porter Street, Paris, was charged

with Driving on Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Display of Registration Plate on January 29.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Thompson because of a green light was illuminating the license plate. A check of her license indicated those were suspended for failure to pay fine. She was charged as noted and cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Dogs Running at Large — Stephanie E. Harris, 41, Cherry Street, McKenzie, was charged for allowing Dogs to Run At Large on January 29.

Officer Dustin McClure responded to a residence in which a dog killed 10 chickens. Animal Control captured the dog and transported it to the city pound. Harris was cited into General Sessions Court.

Harassment — Erik Schieman, 42, Field Street, McKenzie, was charged with Harassment on January 29.

Schieman’s ex-wife notified Officer Justin Brister that Mr. Schieman continued to text her and follow her despite her request for him not to do so.

Theft of Vehicle — On January 17, Police officer Jonathan McDowell spoke to Matthew Stuckey about his 2021 Chevy Tahoe grey in color being stolen from his driveway somewhere between 1:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The owners had the keys inside so the vehicle must have been towed somehow. At the time this report was made the vehicle was considered stolen until proven otherwise.

Driving under the Influence — On January 16, Police officer Dexter Richardson along with Sgt. Parham was dispatched to the corner of Browning Ave. and Mebanewood Dr. to conduct a welfare check on a red pickup truck. Officers approached the driver’s side of the vehicle and found a female asleep. They knocked on the window and woke the female who was identified as Stephanie Smith, 33, of Huntingdon, and asked her what was going on and if she was okay. She stated that her tooth was hurting but officers observed two empty bottles of Jack Daniels in the cup holder. Stephanie admitted to being drunk and refused to perform a sobriety test because she would fail. She was placed under arrest for DUI and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Aggravated Burglary — On January 14, Patrolman Jonathan McDowell along with Officer Daniel Inman responded to Sonic Drive-In of Huntingdon in reference to money missing from the office. Deposit \$1354.22, \$1282.55, and \$1480.84 was missing from the bank bag. Manager Krista Campbell estimated \$100 was missing and \$600 from the lock box. The business was locked, and the office door was locked. Ms. Campbell stated the door had to have a thumbprint to access and nothing appeared out of place. This was still under investigation at the time of the report.

Speeding, Violation of Registration Expired Tags — On 01-12-2025, Sgt. Tony King witnessed a vehicle approaching at a high rate of speed and radar confirmed the vehicle was moving 72 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Upon conducting the traffic stop it was discovered that the driver Gwendela Hampton, 51, had a suspended

license and she also had a failure to appear in Henry County. She was cited and given a 10-day notice to book in Carroll County jail.

Driving on Revoked License — On January 5, Officer Kristen Lee observed a vehicle traveling down Paris Street with one headlight. After getting behind the vehicle there was one working taillight and no tag lights. The driver, Edwina Parker, 43, was shown to have a revoked license. Parker received a verbal warning for head light, taillight, and tag light. She was cited into General Session Court for Driving on Suspended license 1st offense.

Harassment — On January 7, Officer Dexter Richardson was dispatched to Holmes Mill Road located inside the city limits of Huntingdon. Richardson arrived on scene and made contact with the victim. She had a voicemail from Michael Walker, 64, Huntingdon, cussing and stating he was going to stab her in the face with a knife. After hearing the voicemail, the victim stated he lived in the same apartment complex and was right next door at the time. Walker was arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail for Harassment.

Vandalism — On January 9, Patrolman Jonathan McDowell along with Patrolman Daniel Inman received a call about a possible shoplifter at Walmart. When they arrived on scene Security officer Joe Lowe advised that Matthew Howard, 36, didn’t steal but destroyed merchandise and made it to where it was no longer able to be sold. The defendant placed two cups of popcorn chicken in a backpack that had not been purchased and placed it back in the clothing section and exited the store. The defendant re-entered the store because he had left his car keys inside of the backpack, he recently damaged. He was cited into Carroll County Jail to be booked and given a court date.

Driving on Revoked License — On January 3, Officer Kristen Lee conducted a traffic stop on the court square on a vehicle that failed to yield. Dispatched informed that the tag on the vehicle did not come back on file. The driver of the vehicle, Paul Buckland, 20, had an ID only and a revoked license for DUI. Buckland stated that he had took the tag from another vehicle and placed it on his and he had not registered the Ford Focus or have any financial responsibility. Buckland was cited for Driving or Moving Unregistered Vehicle, Misuse of Registration, and Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Domestic Assault — On 1-11-25, Officer Brad Allen was dispatched to Barnett Street on a man threatening his wife with a gun. Upon his arrival he spoke to a female victim at the residence. She said that she and her husband, Jacob Sledge, 29, of Huntingdon, had been arguing all morning and that he pulled out a shotgun and threatened to shoot a hole in the place. Jacob Sledge stated to officer Allen that he and his wife had been arguing because he was mad the house was a mess. He stated that he pulled a gun out and said he was going to shoot a hole in the ceiling. Officer Allen retrieved the shotgun from the house, a .22 caliber pistol, and 55 rounds of ammo and 12-gauge shotgun shells. Sledge was taken to the Carroll County Jail and charged with Domestic and Aggravated assault.

Carroll County Sheriff Reports

Domestic Assault/ Interference with Emergency Calls — According to a report made by Deputy Jeremy Smith on January 25, Deputy Smith received two 911 calls from Emily Cruz, 42, of Atwood. The first call was to report that her son accidentally called 911. The second was to confirm the accidental nature of the first call. Dispatch informed Deputy Smith about the history of domestic violence in the home. Upon arrival, Deputy Smith contacted Emily’s husband, and their two teen children. The children reported that Emily had been drinking and arguing with their father and during the altercation Emily began banging on walls and hitting her own leg and asking for a knife. Her husband reported that during the argument, he attempted to dial 911 for help, but Emily grabbed the phone from his hands preventing the call. He also stated that Emily grabbed and squeezed his stomach causing slight redness. After asking Emily for her statement she alleged that her husband had hit and kicked her which he denied. Emily eventually changed her story and

admitted to making false statements. Emily Cruz was transferred to Carroll County Jail.

Drug/Narcotic Violations — According to a report made by Deputy Chance Townes on January 27, he had initiated a traffic stop on a maroon Dodge Ram for window tint. The driver, Christian James Elmore-Manning, stated that he knew his tint was at 5%. He also did not have a valid license. He advised Christian he would be deploying K9 on the vehicle and advised his passengers. The female passenger, Kimberly Brown, 47, of Jackson, advised she didn’t have to exit the vehicle and that she was taking her bags with her, and Deputy Townes told her to leave the bags in the truck. She advised there would be illegal items in her bag, which confirmed to be methamphetamine. She also had an active warrant out of the state of Georgia, and she would be extradited there.

Simple Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Jason Walker on January 27, an employee at Dollar General in Cedar Grove called the

Sheriff’s office to report and unknown black male entering the store being very belligerent and yelling and cussing at the employees and threatening to kill them. On January 29, Investigator Sawyers did receive information that the individual was Adrian Yarbrough from Savannah. He does have active warrants from Hardin County and one for Assault will be warranted out of Carroll County.

Burglary — According to a report made by Deputy Sean Bongiovanni on January 28, Carroll County Deputies were dispatched to Lavinia to make a report on a possible burglary. Ms. Betty Leach explained that she owns an empty home across the street from her and that when she went to the home, she noticed the bedroom window was open and a total of three doors were also open. The bedroom door, back door, and the back storm door which were both locked from the inside before. After investigating, it was found that an antique clock was stolen from the home. There is nothing else to report currently.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA13

ESTATE OF: BETTY JANE COLEMAN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of BETTY JANE COLEMAN deceased, who died MAY 3RD, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 28TH day of JANUARY, 2025.

THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

MATTHEW R. WEST, Executor/Administrator ALEXANDRA BLACKBURN, Attorney KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE15

ESTATE OF: FRED TAYLOR BELL SR, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 31ST day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of RED TAYLOR BELL SR deceased, who died DECEMBER 20TH, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 31ST day of JANUARY, 2025.

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FRED T. BELL JR., Executor/Administrator DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE14

ESTATE OF: JOE DAN WOOTEN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 29TH day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of JOE DAN WOOTEN deceased, who died DECEMBER 23RD, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 29TH day of JANUARY, 2025.

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Property Transfers

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Berry Mitchell as Executor to Berry and Terry Mitchell in District 17.
Georgia Willis Cooksey to Ella and William C. Milam Jr. in District 15.
Leernest S. Evans to Robert Todd Rainey in District 6.
Deborah Lynn Pryor to TMC Properties TN LLC in District 16.
Beracah, LLC to Gerald and Shirley Durovka in District 4.
Willie Lee Willis to Roman Willis in District 15.
William Allen Jr. and Jennifer A. Espey to Caleb Warren and Hannah Grace Haywood

in District 11.
Sam and Anna Mast to Sam Mast in district 3.
Sam and Anna Mast to Samuel S. and Magdalena Borntreger in District 3.
Christopher Michael Laws to Shawn Tyler Cox in District 16.
Polly Sue Brown to Robert Bradley in District 12.
Janet M. Pierce to Mark Damon and Tracey D. Fielder in District 11.
Linda Elaine Sayle to Priscilla Jane Sellers in District 15.
Justin Ray Bolen to Thomas and Jennifer Breeden in District 14.
Rusty A. and Amy M. Thompson to Olivia and

Noah McEwen in District 4.
Peggy Rogers to Sherri L. Marzario.
Ricky Fussell to Sherri L. Marzario.
William D. and Patricia Scarbrough to William Chad and Terri C. McDaniel in District 3.
Wanda F. Smith to Allyson N. and Mitchell R. Stenbridge.
Keith Taylor Traywick to Hugo Becerra and Jose Becerra Hernandez in District 4.
Dillon Brent and Savannah R. Drewry to R & R Farms in District 22.
Willie Lee Willis to Ella Milam in District 15.
Willie Lee Willis to Georgia Willis Cooksey in District 15.
Samuel K. and Dora D. Mast to Nelson Yoder in District 16.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (January 29) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on January 29.
Davin Tyler Watkins, Como Street, McKenzie, was bound over the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court on charges of DUI-First Offense, Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence, Implied Consent, Light Law Violation, Simple Possession, and Tampering With Evidence.
The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.
Jerrell Baker, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, Driving While Revoked, Violation

of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Registration Violation.
Sean Bradley Beasley, Morris Street, McKenzie, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, 48 hours jail, probation, no contact with convenience store, pay \$7.54 for stolen merchandise.

Congressman David Kustoff Announces Mobile Office Hours

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman David Kustoff (R-TN) announced mobile office hours for the month of February. Mobile office hours are on Tuesday, February 4, and Thursday, February 6.
“Mobile office hours are a good way for constituents to connect with our office and let us know how we can continue to best represent Tennessee’s Eighth Congressional District in Washington,” said Congressman Kustoff. “If you need assistance with a federal agency such as the Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, or the Department of Veterans Affairs, I encourage you to visit our mobile office sites across West Tennessee.”
The local events are listed below:

Tuesday, February 4
Henry — 9-11 a.m. — Paris Henry County Chamber of Commerce, 2508 E Wood Street, Paris, TN 38242.
Thursday, February 6
Carroll — 9-11 a.m. — Town of Huntingdon City Hall, 19810 E Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344.
Gibson — 1-3 p.m. — Milan City Hall, 1061 S Main Street, Milan, TN 38358.
Obion — 1-3 p.m. — Obion County Mayor’s Office, 316 S Third Street, Union City, TN 38261.

Gasoline Prices Rise During Week

TENNESSEE (February 3) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 5.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.78/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 5.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 6.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 2.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.626 per gallon.
According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.39/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.11/g, a difference of

\$1.72/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.39/g while the highest was \$4.11/g, a difference of \$1.72/g.
The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.04/g today. The national average is down 1.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 10.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.
Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:
February 3, 2024: \$2.84/g (U.S. Average: \$3.15/g).
February 3, 2023: \$3.20/g (U.S. Average: \$3.45/g).
February 3, 2022: \$3.10/g (U.S. Average: \$3.44/g).
February 3, 2021: \$2.21/g (U.S. Average: \$2.45/g).
February 3, 2020: \$2.19/g (U.S. Average: \$2.45/g).
February 3, 2019: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.25/g).
February 3, 2018: \$2.40/g (U.S. Average: \$2.60/g).
February 3, 2017: \$2.06/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g).
February 3, 2016: \$1.59/g (U.S. Average: \$1.78/g).
February 3, 2015: \$1.91/g (U.S. Average: \$2.06/g).
“The national average has seen little meaningful change over the past week, as oil markets continue to face selling pressure. However, with President Trump imposing tariffs on Canada and Mexico, some motorists may see gas prices inch up in certain regions,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Trump’s new trade war has already triggered retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, escalating tensions. While, on paper, tariffs on Canadian energy could have a significant impact on fuel prices, a prolonged trade war could weaken global economies, reducing demand and partially offsetting the effects of tariffs. For now, I expect a slow but modest impact on fuel prices, particularly in the Great Lakes, Midwest, Rockies, and Northeast U.S. — all markets that rely heavily on Canadian crude oil or refined product imports from Canada.”
SOURCE GasBuddy

December Unemployment Down in Area

NASHVILLE (January 30) — The December numbers for unemployment from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development show that unemployment is down .1% for Carroll, Weakley and Henry counties.
Carroll County recorded an unemployment percentage of 4.0 percent in December, compared to 4.1 the month earlier and 3.7 percent one year earlier.
From a labor force of 11,844, there were 11,372 employed leaving 472 unemployed.
Henry County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent in December compared to 3.8 one month earlier and 3.5 one year earlier.
From a labor force of 13,850, there were 13,333 employed and 517 unemployed.
Weakley County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent in December, down from 3.9 one month earlier and 3.3 one year earlier.
From a labor force

of 15,161, there were 14,590 employed and 571 unemployed.
The highest unemployment rate in Tennessee was recorded in Unicoi County with a rate of 5.9 percent, followed by Bledsoe, Houston, Lake, and McNairy counties at 5.2 percent.
The lowest unemployment rates were recorded in Moore County at 2.5 percent, followed by Sumner and Wilson counties at 2.9 percent.
Tennessee’s overall rate is 3.6 percent.

Marriage Licenses

Delton Lee Balentine, 55, of Huntingdon, to Isabel Dereche Buhay, 34, of Huntingdon.
Stephanie Suzanee Voorhis Nowell, 34, of Huntingdon, to Josue Navarro Valtierra, 26, of

Huntingdon.
Patrick Stephen McCaslin, 45, of McKenzie, to Sandra Leticia Herandez Hernandez, 34, of McKenzie.

Banner Rolls Out ‘Digital First’ Initiative

MCKENZIE (January 27) — The McKenzie Banner is initiating its ‘Digital First’ initiative on February 1.
Many of the news stories and calendar events will appear on The Banner’s website prior to the weekly publication in print.
In recent weeks, The Banner has increased its news-gathering staff with full-time and on-assignment photojournalists, whose job it is to gather and report the news.
The new online initiative will provide a more timely distribution of news in text and photographs. With the online format, The Banner can provide more photographs than in the print edition.
Brittany Washburn Martin, publisher, said the ‘Digital First’ initiative allows both area and distance residents to experience the news coverage throughout the week.
The Banner’s website is www.mckenziebanner.com. Some articles are free of charge, while others require an online subscription. And the news articles are archived for viewing at your convenience.
While some news sources choose to place much of their content on Facebook, we have determined that only drives traffic to Facebook not our product. Yes, our content does have a modest cost for a subscription, but just know, that gathering and publishing news is a business that is only sustainable with revenue.
And while we roll out the ‘digital first’, it is not a ‘digital-only’ initiative. We will continue to publish the news in the weekly print edition.
Newspapers are the only media source that consistently covers public meetings, publishes local

obituaries, provides public notices and public records, such as court news, arrest reports, property transfers, marriage licenses and sports.
A journalist from the local community newspaper is frequently the only person covering public meetings.
Even much of the discussion about community news on social media is commentary on facts reported by journalists, not original reporting by social media sources.
We know what it’s like to be the only person in the audience of a public meeting. To us, that means the public has placed trust in us to provide the news. We are often the only ones providing in-depth coverage. Our journalists have assignments during the day, night, holidays and weekends.
We hope you enjoy this new enhanced service.

LIFELINE Blood Services Hosts Annual ‘Gift from The Heart’ Blood Drive

LIFELINE Blood Services invites the community to participate in its annual “Gift from The Heart” Blood Drive, encouraging donors to give blood and save lives in February.
The event will be held at two locations:
Dyersburg Center — Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Jackson Center — Thursday, February 13, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Marketing Manager

Melinda Reid shared the importance of the event: “Share the love and save a life! Your selfless donation, which takes only 30-45 minutes, will directly impact the 21 counties we serve.”
All donors will receive a Valentine-themed donor t-shirt and a box of chocolates. Additionally, donors at the Jackson Center will be entered into a special giveaway drawing.
LIFELINE Blood Services

operates year-round, collecting 26,000 blood products annually, supporting 21 counties, 17 emergency helicopter services, and one ground ambulance service. The organization also provides critical reference lab and cross-matching services for healthcare facilities.
For donation details, visit www.lifelinebloodserv.org or call 731-427-4431, extension 0.

NWTN Tourism Launches Visitors Guide

The Northwest Tennessee Tourism Association (NWTTA) is proud to announce the release of the highly anticipated 2025 Northwest Tennessee Visitors Guide. This comprehensive guide showcases the best of what Northwest Tennessee has to offer, from breathtaking outdoor adventures and unique attractions to mouthwatering cuisine, charming lodging options, and exciting festivals and events. With its vibrant design and user-friendly format, the Visitors Guide is set to inspire both first-time and returning visitors to explore and experience this beautiful corner of Tennessee.
This milestone marks a significant accomplishment for NWTTA, which has been tirelessly promoting the region since its inception in the early 1970s. Under the leadership of Director Kasey Muench, who took the helm in January 2023, the organization has experienced remarkable growth and innovation. With unwavering support from her board, Kasey has worked diligently to build relationships with hospitality and tourism industry professionals, connecting them to one another and to the unique assets of the Northwest Tennessee region. Her efforts to educate community leaders and elected officials about the importance of tourism have also paid off, as membership has increased and continues to expand.
“The NWTN Visitors Guide is a vital tool for our organization,” said Kasey Muench. “It not only provides potential visitors with a valuable resource for planning their trip to Northwest Tennessee, but it also serves as a powerful tool for internal collaboration within our tourism community. This guide will not only help attract more visitors, but it will also encourage them to stay longer and explore more of our region, ultimately boosting the local economy. I’m excited to see the positive impact it will have!”
The 2025 Visitors Guide is packed with valuable information about Northwest Tennessee’s outdoor adventures, food and drink hotspots, must-see attractions, lodging options, and a calendar of festivals and events. While it doesn’t capture every regional asset, it provides an authentic glimpse of what visitors can expect when exploring Northwest Tennessee.
In addition to the guide’s release, 2025 promises to be an exciting year for NWTTA. The organization will be promoting the

region through new initiatives, including a collaborative video project, an article highlighting family-friendly attractions, and the Cornerstone Tourism Awards to honor industry leaders and workers who have made exceptional contributions to tourism.
The Visitors Guide is easily accessible online at www.nwntourism.com, where users can view it digitally or request a physical copy by mail. For those planning a trip, the guide will be available at all NWTTA member locations across Northwest Tennessee, regional state parks, airports, chambers of commerce, and ten Welcome Centers across Tennessee. Businesses interested in offering the Visitors Guide at their location are encouraged to email Kasey directly at kasey@nwntourism.com.
The launch of the 2025 Visitors Guide underscores NWTTA’s commitment to showcasing the incredible experiences and attractions that make Northwest Tennessee a premier travel destination. Whether you’re looking for outdoor adventures, cultural experiences, or simply a taste of Southern hospitality, the guide is your perfect companion to plan an unforgettable trip.

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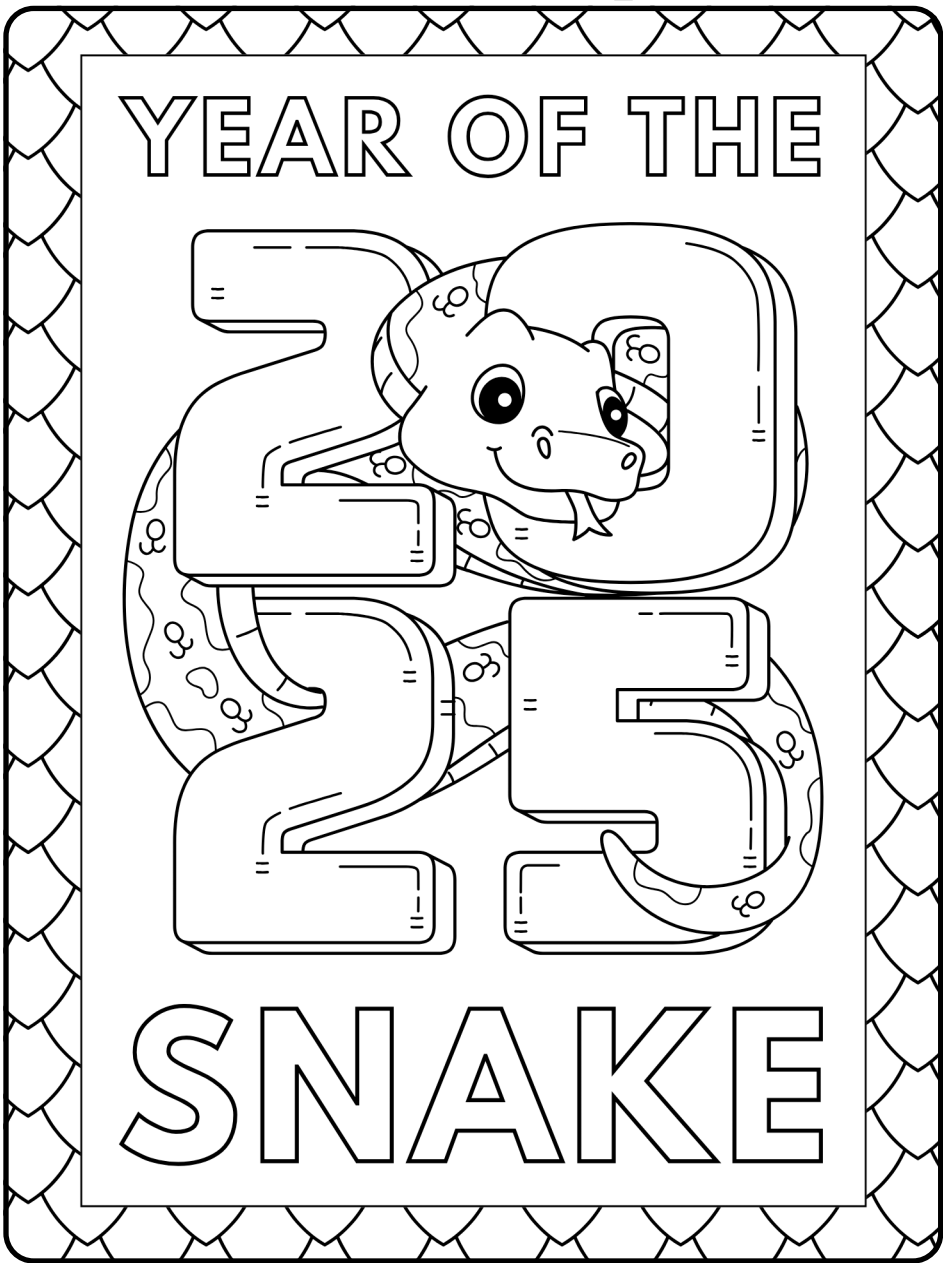
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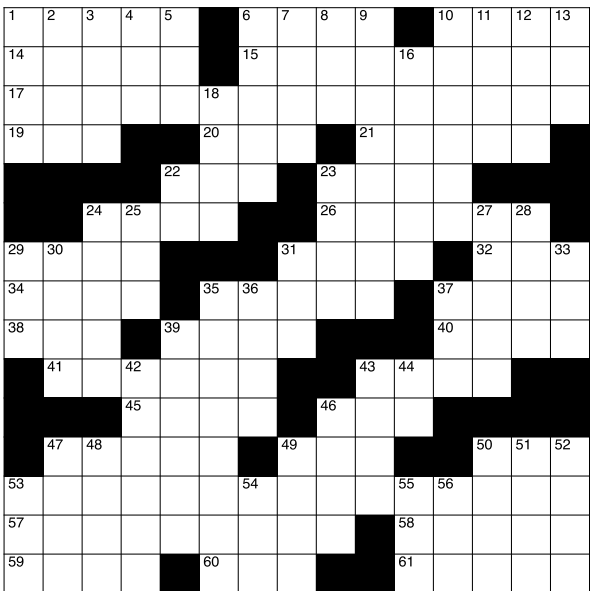
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "The Las Vegas of the East"
- 6. Cook
- 10. Manning & Wallach are two
- 14. Chameleon
- 15. A way to fill up
- 17. What MLBers hope to play in
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Indefinite period of time
- 21. Excites
- 22. Males
- 23. Mongol leader Genghis
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Soda comes in them
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Professional organization
- 32. Part of a play
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
- 37. Beige
- 38. Mental sharpness
- 39. Valley
- 40. Alcyone's husband
- 41. A place to gamble
- 43. Flightless Australian birds
- 45. Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
- 46. US spy group
- 47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Square measures
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and __, critics

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mouths
- 2. Buffalo



- 3. You plug it in
- 4. Each
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. King of Thebes
- 7. English name meaning "mythical hunter"
- 8. Indicates near
- 9. More herbaceous
- 10. Gas-powered cars need one
- 11. Dishonest individual
- 12. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 13. The woman
- 16. The whole of one's holdings
- 18. Witnesses
- 22. Doctor
- 23. Paul __, Swiss painter
- 24. Kids look for him on December 24
- 25. Single
- 27. Competitions
- 28. Predict the future
- 29. Cage for trained hawks
- 30. Musician Clapton

- 31. Frozen water
- 33. Semiformal men's evening attire
- 35. Most worn
- 36. Common soap ingredient
- 37. Former EU monetary unit
- 39. Provisions
- 42. Book parts
- 43. Republic of Ireland
- 44. Partner to "Pa"
- 46. Sammy __, songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Clare Booth __, American writer
- 49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. Monthly apartment cost
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Tourist destination
- 55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

Week 5

See solution in next week's edition.

Low Vision Word Search

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N O T H R A L Y M S O Y I I U O E S H P
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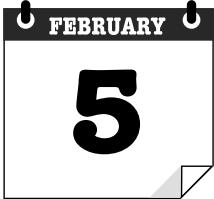
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62: An earthquake strikes in Pompeii, Italy.

1852: The New Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia, opens to the public.

1924: The Royal Greenwich Observatory begins broadcasting the hourly time signals.

SUDOKU

WEEK 5

3					2	9		
		8						6
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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to low vision.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = S)

- A. 7 19 6 20 26 20 25 5 5
Clue: Not being able to see
- B. 25 3 25 5
Clue: Enable sight
- C. 16 6 5 6 2 20
Clue: State of being able to see
- D. 4 19 8 5 5 25 5
Clue: Help with sight

Answer: A. blindness B. eyes C. vision D. glasses

LETTER MIX-UP

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

BLINDNESS

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

Riddle Me This

Why was the cell phone wearing glasses?

Answer: It lost it's contacts

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

LPIUP

Answer: Pupit

GUESS WHO ?

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Week 4 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 4

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



Laila Scott was joined by family, friends and fellow cheerleaders as she signed with UT Martin Cheer. Pictured are (L to R) Seated: Laila's sister, Sara; dad, Michael; Laila; mom, Latisha; and MHS Cheer Coach, Brittany Colotta. Standing: MHS cheerleaders — Addi Davis, Carleigh Lunn, Katelyn Prather, Brooke Murphy, Madelynn Pewitt, Aleecia Williams, Baylee Barden, Tobey Brooks, Olivia Pate, Lydia Pate and Reese Gallimore. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie's Scott Signs with UT Martin Cheer

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (January 27) — McKenzie High School senior cheerleader Laila Scott signed to join the University of Tennessee at Martin's cheer squad during a ceremony Monday in the theater, joined by family, friends, teachers

and fellow cheerleaders. Scott has been involved in gymnastics since second grade and joined McKenzie cheer in seventh grade. Principal Kelly Spivey complimented Scott on her talent and work ethic. Cheer Coach Brittany Colotta applauded the senior on her consistent improvement and

development. Scott told The Banner she loves cheer because of the adrenaline. She said being a Rebel has meant everything to her growing up. She thanked Colotta and her parents for their constant support. Scott will major in Elementary Education.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lady Lions Survive Gleason Rally, Bulldogs Dominate Second Half

BY BRAD SAM
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GLEASON (January 28) — Gleason High School hosted Dresden Tuesday for a pair of district basketball contests. The Lady Lions led by 28 after three quarters but had to hold off an explosive Lady Bulldog rally to claim a 63-48 win. The Lions led by three at the half, but the Bulldogs were dominant down the stretch to earn a 61-44 victory.

Dresden Lady Lions 63, Gleason Lady Bulldogs 48

The Lady Lions jumped out to a 21-8 lead after the first frame, led by Allie Spaulding with a dozen points on four three-pointers. Heylee Jarred scored six. Mollie Oliver had a pair, and Kaylee Jarred hit a free throw. Lady Bulldogs Kadence Witherspoon and Ahmyre Allen each scored four points.

Dresden had a 22-12 advantage in the second quarter, led by K. Jarred with seven points, including a three-pointer. Spaulding and H. Jarred each scored five, Spaulding with a three. Molly Robinson hit a three, and Elizabeth Jarred had a pair. Lady Bulldog Hylan Leach scored six points. Brinley Lehmkuhl, Skylar Arnold and Madi Dean each had a pair. At the half, Dresden led 43-20.

The Lady Lions had a 14-9 edge in the third, led by H. Jarred with six points. Ellie Poole scored four, and K. Jarred and Gracie Adams each had a pair. Arnold led Gleason with four points. Leach hit a three, and Lehmkuhl added a pair. Entering the final frame, Dresden led 57-29.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied 19-6 in the fourth for the closer final, led by Arnold with eight points. Allen and Leach each scored four, Allen with a three-pointer. Lehmkuhl had three points. H. Jarred and K. Jarred each scored three points for Dresden.

Lady Lion Heylee Jarred led all scorers with 20 points. Allie Spaulding scored 17 with five three-pointers. Kaylee Jarred had 13 points with a three.

Skylar Arnold led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points. Hylan Leach scored



Above Left, Lady Bulldog Skylar Arnold draws contact and finishes the shot for a three-point play. Arnold led Gleason with 14 points. Above Right, Bulldog Drake Lehmkuhl fires a corner three. Lehmkuhl led all scorers with 30 points. Below Left, Lady Bulldog Hylan Leach scores underhanded on a fast break. Below Right, Bulldog Parker Morgan sinks a three-pointer. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



13 with a three-pointer.

Bulldogs 61, Lions 44

Dresden had a 17-15 lead after the opening frame, led by Arden Smith with 13 points, including a three-pointer. Miles Collins scored four. Bulldog Drake Lehmkuhl scored seven with a three. Parker Morgan had six on a pair of three-pointers, and Kade Sawyers had a pair.

The Lions had a 14-13 edge in the second quarter, led by Smith with nine, again with a three. Collins also hit a three, and Landon Floyd had a pair. Lehmkuhl led Gleason with nine points on a trio of threes, and Brody Sanders scored four. At the half, Dresden led 31-28.

The Bulldogs stormed ahead with a 20-4 advantage in the third, led by Lehmkuhl with ten points, including a three. Sawyers

and Ashton Morgan each hit a three, and P. Morgan and Sanders each added a pair. Smith had all four Dresden points. Heading into the final frame, the Bulldogs led 48-35.

Gleason sealed the win with a 13-9 tilt in the fourth, led by Sawyers with six points, including a three. Lehmkuhl scored four, and A. Morgan hit another three-pointer. Collins hit a three for the Lions, and Floyd, Smith and Landon Cantrell each had a pair. Bulldog Drake Lehmkuhl led all scorers with 30 points, including five three-pointers. Kade Sawyers scored eleven with a pair of threes.

Arden Smith led Dresden with 28 points, including a pair of threes. Miles Collins scored ten with a pair of three-pointers.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



1. Mustang Caleb Ezell scores on a fast break. Ezell had 23 points. 2. Huntingdon's Delaney Byars pulls up in the paint for two of her 12 points. 3. Lady Rebel Ava Hastings fires a corner three. Hastings led McKenzie with 15 points, all from downtown. 4. Rebel Cole Brown drains a three-pointer. Brown scored 16 points. 5. Rebel Tate Surber takes it to the hole. Surber led all scorers with 31 points. 6. Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford connects from the top of the key. Stafford scored eight points. 7. Mustang Braylin Dearmon floats to the basket for a layup. Dearmon scored 17 points. 8. Huntingdon's Quinn Kelley hits a long three. Kelley scored nine points on a trio of threes. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Huntingdon Sweeps McKenzie

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MCKENZIE (January 27) — The storied rivalry continued Monday as McKenzie High School hosted Huntingdon for a pair of basketball contests, their first meeting of the season. The Fillies pulled away in the second quarter en route to a 67-35 win. The Rebels took an early lead, but the Mustangs had the edge down the stretch to claim an 86-79 victory.

Huntingdon Fillies 67, McKenzie Lady Rebels 35

The Fillies had a 15-12 edge after the opening frame, led by Sara Beth Smith with ten points. Quinn Kelley hit a three-pointer, and Josey Stokes had a pair. Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford scored five points with a three. Braylin Auvenshine had four points, and Molly French hit a three-pointer.

Huntingdon opened up the lead with a 23-3 advantage in the second quarter, led by Byars with ten points. Smith scored six, and Kelley hit another three-pointer. Stokes and Grier Bartholomew each had a pair. Lady Rebel Ava Hastings hit a three-pointer. At the half, Huntingdon led 38-15.

The Fillies enjoyed a 21-14 tilt in the third, led by Knox Bennett with seven points, including a three. Smith scored six points, Kelley and Emalynn Maness each hit a three, and Byars added a pair. Hastings led McKenzie with nine points on a trio of threes. Stafford also hit a three, and Auvenshine added a pair. Entering the final frame, the Fillies led 59-29.

Huntingdon capped

the win in a quick, 8-6 fourth. Maness and Ellie Wilson each scored four for the Fillies, and Hastings and French each hit a three-pointer for the Lady Rebels.

Filly Sara Beth Smith led all scorers with 22 points. Delaney Byars scored a dozen, and Quinn Kelley had nine points on a trio of threes.

Ava Hastings led McKenzie with 15 points on five three-pointers. Jaycee Stafford scored eight with a pair of threes.

Mustangs 86, Rebels 79

McKenzie had a 19-12 lead after the first frame, led by Cole Brown with eight points, including a pair of threes. Carter Kee scored five with a three, Craegen Travis had four points, and Tate Surber had a pair. Mustang Bryson Whiteside scored five with a three. Braylin Dearmon had four points, and Caleb Ezell scored three points.

Huntingdon took the lead with a 24-16 advantage in the second quarter, led by Kenton Smith with ten points. Ezell scored seven with a three, Dearmon had four points, and Hayes Eubanks hit a three-pointer. Surber led McKenzie with nine points, including a

three. Kee scored four, and Eli Vinson hit a three-pointer. At the half, Huntingdon led 36-35.

The Mustangs enjoyed a 24-20 tilt in the third, led by Smith with seven points. Ezell, Dearmon and E.J. Lewis each scored five, Ezell and Lewis with a three. Eubanks added a pair. Surber led the Rebels with seven points. Kee scored four, and C. Brown had three points. Vinson, Travis and Landon Brown each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Mustangs led 60-55.

Huntingdon sealed the win with a 26-24 edge in the fourth, led by Smith with nine points. Ezell scored eight, Whiteside had five points, and Dearmon scored four. Surber led McKenzie with 13 points. Kee scored six with a three, and C. Brown had five points with a three-pointer.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 31 points, including a three. Carter Kee scored 19 with a pair of threes, and Cole Brown had 16 points with a trio of threes.

Kenton Smith led the Mustangs with 26 points. Caleb Ezell scored 23 with a pair of threes. Braylin Dearmon had 17 points.

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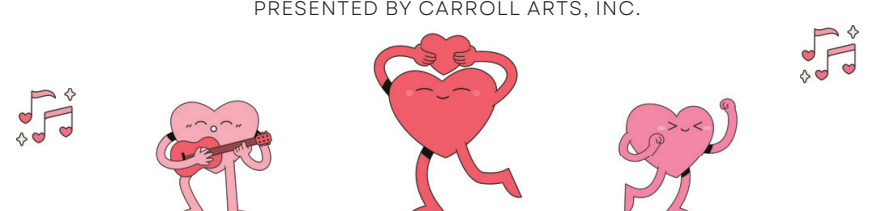
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(L to R) McKenzie Rotary President Christy Williams, NWTN Tourism Executive Director Kasey Muench, and Vice President Ricky Price.

McKenzie Rotary Learns About NWTN Tourism, Growth Opportunities

McKENZIE (January 28) — Kasey Muench of NWTN Tourism Association presented a program highlighting the impact of tourism on the local community and exploring opportunities for partnership to amplify this effect.

Rotary Club of McKenzie meets on Tuesdays at NOON at the Vera Low Center on Bethel University's campus.

West Carroll Elementary School Celebrates Outstanding Students with SOAR Awards

West Carroll Elementary School proudly upholds its tradition of celebrating exceptional students through the SOAR Awards program. This initiative honors students who exemplify the school's core values of Safety, Ownership, Achievement and Respect.

Each week, the program shines a spotlight on students who excel academically, demonstrate strong character, and make meaningful contributions to the school community.

Kamiryn Garey, a fourth-grade student, earned the most Class Dojo points during Week 17. Her teacher, Mrs. Beth Hysmith, praised Kamiryn's dedication and positive attitude, saying, "Kami is a student with a strong work ethic and a willingness to tackle challenges. She sees mistakes as opportunities to grow and approaches learning with enthusiasm. Her energy and excitement inspire her classmates to strive for their best. Kami works diligently on every task, always giving her all."

In Week 18, Tristan Horne, also a fourth-grader, was recognized with the SOAR award for earning the highest Class Dojo points. Mrs. Hysmith had high praise for Tristan,



West Carroll Elementary SOAR Award winners (L to R): Delaynie Bennett, Tristan Horne and Kamiryn Garey. Photo courtesy WCES

describing him as a model student. She shared, "Tristan exemplifies focus and determination. He listens carefully during lessons, works hard to overcome challenges, and never gives up until he succeeds. His commitment to learning and doing his best sets an excellent example for his peers."

For Weeks 17 and 18, Delaynie Bennett, a sixth-grade student, was selected as the SOAR student

based on nominations from teachers and staff. Her teacher, Mrs. Shanna Pafford, highlighted Delaynie's exceptional qualities, saying, "Delaynie is incredibly responsible and consistently makes wise choices. She is always the first to lend a hand to anyone in need, whether it's a teacher, custodian, or fellow student. Delaynie volunteers for any task and puts forth her best effort every time. She is a joy

to have in class and has a bright future ahead."

West Carroll Elementary School congratulates Kamiryn, Tristan and Delaynie for their achievements and for setting a remarkable example for their peers.

The SOAR Awards program continues to inspire excellence and foster a positive school environment.

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Local Residents Graduate from UT Martin

MARTIN — Several Carroll County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 14, 2024, with some 300 students participating.

The students receiving

undergraduate degrees were:

Bruceton — Chloe S. Hoskins-Ward.

Huntingdon — Craig Ray Powell Anderson; Patience Samone Goodlow; Jace Clayton Lowe; Karle Meggs; Krista Danae Noble; Alli G. Reeves; and Logan Michael Walsh.

McKenzie — Ashlyn Nicole Drewry; Nathan Jones; and Johni Rae LeClaire.

The student receiving a graduate degree was:

McKenzie — Jeremy Scott Allen.

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