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DISTRICT CHAMPS



District award winners from Huntingdon (L to R): Caleb Ezell, Braylin Dearmon, EJ Lewis, Kenton Smith and Bryson Whiteside. All five were named All-District, with Smith as MVP and Dearmon as Defensive MVP. Lewis, Ezell and Smith (MVP) were All-Tournament. Lewis earned All-Academic honors. Photo courtesy Russell Bush/Huntingdon Sports Pics

Mustangs Win District Title

Mustangs, Fillies Open Region Play with Win

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Huntingdon Sports Pics

It was a great week for Huntingdon High School basketball as the Mustangs won the district tournament and their opening round

region game, and the Fillies opened region play with a win. On Monday, the Mustangs started the week by achieving something that hadn't been accomplished for Mustang basketball since 1998 by winning the district tournament after also winning the regular season district title. The Mustangs defeated Camden 55-51 at Stewart County High School in Dover. The Mustangs, who finished the regular season with a 5-1 district record, won two

games in the district tournament to claim the title. In the championship game, the Mustangs overcame a seven-point deficit at the half and held the Lions to six points in the third quarter. The Mustangs outscored Camden 33-21 in the second half to earn their second win of the season over the Lions. The Mustangs were led by tournament and regular season MVP

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Wind, Severe Weather Alert Starts Today

McKENZIE (March 3) — The National Weather Service (NWS) in Memphis has issued a Wind Advisory for Benton, Carroll, and Henry Counties, effective from 6 am CST Tuesday, March 4, 2025, to 6 pm CST Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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CARROLL COUNTY Friday was Deadline for Property Tax

HUNTINGDON (February 28) — Friday, February 28, marked the deadline for Carroll County property tax payments. To avoid a penalty, residents had to pay by the end of the day. Carroll County Trustee Paula Bolen stated property

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Carroll County Introduces Driver's License Kiosk for Renewals



Newly installed driver's license kiosk inside Carroll County Office Complex in Huntingdon. Photo by Joel Lancaster/The Banner

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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Carroll County residents now have access to a self-service Driver's License Kiosk, providing a convenient option for renewing licenses without visiting a full-service Driver Services Center. The kiosk is located at the Carroll County Office Complex, 625 High Street, Suite 103, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The kiosk allows users to renew or replace an existing Tennessee driver's license or ID card, print a temporary license until the permanent card arrives by mail, and update addresses for licenses and ID cards.

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HUNTINGDON School District Green Lights Sports Facility Improvements Board Approves Teacher Bonuses

HUNTINGDON (February 19) — Huntingdon Board of Education approved approximately \$664,000 for improvements to the high school baseball, softball and football complexes during the February 19 meeting. Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of schools, said the school's budget could fund the needed upgrades at the

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The District 12-AA Boys Basketball champion Huntingdon Mustangs. Photo courtesy Russell Bush/Huntingdon Sports Pics

Champs

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Kenton Smith, who scored almost half of the Mustangs points for the game with 26, Caleb Ezell scored 10 and made two huge three-pointers in the second half, EJ Lewis 9, Bryson Whiteside 6, Braylin Dearmon 2, and Garvin Kee 2.

Camden was led by Aid-en Melton, who was named regular season co-MVP with Smith, with 24 points. Jake Reynoldson 11, Moore 5, Porter 4, Arnold 4, and Johnson 3.

The Mustangs, who started the region tournament as the one seed, followed the district championship win with a 79-69 win over East Hickman, the four seed from district 11-AA, on Saturday night at Huntingdon.

The Mustangs led 18-10 after one quarter and 37-30 at the half. The Mustangs took a 15-point lead after three quarters at 61-46. The Eagles made a game of it in the second half as they made eleven threes for the game, including five in the last quarter and seven in the second half. The Mustangs, however, had nine steals in the game, forced seven turnovers and had double-digit scoring from

four players for the win.

The Mustangs were led by EJ Lewis with 23, Kenton Smith 19, Caleb Ezell 13, Braylin Dearmon 13. Dearmon also had 11 rebounds and four blocked shots, Bryson Whiteside 8, Hayes Eubanks 2, and Garvin Kee 1.

Sylas Quillen led the Eagles with 21, Tyler Walker 18, and Nathan Hobbs 13.

The Mustangs improved to 19-11 for the season and

are scheduled to play Harpeth on March 4 at Hickman County High School.

The Fillies, who entered the region tournament as the second seed from district 12-AA, faced Hickman County at home on Friday to open region play and the Fillies advanced with a 65-42 win over the Lady Bulldogs. The Fillies built a 20-point lead at the half at 35-15 and coasted to the win.

The Fillies improved to

23-7 for the season and will face Cheatham County in the semifinal scheduled for Monday night after The Banner's press deadline.

Delaney Byars led a balanced Fillies attack with 23 points and collected five rebounds, Josey Stokes 15, Sara Beth Smith eleven points, six rebounds and two blocked shots, Quinn Kelley 9, Knox Bennett 4, and Grier Bartholomew 3.



Emily Ritzler of WSP presents a survey of the street conditions in Huntingdon. The report was presented to the Huntingdon Mayor and Council on February 25.

Town of Huntingdon Hears Report on Street Conditions

HUNTINGDON (February 25) — The Town of Huntingdon Mayor and Council received a report of a comprehensive plan for improvement of street paving throughout the city.

Emily Ritzler of WSP provided an assessment of each street in the city and its level of repair.

Levels of repair were given a numeric value of: Good (86-100), Satisfactory (71-85), Fair (56-70), Poor (41-55), Very Poor (26-40), Serious (11-25) and Failed (0-10).

The report indicated the city streets' overall condition has an averaged weighted value of 59, which is 'poor' by the evaluation standards. The field survey indicated .4 percent of the roads are listed as 'failed', 6 percent are 'serious', 9 percent are 'very poor', 21 percent are 'poor', 33 percent are 'fair', 28 percent are 'satisfactory', and 3 percent are 'good'.

An estimated annual cost for the next five years to maintain the current condition is \$391,013; in the 'target' condition of a rating of 71 'satisfactory', is \$998,779 annually and for \$1,657,095 annually for greatly improved condition.

The field survey of the roads was conducted in July 2024, said Ritzler. The report was funded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation and serves as a roadmap to address the

ongoing repair in a systematic manner.

Ritzler said it also provides a plan to seek additional grant funding.

A Storybook Trail is in development at Kelley Sports Complex. Huntingdon High School JAG (Jobs for America) and Mustang Mentors is installing a trail of storyboards, based on children's books, that allows children and their parents to read one board before moving to the next to continue reading the story. The stories will be changed on a periodic basis.

HHS students, under the director of teacher Ginger Taylor and with technical assistance from Jimmy Crossett, are now installing the storyboards.

Storyboard trails foster a sense of community pride and excitement. The students take pride in knowing they have created an early literacy, family literacy, interactive, family-fun activity for the community.

The Council voted on second and final reading to create the position of Police Chief and Fire Chief and eliminate the single position of Public Safety Director, which is now Walter Smithers, who supervises both departments. The city will advertise for candidates for the appointed positions. Each office has minimum requirements to qualify for the position.

The Council also elimi-

nated the position of Director of Public Works.

An LED video wall for the performance stage of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center was purchased at a price of \$149,477.

Frank Dodd, Jr., technical director at The Dixie, and Angela DeMaris, executive director of The Dixie noted the lighted display board allows performing artists to have video graphics displayed during the performance. It will enhance the performance and is a necessary addition to attract some artists.

Internally Sound was the lone bidder for the project.

Dodd said the screen is designed to 'fly' up or down on the stage.

The project will be paid through grants from Tennessee Tourism and Tennessee Arts.

A new heating and cooling unit at the Huntingdon Public Safety Building was approved at a cost of \$14,000 from Cross Heating and Air, LLC. There were three other, higher bids.

The Huntingdon Recreation Advisory Board was approved. The members include Todd Simpson, Mike Henson, Jonathan Kee, Natalie McMasters, Gerald Taylor, Mayor Chad Edwards, Public Works Superintendent Ronnie Breeden, and Councilman Andrew Maddox.

Early Morning Crash Claims Life of Pedestrian

PARIS (March 3) — A Henry County woman has died as a result of injuries she sustained after being struck by a van on Monday morning. The victim was crossing the road at the marked and lighted crosswalk located on the

south end of Hospital Circle near West Tennessee Healthcare Henry County Hospital (formerly Henry County Medical Center).

Paris Police and Henry County Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene, and the victim

was taken to the nearby hospital's emergency room as soon as possible.

An attempt was made to transport the victim by helicopter to a trauma center, but ultimately, she was pronounced deceased. The Paris Police Department is reviewing evidence and investigating the crash at this time and will provide updates when available.



Earth-moving equipment is on site at the Highland Drive TCAT campus in McKenzie.

Construction Begins On New Administrative Building at TCAT-McKenzie

McKENZIE (March 2025) — Tennessee College of Applied Technology Henry/Carroll hosted a groundbreaking for its new academic and administrative building on June 25 at the McKenzie campus. Last week, construction began on the new complex. TCAT-Henry/Carroll in McKenzie's new 18,000 square-foot facility will provide modern facilities for the 59-year-old campus. The new complex will be situated front and right of the existing administrative building. It will have administrative offices, classrooms, and a community room. Once complete, the existing administrative building will be razed. The instructional wing to the rear of the campus will remain. That is where welding, automotive technology, heat and air condition,

industrial maintenance, and information system technology classes are held. A walkway will connect the current classrooms to the new administrative/classroom building.

TCAT Henry/Carroll's Paris new campus is also under construction. The funding, approved in 2022 by Governor Bill Lee and the General Assembly, has provided new capital outlay and maintenance investments for six new Tennessee College of Applied Technology campuses, seven outdated facilities, and the expansion and improvement of 16 existing campuses. This historic statewide revitalization for technical education across the state increases accessibility to our graduates and assures local businesses & industries have the highly skilled workforce they need

to fill jobs.

A History of TCAT-McKenzie

The construction of the McKenzie school began in the spring of 1964 and was completed in 1965. It began operation under the local direction of Guy R. Kirk, who was appointed superintendent of the school by then Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education in Tennessee, Charlie Dunn. The School enrolled its first students in July of 1965 in Automotive Mechanics, Drafting and Office Occupations. The first students to graduate from the Center did so in 1966. In 1999, the Center underwent a two-million-dollar renovation project. This project included building new shop classrooms, installing a new heat and air system and an electrical system in the industrial building, renovating the administrative building, and connecting the two shop buildings to the administrative building by adding two new classrooms.

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Carroll County Electric Board Approves Policy Updates, Infrastructure Projects

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HUNTINGDON (February 27) — The Carroll County Electric Board met on February 27, 2025, to approve policy changes, financial allocations, and updates on infrastructure projects, including substation development and radio system upgrades.

The board approved revisions to the employee handbook, its first major update since 2016. The changes included clarifications on reporting procedures, legal compliance updates, and adjustments to radio use policies to ensure alignment with hands-free communication laws.

The board also renewed its \$5,000 annual mem-

bership with the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a routine expense requiring board approval. No discussion was held on the membership's return on investment.

A new 2025 Ford F-150 (Truck #405) was placed into service, replacing a 2014 model (Truck #382), which will be listed for sale on GovDeals starting March 7, 2025.

The Tennessee Advanced Communication Network radio system has been installed in field trucks, significantly improving clarity. Office unit installations are expected to be completed by February 28, though some technical issues remain with office traffic communication. The board discussed troubleshooting efforts to

resolve this problem.

Bid invitations for site preparation—including grading, earthwork, drainage, and paving—were released on February 25, 2025. The 244-page bid package outlines strict technical specifications for compliance, ensuring infrastructure meets required standards. Sealed bids are due by March 19, 2025, with board approval expected at the March meeting.

The board approved vouchers for January 2025 without objection.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., where the board will review the bids for the substation project and finalize additional business matters.



Huntingdon School Board Members (L to R) Front Row: Dr. Morgan Butler, Shawna Smith, and Brittany Foster. Back Row: Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of schools; Kennedy White; Clay Nolen; and Dr. Lee Carter, chairman of the board.

Sports

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sports complexes.

A new baseball pressbox would include media and broadcast facilities and added public restrooms. Visitors now must walk to the football stadium for restroom facilities. The estimated \$250,000 includes upgrades to bleacher seating for baseball and softball teams.

Renovations of the fieldhouse at Paul Ward Stadium is estimated to cost \$288,307 for stormwater drainage improvements to eliminate flooding, upgrades to the public restrooms, locker room improvements for athletes in football, soccer and track and field, plus additional improvements to the facility.

Digital roadside signage for each of the three school sites is \$42,000 each. Den

Ray Sign Company in Jackson is the vendor.

A proposed tennis/pickleball complex was postponed at the recommendation of the director of schools. The projected price is \$770,000 with \$200,000 of that amount coming from the Wright Charitable Trust. Dr. Kee suggested the matter can be reviewed for the 2025-26 school year.

"We always want to maintain and improve our facilities for our students, staff, and community. We are blessed to be in a position to financially consider these projects," said Kee.

In other business, the Board approved bonuses for teachers who earn a Level 4 and Level 5 designation for student growth. Those bonuses would be paid in December of the year following the academic year in which the designation was achieved. A teacher must still be employed with HSSD to receive the bonus, with

the exception of recent retirees.

A standing policy for admission of non-resident students was amended to expand the period in which a non-resident student can apply to enroll at Huntingdon Special School District. The previous policy required the application to come two weeks before the school started each year. Dr. Kee said area schools allow admission throughout the year and he recommended HSSD do the same.

HSSD officials check the prospective student's records of discipline, attendance, and academics at the previous school prior to admission. HSSD retains the right to refuse admission to any prospective student who does not reside within the geographic boundaries of HSSD.

Third grade teacher Leah Partridge submitted her intent to resign at the end of the school year.

Wind

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Forecast Details:

Winds: Southwest winds are expected to range from 20 to 30 mph, with gusts up to 45 mph.

Impacts: Gusty winds may blow around unsecured objects, potentially causing tree limbs to fall and resulting in isolated power outages. Driving

conditions could become challenging, especially for high-profile vehicles; motorists are advised to exercise extra caution.

Severe Weather Outlook:

In addition to the Wind Advisory, there is a Slight Risk for severe thunderstorms in the region, including Benton, Carroll, and Henry Counties, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. These storms may produce damaging wind gusts and a few tornadoes.

Safety Recommendations:

Secure outdoor objects that could be blown away or damaged by strong winds.

Exercise caution when driving, particularly if operating high-profile vehicles.

Stay informed by monitoring local weather updates and heed any additional warnings or advisories issued by authorities.

For more detailed information, please visit the National Weather Service's website at <https://www.weather.gov/meg/>.

Tax

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taxes can be paid in person at the trustee's office, by mail, or online. The accepted payment methods include cash, check, or credit card.

Residents who do not pay their 2024 property taxes by the February 28 date will face a 1.5% penalty starting March 1. Additionally, any unpaid 2023 taxes must be settled by March 15, or they will be turned over to Chancery Court, incurring further costs.

Bolen said that approximately 80% of 2024 property taxes have already been paid, a figure consistent with previous years. She also highlighted options for taxpayers to ease future payments, including automatic monthly bank drafts and partial payment plans.



Above, Student speakers and musical performers at the MMS Black History program. Below, Organizers and speakers at the MMS Black History program (L to R): guest speaker LaShonda Williams, teacher Karlene Brown, guest speaker Hannah Bilger and teachers Veda Haney and Braxton Hobson. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Middle Presents Black History Program

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (February 25) — McKenzie Middle School presented an exciting, inspiring and informative Black History program Tuesday morning with numerous special guests.

Organized by MMS teachers Veda Haney, Karlene Brown and Braxton Hobson, the program covered a wide array of subjects from the distant past to the present.

Brown delivered a welcoming message, saying in part, "Black history is more than a story of struggle—it is a testament to strength, innovation and unwavering courage. It is a history of pioneers, trailblazers and visionaries who have shaped our societies and continue to inspire generations to come... Let us remember that Black history is American history, world history and a living legacy that we all carry forward."

Haney's music students performed, and other students spoke briefly in turn about chosen topics. Student Hayden Nolan delivered a stirring recitation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Other topics covered included athletes such as Tydie Pickett and Laila Ali, scientists and inventors such as Mark Dean, James West, Katherine Goble Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, poets and musicians such as J.W. Johnson, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Tupac Shakur and Kendrick Lamar.

McKenzie school board chairman LaShonda Williams read the poem "Don't Quit."

Hobson delivered a powerful recitation of the poem



Bethel student Jaheim Lee, a performative drummer, wowed the crowd with his skills. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

"The Undeclared" by contemporary poet Kwame Alexander.

Bethel University student Jaheim Lee, a performative drummer, wowed the crowd with his skills.

Current members of greek organizations that were part of the "Divine Nine" fraternities and sororities, the first black greek organizations founded at mostly Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the early 20th century, spoke and several performed their clubs' traditional "steps".

The guest speaker was Hannah Bilger, a 2018 McKenzie graduate, 2022 UT Martin graduate and current community engagement coordinator for the Weakley County Prevention Coalition.

Bilger implored those in attendance, "Don't give up your seat," a reference to Civil Rights icon Rosa Parks.

"You may not be facing segregation of fighting over bus seats, but every day, you're faced with choices where you can decide whether you'll stand up for what's right—or just stay quiet and give up your seat."

Bilger concluded, "Remember—don't give up your seat. Stand up. Stand proud. And always stand for what's right, no matter what. Your actions, no matter how big or small, can make a real difference in the world."

Special guests were presented handmade wooden plaques crafted by MMS STEM students.

Student speakers included Hayden Nolan, Sonny Fuller, Zaryiah Townes, Makayla Dabbs, Na'Vadius Owens, Armani Seats, Charlie Cassidy, Milania Long-Townes, Summer Borum Floyd, Scharyiah Horton, Chloe Giddens and Kamdyn Tharpe.

Kiosk

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However, it does not process new driver's licenses, first-time ID applications, or handgun permits. Those requiring such services must visit a full-service center.

To use the kiosk, residents should bring their current Tennessee driver's license or ID card. The on-screen prompts will guide users through the process, including entering personal information and selecting the appropriate service, whether it be renewal, replacement, or an address update. After completing these steps, payment must be submitted using a debit or credit card, as the kiosk does not accept cash. If applicable, a temporary license will be printed on-site, while the permanent card will arrive by mail.

For REAL ID applications, users must have previously uploaded the required REAL ID documents to e-Services and started the application process before using the kiosk. The kiosk includes passport verifica-



Newly installed driver's license kiosk inside Carroll County Office Complex in Huntingdon. Photo by Joel Lancaster/The Banner

tion for transactions, and an attendant must verify and approve all REAL ID documents before processing.

If assistance is needed, users can select the "Requesting Help" option on the kiosk, which will display a yellow help screen. From there, an attendant can assist in completing the transaction or transfer it to an examiner's workstation. However, attendants will not be automatically notified via the system if help is requested, meaning users may need to seek assistance manually. Some transactions, such as handgun

permits and non-issuance activities, cannot be transferred through the kiosk.

The kiosk operates as a cashless system, accepting credit and debit cards only. Residents should allow time for their new license to arrive and contact the Carroll County Clerk's Office at (731) 986-1960 for assistance if needed.

With this new self-service option, Carroll County residents can now complete routine license renewals and replacements quickly and efficiently, avoiding long waits at regional service centers.

Stained Glass Window Installed In Bethel University's New Chapel

MCKENZIE — Bethel University's campus is expanding with a new 1,058-seat chapel. The chapel will be accessible through Bethel Court and/or the student center. The existing parking lot will serve the chapel facility.

The university's new chapel was part of the original campus expansion plans. Lashlee-Rich, Inc. of Humboldt is the general contractor for construction of the facility. Once the chapel is ready, it will serve as a center point for Bethel's campus. Currently, the university uses the auditorium at the Dickey Fine Arts Building or the gymnasium at Crisp Arena for events such as convocation.

Construction continues on the chapel.



THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Cancers

Just as I was about to turn sixty years old, I was diagnosed with cancer. My subsequent surgery and treatment allowed me to live a healthy life since then. For that, I'm grateful to the Father above for his grace and mercy.

I was going to say I'm now cancer free. But I got to thinking, cancer has many forms and faces besides the normal things we think of like lung cancer, breast cancer, etc.

Sometimes, we suffer from cancer of the mind. Negative thoughts fill our head; self-doubt is around every corner; we talk to ourselves in unmerciful ways; we're critical of everything we do. This is the kind of cancer that leads to depression and sucks the life out of you, leaving you feeling like an empty shell.

There's also cancer of the soul in which a person has nothing to anchor themselves to when storms come. Either they've never known God,

or they've drifted so far away from Him the light in their soul has nearly been extinguished. Life has no purpose or meaning; days are long and nights are longer.

I wish I had simple cures for those kinds of cancers. It would be easy to say, "Empty your mind of negativity," and "Give your life to God," but it involves so much more than that. It takes work—weeks, months, years of it to be completely cured (if "completely" is even possible).

It usually takes an experienced guide to help us on the journey out of those cancers. Do I mean a therapist? Sure, that might be your choice, but it doesn't have to be. It can be a good, honest friend who will walk with us, shoulder-to-shoulder, listening and reflecting back to us words of wisdom. It can be someone you met at a 12-step meeting who has been where you've been and found their

way out. A member of a church, whether they're the preacher or not, can be a source of light to help us find our way out of the darkness.

Here's the thing: cancer doesn't just go away by ignoring it, not any kind of cancer. But ALL cancers can be treated.

Are the treatments always successful? That depends on how you define success. The night before my cancer surgery, my wife and I had a conversation in which I said, "The worst thing that could happen (death) would be the best thing that could happen (because I would be free from this land of sorrow)."

The only way she and I could have that kind of conversation was because both our souls were cancer free. We know where we're going when this life ends.

If you have cancer, find someone to help you. No matter how you may feel, it's not hopeless. Your life can be full and rewarding.

** Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume II: The Hairy Catfish Caper.*

Baptist Carroll County Gets Gold Seal From American College of Radiology

HUNTINGDON (February 26) — The American College of Radiology awarded Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County the gold seal of accreditation, which represents the highest level of imaging quality.

"The gold seal of accreditation from the American College of Radiology highlights Baptist Carroll County's commitment to providing excellent care to patients," said Susan Breeden, CEO and administrator of Baptist Carroll County. "Our radiology team is second to none, and I appreciate the expertise they provide and the comfort that offers our patients."

The American College of Radiology gold seal of accreditation is a three-year accreditation awarded to facilities meeting specific requirements based on the American College of

Radiology Practice Parameters and Technical Standards. Board-certified physicians and medical physicists assess image quality, personnel qualifications, and adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs.

The hospital receives the peer-reviewed report and can use it for continuous practice improvement.

The American College of Radiology, founded in 1924, is a 42,000-member medical association that advances patient care, medical practice and collaborative results through advocacy, quality standards, research and education. For more information, visit www.acr.org.

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient medical care to West Tennessee in a variety of specialized

areas, including cardiac care, pediatrics, general surgery, physical therapy and palliative care, among others.

The 70-bed facility is located in Huntingdon, Tennessee, and offers advanced medical technology, such as 3D mammography and the Baptist TeleHealth Center, which uses TeleGuardian.

Baptist Carroll County is the recipient of many awards and accolades, including the Tennessee Quality Award, Premier Inc.'s QUEST Award for High-Valued Healthcare, the Quest Hero Award, Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval in 2015 and an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from the Leapfrog Group in 2024.

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State Lawmakers Seek to Remove WHO References from State Law

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NASHVILLE — Tennessee legislators have introduced companion bills to remove all references to the World Health Organization (WHO) from state law, designating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as the primary authority for public health emergencies.

The House version of the legislation, filed as House Bill 1226 (HB1226) in the 114th General Assembly, is sponsored by Representative Justin Lafferty of Knoxville. HB1226 proposes replacing WHO references with the CDC in state statutes. Under the bill, a pandemic would need to be declared by the CDC before the Tennessee governor could issue a state of emergency. This would give the governor exclusive jurisdiction to implement executive orders and directives related to the crisis.

In the Senate, the companion bill—SB0669—is sponsored by Senator Kerry Roberts. SB0669 mirrors the House version by amending Titles 7 and 68 to remove references to the WHO, directing that any pandemic declaration be made by the CDC.

The Senate Health and Welfare Committee recommended SB0669 for passage on February 19, 2025, with a vote of 8-1. The bill was placed on the Senate Regular Calendar for February 24, 2025. HB1226 was assigned to the House Health Subcommittee for discussion on February 26, 2025.

This move follows President Donald Trump's decision on January 20,

2025, to begin the process of withdrawing the United States from the WHO. This marks the second time Trump has sought to leave the organization, following an attempt during his first term in 2020 that was later reversed by the Biden administration. The 2025 withdrawal, requiring a one-year notice, will take effect on January 20, 2026.

Republican lawmakers in Tennessee argue that the CDC is a more reliable source for public health guidance than the WHO, which they claim has been influenced by international political pressures. Supporters of these bills assert that aligning state law with the CDC ensures that Tennessee's public health policies are guided by a national agency focused on American interests. They argue that the WHO, as an international body, may not always prioritize the specific needs of the United States.

One lawmaker stated, "It's imperative that our state's health directives are based on guidance from our own experts at the CDC, who are directly accountable to the American people."

Critics warn that severing ties with WHO recommendations could limit Tennessee's access to global health data and hinder response coordination in future pandemics. Public health officials emphasize that the WHO plays a key role in monitoring disease outbreaks worldwide and facilitating international collaboration.

Dr. Michael Caldwell, former Commissioner of Health for Tennessee, noted, "The WHO pro-

vides critical insights into emerging health threats globally. Disconnecting from this resource may leave us less prepared to handle diseases that know no borders."

Legislative and Financial Implications

In the House, HB1226 remains under review, with floor and committee votes not yet available. In the Senate, SB0669 has advanced through committee and awaits further consideration on the Senate floor. A fiscal note attached to HB1226 indicates that designating the CDC as the sole authority for pandemic declarations may have financial implications, particularly regarding presumptive disability benefits for certain infectious diseases.

The United States is a significant financial contributor to the WHO. While estimates vary, historical contributions have ranged between 15% and 25% of the organization's core budget. With the planned withdrawal, concerns remain about the potential impact on global health initiatives and funding.

As of February 23, 2025, HB1226 has been referred to the House Health Subcommittee for further deliberation, while SB0669 has passed committee votes and is expected to face debate on the Senate floor in the coming weeks. If passed, Tennessee would become one of the first states to formally remove WHO references from its public health framework.

(Official Source: Tennessee General Assembly, House Bill 1226, www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/114/Bill/HB1226.pdf)

County Commission Meets Monday

The Carroll County Commission meets March 10 at 7 p.m. with the following items are on the agenda: Resolution 3-01-2025 – Resolution Declaring the Intent of Carroll County, Tennessee to Reimburse Itself or the Carroll County Board of Public Utilities for Certain Expenditures Relating to Electric System Projects with the Proceeds of Bonds or Other Debt Obligations to be Issued by the County; Resolution 3-02-2025 – Resolution to Allow Purchase of Service Lost During a Required Probationary Period for Employees Participating in the Tennessee Consoli-

dated Retirement System; Resolution 3-03-2025 – Resolution to Reappoint Mike Cary, Jeruna Cozart, and Anna Todd to the Carroll County Health and Education Facilities Board; Resolution 3-04-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Election Commission; Resolution 3-05-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Register of Deeds; Resolution 3-06-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Carroll Academy Grants; Resolution 3-07-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Circuit

Court Grant; Resolution 3-08-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Health Department Grant; Resolution 3-09-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Sheriffs Office Grant; Resolution 3-10-2025 – Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Carroll County Prevention Coalition Grants; Resolution 3-11-2025 – Resolution to Amend the Solid Waste Fund Budget; Resolution 1-05-2025 (Previously Tabled) – Resolution Authorizing a Continuous Five Year Reappraisal Cycle.

City of McKenzie Board of Mayor, Council Meets March 13

The McKenzie City Council meets Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m. The following items are on the agenda: under old business — Presenta-

tion of Mulberry Plans; Strategic Planning Dates. Under New business — Resolution for Walter Winchester.

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Obituaries



WALTER WINCHESTER
1946 – 2025

A memorial service for Walter Winchester is Sunday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 25755 Highway 22, McKenzie. Military funeral services for Walter V. Winchester will be at Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

Mr. Winchester, 78, died Monday, February 17, 2025, at his sister's residence.

He was born on May 7, 1946, to Fonzo V. and Clara Marinda Myers Winchester. He is survived by his wife, Kathy N. Winchester, a son, Joseph Walter (Karisa) Winchester, all of McKenzie, two sisters, Mary Kleet of McKenzie and Reba (Rich) Christoper of Adamsville; two brothers, James (Kay) Winchester of Memphis and Jimmy (Janet) Winchester of Milan; and two granddaughters, Kambrea Winchester and Abigail Winchester.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Josie Purvis, Clara Kes-terson and Rebecca Win-chester; and two brothers, Douglas Winchester and Roy Alford Winchester.

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Former McKenzie Mayor Walter Winchester was born in McKenzie and returned to his hometown after he traveled the world as a civil servant. He met his Ala-bama-born wife, Kathy in Germany when he served with the military. But the al-lure of living out of the U.S. ended as he returned back to McKenzie in 1995 with his wife and son, Joseph.

Winchester served as the mayor of McKenzie, first elected in November 2002 at the age of 56.

He had graduated McK-enzie High School, attended Bethel College, and served four years as a communica-tions specialist in the U.S. Air Force. He attained a bachelor's degree in Recre-ational Administration and a Master's Degree in Educa-tion from the University of Georgia in 1974.

He worked as a civil ser-vant from 1974 to 1995 in association with the U.S. Army and Navy. He had assignments in Alabama, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Italy, Germany, Australia, Scotland and Wales.

He moved his family from Wales to semi-retire in McKenzie.



Thank You

The family of Walter Winchester thanks you for the many acts of support following his death. You are invited to a Memorial Celebration Service on March 16 at Bethel Baptist Church, Highway 22, McKenzie, at 1:30 p.m.

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JIMMY MAXWELL, SR.
1951 – 2025

CLARKSBURG — Mr. Jimmy Maxwell, Sr., 73, of Clarksburg, died Wednes-day, February 26, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 2, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funer-al Home. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Maxwell was born April 28, 1951 in Kennett, Mo., to the late Robert Lee “Carl” Maxwell and Etta Marie (Wilson) Coy. He worked as a farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Mary Michelle Maxwell, a brother, Danny Maxwell, three step-sisters and two step-brothers.

He is survived by three daughters, Michele Zin-ke, Stacy Hyatt (Jeff) both of Clarksburg, and Tracy Benefield (Mike) of Bru-ceton; one son, Jimmy Maxwell Jr. (Penny) of Clarksburg; seven sisters, Sue Chapin of Columbia, Virginia Cole of Senath, Mo., Sheila Mitchell of Paragould, Ark., Rita Tune of Poplar Bluff, Mo., twin sister Bessie Carson of Bly-theville, Ark. Carla Finley of Paragould, Ark., and Penny Slochowsky of Mur-freesboro; three step-sis-ters; three brothers, Ronnie Maxwell, Jackie Maxwell both of Cedar Grove, Chuck Wimberly of Ft. Myers, Fla.; and one step-broth-er. He also leaves ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

RICK M. WILSON
1956 – 2025

McKENZIE — A Celebra-tion of Life for Rick M. Wil-son was Friday, February 28, 2025, from 5-8 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funer-al Home.

Mr. Wilson, 68, died at his residence on Tuesday, January 30, 2025.

He was born in McKenzie on August 5, 1956, to James and Doris Powell Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Charlotte Carey Wilson, two sons, Corey (Victoria) Wilson and Evan (Chelsea) Wilson, a daugh-ter, Erin Hayes, a broth-er, Myke (Patty) Wilson - all of McKenzie, a sister, Donna Wilson of Atwood, seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

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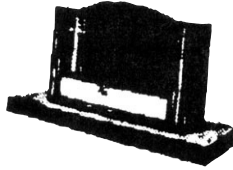
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EVELYN RUTH TAYLOR
1950 – 2025

Mrs. Evelyn Ruth Taylor, 74, of Huntingdon, died Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab.

Services for Mrs. Tay-lor will be private for the family.

She was born October 29, 1950, to the late James Jr. and Charlotte Corder. She was also preceded in death by a son, Dale Corder, brothers, Terry Corder and Jimmy Corder.

She is survived by three brothers and four sisters, Bobby Corder, Thomas Corder, Howard Corder, Marilyn Moon, Brenda Smith, Shirley Cruize and Debbie Smothers.

Chase Funeral Home.

KATHY MANN
1942 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Kathy Sue Mann, 82, of Huntingdon, died Friday, February 28, 2025, at Life-care Center of Bruceton.

Funeral services were Monday, March 3, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Fu-neral Home with Bro. Larry DePriest officiating. Inter-ment was in Palmer Shelter Cemetery.

Mrs. Mann was born September 4, 1942, in Bly-theville, Ark., to the late Er-nie and Bessie Mathis Wil-liams. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhonda Mann, and siblings, Helen Williams, Will Dee Williams, Annie Mae Phillips, Paulette Williams, Earn Williams, Charles Williams, Sonny Williams, Bill Williams, and Jimmy Williams.

She is survived by a daughter, Charlotte Belew, of Huntingdon, and eight grandchil-dren. She also leaves ten great-grandchildren.



THANK YOU

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss of our dear loved one. Thank you Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, for all your guidance in putting the service together, to Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon in the kind, compassionate care you gave our mother in last hours, for all the visits, phone calls, cards, food, flowers, every act of support given to the family. Your prayers meant so much and gave us much needed strength.

The Family of Norma Jean Adams Ervin
Ray & Ann Bouldin & family
Teresa & Kenny Wilson & family
Brenda & Carey Franklin & family

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DIANE ZEISS
1959 – 2025

ATWOOD — Mrs. Diane Lynn Zeiss, 65, of Atwood, died Monday, February 24, 2025, in Milan.

Memorial services were Saturday, March 1, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Mrs. Zeiss was born November 9, 1959, in Ak-ron, Ohio, to the late Bill Thompson and Evelyn Boothe Thompson. Also, preceding her in death is her husband, Kerry Zeiss and two sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan (Mark) Smith of Yorkville, Ill.; three sons Jonathan (Carey) Zeiss of Trezevant, Tim (Carol) Zeiss of Murray, Ky., and Dale (Emily) Baker of Dy-ersburg; twelve grandchil-dren and one great-grand-child, Harper Wadley.

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

LINDA KAY COCHRAN
1943 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Linda Kay Co-chran were Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Brummitt-McK-enzie Funeral Home. Inter-ment was at Liberty Ceme-tery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Cochran, 81, died February 26, 2025, at Mur-ray Calloway Hospital, Mur-ray, Ky. She was born on August 10, 1943, in McK-enzie to Arthur and Annie Bush Toombs.

She is survived by her daughter, Gina Gierhart (Scott) of McKenzie, two sons, Robert Winstead of McKenzie and Frank Co-chran (Kim) of Trezevant, eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 49 years, Frankie Cochran, a son, Mickey Winstead and sister Ruth Kemp.



REBECCA WALLS
1938 – 2025

ATWOOD — Funeral services for Rebecca Jane Walls, 87, of Atwood, were Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Bodkin Funeral Home with burial following in Camp-ground/Pleasant Green near Milan. Visitation with the family was Saturday from noon until service time at the funeral home.

Rebecca was born Jan-uary 9, 1938, to the late Robert Floyd and Minnie Clyde Morris Smith. She died February 20, 2025, at The Waters of McKenzie.

Rebecca was a member of Pleasant Green United Methodist Church. She re-tired from Walmart.

Rebecca is survived by her son Steven Walls and wife Melinda of McKen-zie; grandchildren, Brandy Auvenshine and husband Brent of McKenzie and Matthew Walls and wife Tanya of Trezevant; and great grandchildren, Briley Auvenshine, Braylin Auv-en-shine, and Ethan Walls.

Besides her parents, Re-becca is preceded in death by her husband, Carlton “Dick” Walls and a son, Mi-chael Walls. +

ALDRED KENT JOHNSON
1959 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Aldred Kent Johnson are Friday, March 7, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brum-mitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will re-ceive friends on Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Interment is at Union Academy Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson, 65, died on February 28, 2025, at Baptist Hospital Carroll County. He was born on July 27, 1959, to Troy Coolidge Johnson and Wilma Vonnelle Cole-man Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Shepherd Johnson of McKenzie, a sister, Janie (Joe) Daniel of Jackson, three brothers, Wilfred C (Sue) Johnson of Enville, Winfred R. Johnson of Memphis and Wreford (Stephanie) Johnson of Memphis.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his son, Adam Johnson and brother, Alfred T. Johnson.

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The Dixie’s Curated Women’s Market Returns

Since 2022, The Dixie has hosted the Designing Women Curated Market, in honor of our leading lady Dixie Carter and her role in “Designing Women.” The event is at the Dixie and three other locations this year.

This event spotlights female-owned businesses all across our great state.

From candles and cook-ies to boutique clothing and plants, this exciting community event contin-ues to celebrate fearless entrepreneurs - all while growing bigger and better every year.

This year, we’re excited to announce that Madi & Co, The Colonial Tea Room, and Mudslingers

will be added to the line-up of vendor locations! That’s right, this event is taking over downtown Huntingdon, and we wel-come shoppers from all over the south to join us for a 2-day shop-a-thon March 14 (5-8 p.m.) and March 15 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

REGION 6A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Rebels Dominate Second Half for Quarterfinal Win at Frank Hughes

BY BRAD SAM
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CLIFTON (March 1) — Frank Hughes High School hosted the McK-enzie Rebels Saturday for a Region 6A Boys Basketball quarterfinal. The Rebels trailed the Lions by five at the half but dominat-ed down the stretch for a 58-48 victory to earn a rematch with McEwen in Tuesday’s semifinals, host-ed by Wayne County High School.

McKenzie had a 13-8 edge after the opening frame, led by Landon Brown with six points on a pair of three-pointers. Tate Surber also hit a three, and Cole Brown and Crae-gen Travis each had a pair.

Lion Devin Dicus scored four points, and Weston Lineberry and Hazen Sim-mons each had a pair.

Frank Hughes doubled up the Rebels 20-10 in the second quarter, led by D. Dicus with nine points. Simmons and Levi Tuck each hit a three, and Aiden Dicus also scored three points. Lineberry added a pair. Carter Kee led McK-enzie with five points, in-cluding a three. L. Brown scored three points, and Surber added a pair. At the half, the Lions led 28-23.

The Rebels regained the lead with a 17-7 advan-tage in the third, led by Surber with eight points. Kee scored six on a pair of threes, and Eli Vinson also hit a three. Lineberry led

the Lions with five points, including a three. D. Dicus added a pair. Entering the final frame, the Rebels led 40-35.

McKenzie sealed the win with an 18-13 tilt in the fourth, led by Surber with nine points. Kee scored five, and Travis had four points. Lineberry scored eight for Frank Hughes with a pair of threes, and D. Dicus had five points with a three.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 22 points, including a three-pointer. Carter Kee scored 16 with a trio of threes.

Devin Dicus led the Lions with 20 points, in-cluding a three. Weston Lineberry scored 17 with a trio of three-pointers.

DISTRICT 12A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Above, The District 12A All-District team includes McKenzie’s Carter Kee and Tate Surber, Central’s Parker Finley and Caden Dean; Houston County’s Casen Clark, Mac Baggett and Ryan Carter; and McEwen’s Landon Davis, Zeke Harrington, Case Greene and MVP Caleb Coates. Coach of the Year is McEwen’s Phil Ross. Below, District award winners from Carroll County (L to R): Central’s Caden Dean and Parker Finley and McKenzie’s Carter Kee and Tate Surber. All four are All-District; Surber and Finley are All-Tournament. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Coast to Third Over Tigers, Warriors Claim Title

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (February 25) — McKenzie High School hosted the cham-pionship round of the Dis-trict 12A Boys Basketball Tournament Tuesday.

The host Rebels cruised to an 89-50 win over the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tigers in the con-solation game, and the McEwen Warriors claimed the championship, 50-47, after a thrilling, back-and-forth title game against the Houston County Fighting Irish.

Following the games, the All-District and All-Tour-nament teams were announced.

The District 12A All-Dis-trict team includes McK-enzie’s Carter Kee and Tate Surber, Central’s Parker Finley; Houston County’s Casen Clark, Mac Baggett and Ryan Carter; and McEwen’s Landon Davis, Zeke Har-rington, Case Greene and MVP Caleb Coates. Coach of the Year is McEwen’s Phil Ross.

The District 12A All-Tour-nament team includes McKenzie’s Tate Surber; Central’s Parker Finley; Houston County’s Casen Clark, Mac Baggett and Ryan Carter; and McEwen’s Zeke Harrington, Landon Davis and Ty Greene.

Consolation: McKenzie Rebels 89, Central Tigers 50

The Rebels had a 21-12 lead after the opening frame, led by Tate Surber with a dozen points, includ-ing a three-pointer. Carter Kee scored eight with a pair of threes, and Cole Brown hit a free throw. Tiger Caden Dean scored seven with a three, and Bryce Frye had five points with a three.

McKenzie had a 23-15 advantage in the second quarter, led by Surber with 16 points, including a pair of threes. Craegen Travis scored four points, and Brown hit a three-point-er. Parker Finley led Central with nine points. Frye scored four, and Nic King had a pair. At the half, McK-enzie led 44-27.

The Rebels enjoyed a 27-12 tilt in the third, led by Kee with 14 points, including four three-pointers. Surber had eight points, Eli Vin-son hit a three, and Brown added a pair. Fry led the Tigers with six points. King scored three, Dean added a pair, and Finley hit a freebie. Entering the final frame, the Rebels led 71-39.

McKenzie had an 18-11 edge in the fourth, led by Kee and Nolan Fawcett with six points each, both on a pair of threes. Surber scored four, and Brown added a pair. Finley scored six for Central on a pair of threes.

Parker Boyd also hit a three, and Kaydince Banks had a pair.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 40 points, including a trio of threes. Carter Kee scored 28 with eight three-pointers.

Parker Finley led the Ti-gers with 16 points, includ-ing a pair of threes. Bryce Frye scored 15 with a three.

Championship: McEwen Warriors 50, Houston County Fighting Irish 47

The Irish led 13-8 after the first frame and extended the lead in the second, 16-13, for a 29-21 lead at the half. The Warriors stormed back with a 19-7 advantage in the third to lead 40-36 heading into the final frame. Houston County’s 11-10 edge in the fourth was just short of the comeback.

Houston County’s Casen Clark led all scorers with 20 points, including a trio of threes. Mac Baggett scored ten with a pair of threes. Ryan Carter had eight points. Brady Bucciarelli and Brady Link each hit a three-pointer, and Hagen Honeycutt also scored three points.

Case Greene led McEwen with 14 points, includ-ing a three. Ty Greene and Landon Davis each scored a dozen. Zeke Harrington had six points, Caleb Coates scored four, and Dalton Wil-liams had a pair.

DISTRICT 14A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The District 14A Boys Basketball tournament runner-up Gleason Bulldogs. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Bulldogs are District Runner-Up

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (February 26) — The Gleason High School Bulldogs are runner-up in the District 14A Boys Bas-ketball Tournament hosted by Bethel University after a 61-37 loss to Union City in Wednesday’s championship game.

Following the game, dis-trict awards were presented.

The District 14A All-Dis-trict Team included Glea-son’s Kade Sawyers and Drake Lehmkuhl; Dresden’s Arden Smith; Greenfield’s Easton Sullivan and Cruze Porter; Lake County’s Jat-aveion Ricks and Cam-den Chamberlain; South Fulton’s Charles Michael Mulcahy and Brady Mc-Farland; and Union City’s Hollister Johnson, Finn Frankum, Jamarious Ab-bott, Kwinton Purefoy and Player of the Year Ben Kail. The Coach of the Year was Union City’s Shane Sisco.

The All-Defensive team included Lake County’s Camden Chamberlain and Jataveion Ricks; Union City’s Finn Frankum and DJ Evans; and Defensive Player of the Year Arden Smith of Dresden.

The All-Tournament team included Gleason’s Kade Sawyers and Drake Lehmkuhl; Greenfield’s



District award winners from Gleason (L to R): Drake Lehmkuhl and Kade Sawyers. Both were named to the All-District and All-Tournament teams. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Cruze Porter; South Fulton’s Charles Michael Mulcahy; and Union City’s Hollister Johnson, Finn Frankum and MVP Ben Kail.

The All-Academic team included Gleason’s Owen Taylor; Dresden’s Tanner Oliver; Greenfield’s Brady Archie; Lake County’s Brady Smith; South Fulton’s Brady McFarland, Connor O’Neal and Cole Suiter; and Union City’s Ben Kail.

The Tornadoes stormed out to a 22-7 lead after the first frame and led 33-12 at the half. The third was a 13-13 wash, and Union City capped the win with a 15-12

edge in the fourth.

Union City’s Ben Kail led all scorers with 21 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Other scor-ers were Hollister John-son (16), Kenny Moss (8), Kwinton Purefoy (6), Finn Frankum (4), DJ Evans (2), Tayshun Gentry (2) and Kyren Fuller (2).

Parker Morgan led Glea-son with 15 points, includ-ing a trio of threes. Kade Sawyers scored a dozen with a three-pointer. Brody Sanders had eight points, and Drake Lehmkuhl had a pair.

DISTRICT 14A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Gleason Falls to Greenfield in Consolation Game

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MCKENZIE (February 25) — The District 14A Girls Basketball Tournament con-cluded Tuesday at Bethel University with consolation and championship games. The Greenfield Lady Yellowjackets claimed third with a 41-33 win over Gleason in the consolation game. Union City topped Dresden 53-48 to claim the championship.

Following the games, district awards were presented.

The District 14A All-District Team in-cluded Gleason’s Skylar Arnold and Hylan Leach; Greenfield’s AnnaGrace Abernathy, Ella Porter, Jayleigh Bowers and Rayanna Fischer; Dresden’s Ellie Poole, Kaylee Jarred, Haylee Jarred and Allie Spaulding; Lake County’s Laken Chism and Caren Johnson; and Union City’s Uriah Davis, Debrionna Jones and Player of the Year Sh’Nyla Moss.

The All-Defensive team included Green-field’s Rayanna Fischer and Brenley Little; Dresden’s Haylee Jarred; and Union City’s Uriah Davis and Defensive Player of the Year Sh’Nyla Moss.

The All-Tournament team included Glea-son’s Skylar Arnold; Greenfield’s Ella Por-ter; Dresden’s Allie Spaulding and Haylee Jarred; and Union City’s Blair McKinnie, Debrionna Jones and MVP Sh’Nyla Moss.

The All-Academic team included Glea-son’s Addy Black; Dresden’s Haylee Jarred, Kaylee Jarred, Mollie Oliver, Ellie Poole and Allie Spaulding; Greenfield’s AnnaGrace Abernathy, Jayleigh Bowers, Lily Boyd and Brenley Little; South Fulton’s Abbi Bivens, Madeline Guthrie, Reagan Johnson, Chloe Liliker and Jenefer Wallace; Lake County’s Caren Johnson; and Union City’s Debrion-na Jones and Kennedy Robinson.

Consolation: Greenfield Lady Yellowjackets 41, Gleason Lady Bulldogs 33

The first frame was an 8-8 wash, then the Lady Yellowjackets took the lead 19-16 at the half. After adding two points to the advantage in the third, Greenfield clinched the win with a 9-6 edge in the fourth.

Lady Bulldog Skylar Arnold led all scor-ers with 16 points. Ahmyre Allen scored eight, Brinley Lehmkuhl had five, and Kadence Witherspoon scored four points.

Ella Porter led Greenfield with 12 points. Brenley Little scored eleven with a pair of



Lady Bulldog Skylar Arnold elevates in the paint for two points. Arnold led all scorers with 16 points in the consolation game. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

three-pointers. Rayanna Fischer had seven with a three. Jolie Lunsford scored four, and Jayleigh Bowers had three points. Emma Capps and AnnaGrace Abernathy each had a pair.

Championship: Union City Lady Tornadoes 53, Dresden Lady Lions 48

The Lady Lions had an 8-7 edge after the opening frame, pushed to 18-15 at the half. Union City stormed ahead 38-33 after three quarters, then sealed the win in an even 15-15 fourth.

Lady Tornado Sh’Nyla Moss led all scor-ers with 15 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Kennedy Robinson scored nine. Blair McKinnie and Uriah Davis each scored six, each with a three. Debrionna Jones had four points, and Ali McMillan scored three.

Haylee Jarred led Dresden with 18 points, including a three. Allie Spaulding scored ten with a pair of threes. Kaylee Jarrod had seven with a three. Jacie West scored six on a pair of threes, and Mollie Oliver also had six points. Elizabeth Jarred hit a free throw.

March Lifeline Blood Services Collection Days, Locations

First United Methodist Church-Paris — 3/6/2025 12-6 p.m.
Save-A-Lot — McKenzie 3/7/2025 12-6 p.m.
Paris Elementary School — 3/12/2025 1-6 p.m.
Southside Church of Christ-Dresden — 3/17/2025 1-6 p.m.
West Carroll Primary School — 3/20/2025 12:30-5:30 p.m.
McKenzie Elementary School — 3/20/2025 1-6 p.m.
Clarksburg School — 3/20/2025 1-5 p.m.
Haywood Co. Comm. Hospital — 3/31/2025 1-6 p.m.
Decatur County Middle School — 3/31/2025 1:30-

5:30 p.m.
“Luck O’ the Irish” themed Blood Drive is this month! Jackson Center — Thursday, March 13 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 183 Sterling Farms Dr. (Every donor receives a voucher for a lunch special from Coyote Blues and a limited edition St. Patrick’s Day t-shirt).
ZT Bad Boy Mower Promotion sponsored by Bob’s House of Honda in Jackson — All donors (18 years of age and up) are entered to win the ZT Elite Bad Boy Mower. Promotion will run March 1-April 7. Winner announced on April 8.

ACCEPTING BIDS

West Carroll Special School District is currently accepting bids for a composter with a 24-hour cycle, and 50-100 lb daily capacity.

Bidding will end March 21, 2025, at 3 p.m. For further information, please contact Kristin Lindsey at jennifer.lindsey@wcssd.org or call 731-662-7116.

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City of McKenzie
NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated structure located at Magnolia Avenue and Park Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 012F, Group G, Parcel 009.00).

Dear property owners and parties of interest:

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

In accordance with section 13-203 of THE CITY OF MCKENZIE SLUM CLEARANCE ORDINANCE, a hearing has been set for 3 p.m., March 24, 2025, at McKenzie City Hall located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN. The owner and interested parties will have the opportunity to answer this complaint. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the Administrative Hearing Officers.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact the City of McKenzie Building Inspector at 731-352-2292.

Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Drug Violation — On February 26, Deputy Dillon Crowe noticed a car parked on the side of Ephesus Church Rd. with a driver sleeping in the driver's seat. Upon a welfare check, the driver was identified as Drew Autry, 31, of Hollow Rock. Autry gave consent to search the vehicle where a glass pipe with white residue was found in the driver side door panel.
Evading Arrest — On February 25, Deputy Daniel Thomas was in Cedar Grove when he observed a vehicle driving oddly. When he tried to initiate blue lights, the car accelerated in speed rather than stopping. After a chase

ensued the vehicle eventually had to come to a stop and the driver surrendered. The driver was Christopher McCaslin, 44, of Cedar Grove. McCaslin had a revoked license for a previous DUI.
Violation of Protection Order — On February 25, the victim came to the Sheriff's Office and reported that Daniel Parker, 28, of Yuma, had been texting and leaving voice messages on the victim's cell phone. Daniel Parker had an order of protection on him starting on February 1 for him to stay away from the victim, but on 2-15-25 he attempted to contact her several times. He was issued a warrant for his arrest.

Marriage License

Ashton Daniel Boyd, 18, of McKenzie, to Kimberly Leena Rain Gazaway, 18, of McKenzie.

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ACCEPTING BIDS

West Carroll Special School District is accepting bids for remodeling of a classroom at the West Carroll Jr. Sr. High School through March 21, 2025, at 3 p.m. The bid pack may be obtained only after a physical walk through of the property with Kristin Lindsey, CTE Director. To set up an appointment contact jennifer.lindsey@wcssd.org or call 731-662-7116.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — Ryan Tyler Milenski, 29, Cedar Street, Gleason was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Violation of the Light Law on February 26.
Sergeant Darren Davis stopped Milenski's vehicle for a inoperable headlight and discovered he was driving on a suspended license. The driver was cited into General Sessions Court.
Carrying a Weapon on School Property — A student at McKenzie Middle School was charged with Carrying a Weapon on School Property after it was discovered he had a pocket knife in his possession during the day on February 25.
Officer Colton Broyles was dispatched to MMS where one student reported the suspect had a pocket knife. The suspect said he gave the knife to someone else to dispose of it, according to the juvenile suspect. Because of the confession and evidence, the student was charged with the crime.
Simple Possession, Tampering with Evidence — Two subjects were arrested after a traffic stop on February 27 on charges of Tampering with Evidence, Drug Paraphernalia and Simple Possession or Casual Exchange.
Officer Dustin McClure stopped a car driving by Jordan M. Cason, 21, Lebanon, Tenn., for a window tint violation. A passenger Oziel Aaron Hernandez, 20, of Memphis was also arrested. Officer McClure stated

he witnessed a ‘wad’ of rags thrown from the vehicle out the passenger window. The officer said he could smell marijuana inside the vehicle.
A search of the vehicle produced what is believed to be marijuana shake and a brown jar that had a roach containing a green leafy substance. Both subjects were transported to Carroll County Jail and charged as noted above. Cason was also cited for window tint violation.
Burglary — A young male and female adult are suspects in a Burglary and Theft from Premier Furniture in downtown McKenzie on February 24.
Officer Dalton Raspberry responded to the former Williams Furniture Company, where a box truck had been entered, women's clothing located in the cargo area, and the dash of the truck damaged. A bloody paper towel was also located. A Dewalt drill was also determined to be missing.
Employees believe it was a former male employee and his female friend, both of whom are now homeless.
Outstanding Warrant — Michael Antonio Gilbert, 41, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding warrant on March 1.
Sergeant Cody Coleman observed Gilbert walking. The officer was aware of the active warrant out of Weakley County. Gilbert was transported to the Weakley County line where he was placed in the custody of Weakley County officers.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Revoked License — On February 20, Lt. Angie Barker initiated a traffic stop on a silver Hyundai for driving 64-mph in a 45-mph speed zone on East Main Street. The driver, Charles Matheny, 53, of Milan, did not have his driver's license, proof of insurance, or registration with him. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

Daniel Alan and Jamie Lynn McLean Dalrymple to Hunter C. and Meagan Leann Guess in District 4.
Jill Elohim to Benjamin Elohim in District 4.
Nafeesha A. Madyun to Milan Public Utilities Authority in District 6.
Daniel Alford Lowery to David Lowery in District 2.
Ashley T. Cook to Humble Builders, LLC.
Humble Builders, LLC to MarialFred Acuna.
Willie Lee Willis to Almonzo Willis in District 15.
Lois Beatrice Colvett to Anna G. Colvett in District 8.
Henry R. and Linda R. Rozycki to Kerrie E. Dozier in District 4.
Matha L. and Richard H. Bryant to Eric Young.
Marty W. Roberts to Matthew W. Roberts.

Willie Lee Willis to James Willis in District 15.
Jason Lynn Moore to Jeffrey W. Autry in District 24.
Casey Towne to Jarrin Woodruff.
Gregory Lee Blackburn to State of Tennessee.
John Holancin to Derek A. and Mickenzie A. Galey, District 4.
Brad Meeks to Katharine Mary and Ronald Holland in District 7.
Chris L. Price to Chris L. Price in District 2.
Alisha and Joshua Crawford to The Crawford Family Trust.
James R. Jr and Tanya Leigh Taylor to James R. Jr. Taylor in District 4.
Charolotte Wood to Channing and Hailey Johnson in District 8.
Vineet Singh to Terri Clark.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE35

ESTATE OF: KEITH PARKER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the 20TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of KEITH PARKER deceased, who died JANUARY 7TH, 2025, 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 20TH day of FEBRUARY, 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

BROOKE ANN DEPRIEST, Executor/Administrator
CHARLES C. EXUM, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE24

ESTATE OF: LOIS M. WENTWORTH, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of LOIS M. WENTWORTH deceased, who died JANURAY 21ST, 2025, 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:
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FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

RANDY MOORE, Executor/Administrator
SARA E. BARNETT, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA40

ESTATE OF: CHARLES EDWARD FELTS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD FELTS deceased, who died MARCH 2ND, 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:
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LOIS LAMB, Executor/Administrator
ROBERT T. KEETON III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (February 26) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on Wednesday, February 26.

Cases bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court included:

Steven Andrew Gilbert, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent; Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Justin Mackey, Hillcourt, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Burglary -4 counts, Possession of Burglary Tools.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Erica Jonea Armstrong, Everett Street, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Simple Possession or Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, time served, probation.

Omar Suarez Cruz, Stellings Road, Dresden, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 17 days-time served, hold for ICE deportation; dismissed, Driving Without a License; dismissed, Display of Registration Plates; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Tony Dedmon, Concord Cades Road, Trenton, guilty, Driving While Suspended-second or subsequent offense, 16 days jail, must take substantial steps to get license; dismissed, Driving to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Leaving Scene of Accident-property damage; dismissed, Failure to Provide Immediate Notice of Accident.

Stacy Lynn Hinson, Big Buck Road, Trezevant, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 9 days jail, probation; dismissed, Driving While Suspended Second or Subsequent Offense.

Scott Alan Johnson, Sunrise Avenue, Nashville, guilty, Driving While Canceled-Second or Subsequent Offense, \$150 fine, 48 hours jail, probation, must obtain license; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Tyriana Lewis, Gin Street, Bradford, guilty, Probation Violation, time served of 14 days; probation extended.

David McDonald, Elm Street, Greenfield, guilty, Assault-Bodily Injury, time served of 27 days; dismissed, Vandalism.

Kayla Miller, Marlene Drive, Jackson, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail; probation extended.

Thomas Miller, Van Hook Drive, Milan, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$100 fine, 48 hours jail, must obtain driver's license, probation.

Jonathan Navarro, Stonewall Street, McKenzie, Driving While Canceled, guilty, Violation of Financial Responsibility, \$50 fine, jail time served, probation, must obtain valid license.

Edwina Rhenae Parker, Thorne Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Suspended, time served, probation, must obtain license; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Courtney Powell, Hog Hollow Loop, Springville, guilty, Compulsory School Attendance, one day jail time served, probation, child has been enrolled in a Weakley County School.

Debbie Reynolds, Reynolds Road, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 18 days jail, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling, not to drive for one year, DUI School; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Driving Without a License; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Rylee Rushing, Ginger Lane, Camden, judicial diversion, Underage Driving While Impaired, time served, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; dismissed, Window Tint Violation; dismissed, Underage Tobacco, Hemp or Vaping.

Lloyd J. Sawyer, Park Circle, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, probation extended.

The following cases were dismissed.

Stephanie Harris, Cherry Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, Allowing Dogs to

Run At Large.

Valencia Johnson, Brianfield Cove, Jackson, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Matthew Kochpeth, Sun-

belt Drive, Clarksville, dismissed, Speeding.

Maurice Lawrence, Coleman Road, Memphis, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

BID NOTICE

First Baptist Church McKenzie is taking bids for mowing church property. Applicants must have insurance and liability policy. If interested in seeing areas included or for more information, call 731-352-5391 or 731-535-0722. We will be accepting bids through 4 p.m. March 14.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Whereas, William G. Morgan and Clara L. Morgan, by Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), dated 2/18/2005 and of record in Deed Book 531, Pages 199-210, and as Instrument Number 106556, in Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed to Dennie R. Marshall, Trustee, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the "Note") described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, and subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and Whereas, Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC has been duly appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by instrument recorded in Deed Book 749, Pages 362-364 and as Instrument Number 206825 in Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and Whereas, the owner and holder of the Note has demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust. The notice requirements of T.C.A. §35-5-101 and 35-5-104 have been satisfied. Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that an agent of Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and conferred by the Deed of Trust, will proceed to sell the below-mentioned property on 3/13/2025, at 2:00 PM at the East Court House Door of the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344, will be sold to the highest call bidder for cash free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Carroll County, Tennessee, described as follows: All That Certain Parcel Of Land Situated In The County Of Carroll, State Of Tennessee, To Wit: Lying And Being In The 2nd Civil District Of Carroll County, Tennessee And Better Described As Follows: Beginning At An Iron Pin Set At The Southeast Corner Of The Lot Herein Described, Said Pin Also Being The Southwest Corner Of Billy L. Neal And Wife, Patricia A. Neal, (Deed Book 236, Page 179) Runs Thence With The South Line Of The Lot Herein Described, Which Is A North Line Of Billy Joe McKnight And Wife, Irene McKnight, (Deed Book 297, Page 198) South 86 Degrees 09 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 290.00 Feet To An Iron Pin Set At The Southwest Corner Of The Lot Herein Described, Runs Thence With The West Line Of Said Tract North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds East, Passing An Iron Pin Set Online At A Distance Of 228.00 Feet, But Continuing On A Total Distance Of 253.00 Feet To A Point In The Center Of Highway 105 At The Northwest Corner Of The Tract Herein Described, Runs Thence With Said Centerline, North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 290.00 Feet To A Point At The Northeast Corner Of The Lot Herein Described, Which Is Also The Northwest Corner Of Aforementioned Billy L. Neal, Runs Thence With The East Line Of The Tract Herein Described, South 00 Degrees 09 Minutes 22 Seconds West, 236.06 Feet To The Point Of Beginning And Containing Within These Calls 1.63 Acres, As Surveyed By Richard N. Brown, R.L.S. 1778, Surveying Services, Inc., 41 Heritage Square, Jackson, Tennessee. Said Acreage Subject To The Right Of Way Of Highway 105 And All Other Right Of Ways Or Easements, If They Exists. This Being The Same Property Conveyed To William Morgan And Wife, Clara Morgan By Warranty Deed Of Timothy L. Neal And Wife, Cami A. Neal, Dated 02/18/2005, And Recorded In Deed Book 325 Page 77, Register's Office Of Carroll County, Tennessee. Ingress/Egress Easement Beginning At A Point In The Centerline Of Highway 105, Said Point Being The Northeast Corner Of Tim L. Neal And Wife, Cami A. Neal, (Deed Book 242, Page 337) And Also Being The Northwest Corner Of Billy L. Neal And Patricia A. Neal, (Deed Book 236, Page 179) Runs Thence With Said Centerline North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 178.00 Feet To A Point And South 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 34.46 Feet To A Point At The Northeast Corner Of The Easement Herein Described, Runs Thence Through The Property Of Billy L. Neal And Patricia A. Neal, (Deed Book 236, Page 179) The Following Calls: South 01 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 40.87 Feet To A Point, North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 35.00 Feet To A Point, South 89 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 102.42 Feet To A Point At The Beginning Of A Curve To The Left, Thence With Said Curve To The Left Having An Angle Of 89 Degrees 20 Minutes 38 Seconds, Chord Direction Of South 44 Degrees 49 Minutes 41 Seconds West, Chord Distance Of 70.30, Arc Distance Of 77.97, And A Radius Of 50.00 Feet To A Point At The End Of Said Curve, Thence South 00 Degrees 09 Minutes 22 Seconds 50.00 Feet To A Point, And North 89 Degrees 50 Minutes 38 Seconds West, 25.00 Feet To A Point In The West Line Of Billy L. Neal, Runs Thence With Said Line North 00 Degrees 09 Minutes 22 Seconds East, Passing An Iron Pin Set Online At A Distance Of 114.99 Feet, But Continuing On A Total Distance Of 139.99 Feet To The Point Of Beginning And Containing Within These Calls 0.27 Acres, As Surveyed By Richard N. Brown, R.L.S. 1778, Surveying Services, Inc., 41 Heritage Square, Jackson, Tennessee. Said Acreage Subject To The Right Of Way Of Highway 105 And All Other Right Of Ways Or Easements, If They Exists. This Being Part Of The Same Property Conveyed To Billy L. Neal And Wife, Patricia A. Neal Of Recorded In Orby 236, Page 719, Register's Office Of Gibson County, Tennessee. The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 490 HWY 105, Atwood, TN 38220, but if such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Owner of Property: William G. Morgan and Clara L. Morgan Kenneth H Tozer II MD, Book 14, Pages 181-182 and as Instrument # 130827 Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., Book 16, Pages 362-363 and as Instrument # 143575 The sale is subject to occupant(s) rights in possession of the premises. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The purchaser shall have no further record against the grantor, the grantee or the trustee. Publication Dates: 2/18/2025, 2/25/2025, and 3/4/2025. Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntingdon Beach, California 92648 Phone: (888) 403-4115 TS#: 2024-12528-TN

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McKenzie Water Dept. Water Quality Report for 2024

Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, our water meets all of EPA's health standards. We have conducted numerous tests for over 80 contaminants that may be in drinking water. As you'll see in the chart, we only detected seven of these contaminants. We found all of these contaminants at safe levels.

What is the source of my water?

Your water, which is ground water, comes from the Memphis Sand Aquifer. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water source to *potential* contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources serving water to this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of untreated water sources to *potential* contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible, moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The McKenzie Water Dept. sources rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program, the Source Water Assessment summaries, susceptibility scorings and the overall TDEC report to EPA can be viewed online at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/source-water-assessment.html> or you may contact the Water Dept. to obtain copies of specific assessments.

A wellhead protection plan is available for your review by contacting Earnest Umstead at the McKenzie Water Dept. between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information about your drinking water, please call Earnest Umstead at 731-352-3114.

How can I get involved?

Our City Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the City Hall. Please feel free to participate in these meetings.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all of these requirements. Results of unregulated contaminant analysis are available upon request. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

Other information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Do I Need To Take Special Precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about not only their drinking water, but food preparation, personal hygiene, and precautions in handling infants and pets from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Water System Security

Following the events of September 2001, we realize that our customers are concerned about the security of their drinking water. We urge the public to report any suspicious activities at any utility facilities, including treatment plants, tanks, fire hydrants, etc. to the police dispatcher at 731-325-2264.

Think before you flush!

Flushing unused or expired medicines can be harmful to your drinking water. Properly disposing of unused or expired medication helps protect you and the environment. Keep medications out of Tennessee's waterways by disposing in one of our permanent pharmaceutical take back bins. There are nearly 100 take back bins located across the state, to find a convenient location please visit: <http://tdeonline.tn.gov/rxtakeback/>.

Lead in Drinking Water

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. McKenzie Water Dept. is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, call McKenzie Water Department at 731-352-3114. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead Service Line Inventory

A Lead Service Line Inventory has been completed for our system and is accessible by contacting our office during regular business hours.

Water Quality Data

What does this chart mean?

- **MCLG** - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **MCL** - Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
- **MRDL** - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG** - Maximum residual disinfectant level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **AL** - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Below Detection Level (BDL)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a level that can be detected.
- **Non-Defects (ND)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - Explained as a relation to time and money as one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - Explained as a relation to time and money as one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **RTCR** - Revised Total Coliform Rule. This rule went into effect on April 1, 2016 and replaces the MCL for total coliform with a Treatment Technique Trigger for a system assessment.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Found	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (RTCR) ²	N	0		2024		0	TT Trigger	Naturally present in the environment
Copper ¹	N	90th%= 0.0488	0.00631 - 0.062	2022	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Combined radium	N	1.693		2022	PCI/1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	0.775 AVG	0.77-0.78	2024	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead ¹	N	90th% = 1.0	1.0-1.0	2022	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	N	1.27	1.27*	2024	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	7.2	7.2*	2024	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	N	5.0	5.0*	2024	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	N	1.26 Avg.	1.0-1.8	2024	ppm	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	Water additive used to control microbes

¹During the most recent round of Lead and Copper testing, only 0 out of 20 households sampled contained concentrations exceeding the action level.

²We are only required to collect one sample from a single location.

NOTICE

In 2024, due to a lack of time, we failed to include a prenotification in the newspaper prior to publishing a corrected version of our 2023 Water Quality Report. We will provide prenotification for the 2024 report.

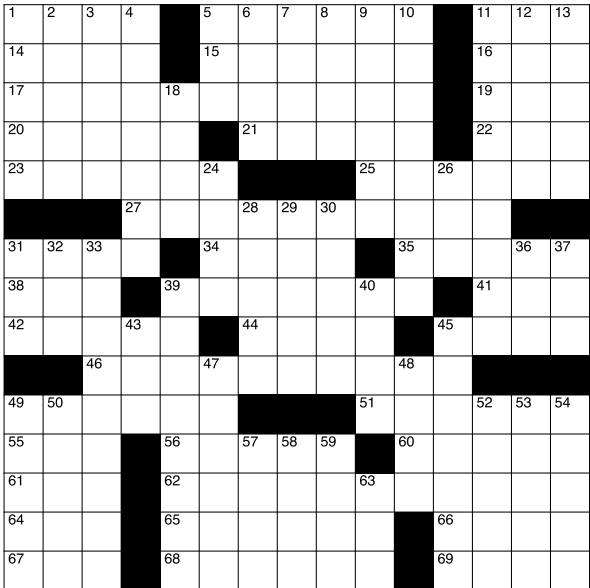
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cut a little bit off
- 5. State with confidence
- 11. River in NE Scotland
- 14. Not narrow
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Toadstools
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Challenged
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Showing extreme greed
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. Everyone has one
- 35. Lake in Botswana
- 38. E.T. rode in one
- 39. Juniors' parents
- 41. Small amount
- 42. Mother of Perseus
- 44. Ornamental box
- 45. Gov't investigators
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. The vast grassy plains in S. America
- 55. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 56. Noted consumer advocate
- 60. Spanish sports club
- 61. Body part
- 62. Tractability
- 64. Woman (French)
- 65. Ready and willing to be taught



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed aside
- 2. Water sprite
- 3. Ones to look up to
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. A number everyone has
- 6. Marine invertebrate
- 7. One who takes you to court
- 8. Indicates outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Strains
- 11. Cross
- 12. A way to remove
- 13. Some pages are dog-__
- 18. Ukraine city
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Summer month (abbr.)
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Jewelry brand
- 30. Fictional rider of Rohan
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Russian city
- 33. Observed
- 36. Furious
- 37. Drivers' licenses
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. They __
- 45. Women
- 47. Inspire with love
- 48. Japanese ankle sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The leading performer
- 53. Type of protein
- 54. Pennsylvania town
- 57. Art __: around 1920
- 58. __ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to sleep
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Depressed
- 68. Gradually gave way
- 69. Clear-thinking

Week 9

See solution in next week's edition.

Pet Sitter Word Search

C C L S E R D E Y O S L Y Y H L U V S P
P L P O S S E Y S L M H U S N A V L S W Y A R I
M P O S S W R F R C L U S N E S V I T O R A O
L M A L N O A S E Y T T L F R E M E B R
L E A S H U T F E Y E H E K L L F A I U
V M N F T E G Y L R B E G D K E A R F G
D T T R P C U G I E D H P I R A C F P Y
V S D S Y P Y N L I W O F E N F H N L G
B D M Y M O A E N E U W N Y G R H M B U
N P T V U R D G I O P C U H N U E H F C
K U H U I G V I I U E E T S I I M V S E
S I B A D D H E T S R E S U H L B C V O W
N S N R D E L N G C F U K L L E L O D O G
C H B L L D G C R C U K N L V V M N Y C
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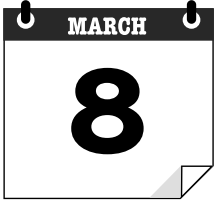
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1979: The compact disc is demonstrated for the first time.

SUDOKU

WEEK 9

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

Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to pet sitting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = R)

A. 26 22 10 4 12 2 9 4 10
Clue: Babysitter

B. 6 21 6 6 8
Clue: Young dog

C. 16 14 22 10 13 2 7 12
Clue: Overnight animal care

D. 1 10 22 9 4 24
Clue: Vacationing

Answers: A. caregiver B. puppy C. boarding D. travel

LETTER MIX-UP

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

VETERINARIAN

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

Riddle Me This

How do veterinarians swim laps?

Answer: They dog paddle.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

WLKAS

Answer: Walks

GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer born in England on March 2, 1977. I was once in a band that was booed, but that didn't deter me from pursuing music. My debut album with my current band was a hit, and I've won a total of eight Grammys. Dick Van Dyke recently starred in a music video for one of my band's songs.

Answer: Chris Martin

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 8 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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A	C	R	I	D				R	O	B				L	E	N	A
	A	B	A	S	E			A	N	A				A	T	A	R
						V	A	N	I	T	I	E	S				
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M	A	R				P	E	R				R	E	S	T		

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 8

1	9	5	2	6	7	3	8	4
2	8	7	4	5	3	6	1	9
4	6	3	9	1	8	2	7	5
6	3	1	8	4	2	5	9	7
7	4	8	6	9	5	1	3	2
5	2	9	7	3	1	8	4	6
8	5	2	1	7	4	9	6	3
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DISTRICT 12A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



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Lady Rebels are Runner-Up After Thrilling Title Game

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (February 24) — McKenzie High School hosted the championship round of the District 12A Girls Basketball Tournament Monday.

A thrilling title game saw the host Lady Rebels fall behind early, then outscore McEwen in each of the final three quarters. Tight defense from McKenzie, coupled with a fearless offensive performance in the paint from freshman phenom Jaycee Stafford that yielded 39 points, kept the game in reach.

Despite playing much of the second half without their Miss Basketball finalist Laila Downs-Darden, the Warriorettes held on for a 64-60 win.

In the consolation game, the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Lady Tigers led early, but the Houston County Lady Irish bounced back and claimed a 58-47 victory and a third-place district finish.

Following the games, the All-District and All-Tournament teams were announced.

The District 12A All-District team includes McKenzie's Jaycee Stafford, Molly French and Ava Hastings; Central's McKinley Garrison and Keely Williams; Houston County's CJ Clark and Kylee Smith; and McEwen's Shana Bohanon, Ellie Littleton, Tiana Bohanon and MVP Laila Downs-Darden. Coach of the Year is McEwen's Amelia Darden.

The District 12A All-Tournament team includes McKenzie's Braylin Auvenshine, Jaycee Stafford and Sophie Pate; Central's Ady Olds; Hous-



District award winners from Carroll County (L to R): Central's Ady Olds, McKinley Garrison and Keely Williams and McKenzie's Ava Hastings, Jaycee Stafford, Sophie Pate, Braylin Auvenshine and Molly French. All-District: Stafford, French, Hastings, Williams and Garrison. All-Tournament: Olds, Auvenshine, Stafford and Pate. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

ton County's CJ Clark; and McEwen's Laila Downs-Darden, Shana Bohanon and Tiana Bohanon.

Championship:
McEwen Warriorettes 64, McKenzie Lady Rebels 60

The Warriorettes stormed out to a 19-6 lead after the opening frame, led by Shana Bohanon with ten points. Laila Downs-Darden scored five, and Tiana Bohanon had four points. Jaycee Stafford scored all six Lady Rebel points.

McKenzie had an 18-15 advantage in the second quarter, led by Stafford with 15 points. Ava Hastings hit a three-pointer. Downs-Darden scored nine for McEwen, S. Bohanon had four points, and Paris Shoemaker had a pair. At the half, the Warriorettes led 34-24.

The Lady Rebels had a 16-13 edge in the third, led by Stafford with nine points. Hastings had four with a three-pointer, and

Molly French scored three points. Downs-Darden led McEwen with six points. S. Bohanon scored four, and Ellie Littleton hit a three. Entering the final frame, the Warriorettes led 47-40.

McKenzie's rally continued in the fourth but came up just short at 20-17, led by Stafford with nine points. Sophie Pate scored five with a three. French hit a three-pointer, and Braylin Auvenshine also scored three points. Littleton and Shoemaker each scored five for McEwen, each with a three-pointer. S. Bohanon had four, Avery Branch had a pair, and T. Bohanon hit a free throw.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford led all scorers with 39 points. Ava Hastings scored seven with a pair of threes.

Shana Bohanon led the Warriorettes with 22 points. Laila Downs-Darden scored 20.

Consolation: Houston County Lady Irish 58, Central Lady Tigers 47

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 16-9 lead after the first frame, led by Ady Olds with eleven points, including a trio of three-pointers. Keely Williams also hit a three, and McKenzie Castleman had a pair. Lady Irish Peyton Brooks and Kylee Smith each hit a three, Paisley Byler had a pair, and CJ Clark hit a free throw.

Houston County took the lead with a 17-7 advantage in the second quarter, led by Clark with five, including a three. P. Brooks hit another three-pointer, and Smith, Byler and Maddie Brooks also scored three points each. Lady Tiger Lilly McGee scored four points with a three, and Olds hit a three-pointer. At the half, Houston County led 26-23.

The Lady Irish enjoyed an 18-10 tilt in the third, led by Presley Moore with ten points, including a three. P. Brooks and Smith each scored three points, and M. Brooks added a pair. Lady Tigers Chloe Morgan and Ava Finley each scored four, Morgan with a three-pointer. Castleman added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Lady Irish led 44-33.

The fourth was a 14-14 wash. Lady Irish Payton Mitchell and Clark each scored five, each with a three. Moore and Smith each added a pair. Lady Tiger Emy Olds scored four with a three. A. Olds, Finley and Scarlett King each hit a three, and McKinley Garrison hit a free throw.

Lady Tiger Ady Olds led all scorers with 17 points, including five three-pointers.

Presley Moore led Houston County with 12 points, including a three. CJ Clark and Kylee Smith each scored eleven, Clark with a pair of threes and Smith with one.



Martez Teague signs with Lindsey Wilson College to play football. He is pictured with his mom, Dominic Teague.

McKenzie's Teague Commits To Lindsey Wilson College

MCKENZIE — Martez Teague is the third McKenzie Rebel to commit to continue his football career.

Teague signed to play football at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky during a signing ceremony last week in the MHS Theatre in front of family and teammates. Coach Keith Hodge said Teague is a special athlete, who was heavily recruited by Lindsey Wilson. Teague

played four years at MHS and was on the championship team in 2022.

He has grown and developed, said Coach Hodge, who said he expects Teague to have playing time at Lindsey Wilson.

Teague said he was recruited to play defensive back. He really liked the campus and the atmosphere. His parents are Dominic Teague and Charles Holiburton.



Above, Lady Rebel Molly French fires one of her five three-pointers. French led all scorers (tie) with 21 points. Below, Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford blows past Collinwood defenders for two points. Stafford led all scorers (tie) with 21 points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Lady Rebels Top Trojanettes In Region Quarterfinal, 70-55

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (February 28) — McKenzie High School hosted Collinwood Friday to open the Region 6A Girls Basketball Tournament. The host Lady Rebels were in control from the early minutes and cruised to a 70-55 win to advance to the semifinals.

McKenzie had a 12-9 edge after the first frame, led by Molly French with nine points on a trio of three-pointers. Sophie Pate also hit a three. Trojanette Tevy Statom scored four points. Tessa Statom hit a three, and Sophia Keeton had a pair.

The Lady Rebels doubled up Collinwood 16-8 in the second quarter, led by Jaycee Stafford with seven points, including a three. Pate, French and Ava Hastings each hit a three-pointer. Keeton led the Trojanettes with four points. Myah Gray-Ayers had a pair, and Tessa S. and Belle Robinson each hit a free throw. At the half, the Lady Rebels led 28-17.

McKenzie had a 25-19 advantage in the third, led by

Pate with a dozen points on four three-pointers. French scored five with a three, Stafford had four points, and Aurora Johnson and Braylin Auvenshine each had a pair. Keeton scored eight for Collinwood. Tevy S. and Robinson each scored four, Tevy with a three-pointer. Tessa S. hit a three. Heading into the final frame, the Lady Rebels led 53-36.

The Trojanettes cut the final deficit with a 19-17 tilt in the fourth, led by Tevy S. and Ellie Blalock, each with six points on pairs of threes. Tessa S. scored five with a three, and Robinson added a pair. Stafford led McKenzie with ten points. French scored four, Auvenshine added a pair, and Hastings hit a free throw.

Lady Rebels Molly French and Jaycee Stafford led all scorers with 21 points each, French with five three-pointers and Stafford with one. Sophie Pate scored 18 points on six threes.

Tevy Statom and Sophia Keeton led Collinwood with 14 points each, Tevy with a trio of threes. Tessa Statom scored 12, also with a trio of three-pointers.

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CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
REORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In preparation for the upcoming party reorganization, the Carroll County Republican Party would like to ensure our citizens are provided all necessary information and proper notification of the reorganization process.

The Carroll County Republican Party Reorganization of the Executive Committee will be held: 7 p.m. March 25, 2025

Address: Huntingdon Public Safety Building, Huntingdon TN

If you are interested in seeking office of Chairman to the County Executive Committee, please contact our Contest and Credentials Committee Chair Jan Ostiguy at carrollcogop@outlook.com, or call 731-444-1801. Any candidate seeking the office of Chairman is required to notify the Contest and Credentials Committee seven (7) calendar days prior to the reorganization (March 17, 2025) of their intent to seek the chairmanship. If a Chair candidate does not notify the C&C within the time frames, they will not be eligible for office. All other positions can be nominated from the floor.

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