

Area Sports This Week

Spring sports are underway with the following contests scheduled for The Banner's reporting week of Tuesday, March 11 through Monday, March 17.

Tuesday, March 11

McKenzie HS baseball vs. Chester Co. at Huntingdon HS - 4:30 p.m.

Milan at McKenzie HS soccer - 5 p.m.
McKenzie HS tennis at Greenfield
McKenzie HS track and field at Huntingdon
Dyer Co. at Huntingdon HS softball - 5 p.m.
Chester Co. at Huntingdon HS baseball - 7 p.m.
West Carroll HS softball at

Middleton - 5:30 p.m.
Dresden at Gleason HS softball - 5 p.m.
Gleason HS baseball at Greenfield - 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

McKenzie HS baseball vs. Dyersburg at Gibson Co. - 4:30 p.m.
Huntingdon HS baseball at Milan - 4:30 p.m.
Huntingdon HS baseball vs. Scotts Hill at Milan - 7

p.m.
McEwen at West Carroll HS baseball - 5:30 p.m.
Clarksburg at Gleason HS softball - 5 p.m.

Friday, March 14

McKenzie HS baseball vs. South Side at Milan - 7 p.m.
McKenzie HS softball at Houston Co. - 5 p.m.
Dresden at Huntingdon HS baseball - 6 p.m.
West Carroll HS baseball

at Hollow Rock-Bruceton - 5 p.m.
Gleason HS softball at West Carroll - 5 p.m.

Monday, March 17

McKenzie HS baseball at Henry Co. - 4:30 p.m.
Clarksburg at McKenzie HS softball - 5 p.m.
Huntingdon at McKenzie HS tennis
Huntingdon HS baseball at USJ - 6:30 p.m.

Huntingdon HS softball at Lexington - 5 p.m.
West Carroll HS baseball at Clarksburg - 5 p.m.
JCS at West Carroll HS softball - 5:30 p.m.
Lake Co. at Gleason HS baseball - 5:30 p.m.
Bradford at Gleason HS softball - 5 p.m.
Note: Huntingdon HS softball plays in the Sara Beth Whitehead Tournament in Jackson from March 12-15.

McKenzie Middle Hosts Health Fair

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (March 7) — McKenzie Middle School hosted a health fair Friday, with 17 organizations participating. From the eclectic set of presentations, students learned about a wide variety of factors that affect their health and things they can do to live healthier lives.

Among those set up were: Hometown Health Clinic; MSSD Food Service; Baptist Memorial Hospital Carroll County; Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network; McKenzie Fire Department; McKenzie Police Department; UT Martin Department of Nursing; Carroll County Prevention Coalition; Carroll County Health Department; Carroll County Library; West Tennessee Legal Services; Department of Family and Consumer Services; Carey Counseling; Le Bonheur Children's Hospital; Beating Hearts; MMS Support



Top Left, (L to R) Holly Arnold, PA-C; Ellen Pruitt, marketing director; and Baldo Hernandez, community health worker, talk to students about services offered at Hometown Health Clinic. Top Right, A group of MMS students hears about Hospital Wing, the medical transport service stationed at Carroll County Airport, from Program Manager Andy Rice. Above Left, Emily Lunn, a McKenzie native and Southwest Regional Director for the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, talks to students about resources. Above Right, MMS students Kristy Towne (left) and Abby Carroll try to toss a ball back-and-forth wearing "drunk goggles" provided by McKenzie Police Department. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Specialists; and Hospital Wing. The event was organized

by school nurse Gale Edwards, who told The Banner, "This is a way to bring

kids in to learn things about life, exercise, good nutrition and avoiding

drugs and smoking. It's also a way to introduce them to resources for the prob-

lems they may encounter, to help them realize what's out there."

West Carroll Elementary School Royalty



Miss West Carroll Elementary School Royalty (L to R): Second Maid Ally Clarke, First Maid Raelynn Maples, Queen Abigail Hays, Third Maid Maddie Martin and Fourth Maid Camilla Jenkins. Not pictured is Miss Congeniality Norah Reynolds. Photo courtesy WCSSD



Junior Miss West Carroll Elementary School Royalty (L to R): Second Maid Willow Aberle, First Maid and Miss Congeniality Raelyn Darnes, Queen Harlynn Vernon, Third Maid Courtney Edwards, Fourth Maid Trinley White and Star Contestant Whitley White. Photo courtesy WCSSD

West Carroll School Board Discusses TISA Funding for 2025-2026 Year

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The West Carroll School Board met on Thursday evening with all board members present for the meeting. Preston Caldwell, Director of Schools for West Carroll Special School District, discussed the drop in TISA funding for the 2025-2026 school year and the effect that will have on the budget. "I met with the principals this afternoon. We talked about our TISA projections for next year. TISA is about 70 to 75 percent of our funding. Looking at our projections for next year, it's going to be tough," Caldwell explained. "It's going to be tough taking the TISA money that we've got coming. It's actually a decrease for us, and we've got

to take that money knowing that the salary schedule has to increase." TISA (Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement) is the main source of state funding for all Tennessee public schools. The funding is based on the number of students enrolled in a school system, and there is additional funding offered for special needs students and incentives for high-performing school systems. West Carroll Special School District has seen a drop in enrollment over the last year, so TISA funding will drop by a small margin. Additionally, Caldwell is concerned that the new voucher bill will cause a further drop in enrollment numbers. While the bill does provide for schools not losing fund-

ing for the 2025-'26 school year, there are no protections offered for the following years. Caldwell also briefly discussed the \$2,000 bonus for certified teachers that accompanies the new voucher bill. The board will need to approve a resolution before June 1, in agreement to participate in the program. The board approved an FFA field trip to Gatlinburg at the end of this month. The students have worked hard all year long for the competition. There is also a college and career fair for the students to attend while they are in attendance. The next scheduled board meeting will be on April 7, 2025 at West Carroll High School. All meetings are open to the public.



(L to R) Front Row: Rafielle Boone Freeman; LaShonda Williams; Peg McLean, Outstanding Woman Military Veteran; Sara Barnett, Sue Shelton White Award Winner; Virginia Conger; and Liz Mayo. Second Row: Sarah Jones, Delois Dailey, Kim Morris, Twana Miller, and Debbie Swacker. Third Row: Brenda Locke, Anita Hamilton, Brittany Martin, Mamie Hutcherson, and Rose Stemmons. Fourth Row: Courtney Bingham, Lori Dillahunt, Pam McCarty, Angela Snider, Mary Jowers, and Harriet Thompson.

2025 Sterling Award Winners Announced; 3 Carroll Countians

Dr. Margaret Taylor, president of Jackson Area Business and Professional Women, has announced the winners of Sterling Awards 2025: 20 Most Influential Women in West Tennessee, the Outstanding Woman Military Veteran and the Sue Shelton White Award. The 20 Most Influential Women in West Tennessee 2025 are: Carroll County: Lori Dillahunt, chairperson for the Carroll County Inclusion Park; Brittany Martin, publisher of the McKenzie Banner, president of Tri-County Publishing Inc., president of Carroll Arts, Inc.; LaShonda Williams, owner of Lake-way Nutrition and Rexair distributor. Chester County: Courtney Bingham, systems operations analyst at Jackson Energy Authority (JEA); owner of Mimi's Boutique; Kim Morris, co-founder and president of 45 South Offroad; insurance agent at Godfrey Insurance in Selmer. Hardeman County: Harriet Thompson, Hardeman County General Sessions and Juvenile Court judge, Bolivar city judge, Middleton city judge, attorney at law.

Henderson County: Mary Jowers, attorney at law, city judge of Lexington. Madison County: Virginia Conger, volunteer, retired educator; Delois Dailey, aerospace science instructor at Haywood High School; Anita Hamilton, certified public accountant, senior director of personal financial strategies at Home LLP; Mamie Hutcherson, executive director of Wo/Men's Resource & Rape Assistance Program (WRAP); Sarah Jones, major crimes and special operations intelligence analyst with the Jackson Police Department; Brenda Locke, Catering sales manager (acting), DoubleTree by Hilton Jackson, and independent contractor affiliate broker, Conner Real Estate; Pam McCarty, certified grief counselor, consultant for university writing classes, board member and founder of the nonprofit Morgan McCarty Scholarship Foundation; Liz Mayo, English professor and global learning coordinator at Jackson State Community College (JSCC); Twana Miller, executive clinical director and owner of The Positive Living Group; Angela Snider, attorney at law; Debbie

Swacker; Community activist, entrepreneur. Tipton County: Rose Stemmons, President, CEO, and founder of Krayola Learning Academy Inc. Weakley County: Rafielle Boone Freeman, Executive, Healthcare Dynamics International, Quality and Business Strategy. Winning the 2025 Outstanding Woman Military Veteran Award is Peggy McLean of Jackson, US Navy 1978-1989, post service officer at American Legion Post 12 in Jackson, retiree. Winner of the 2025 Sue Shelton White Award is Sara Barnett of Jackson, attorney at Spragins, Barnett & Cobb, PLC. The Sterling Awards 2025 ceremony will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, at the J. Walter Barnes Conference Center at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. There is no fee to attend. A reception will follow the awards presentation. For more information about Sterling Awards, email Jacque Hillman, editor of the Sterling Awards magazine, at jacquehillman@gmail.com.

Sunshine Week is March 16-22

Sunshine Week will take place March 16-22, 2025, to highlight the importance of open government and public access to information. Held annually in mid-March, it coincides with the birthday of James Madison, the chief architect of the Constitution and a driving force behind the Bill of Rights. Sunshine

laws ensure government transparency by requiring public access to meetings and records. For more information, visit Sunshine-Week.org.

Phone

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the House and 30-0 in the Senate—now awaits Governor Bill Lee’s signature. If signed, the law takes effect on July 1, 2025, in time for the 2025-26 school year.

What the Law Requires

The law requires all local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to establish and enforce restrictions on student phone use. Schools must:

- Ban student cell phone use during class, with exceptions for teacher-approved learning, emergencies, and students with disabilities (IEPs or 504 plans).
- Publish policies online so parents and students have clear expectations.
- Develop emergency communication plans to ensure parents receive timely updates without relying on student devices.
- Authorize teachers to confiscate phones when students violate the policy.

Rep. Rebecca Alexander (R-Jonesborough), the bill’s House sponsor, defended the measure: “Every school district should want to do this if they want what’s best for their students. We’ve seen clear evidence that cell phones are harming students’ focus and increasing distractions.”

Sen. Ferrell Haile (R-Gallatin), the Senate sponsor, called it a step toward safer, more focused learning environments: “This is about minimizing classroom distractions and reducing social media-driven bullying.”

A Shift in Tennessee’s School Policy

Tennessee has wrestled with school cell phone policies for years. The State Board of Education once had a statewide ban on “two-way communication devices,” but it was repealed in 2017, leaving decisions up to local districts. Many districts implemented their own restrictions, but state lawmakers now say a uniform policy is needed.

House Speaker Cameron Sexton (R-Crossville) pointed to concerns over student mental health: “There is a direct correlation between increased cell phone use and rising rates of suicide, bullying, and anxiety in teenagers. Keeping these devices out of the classroom is beneficial.”

Other states, including Florida, South Carolina, and Louisiana, have passed similar laws, arguing that phone-free classrooms improve academic performance and student well-being.

Concerns and Pushback

While widely supported, the bill has faced some skepticism. Rep. Gloria Johnson (D-Knoxville) questioned whether a statewide mandate was necessary: “Most schools already have policies in place. This feels redundant.”

Others raised concerns about parent-child communication during emergencies. However, the bill mandates that schools implement emergency notification systems so parents are informed through official channels rather than relying on student phones.

The bill also sparked a local control debate. Some lawmakers felt school boards, not the state,

should make these decisions. Sen. Adam Lowe (R-Calhoun) said: “I would have preferred the State Board of Education or the Department of Education to take the lead in creating a policy, but I support the intent of the legislation.”

Student advocacy groups and parents have also voiced concerns. Tennessee Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) representatives warned that strict phone bans may disproportionately affect students who rely on their devices for translation, organization, or mental health support. “For some students, a phone is more than just a distraction—it’s a lifeline for accessibility and communication,” said a PTA spokesperson.

Special Education and Accessibility Concerns

Special education advocates have raised concerns regarding enforcement. The Tennessee Disability Coalition noted that some students with autism or ADHD rely on assistive apps and communication tools on their phones to manage anxiety, follow schedules, and complete tasks. “Banning phones outright could disrupt vital coping mechanisms for students with disabilities,” said a coalition spokesperson. The law provides exceptions for IEP and 504 accommodations, but enforcement could vary by school.

What Are IEPs and 504 Plans?

IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) and 504 Plans are legally binding documents under federal law that ensure students with disabilities receive necessary accommodations. IEPs, governed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), provide specialized instruction, while 504 Plans (under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) ensure equal access through accommodations.

For some students, accommodations include assistive technology, speech-to-text apps, or communication devices accessed through phones. Disability advocates argue that while the law allows exceptions for students with IEPs and 504 Plans, schools must properly implement these exemptions to avoid penalizing students who need these tools.

Intersection of Special Education and DEI Initiatives

Some school districts have incorporated IEP and 504 accommodations into Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, focusing on expanding accessibility beyond students with diagnosed disabilities. One approach, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), promotes adaptable teaching strategies to accommodate a wider range of learning needs, including those who do not qualify for formal accommodations but may still face educational challenges.

Supporters of this approach argue that it broadens access to educational support for students who might otherwise struggle but do not meet eligibility criteria for IEPs or 504 Plans. They contend that universal accessibility measures ensure a more flexible learning environment and reduce the need for complex evaluation processes.

Critics argue that broadening eligibility could divert resources from students with legally recognized disabilities, whose accommodations are man-

dated by federal law. They express concerns that integrating special education into broader DEI efforts may weaken individualized support for students who require specialized interventions.

Additionally, some DEI-driven policies advocate for alternative disciplinary approaches for students with disabilities, emphasizing restorative justice over punitive measures. Proponents believe this approach reduces disproportionate disciplinary actions against neurodivergent students, while others question whether it leads to inconsistencies in enforcement and affects classroom management.

Impact of DEI Dismantling on IEP And 504 Plans

Federal actions have dismantled DEI programs, including the elimination of DEI-related funding and training within the U.S. Department of Education. However, IEPs and 504 Plans remain protected under existing federal law. Concerns remain about whether broader education funding changes could indirectly impact special education resources. Legal challenges have been filed in some states regarding the rollback of DEI, but there is no current legislative action targeting IEPs or 504 Plans for removal.

Key Distinction

While DEI programs are being dismantled at the federal level, IEPs and 504 Plans remain legally separate from DEI and continue to be protected by federal law. Some concerns exist about indirect funding effects, but there is no active policy or legislation eliminating these disability protections. Schools remain obligated to provide accommodations as required by IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Next Steps: Implementation and Oversight

If signed by Governor Bill Lee, the law takes effect July 1, 2025. Schools will have a year to update policies, revise student handbooks, and train staff on enforcement.

At this point, the Tennessee Department of Education has not issued a model policy, meaning districts will have flexibility in shaping their rules. However, failure to adopt a policy could prompt State Board of Education intervention.

Lawmakers argue the move will curb distractions, reduce social media-fueled bullying, and refocus students on learning. However, enforcement will determine its real impact. The coming months will reveal how Tennessee schools handle the shift.

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Kim Bell Webb Receives 2024 Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award



On February 16, 2025, Kim Bell Webb was a recipient of the 2024 Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award.

BY JOEL LANCASTER

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McKENZIE (March 10) — On February 16, Kim Bell Webb was recognized as Carroll County’s recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award, celebrating her decades of commitment to community service. The award acknowledges individuals across Tennessee who have made a meaningful impact through volunteerism and civic involvement.

Webb received the honor for her leadership in community-focused initiatives, including mentorship, charitable programs and efforts to preserve McKenzie’s history. Her dedication to bringing people together through service

has positively influenced many lives.

City and state officials commended Webb’s efforts, highlighting how her volunteerism strengthens local connections and enhances community support networks. The Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award stands as recognition of her continued work in advancing education, historical preservation, and outreach efforts.

Her recognition not only acknowledges past contributions but also underscores the lasting significance of volunteerism in Carroll County. Webb’s dedication continues to inspire others to give back and invest in the well-being of their communities.

McLeese

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contact without the consent of the individual; charged with knowingly and intentionally engaging in unlawful sexual contact and “knew or

had reason to know that... (the individual) was mentally incapacitated or physically helpless, thereby committing the offense of sexual battery” and charged with “knowingly or intentionally” buying alcoholic beverages or beer for the individual, “committing the offense of purchasing of

alcoholic beverages or beer for minor”.

According to the indictment, the offenses occurred May 27, 2024.

Bond was set at \$15,000.

Source: [Henrycountynow.com](https://www.henrycountynow.com).

Repairs

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School Summit).

- **C O P S G r a n t** (\$51,078.06 increase): Funds \$36,115.24 in communication equipment, including radios first approved in February.

- **CTE Perkins Fund** (\$752.62 increase): Reallocated for staff development.

- **School-Wide Pool Adjustment** (\$346.81 net change): Federal funding shifts in Title I, II, III, and IDEA Part B allocations.

The board approved travel for McKenzie High School students compet-

ing at the state and national levels. The FBLA team will attend the state competition in Chattanooga from April 6-9, 2025. The DECA team qualified for the national competition in Orlando from April 25-30, 2025. The estimated cost for the DECA trip is approximately \$1,100 per student, with sponsorships and fundraising efforts planned to help offset expenses.

Facility repairs at McKenzie High School were a key focus of the meeting. The roof replacement project remains on schedule for a mid-March start, contingent on weather conditions. Moisture scans identified penetration in all 19 tested areas, confirming

the need for remediation before roof installation begins. Board members noted that new leaks were observed during the meeting, underscoring the urgency of the project. Repairs must be completed before further construction proceeds.

The board discussed a scheduling conflict between its April 1 meeting and the McKenzie High School Honors Banquet, scheduled for 6 p.m. To allow attendance at both events, the board voted to move its meeting to 5 p.m. at McKenzie High School.

All motions passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2025, at 5 p.m. at McKenzie High School.

Bethel

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18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Tigers clawed back in the fourth quarter, but Bethel’s poise under pressure proved too much. Campbellsville struggled offensively, shooting only 11.1% in the final period. The Lady Wildcats’ defense, anchored by steals from Micah Hart and blocks from Mikee Buchanan, stifled any hope of a comeback.

Madison Hart’s stellar performance was complemented by Micah Hart’s all-around contribution of 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 blocks. Kalynn Howard added 6 points and 5 assists, while the Bethel bench provided crucial

minutes and energy.

Bethel’s defense was the story of the game, forcing 14 turnovers and allowing only one three-pointer from Campbellsville, who shot just 6.7% from beyond the arc. Despite being outbounded 33-31, the Wildcats made every possession count, converting 100% of their free throws to keep the Tigers at bay.

After that, it was time for Coach Chris Nelson and the Cats to cut down the nets.

The Lady Wildcats finished their night with a 23-7 record. The championship win was a testament to their growth as a team. Head Coach Chris Nelson praised his team’s resolve: “These girls never stopped believing. They embraced every challenge, and tonight they were rewarded for their perseverance.”

The Bethel community now turns its attention to the national stage, where the Wildcats hope to continue their remarkable run. As the vans rolled out of Bowling Green, the trophy sat proudly by the window, a gleaming reminder of what hard work and heart can achieve.

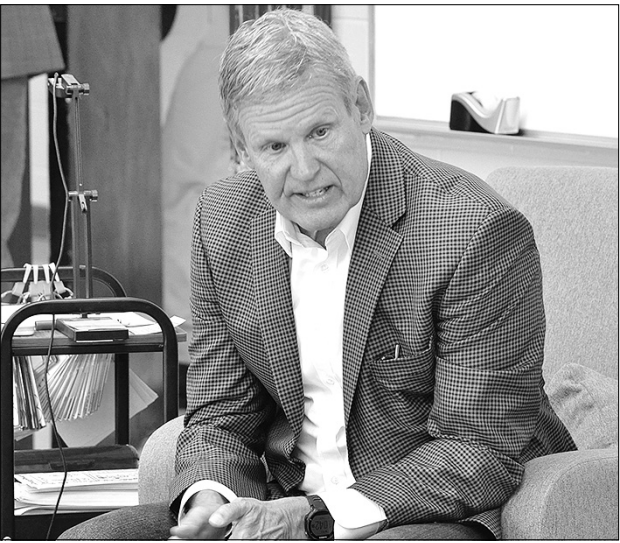
With the conference championship secured, Bethel will now await the decision of the national selection committee to determine whether the Lady Wildcats will host the first two rounds of the national tournament or if they will hit the road for their next challenge.

For Bethel, this championship is not just a win on the scoreboard but a victory for a team that believed in magic and made it real on the hardwood.

Lee

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“Read Across America” is a nationwide initiative launched by the National Education Association (NEA) to promote reading among children and young adults, primarily celebrated on March 2 which coincides with Dr. Seuss’s birthday, encouraging everyone to celebrate reading through various activities like reading aloud, book events, and author visits, essentially making it a “national reading day” in the United States.



Governor Lee explains the importance of reading and learning to second graders at Huntingdon Primary. Photo by Jason R. Martin/The Banner

Storms

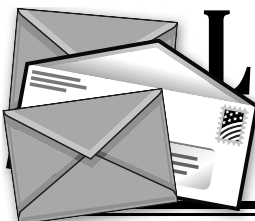
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The Storm Prediction Center has issued a Day 5 Convective Outlook, forecasting a regional outbreak

of severe storms late Friday afternoon into the overnight hours. This outlook indicates a 30% probability of severe thunderstorms within 25 miles of any point in the affected area, which includes parts of West Tennessee.

Residents in McKenzie and surrounding areas are

advised to monitor local weather updates closely as forecasts may evolve. It’s essential to have multiple ways to receive weather warnings and to review severe weather safety plans in preparation for potential storms on Friday.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baby, the Bathwater

“Don’t throw the baby out with the bath water” is an old idiom originating in sixteenth century Germany. The cliché has such a simple meaning yet our government leaders can’t seem to grasp the valuable message, especially Republicans in the current General Assembly in Nashville.

The Tennessee budget includes education, infrastructure, business matters, health and social services and public safety. With inflation and grocery prices at an all time high, Republicans in the Tennessee House have selected this as the best time to cut SNAP, school lunch programs, summer lunch programs, HSMFA and HRAC budgets. Unbelievable, right?

Don’t let me lose you with these statistics; they’re important: over 831,000 Tennesseans currently receive some assistance. Fifty percent have children, thirty five percent have seniors and over fifty percent have someone disabled in the household. Obviously, some of the 310,000 households have a combination of these dependents. The average assistance per day per individual is a dismal \$5.28 per day. Thirty thousand Tennessee vets currently need assistance as well.

Stay with me: over one-half million kids are living in single parent homes in Tennessee or thirty seven percent of all children in our state. Over eighty percent are single moms,

many of which have never had instructions in creating a family budget, much less preventive auto maintenance. Of all the proposed budget cuts, it will be these families that will realize the impact immediately. The current proposal allows \$1.67 per meal per person. I double-dog-dare our legislators to make that budget work in their homes for one month; any takers?

Governor Lee declined \$3 million in federal assistance for summer lunch programs citing it was “too costly to administer”, which confuses me. I thought that’s what our government officials did... administrate. Go figure. The Governor made this “grand alternative”- fifteen lower-income counties would be given a one-time gift of \$120 per child. First, the obvious- this means 85 counties would receive nothing for the summer lunch program. Next, the grant amounts to \$6 per day per child. (Triple-dog-dare ya to feed a child on that budget). This amounts to only twenty-five thousand children in the entire State receiving assistance this summer.

It’s worth noting that our legislators and Governor missed the deadline for qualifying for \$5 million in “Sun Bucks” from federal assistance programs last year. Busy, I guess.....

Representative Zachary of Knoxville is the real guard-dog for fraud in the SNAP program, or so he claims. So he proposed

HB 1236 to outlaw SNAP benefits from purchasing soda or processed foods, despite the fact that many sodas are sugar-free. Somehow, I don’t think that’s our greatest concern right now. The concern is that forty-five percent of Tennessee kids depend on free school lunches. That number is going to be significantly reduced if Tennessee Republicans proceed with these budget cuts. Folks, listen to me: that is the only meal some of these kids get all day. They are required to be in school all day; can we not at least feed them?? God help us if that is the primary and initial focus of budget cuts!!

I noticed the makeup of the House in Nashville is reflective of a cross section of our state: some are retired from various occupations, several are business people (that know that we must indeed cut waste, as it can make the difference of a business surviving, but you must prioritize your cuts). Some are farmers that can rely on government subsidies. There are a few with social backgrounds & a couple of pastors, teachers, bankers and several attorneys. Now this is going to smart, but there are some that I can tell by looking- the last time they were concerned about an actual budget was wondering if dad was going to pay their fraternity dues in grad school.

Now, I ask you to do your own research; don’t dare take my word for it. Do the work, ask yourself if this is the best place and time to literally take food from the mouths of children, seniors, and vets. Or are there other options available. Call your rep TODAY!

**Tony N. Boyd
Henry, TN**

Reader’s Concerns on Trump Administration

As I write this it has been forty days. The Constitution is in shreds as thousands of people have been illegally fired by a man who was not elected. The president is ignoring the law. The Department of Education and Head Start are on the chopping block. Many families have been deported and Jocelyn Rojo Carranaz is dead. She was eleven years old and took her own life. She was being bullied at school with taunts of ICE coming to deport her parents and leaving her to live on her own. A bill has been filed to make it more difficult for women who have taken their husband’s surname to vote. A Texas child is the first United State measles fatality in ten years. Republican legislators are reported to be receiving

threats of violence to their families if they do not vote to confirm appointments of cabinet members regardless of qualifications. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and WIC are all in peril. At the two grocery stores where I shop eggs are seven dollars a dozen. Republican elected officials are cancelling town halls because they are receiving angry backlash to all of the above and to hearing the current occupant of the White House refer to himself as “king”.

We are in a crisis, constitutional and otherwise. Two people who do not appear to be capable of passing an eighth grade civics test are dismantling programs that keep us safe, healthy, and financially stable. Neither of them have any idea what it is like to live with limit-

ed means. There has been no acknowledgment of the suffering they are causing or any words of comfort to the families who have lost children. Conversely, the secretary of Health and Human Services reacted to the measles death in Texas by saying, “People die”. Yes, that is true. They are also more likely to live when they take advantage of safe and effective vaccines.

The path forward is unclear and frightening. Freeze credit accounts. Pay attention to what is happening. Call your Congresspeople (202-224-3121). E-mail them, send letters through the United States Postal Service. Attend town halls and make your concerns known. Our very way of life is in jeopardy. We must respond.

Joyce Hale

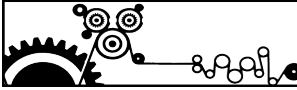
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Bethel, Eastside FCE Met

Nine members met for the February 13 meeting in the lovely home of Mary and Pennye Mays.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Gail Eubanks.

Thought for the Day was read, followed by reading the club pledge in unison.

Devotion was given by the hostess, as well as Gail Eubanks, ending with the Lord’s Prayer.

New business: It was decided the club would take

a trip to Big Cyprus Park on a Saturday in May, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Months were assigned to hostesses.

Gail Eubanks did the program on common household items that are dangerous to children. Cleaners can look like Gatorade. Things we carry in a purse or backpack can also be harmful. Examples are: jewelry, toothpaste, coins, batteries and

lotions; all are harmful if swallowed. Some medicines look like candy or gummies.

February is Heart Month. Here are some things you can do for your heart. Take a walk; lift weights; stop drinking your calories (sodas); eat whole grains; eat a serving of fruit; down a handful of nuts; consume fish at least once a week; breathe deep; wash hands often; and finally, count your blessings!



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Pop-Up Rolls

1 cup self rising flour
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoon sugar
Mix well. Melt pan of butter in each muffin tin. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Makes 9 muffins.

Beef Ball

1 package cream cheese
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Worcestershire
2 package corn beef

1 tablespoon onion dip
Softened cream cheese. Mix with 3/4 grated cornbeef, mayonnaise, onion dip and Worcestershire sauce to taste. Shape into a ball and put on a dish, put rest of beef on to decorate.

Pepper Log

1 8 oz. cream cheese
Pepper jelly
Place block of cream cheese on serving dish. Cover with pepper jelly. Serve with crackers.

Swedish Pecan Balls

1 cup pecans -ground
1 cup self rising flour
1/2 cup butter
6 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix all ingredients and shape into small balls about the size of a walnut. Place on a cookie sheet and bake in 275 degree oven for about 25 to 30 minutes . While warm, roll in powdered sugar and again when cool.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

And You Think We Have Tariff Problems

I’m telling you, this thing has gotten completely out of control. It’s insane. We have lost our every-loving minds! I feel like I am being swallowed by a boa constrictor.

And the whole upside down, convoluted mess is my first wife’s fault! If she hadn’t’a stolen that cat from our neighbor....

For all you kids out there, this is a lesson in how crime absolutely, positively, unequivocally, categorically does not pay!

And I’m not sure Cooney is an innocent bystander in this story. She just happened to be the first. And I told her straight up when she plied her way into the house—the facts on who first enticed the cat to come inside are a little fuzzy—that I was not a cat person.

Cooney mostly stays out of the way. Except when she wants to sit in your lap. Or she wants to drink water out of the kitchen faucet. Or she wants you to rub her back. Or when she scratches on the legs of the sofa demanding you to get up and let her out. Or when she decides to sleep between us in our bed at night....

Whitey showed up a month later to finish off Cooney’s expensive Purina Complete Cat Food with chicken, liver, tuna, salmon, steak, lobster, and tiny bits of Hostess Cup Cakes.... This was, of course, before we moved Cooney’s food inside.

Are you getting the picture here? Cooney is feasting on the high-dollar meal under the dough board in the kitchen. Whitey is chowing down on the same meal on the back steps. And remember, neither cat belongs to us.

Whitey is as wild as a March hare. We can’t get near this cat. He scam-

pers away at any overture in his direction. We have been feeding a cat for years that won’t let us near him. I suggested that naming a white cat Whitey shows little or no imagination. She unceremoniously renamed him, Buddy.

I still, to this day, have trouble calling a cat Buddy that will not let you near him. I suggested names, to no avail, like Loner, Distant, Ungrateful, Aloof, Moocher, Freeloader....

Frank (because he had striking blue eyes) showed up on the deck on a Monday. Cathy refilled Buddy’s bowl and moved it to the deck. On Tuesday Frank was back limping pretty badly. He was hurting so much that he only finished off two helpings of the ever-increasing pricey Nutritionally Complete Cat Food.

Wednesday Frank crawled up on the deck and passed out from the pain before I could get the gold encrusted food out to him. We had known this cat two and a half days when we wrapped him in a blanket (Whitey....I mean Buddy, would have died out there before he would let us pick him up) and rushed down to the Animal Hospital.

Wow! Sewing up a cat that had been attacked by a coyote is almost as expensive as a 50-pound bag of that stuff we’re feeding our growing herd.

Aunt May White showed up out of nowhere. She was of Siamese origin, I think. But remember, I couldn’t be sure. We don’t know anything about cats. I did know right off we couldn’t name her Brownie. This cat meowed constantly and got right up in your face when doing so.

She reminded me of my Aunt May White. Not much imagination, I know. But when the shoe

fits....

Aunt May White eats a lot more than her namesake. I can guarantee that. And we determined that she was going to be an “outside” cat immediately. Two female cats in the house just will not work. Then, of course, it got extremely cold one night.

Aunt May now enjoys a suite of her own. We closed off the back bedroom, back bath, and the baseball locker room. She is the queen of that portion of the house, and she reminds us of it every single day!

She and Cooney get crossways several times a day. It makes me appreciate Whitey....I mean Buddy, all the more. Frank is not much of a problem. He still takes his meals on the deck, but stays mostly under the radar. He appreciates life more than the others. ‘Course, he’s been through more than most cats, or people, when you think about it.

The big blackish-gray, or maybe it’s grayish-black, cat came calling a few months ago. No way to tell his pedigree. And, at our house, that obviously doesn’t matter. But the sheer size of this cat made me think of switching to some Incomplete, regular, ordinary, bargain brand cat food.

Cathy wouldn’t even consider calling him Gray Boy or Blackie. Smoke just seemed to fit. By now, I was contemplating just giving each one of them a number.

A big Purina truck, straight from the factory, delivers to our house every other Thursday. We have at least one cat eating somewhere in and around our house every single minute of every waking hour.

That boa constrictor is up to my neck....

**Respectfully,
Kes**

Obituaries



WILLIAM MILAM SR
1935 – 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of William Clarence Milam Senior on March 7, 2025, in Henry.

William was born on May 13, 1935, in Henry.

Affectionately known as “W.C.” Milam or “Pops”, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He attended Central High School in Paris (Class of 1953). He worked at Mark 1 Plastics in Henry for over 30 years, and enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He was a hard-working man who provided endlessly for his family and was a man of few words, although very wise and kind.

He was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of Cole’s Chapel C.M.E. Church, where he was a past trustee, assistant usher and a reliable handyman. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

He is survived and cherished by his two children, William Milam, Jr. (Ella) of Henry and Lisa Carroll Webb (Ronnie) of Hollow Rock; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Patsy Blakemore of Henry; and a host of nieces, nephews, additional relatives and friends.

William was preceded in death by his precious wife of 47 years, Betty Jean Milam; son Jammie Milam; granddaughter Brittany Webb; parents George and Nell Milam; his brothers, James (J.B.) Breedlove Milam, George Quiteman and O.C. Milam; and a sister, Dorothy Alexander.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at McPhearson-Rawls Funeral Home in Paris. Minister Diamond Payne will officiate. Interment follows in Greenwood Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, March 14 at McPhearson-Rawls Funeral Home.

KAY NOLEN WARD
1941 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Kay Nolen Ward, 83, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Monday, March 10, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home, with Bro. Matt Floyd officiating. Interment followed in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Ward was born August 21, 1941, in Carroll

County, to the late William Edward and Viola Boyd Nolen. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Ward, and six brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a son, Stan Lee (Benita) of Hollow Rock, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

TERRI KING
1953 – 2025

McKENZIE — A memorial service for Teri King was Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Ms. King, 71, died at Huntsville Hospital on Thursday, February 27, 2025. She was born in Jackson, on April 26, 1953, to Bernice T. Coleman and Dorothy Mundy Coleman.

She is survived by her children, Jesse (Nicole) King of Madison, Ala., Michael King of Knoxville, and Windy King of McKenzie; a sister, Lisa Summers of Paris; a brother, Donald (Alice) Coleman of Murfreesboro and four grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Kelsie Hyer.

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

JO ANNE BENNETT
1938 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Jo Anne Bennett, 86, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Harmony Hill Assisted Living.

Funeral Services were Thursday March 6, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was at Palmer Shelter Cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett was born March 2, 1938, to the late Tommy Yarbrough and Irene Neely Yarbrough. She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Robert Bennett.

She is survived by three daughters, Kathy (Roger) Hanks of Atwood, Jan (Alan) Kinningham of Jackson, and Judy (Steve) Parish of Huntingdon; one son, Robert “Bob” D. Bennett of Huntingdon; eight grandchildren, Kisha (P.J.) Pittman, Elizabeth Abernathy, Jessica (Justin) Brazzell, Drew (Kirby) Kinningham, Bennett (Danielle) Kinningham, Adam (Hillary) Parish, Ryan Parish and Brandon (Melissa) Bennett; 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

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

MEAGAN MANCELL
1991 – 2025

GREENFIELD — A memorial service for Meagan Mancell, 33, of McKenzie, was March 5 at Williams Funeral Home.

Meagan was born March 31, 1991, and died February 19, 2025.

Meagan is survived by daughters Isabella Mancell, Emma Mancell and Cyrena Mancell; father Jim-

my Collins of McKenzie; brother Chris Hatchel and wife Melissa of Greenfield; along with lifelong partner Christopher Mancell. She also leaves behind Kennith Scott and wife Janette, Kennith Scott Hatchel, Kody Hatcel, Kimberly Hatcel, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by her mother Cynthia K. Scott.

MARY HARRIS
1949 – 2025

Mary Harris, 76, of McKenzie died Friday, February 28, 2025, at Cherrywood Post Acute in McKenzie.

Mary was born January 24, 1949.

Services were March 8 at Wingo Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Interment followed in Wingo Cemetery.

McPhearson-Rawls Funeral Home - Paris, 731-642-1515

PAT A. ADAMS
1944 – 2025

Pat A. Adams, 80, of Hollow Rock died Sunday, March 9 at Henry County Healthcare in Paris.

Pat was born October 7, 1944, in McKenzie to the late Jackson Andrew Adams and the late Pauline Sawyer Helms.

He married Mary Natalie Yarbrough Adams, who survives, on December 23, 1966.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Tammy (Deon) Taylor of Florida, Patty (Bobby) Brotherton of Hollow Rock, Tracy (Brian Webb) Houston of Paris, and Patrick (Brandi) Adams of Atwood; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Shell and Annie Mai Winston; five brothers, George Adams, Albert Adams, Virgil Adams, James Adams and Homer Eugene Adams; and one great-grandchild, Peyton Hamilton.

Ridgeway Funeral Home, Paris, is handling the arrangements. Visitation is Wednesday, March 12 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The funeral service is Wednesday at 2 p.m., with James Ellington officiating.

Ronnie Bennett, Gary Lindsey, Brian Webb, Bobby Brotherton, Dennis Coleman and Junior Coleman will serve as pallbearers.

Burial follows the service at New Hope Methodist Church Cemetery in Hollow Rock.

BILLIE SPAIN
1933 – 2025

Mrs. Billie Faye Spain, 91, of Huntingdon died Wednesday, March 5 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

Graveside Services are Wednesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. at Lavinia Methodist Cemetery with Bro. Nathan Horton officiating.

The family will receive friends in the Cherrywood room of Chase Funeral Home on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Spain was born on

April 22, 1933, in Scotts Hill, Tenn., to the late Willie Thomas and Velma White Mangrum.

Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Spain, a sister, Louise Barnes, and two brothers, R.T. Mangrum and Pete Mangrum.

She is survived by two daughters, Vicki Paris of Bells and Lori Adams (Jerry) of Huntingdon; a brother, Harold Mangrum of Oakland, Tennessee; a granddaughter, Leslie Young (Jeremy) of Friendship; two grandsons, Brian Adams (Julie) of Humboldt and Kyle Adams (Jessica) of Huntingdon; and six great-grandchildren, Drake Young, Lydia Young, Briley Adams, Hayes Adams, Weston Adams and Kase Adams.

BETTE BROWN
1930 – 2025

Mrs. Bette Jane Brown, 94, of Huntingdon died Sunday, March 9 at Lifecare Center of Bruceton.

Graveside funeral services are Friday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at Liberty All Cemetery with Bro. Doug Sellers officiating.

The family will receive friends on Friday in the Chapel from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia at alz.org or to the Carroll County Humane Society.

Mrs. Brown was born November 18, 1930, in Montgomery, Ill., to the late Adolf and Frances (Walter) Becker. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ebenezer Brown, five sisters and four brothers.

She is survived by six children: Sandy Ingram (Robert) of Scobey, Mississ., Jenny Kitselman (Kurt) of Orange, Calif., Bob Brown of Lexington, Cathy Parish (Donald) of Huntingdon, Richard Brown (Lisa) of Lexington and Paul Brown of Westport. She also leaves ten grandchildren, Heather Carper (Brad) of Water Valley, Miss.; Jessica Kelley (Benji) of Chapel Hill, Virginia; Lissy Vaughn of Roanoke, Va.; Katie Kitselman (Joe) of Castle Rock, Colo.; Steve Kitselman (Angel) of Anaheim Hills, Calif.; LaTasha Woodell (Chip) of Huntingdon; Amanda Sauls (BJ) of Hollow Rock; Britanny Brown (Mandi) of Knoxville; Holly Mitchell (Chris) of Henderson; and Caroline Parish of Huntingdon; twenty-two great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

DAN SMOTHERS
1953 – 2025

Mr. Dan Smothers, 71, of Huntingdon died Wednesday March 5 at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were March 8 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment followed at New Spring Hill Cemetery, with Brother Lathan McLean officiating.

Mr. Smothers was born May 28, 1953, to the late Dilver Smothers and Francis Newbill Smothers. He was preceded in death by two

brothers, Lynn Dale Smothers and Steve Smothers.

He is survived by wife Diane Smothers; one daughter, Alicia (Tim) Runions of Hollow Rock; one son, Terry Hollingsworth of Paris; three sisters, Hope (Dale) Vinson of McMoresville; Kathy (George) Norman of Huntingdon; and Kay (Ronnie) Story of McKenzie; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and cousin Kenny Smothers.

Pallbearers were Randy Miller, Cameron Miller, Terry Hollingsworth, Kelly Story, Ronnie Story and Mark Simpson.

KAREN WILSON
1965 – 2025

Mrs. Karen Wilson, 59, of McKenzie, passed away Monday, March 10, 2025, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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

ANDREW BELL
2005 – 2025

A memorial service for Andrew Calvin Bell at McMoresville Baptist Church is Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. with a Celebration of Life to follow.

Mr. Bell, 19, died at St. Thomas Midtown, Nashville on March 4. He is a 2024 graduate of West Carroll High School. He was born on June 21, 2005, in McKenzie to Robert E. Bell and Tammy J. Griffin.

He is survived by his parents Robert (Ashley) Bell of Huntingdon and Tammy Griffin of Camden; siblings Kaisley Bell of Grand Junction, Colo.; Adeline Bell of Huntingdon; Haley Griffin of Camden; Ashley Odom of Camden; Payton Bell, Jaxon Bell and Ethan Walls, all of Huntingdon; maternal grandparents Teresa Duren of Paris and Wendell Griffin of Rutherford; great-grandfather Ray White of Rutherford, paternal grandparents Thomas (Thelma) Bell of Gleason, Aunts Pamela (Don) LaRue of Las Vegas and Cynthia Harbonson of McKenzie; and uncles Billy (Shayla) Griffin of South Fulton; Eddie(Pamela) Bell and Teddy Bell all of Eva; David (Hollie) Bell and Michael Bell, all of Gleason.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandparents Margaret White, Calvin (Katie) Duren, Eddie (Mavis) Bell and Gilbert (Virgina) Bellew and uncle Michael Griffin.

MARGIE ADAMS
1928 – 2025

Margie Ingram Adams died March 4, 2025.

Graveside service for Margie was March 7, with burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie.

She was born September 5, 1928, in Benton County, Tenn., to Jess and Dora (Cole) Ingram.

She is survived by her daughters, Cathy (Dan) Cochran of Atlanta; and Becky (Michael) Hagler of McKenzie; son, Mike (Debra) Adams of Muscle Shoals, Ala.; grandchildren, Claire (Brenden) Crowley of Atlanta; Clay (Cassie) Cochran of Chattanooga; Stacey (Bryan) Roberts of Greenfield; Julie (Brian) Cook of McKenzie; Anna (Justin) Hawkins of Jonesboro, Ark.; Will Adams of Atlanta; and Jordan (Peter) Schumacher of Atlanta; twenty-one great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 71 years, William Adams; and sisters Ruth Johns, Dale Willis and Anne Severs.

Pallbearers were grandsons Clay Cochran and Will Adams and great-grandsons West Cook, Trey Cook, Noah Hawkins and Jake Mayberry.

TIMOTHY SHAWN
‘TIM’ REYNOLDS
1965 – 2025

Timothy Shawn “Tim” Reynolds of Lexington died Friday, March 7 at West Tennessee Healthcare in Jackson.

Tim was born April 19, 1965, in Martin to the late Bobby and Mary Lucille Greenup Reynolds.

He is survived by a brother, Mark (Jennifer) Reynolds of Henry; two sons, Scott (Kaitlyn) Reynolds of Lexington and Jake Reynolds; and five grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by an infant sister, Kimberly Dawn Reynolds.

Tim was cremated.

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State Unemployment Holds Steady in January

NASHVILLE — Unemployment in Tennessee held steady in January, matching the rate from December, according to new data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the month came in at 3.7%, while December’s rate was revised to 3.7%.

In a year-to-year comparison, statewide unemployment for January went from 3.2% to 3.7%.

Tennessee continued to outperform the U.S. unemployment rate in January and was three-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 4%. The U.S. rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point from a month ago and is up three-tenths

of a percentage point from its January 2024 rate of 3.7%.

Over the past year, Tennessee employers added 21,500 jobs. Government accounted for the biggest gains, followed by the Mining, Logging, and Construction and the Leisure and Hospitality sectors.

Between December 2024 and January 2025, total non-farm employment in Tennessee decreased by 10,100 jobs. The largest decreases were in the Private Education and Health Services, Accommodation and Food Services, and the Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities sectors.

A complete economic analysis of the January 2025 statewide unemployment data is available here.

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Because of the program’s success, Tennessee’s adult education program is the most improved in the country, according to new rankings from the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education.

Tennesseans can take adult education classes at no cost.

The state of Tennessee will release January 2025

unemployment data for each of the 95 counties on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNSHINE WEEK IS MARCH 16-22

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TCAT-McKENZIE SKILLSUSA FUNDRAISERS

Are you hungry to help SkillsUSA competitors compete at the state level? TCAT Henry/Carroll at McKenzie's local SkillsUSA officers are hosting multiple fundraisers to raise money for state competition. Come out and support our competitors going to the 2025 STATE Leadership and Skills Conference.

Friday, March 14 at 8:30 a.m. — Mr. Zak Crider's breakfast plate. Comes with 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon and milk or orange juice for \$7 per plate.

Friday, April 4 at 11 a.m. — Mr. Tim Fann's chili plate. Comes with 2 chili dogs and a bag of chips for \$6 per plate.

TOWN OF HUNTINGDON CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

A called meeting of the Huntingdon Town Council is Tuesday, March 11 at 5:15 p.m. at city hall for the purpose of appointing an interim chief of police and fire chief.

TOY DRIVE AT FARMERS HOME FURNITURE

In celebration of three years in McKenzie, Farmers Home Furniture is hosting a toy drive from March 17-

22. New toys will be collected for Carroll County Children's Services. Anyone making a donation will receive 15 percent off a furniture purchase. On Saturday, March 22, a birthday party will be all day at the store, with refreshments, animal balloons and giveaways throughout the day.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 94 DRESDEN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

American Legion Post 94 in Dresden hosts a Membership Drive on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 8288 State Route 22, across from the Weakley County School Board office. Hotdogs and soft drinks will be available. Post 94 currently meets bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting is March 20 at 7 p.m. Dinner is served first, followed by the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member or have any other questions, call Dave Brewster at 931-291-6304 or 931-291-6306 and please leave a message or email 1littlefarm@proton.me.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH LENTEN FISH FRY

Holy Family Catholic Church, 256 Cotham Dr., Huntingdon, hosts a Lenten fish fry each Friday in March from 4:30-7 p.m. The price for adults is \$17; children under eight are \$8. Included are catfish, hush puppies, coleslaw, white beans, fries, dessert and a drink.

ONE SOUND CHOIR REUNION AT GREATER ENON

A One Sound Choir reunion is Sunday, March 23 at the 10 a.m. morning worship service a Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church, 313 East Walnut Ave., McKenzie.

WEST CARROLL BAND BENEFIT, SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

A dinner, concert and silent auction are planned for Saturday, April 5 at the Carroll County Civic Center. The doors open at 5 p.m. and the silent auction is 5 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner with entertainment from West Carroll Band Members Jace Hammett, Cole McMinn and Sawyer Sutton is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Songwriters Showcase is 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Brice Ling, Deric Ruttan, and Philip White.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER MARCH EVENTS

McKenzie Senior Center events for March: Wednesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. — Senior movie "Love Hurts" at the Park Theatre. Admission is \$5 and includes movie, popcorn and soda.

Monday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. — St Patrick's Day dance. Music by K&B D.J.'s. Admission is \$5.

All of these events are open to the public. Only the movie is restricted to senior citizens.

McKenzie Senior Center is located at 172 Main St. South.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF WALTER WINCHESTER

A memorial service for former McKenzie Mayor Walter Winchester is Sunday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 25755 Highway 22, McKenzie.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS

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

March 10-14 — Bethel University Spring Break.

March 24-28 — Carroll County Schools Spring Break.

May 1 — National Day of Prayer.

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

May 17 — Bruceton in May.

May 22 — Chamber Golf Tournament.

May 22 — Last day of school spring semester.

May 26 — Huntingdon and McKenzie Memorial Day Celebrations.

June 28 — Eastview Fireworks Celebration.

July 4 — McKenzie and McMoresville July 4th Celebrations.

August 5 — 2025-2026 school year begins.

August 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival.

September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival.

October 13-17 — Fall Break.

October 27 — County Chamber Banquet.

November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market.

November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet.

December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

HUNTINGDON CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK ST. PADDY'S RUN, WALK

The Huntingdon Cross Country and Track and Field teams host a St. Paddy's 1K, 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at Huntingdon Middle School. Entry fee is \$25. Entries may be mailed to Elizabeth Lott, HHS, 475 Mustang Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Please print legibly and include name, age on race day, date of birth, gender, address, telephone number, email and t-shirt size. Make all checks and money orders payable to HGSE: Cross Country/Track and Field.

To be guaranteed a short sleeve t-shirt, please register by March 5. Age group awards will be given at the completion of the race.

CAPITOL TALK DATES RELEASED

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

HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS APRIL 12

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

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Rebels Crush Bradford Red Devils, 20-5

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (March 7) — McKenzie High School baseball hosted Bradford Friday and cruised to a 20-5 win in five innings behind good pitching and two home runs by KD Cunningham.

The visiting Red Devils struck first with three runs in the top of the first, but the Rebels took the lead with four in the home half. Bradford tied it with a run in the second, but McKenzie drove in six in the third. The Red Devils tacked on a run in the fourth, but McKenzie plated ten in the bottom half.

Rebel KD Cunningham was 2-for-4 with two home runs (3-run and a grand slam), eight RBIs and three runs scored. Lelan Gordon was 2-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Cooper Davidson was 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Gage Crosland was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Tate Surber was 1-for-4 with two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Craegen Travis was 0-for-1 with two walks and four runs scored. Cole Brown was 0-for-1 with two walks, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Maddox Shiell was 0-for-2 with two walks, two runs scored and two



Rebel KD Cunningham trots home on a three-run home run in the first inning, awaited at the plate by teammates Craegen Travis and Cooper Davidson. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

stolen bases.

Red Devil Kaden Brauer was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Brodie McDaniel was 1-for-2 with a walk and an RBI. Jax Richardson was 1-for-2 with two runs scored and two stolen bases. Landon Hagan was 0-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Craegen Travis got the start for McKenzie, allowing five runs (four earned) on four hits while walking four and striking out four in three and a third innings. Avery Brown threw the

final inning and two-thirds, allowing no runs on one hit with no walks and two strikeouts.

Brodie McDaniel had the start for Bradford, allowing nine runs (two earned) on three hits while walking five and striking out four. Aldon Cantrell threw a third of an inning, allowing three earned runs on two hits with three walks. Landon Holland pitched the final inning, allowing eight runs (two earned) on three hits while walking three and striking out three.

REGION 6A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels, District 12A runner-up and Region 6A semifinalist. *File photo*

Lady Rebels End Season With Semifinal Loss

BY BRAD SAM
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WAYNESBORO (March 3) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels ended their season Monday with a 62-28 loss in the semifinal round of the Region 6A Girls Basketball Tournament to the tournament host Wayne County Lady Wildcats.

Despite the loss, the Lady Rebels' season was inspiring to watch unfold. Expectations were low for the young team from the onset of the season, and a series of injuries decimating the roster in the early weeks could have set the table for increasing pessimism. But the remaining nine players persevered and improved by leaps and bounds down the stretch.

The Lady Rebels' final record of 14-16 only tells half the story. They were 4-2 in district play in the regular season and nearly pulled off an upset to claim the district title.

Among the wins were some gritty performances and thrilling finishes. Even in defeat (which mostly came at the hands of high-ranking or higher classification teams), they earned the respect and attention of their opponents.

McKenzie girls basketball will surely be on some radars for the next several years. The future looks bright for the young squad, with freshman phenom Jaycee Stafford as

the centerpiece of a dynamic offense loaded with scoring threats.

It was certainly a bitter-sweet ending for the team's lone senior and two-time state champion Sophie Pate. Pate's selfless play on the court brought out the best in her teammates, and her contributions came in many forms.

In the down-to-the-wire district championship game, it fell to Pate to commit a foul to give her team a chance in the final minute, knowing it would send her to the bench with five fouls.

She followed that by hitting six three-pointers in McKenzie's region quarter-final win a few days later. Though not written in stone at the time, it would turn out to be her final game on her home court. The cozy lead she helped build allowed Coach Dru Emerson the luxury of taking Pate out of the game in the final minute in a classic "curtain call" moment to thunderous cheers and applause from the red and gray faithful.

Wayne County Lady Wildcats 62, McKenzie Lady Rebels 28

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 22-3 lead after the opening frame, led by Blair Baugus with ten points, including a three-pointer. Emma Bryant scored six,

Presley Daniel had four points, and Mary Grace Littleton had a pair. Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford hit a three-pointer.

Wayne County built the lead with a 16-6 advantage in the second quarter, led by Daniel and Lou Prater with five points each, Prater with a three. Baugus scored four, and Bryant added a pair. Stafford led McKenzie with four points, and Braylin Auvenshine had a pair. At the half, Wayne County led 38-9.

The Lady Wildcats had an 11-10 edge in the third, led by Daniel with four points. Bryant hit a three, and Baugus and Prater each added a pair. Stafford scored seven for the Lady Rebels with a three-pointer, and Ava Hastings also hit a three. Heading into the final frame, the Lady Wildcats led 49-19.

Wayne County capped the win with a 13-9 tilt in the fourth, led by Baugus with five points. Daniel scored four, and Prater and Littleton each added a pair. Stafford scored four McKenzie points. Molly French hit a three-pointer, and Aurora Johnson had a pair.

Lady Wildcat Blair Baugus led all scorers with 21 points, including a three-pointer. Presley Daniel scored 17, and Emma Bryant had eleven with a three.

Jaycee Stafford led McKenzie with 18 points, including a pair of threes.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Left, Mustang Kenton Smith gets under the defender and extends to the basket. Right, Filly Knox Bennett drains a three-pointer. *Photos courtesy Russell Bush/Huntingdon Sports Pics*

Fillies, Mustangs Fall In Region Semifinals

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Huntingdon Sports Pics

The Huntingdon High School basketball season came to an end in the semifinals of the Region 6-2A tournament in Centerville last week at Hickman County High School.

The Fillies lost to the Cheatham County Lady Cubs 59-49 on Monday night and the Mustangs lost to Harpeth 63-60 on Tuesday night.

Cheatham County Lady Cubs 59, Huntingdon Fillies 49

On Monday night, the Fillies were never able to overcome an early poor shooting night and turnovers to spot the Lady Cubs a 15-0 lead to start the game before a Sara Beth Smith basket broke the run for the Lady Cubs. The Fillies let Cheatham County build the lead to 16 as the Lady Cubs led 25-9 after the first quarter of play.

The Fillies played a little better in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Cubs 14-9 in the frame, but still trailed 34-23 at the half. The Fillies then made a run on the strength of three-point shooting by freshman Knox Bennett who made three shots from behind the arc in the quarter. Delaney Byars added a three, and the Fillies trailed 42-40 entering the final period.

The Fillies, however, spent a lot of energy making the comeback from being down by as many as 16, and the Lady Cubs outscored the Fillies 17-9 in the final period for the win.

The Fillies were plagued by foul trouble as three players fouled out, and Cheatham County went to the line 20 times in the game to the Fillies' six attempts.

The Fillies were led by Bennett's 18 points as she made six three-pointers, Smith scored 16, Byars 6, Josey Stokes 6, and Grier Bartholomew 3.

Cheatham was led by Sydnee Mitchell with 19, Montana Lee, Grace Wealdey and Emore Orange with 10 and Hawks with 9.

The Fillies finished the season with a 23-8 record, a regular season district championship, runner-up in district tournament and a semifinal appearance in the region.

Harpeth Indians 63, Huntingdon Mustangs 60

It was a tail of two halves for the Mustangs on Tuesday night as they used their defense and fast break offense to build a 13-point lead at the half. In the first half, the Mustangs trailed 10-7 at one point but scored the next 20 points to take a 27-10 lead before Harpeth cut the lead to 35-22 at the half.

The second half saw the

Indians get hot from behind the three-point line, and the Mustangs offense stalled. The Indians used a half court trap offense to force several Mustang turnovers. The Indians outscored the Mustangs 24-12 in the third quarter to trail 47-46 at the end of the frame.

The Indians then bested the Mustangs 17-13 in the final quarter for the win. The Mustangs trailed 63-60 with 9.8 seconds left in the game but a three-point shot fell short ending the Mustangs' season.

The Mustangs were led in the game by junior Caleb Ezell who scored 21 points and made the only three-pointers for the Mustangs as he made four from long distance, Kenton Smith had 17 points, Braylin Dearmon 15, EJ Lewis 6, and Hayes Eubanks 1.

The Indians made 12 three-pointers for the game, and eight of those came in the second half. Six of those in the second half came from CJ Turner who made seven for the night and scored 26 points to lead all scorers. Caiden Johnson was the only player other than Turner in double figures for the Indians with 13.

The Mustangs finished the season with a record of 19-12, regular season and tournament district titles and a semifinal appearance in the region.

REGION 6A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The McKenzie High School Rebels, Region 6A semifinalists. *File photo*

Rebels End Season with Semifinal Loss to McEwen in Overtime, 57-56

BY BRAD SAM
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WAYNESBORO (March 5) — The McKenzie High School Rebels ended their season Wednesday with a thrilling overtime loss to McEwen, 57-56, in the semifinal round of the Region 6A Boys Basketball Tournament hosted by Wayne County High School.

McKenzie finishes the year with a 16-15 record, with several losses the Rebels would love to have back, but just as many impressive wins to hang their hats on.

The game was the final for six senior Rebel players, Tate Surber, Carter Kee, Landyn Smith, Craegen Travis, KD Cunningham and Landon Brown, as well as three senior managers, Jacey Pinson, Ally Gibson and Kyla Beveridge, and four senior cheerleaders, Baylee Barden, Reese Gallimore, Lydia Pate and Laila Scott.

Surber ends his McKenzie High School basketball career as the program's all-time leading scorer with 1,780 points.

McEwen Warriors 57, McKenzie Rebels 56 (OT)

Momentum lurched back and forth in the contest, which was the third meeting of the teams this season. McEwen won the first two

meetings by eight and 21 points, respectively.

The Rebels jumped out to a 14-6 lead after the opening frame, led by Craegen Travis with six points. Tate Surber scored five, and Carter Kee hit a three-pointer at the buzzer. Warrior Zeke Harrington scored four points, and Ty Greene had a pair.

McEwen seized control in the second quarter with a 17-3 advantage, led by Case Greene with nine points. Harrington, T. Greene, Caleb Coates and Hawkins Winstead each had a pair. Surber added a pair for McKenzie, and Cole Brown hit a free throw. At the half, the Warriors led 23-17.

McKenzie took a point off of the deficit with an 11-10 edge in the third, led by Kee with five points, including a three. Surber, Travis and Eli Vinson each had a pair. Coates hit a three for McEwen. Harrington, C. Greene and Landon Davis each had a pair, and T. Greene hit a freebie. Heading into the final frame, the Warriors led 33-28.

The Rebels forced overtime with a 17-12 tilt in the fourth, but not before McEwen started the quarter on an 8-0 run to open up a 13-point lead. McKenzie answered with eight straight, then pulled within two points a couple of times before Surber

er tied it at 45-45 with half a minute to play in regulation. Surber led the way in the frame with eight points. Kee scored five with a three, Brown hit a three, and Travis hit a free throw. Coates led the Warriors with eight, including a pair of threes. Davis and C. Greene each added a pair.

The Warriors held on to a 12-11 edge in overtime for the win. The Rebels struck first as Surber put them up two, their first lead since the second quarter. Davis scored four straight to give McEwen the lead, and C. Greene pushed it to five with a three-pointer. Surber scored and Kee hit a pair of free throws to pull within one, but T. Greene went to the line and hit one of two. Travis tied it again at 53-53, but Coates hit four straight free throws for a 57-53 lead with nine seconds to play. Surber hit a quick three-pointer, but time expired with the Rebels still down a point.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 24 points, including a three-pointer. Carter Kee scored 15 with a trio of threes, and Craegen Travis had eleven points.

Caleb Coates led McEwen with 17 points, including a pair of threes. Case Greene scored 16 with a three.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Fillies Win at McKenzie

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (March 6) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels hosted Huntingdon Thursday for a chilly softball game. The visiting Fillies scored in each of the five innings played for a 12-2 win.

Huntingdon scored a run in each of the first two innings, then added three in the top of the third. The Lady Rebels scored a pair in the bottom of the third, but the Fillies plated four in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Huntingdon's Bailey Cary was 1-for-3 with a home run, a walk, four RBIs and a run scored. Delaney Byars was 2-for-3 with a triple, a walk, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Taylor Canovan was 1-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Karter Moore was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Kylie Tippitt was 1-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base. Josey Stokes was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Ellie Wilson was 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored.

Lady Rebel Maggie Hall was 1-for-3 with a run scored and a stolen base. Kailie Hudgins was 1-for-2. Aubrey Jackson was 0-for-1 with two walks and a run scored. Braylin Auvenshine was 0-for-2 with



Above, Bailey Cary earned the complete-game win for the Fillies, allowing two earned runs on two hits with six walks and five strikeouts in five innings. Below, Lady Rebel pitcher Aurora Johnson fields a grounder and fires to first baseman Ady Freeman for the out. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*



a walk and an RBI.

Bailey Cary earned the complete-game win for the Fillies, allowing two earned runs on two hits with six walks and five strikeouts in five innings.

Aurora Johnson took the complete-game loss for McKenzie, allowing 12 runs (six earned) on ten hits while walking five and striking out five over five innings.

Carroll County Sheriff Reports

Domestic Assault — On 02/28/25, Carroll County Deputies were dispatched to a home on Bobbitt Road in Bruceton for a possible domestic situation. Deputy Bongiovanni arrived and met Gregory Allen Harvey, 51, of Bruceton outside of the home. Gregory stated his girlfriend had scratched him, so he defended himself, but then changed his story to she slapped him, but Gregory didn't have any marks. After speaking to his girlfriend, she had visible markings on her face from being struck by a closed fist. The victim stated after he hit her and busted her lip he continued to yell and spit on her until she was able to run away and call the police. Harvey was arrested for domestic assault.

Drug/Narcotic Violation — On 02/28/2025, Deputy Chance Townes initiated a traffic stop on a 2000 Mitsubishi light blue in color for failure to maintain lane, but the vehicle took off instead of stopping. After a chase ensued the car eventually wrecked on Providence Cemetery Road causing the driver, Kevin Jones, 36, of McKenzie, to be arrested. After a search was done on Jones and his vehicle he was charged with felony evading, possession of fentanyl, methamphetamine, marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia — On 02-28-25, Deputy Alex Sherwood was dispatched to a home in Huntingdon in reference to a disorderly person at this home. Joshua Morris Gray, 44, of Huntingdon, was screaming and making threats toward the complainant's children; he was reported trespassing and attempting to set fire to a shed on the property. Gray was extremely uncooperative and aggressive towards law enforcement. After being arrested, meth was found in his pants pockets.

Driving on Revoked/Suspended License — On 03-01-25, Deputy Alex Sherwood conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Clarksburg for failing to maintain lane of travel. Cheryle Anne Baughn, 35,

of Medina, was the driver and sole occupant of the car. She had a suspended driver's license and an active Violation of Probation warrant out of Jackson. She was placed under arrest and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft of License Plate — On 03/01/25, Jacob and Alisha Holland reported that the license plate on Jacob's truck was reported stolen. He suspects someone came into his driveway the night before and stole it off his truck. Nothing else to report right now.

Simple Assault — On 03/02/25, Deputy Alex Sherwood was dispatched to a home in Bruceton in reference to a physical disturbance and threats being made. Upon arrival, Dylan Carfi and Allizae'e Neill, 22, of Dover, were sitting in a car waiting. Allizae'e Neill had a laceration near her right eye and scratch marks on her neck.

She advised that someone hit her, and she was inside the residence at that time; and Neill appeared to be very intoxicated. Carly Anderson made the 911 call and was inside with another female, Bailey Underwood and a male Kelsie Jablonski was present with them. They advised they were at a bonfire across the street and there hadn't been issues. Then Allizae left and added Carly on snapchat and sent a threatening message to her. Carly apparently blocked her, and Allizae returned to the property.

Bailey went outside to ask her to leave the property, and she allegedly hit Bailey and bit her in the right hand and a struggle ensued. During the altercation, Kelsie attempted to break up the fight when he was hit in the left eye by Allizae causing visible injury. Kelsie did not prosecute for the assault; however, Bailey did wish to proceed with charges. Based upon the statements made, Allizae was the primary aggressor and placed under arrest for assault.

Drug/Narcotic Violation — On 03/02/25, Deputy Sunny Crews-Sherwood was dispatched to Clarksburg Church of

Christ for a suspicious person. On arrival, Deputy Crews met Ray Brian Russel, 51, of Huntingdon, who had a strong smell of marijuana on him.

Russel had been staying in the back room of the church where HVAC systems are kept. He stated that he had been there for a while. The church members stated the past three weeks they could smell marijuana but didn't know where it was coming from. After searching, he had a large amount of marijuana buds in a plastic jar and ground up marijuana in a separate smaller plastic jar weighing about 60 grams. Also recovered was a pipe, two vapes, and a cannabis bag. Russell stated he brought the marijuana from Michigan and brought it back with him. He was booked into Carroll County Jail.

Dog at Large — On 03/04/25 a victim on Connie Allen Road called in a dog at large situation. The dog was in her yard growling at her and pooping in her yard. The owner called the dog into the garage before deputies got there. On 02/26/25, Sergeant Kenny Tucker told the owner of the dog Sara Lee Mitchell, 42, of McKenzie, that if another call was made, she would be cited into court. The defendant will be cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for animals at large and given 10 days to book into Carroll County Jail.

Drug/Narcotic Violation — On 03/06/25, deputy Alex Sherwood was dispatched to Holmes Street in Trezevant in reference to subjects on the caller's property trying to get into their cars. Deputy Sherwood observed the defendant sitting in a car apparently stuck in the field next to the caller's residence. A strong odor of marijuana came off the defendant, David Autry, 39, of Trezevant, because he had 12 grams of marijuana in a baggy on his person. After giving permission to search, in David's out building where he resides, two females opened the door and marijuana was immediately detected. On the nightstand was another bag of marijuana and 3 grams of methamphetamine.



Left, Rebel Tate Surber earned the win, allowing two earned runs on one hit while walking four and striking out six in four innings. Right, Rebel shortstop Cole Brown fires to first base for the out. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Top Lions, 6-2

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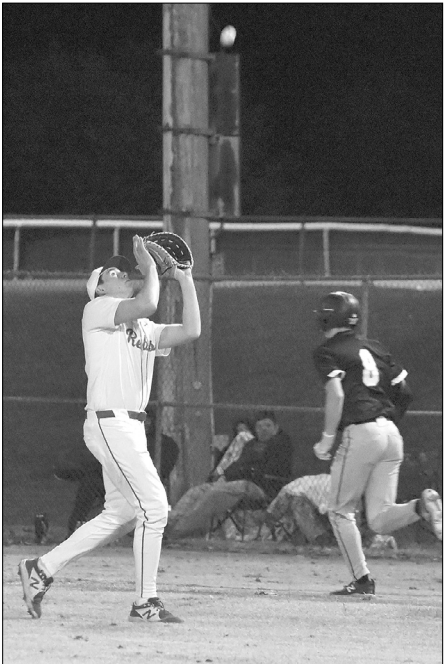
McKENZIE (March 6) — The McKenzie High School Rebels hosted Camden Thursday to start the baseball season. A four-run first was the difference as the Rebels took the win, 6-2.

The visiting Lions cut their deficit in half with two runs in the top of the second, but McKenzie added a run in the third and another in the fourth to complete the scoring.

Rebel Craegen Travis was 2-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Cooper Davidson was 1-for-2 with a double, two walks, an RBI and a run scored. Maddox Shiell was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Cole Brown was 0-for-2 with two walks, a run scored and a stolen base. KD Cunningham was 0-for-3 with two RBIs.

Lion Gage Johnson was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI and a stolen base. Bryson Bivens was 1-for-2 with a stolen base. Eli Lantrendesse was 1-for-3.

Rebel Tate Surber earned the win, allowing two earned runs on one hit while walking four and striking out six in four innings. Ripken Thompson threw three shutout innings in relief, allowing two hits while walking none and striking out two. Maddox Trull took the loss for Camden, allowing six runs (three earned) on three



Rebel first baseman Craegen Travis charges the infield to get under a shallow pop-up for the out. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

hits while walking eight and striking out eight over five innings. Carter Maines threw one shutout inning in relief, allowing one hit with one walk and three strikeouts.

McKenzie Police Reports

Assault/Aggravated Assault Against a First Responders / Resisting Arrest / Domestic Assault — On 3/4/2025, Patrolman McClure went to Main St. N in reference to a warrant for Keon Williams, out of Henry County for Domestic Assault. As he approached the residence, he observed a male subject matching Mr. Williams description rounding the corner of the kitchen through the window.

Ptlm. McClure knocked on the front door, as he made contact with the home owner he requested if Keon J. Williams was at the residence. The homeowner made an attempt to act as if Mr. Williams was not present. After it was advised that he was seen through the window the homeowner allowed entry into the house.

As Ptlm. McClure made entry, Mr. Williams exited the rear door, and pushed Ptlm. Cunningham in an attempt to run away from officers trying to affect an arrest on him. Ptlm. McClure exited the residence through the rear door, and made contact with Mr. Williams as Ptlm. Cunningham was attempting to gain control of him.

Keon was struggling and resisting officers trying to handcuff him. After a brief struggle, Keon Williams was under control and was handcuffed, and advised dispatch of the assault on a first responder. Keon was placed into my patrol car and transported to the Carroll County Jail for the proper booking procedures on the following: Assault on a 1st responder - Bond \$5,000; Resisting stop, halt, arrest - Bond \$2,500; Warrant 24-CR-2064 - For Domestic assault - Hold for Henry County.

Driving Unregistered Vehicle / Driving on Suspended/Revoked License / Seat Belt Law — On 3/3/2025, Patrolman McClure observed a grey 2009 Nissan ATS bearing no registration traveling south on Highland Dr. from Cherrywood.

He initiated a traffic stop on the above-mentioned vehicle for no visible registration. He learned the

driver, Clare A. Joyner, had a suspended license out of TN. Also requested was the status of insurance on the vehicle. Joyner advised she did not. The plate lights on the vehicle did not appear to be functional when the trunk was opened. She also did not have her seatbelt on and fastened when the officer approached the vehicle. The vehicle's vin was run through dispatch and the vehicle was not registered to Ms. Joyner, Ms. Joyner advised she had purchased the vehicle and not had a chance to register it.

She was advised she would be cited into Carroll County General Sessions and advised of the 10-day book-in for the proper procedure on the following: Driving on Suspended (1st); Seat belt law; Display of plates; Financial Responsibility and Driving unregistered vehicle.

Criminal Simulation — On 03/05/2025, Ptlm. Dillon was dispatched to 15671 Highland Dr. McKenzie, TN, 38201 (Dollar General) for a subject attempting to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill.

The officer spoke with the Manager Zachary Huguely, who advised that a male subject attempted to purchase a gift card with a counterfeit \$100 bill. Huguely stated that the bill had no water markings and had Chinese writing characters on the back. He also stated the male subject was an older white male, with light colored hair.

Huguely stated that he would get camera footage on a thumb drive. Ptlm. Dillon spoke with Investigator Beauchamp by phone and advised him of the incident.

Leaving the Scene of an Accident / Driving on Suspended/Revoked License — On 03/07/2025, dispatch advised officers of a hit and run that had just occurred at the Cedar St. Plaza. The caller advised a black Ford F-150 was traveling West on Cedar from the location and had struck another vehicle in the parking lot.

Ptlm. McClure advised he was with the pickup on Stonewall St. The resi-

dent was clearly intoxicated. He stated that he was driven home by a female from Rivals (1916 Cedar St, McKenzie, TN 38201). He refused to advise who was driving. Sgt. Davis who was on the scene with the reporting party.

The intoxicated resident had made multiple phone calls to the driver and "her uncle" but refused to tell officers on scene who he was talking to. After receiving the insurance information and checking the registration, officers left the scene.

Ptlm. McClure went back to Rivals in an attempt to get footage to try and make contact with the unknown female driver. Having spoken to the manager, who advised the female was trying to make contact when she saw officers pull up and run out the back door. Dispatch was advised of the female trying to leave as McClure made his way to the rear of the building.

While looking for the female in the rear of the building, McClure observed a female and a male going into the rear of Maria's Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill.

The female, Angela D. Freeman, was also intoxicated. Ms. Freeman would not listen to repeated commands to exit and come and talk. Ms. Freeman was detained and moved to the rear of a patrol unit. While speaking to Ms. Freeman, she did admit to driving the vehicle and also admitted to drinking beer before driving to Stonewall St. She advised she did not think she hit the other vehicle, and advised that the passenger had done the damage by hitting the vehicle with his door. The damage to the other vehicle involved could not have been done by a door.

Dispatch advised that Angela Freeman's license was suspended out of Henry County General Sessions with a Suspension date of 02/19/2023.

Ms. Freeman was advised of her driving status and was advised she was being cited into Carroll County General Sessions and advised of the 10-day book into the Carroll County Jail for the proper booking procedure.

Property Transfers

Meredith Beadles Bostian to Rickey Jerome Beadles in District 19.

Wanda Carol Rainey to Sunset Community Investments, LLC.

Katharine Mary and Ronald Holland to Frank and Tracy Kayser in District 4.

Jimmy Ford to Susan Rae Ford in District 17.

Harry Lee and Walter Butler to Harry Lee and Donna Taylor Butler in District 11.

Anthony Hart to Michael Prentiss Carter in District 22.

Atkinson and Peterson, LLC to Jay Maa Chehar, LLC in district 13.

Scott Alan and Christine Ann Adler to Kaitlynn Crosso in District 4.

Jamal Currie to Jamal

Brannon and Megan Renee Currie in District 15.

Brenda Spencer to Larry Belew Spencer in District 16.

James Todd Patton to James Todd and Zaland Ryse Patton in District 16.

Erica Ashby and Charlene Sueann Swierk Boone to Raven Jayde Tharp.

Kent Springer to Dennis D. and Stacey Hames Butler in District 11.

Beau E. Pemberton to Johnnie Ruth Ingram.

Kenneth Denton to Andrew J. and Elizabeth Carey Gajewski in District 16.

CPHTN LLC to Dusty McDaniel in District 2.

Dustin Patrick Smith to Seth E. and Amy M. Rice in District 6.

Johnny and Terri Burlison to Ronnie E. Loyd in District 11.

Michael Gene Autry to Joshua and Jessica Townsend in District 1.

Carolyn Ann White to Michael Lee White in Dis-

trict 21.

Jimmie F. Carter to Tabitha Rena Christman in District 19.

Michael Patrick Williams to Zona Williams.

Tony Tucker to Jessica M. and Bradley Stephen Beck Tucker in District 11.

Janis A. Butler Williams to Edwin Stanley Williams Sr. in District 2.

Kory P. Barker to Kory P. and Ashley Barker in District 19.

Hamid and Fatima Sigahlem Alami to Jennifer Fragoso in District 16.

Edwin Stanley Williams Sr. to Ashley Barker.

Leslie Ann and William O. Shook to Shook Family living trust in district 23.

Bobby Gatlin to Carrie Gatlin.

Robert Bradley Cantrell to Scott V. Cunningham in District 22.

Corrie and Flora Taylor to Fred and Beverly Stewart in District 21.

the vehicle, and the driver, Timothy Chappel, 58, had a suspended license, expired tags, and lack of financial responsibility. He was cited in General Sessions.

pickup truck traveling at a high speed on Buena Vista Road. Officer McDowell performed a traffic stop on

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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Breaking News & UPDATES

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General Sessions

Nahuel Astudillo — Southaven, Mississippi, 38672 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Theft (Up To \$1000) Sentenced At 75%, Jail Sentence Suspended Except 4 Days, No Contact With Walmart.

Juan Canales — Lavinia, TN 38348 — Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Theft Of Firearm < \$2,500. Guilty Plea-As Charged' Entered On Vandalism (Up To \$1,000) Sentence Entered Jail Sentence Suspended Expect 23 Days With Supervised Through State Probation. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Joyriding - Unauthorized Use Auto/Other Vehicles.

John Casey — Paris, TN 38242 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Meth - Possess Or Casual Exchange, Jail Sentence Suspended Except 30 Days, Supervised Probation For Balance Alcohol /Drug Evaluation And Counseling. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Possession Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities. 'Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi For Financial Responsibility Law.

Rebecca S Farrar — Camden, TN 38320 — Dismissed - Traffic School Driving While License Suspended. Dismissed - Traffic School Speeding.

Tara Lorine Flowers — Atwood, TN 38220 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Driving While License Suspended, Payment Arrangements Through Clerks Office. Shall Attend Driving School For Speeding.

Kiowa Patrick Geans — Huntingdon, TN 38344 — Pre-Trial Diversion Vandalism (Up To \$1,000). Sentence Entered For 90 Days Jail Sentence Suspended To Time Serve With Supervised Probation For Balance At 75%.

Gavin Maliek Guthrie — Bruceton, TN 38317 — Guilty Plea-As Charge Public Intoxication. Sentence Payment Arrangements Through Clerks Office And Jail Sentence Suspended Expect Time Served.

James Henry — McKenzie, TN 38201 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Probation Violation, 30 Days Sentence Suspended Except For 11 Days May Serve Of Consecutive Weekends Probation Extended For 5 Months.

Marcelo Hernandez — Yuma, TN 38390 — Guilty Plea-As Charged For DUI: First Offense. \$350 Fine, 48 Hours Report, Supervised Probation Until Paid In Full And Compliant, Not To Drive In Tn For 1 Year. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Driving Without License. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Registration Law. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Financial Responsibility Law. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Driving On Roadways Laned For Traffic.

James Ivory Hoard, III — McKenzie, TN 38201.

Destiny Jones — McKenzie, TN 38201 — Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Burglary - Auto/Boat/Airplane Other Motor Vehicle.

Jennifer Jordan — McK-

enzie, TN 38201 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Public Intoxication, 30 Days In Carroll County Jail Class 2 Misdemeanor, Jail Sentence Suspended Expect Unsupervised Probation.

Colton Blake Kyle — Bruceton, TN 38317 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Probation Violation, Sentence Release Eligibility Date Is 75 % Of Term Of Imprisonment.

Cindy Marie Lovell — Huntingdon, TN 38344 — Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Meth - Mfg, Deliver, Sell, Poss With Intent.

Drake Lovell — Hollow Rock, TN 38342 — Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Light Law - Motor Vehicle. Driving While License Suspended For Drake Lovell Sentence Cost Taxed To Prosecutor Count #2 State's Motion To Not Prosecute. Found Guilty Of Violation Driving On Suspended Sentenced To Serve 6 Month In Carroll County Jail. Jail Sentence Suspended Except Time Served / Supervised Probation For Sentence Until Paid.

Amanda McDaniel — Huntingdon, TN 38344 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Joyriding - Unauthorized Use Auto/Other Vehicles. Jail Sentence Suspended Except 90 Days No Contact With Carroll Co Motors. Release Eligibility Date Is 75 % Defendant Is Required To Seek Mental Health Treatment And Follow Recommendation, Defendant To Provide Proof Of Assessment And Medication Management To Probation Officer.

Sydney Owens — Paris, TN 38242 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities. 75% Sentenced Serve Supervised Probation For 11 Mos 29 Days Less Time Served Time Served Credit 12 Days May Go To Unsupervised Probation Once All Conditions Met. Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Criminal Impersonation.

Jarrid Dewayne Sterling — Camden, TN 38320 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Schedule Ii Drugs: Mfg, Del, Sell, Poss. Found Guilty Of Violation Of Probation 11/29 In Carroll County Jail Release Eligibility Date Is 75% Timed Served Credit 61 Days. Defendant Can Receive Day-For-Day Credit Upon Successful Completion Of Rehab.

Jarrid Dewayne Sterling — Camden, TN 38320 — Guilty Plea-As Charged Probation Violation - Not Booked. 11/29 In Carroll County Jail Release Eligibility Date Is 75% Timed Served Credit 61 Days Defendant Can Receive Day-For-Day Credit Upon Successful Completion Of Rehab.

Jesse Walls — Henry, TN 38231 — Bound Over To Grand Jury Meth - Possess Or Casual Exchange. Bound Over To Grand Jury Simple Poss/Casual Exchange.

Travis Winston — Scotts Hill, TN 38374 — Dismissal/Nolle Prosequi Driving While License Suspended.

City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated structure located at 710 Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 012F, Group E, Parcel 015.00).

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 ave any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact the City of McKenzie Building Ins tor at 731-352-2292.

Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

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Marriage Licenses

Colin Ray Simonson, Dineesha Aaliyah
24, of Bruceton, to Jas- Hines, 23, of Lexington,
mine Belle Wragge, 23, to Jacob Ray Willis, 25, of
of Bruceton. Cedar Grove.

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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City of McKenzie
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of McKenzie, Tenn., a municipal government, is proposing to construct a soccer complex located at 103 Mulberry Park in McKenzie, Tenn.

The City of McKenzie, Tenn., will contract with the Tennessee Army National Guard to perform site work for this complex. This work consists of grading the site, leveling the site, constructing a restroom/concession/storage facility. The site at 103 Mulberry Park is commonly referred to as Mulberry Park.

If there are any contractors or individuals that oppose these services they should contact:

Jennifer Waldrup, McKenzie, TN, City Recorder, at 731-352-2292 x4 or jennifer.waldrup@cityofmckenzie.com on or before Monday, March 24, 2025 at 10 a.m.

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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:

(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 **26TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2025**.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

LOIS LAMB, Executor/Administrator
ROBERT T. KEETON III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R25260/9-2

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:

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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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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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PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will hold a Board meeting on **Friday, March 21, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be physically held at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office located at 938C Walnut Avenue W., McKenzie, TN 38201, in person only.

A4070/10-1

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.

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Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust recorded on April 5, 2021, of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 702, page 239, **JOSHUA M. FRENCH** did convey in trust, to W. KENT JONES, Trustee, a tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to CARROLL BANK & TRUST; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, when due, or in the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions and/or covenants of said Deed of Trust, the whole amount of the unpaid principal sum, together with all interest due and accrued upon the same, together with all other payments agreed to be made, shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable immediately without demand or notice thereof; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and there have been other violations of the conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the owner and holder of said debt has instructed the undersigned Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Trustee, I will on the 4th day of April, 2025, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse door in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at the hour of 10:05 a.m. to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower and curtesy rights, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, and all unpaid taxes, to effect satisfaction of principal, interest and costs due on said promissory note(s) and Deed of Trust aforementioned, as well as to pay all attorney's fees and costs necessarily incident to this foreclosure, the following tract of land, situated in the 16th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

On the north by J. H. Hill, now Clenard Kirk; on the east by a gully or Deport Street; on the south by O. J. Mabry; on the west by Seminary Street; said lot being 65 feet and 9 inches wide by 177 feet long; the west end of said lot being 65 feet wide and the east being 70 feet and 6 inches wide. The above description is the same as in the previous deed of record.

For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 397, Page 795, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 21150 Seminary St, Hollow Rock, TN but 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.

Other Interested parties: None. If applicable, the notice requirements of TCA 35-5-117 have been met.

The debtors' equity of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of the debtors are waived in said deed of trust, and the title is believed to be good, but said real estate will be sold and conveyed by me as Trustee and not otherwise.

Said sale will be made by Trustee only, without covenants of seizin or warranties of title, and title will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid restrictions, liens, covenants or easements, if any, of record on said property.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth herein, or with publication setting out the new date, time and place for the sale.

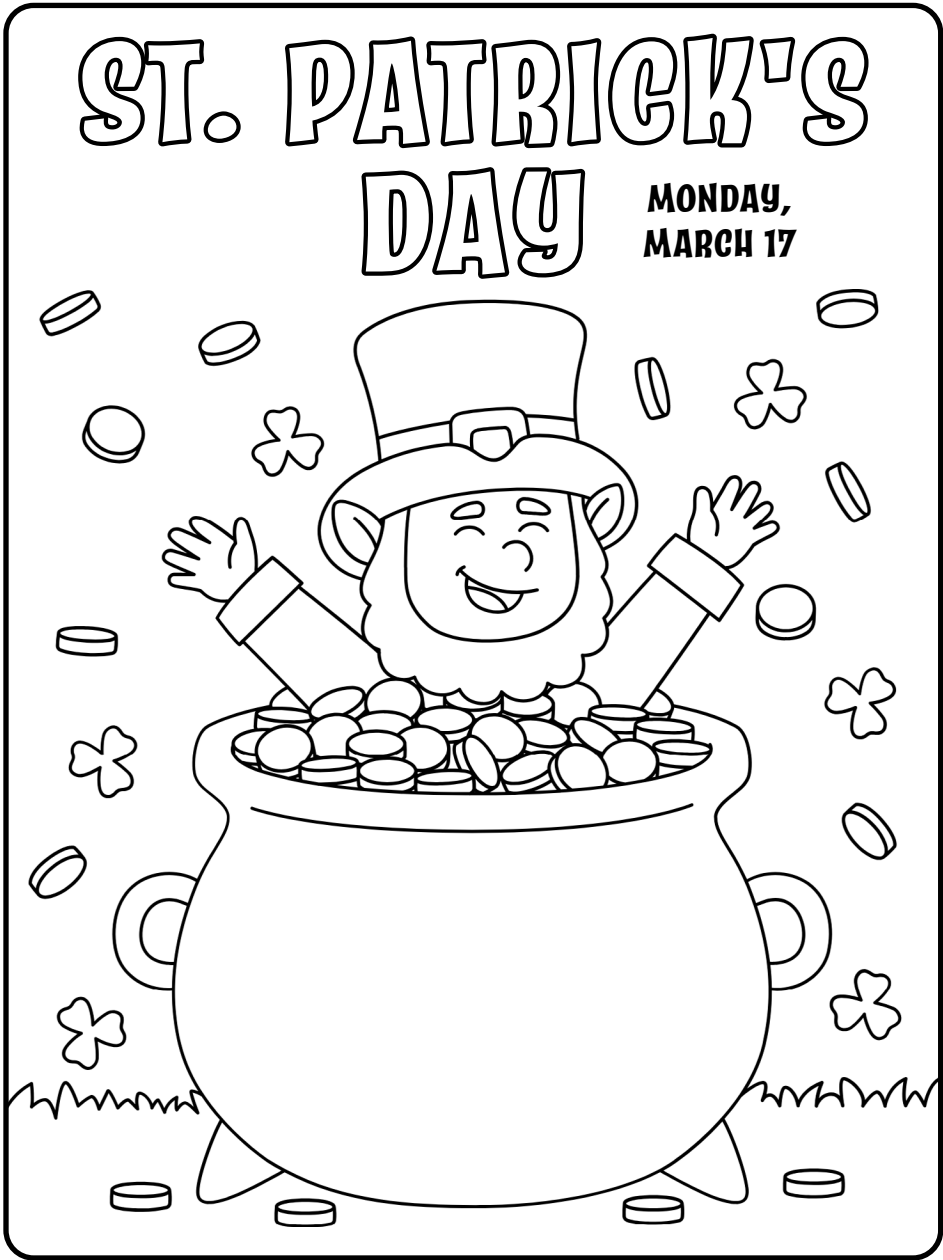
This law firm is acting as a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Huntingdon, Tennessee, this the 7th day of March, 2025.

W. Kent Jones, Trustee
THE JONES LAW FIRM
19478 WEST MAIN STREET, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344-0707

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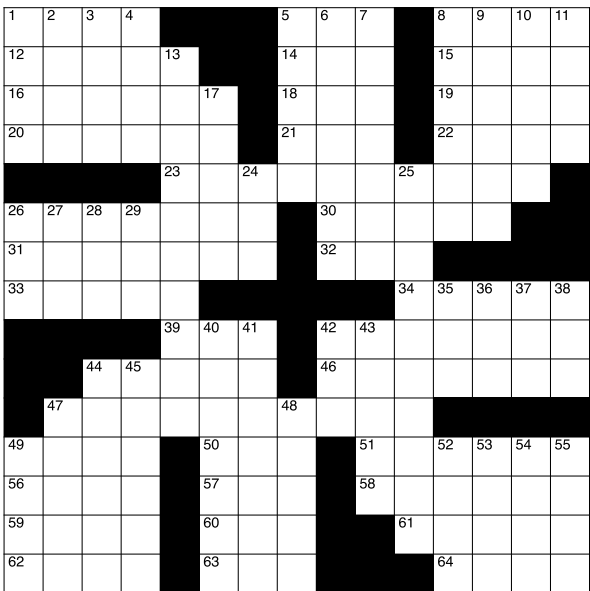
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unsheared sheep
- 5. Rock TV channel
- 8. Streetcar
- 12. Concerning
- 14. Expression of recognition
- 15. Greek goddess of youth
- 16. An iPad is one
- 18. Adult beverage
- 19. Manning and Wallach are two
- 20. Makes a petty verbal attack
- 21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Wristwatches
- 26. Body part
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted
- 32. Turkish honorific title
- 33. Yell
- 34. Historic Alabama city
- 39. Cub
- 42. Type of sea bass dish
- 44. To call (archaic)
- 46. Unfortunate
- 47. Separate oneself from others
- 49. Hero sandwiches
- 50. Former OSS
- 51. Open spaces in a forest
- 56. Innermost brain membranes
- 57. Fortune
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. Doomed queen Boleyn
- 60. Peyton's little brother
- 61. Type of wrap
- 62. Scottish tax
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. An increase in price or value



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Works of body art
- 2. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 3. A desert in Asia
- 4. Eat greedily
- 5. Doomed French queen
- 6. Beat
- 7. One who survives on blood
- 8. As a consequence
- 9. Counted on
- 10. Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
- 11. Unclean
- 13. One who does not drink
- 17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
- 24. __ student, learns healing
- 25. Bacterial skin infection
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. What one says on a wedding day
- 28. Crony
- 29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
- 35. Unit of length
- 36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 38. Autonomic nervous system
- 40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
- 41. Statements that something is untrue
- 42. Greek alphabet letter
- 43. Suspends from above
- 44. Popular types of cigars
- 45. Girls
- 47. U.S. philosopher and logician
- 48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
- 49. Relaxing spaces
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Form of Persian
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Trigonometric function

Week 10

See solution in next week's edition.

Farm and Ag Word Search

T C L L G N U V P E G A L L I T T F I O
R A I U P K O B I O D Y N A M I C H H R
F C A R E E T I V V Y Y T D U N G T L S
M K G G R O C E S R L I M T F N K I B M
L O A I G I Y O D O D Y C O I N V P M G
S P O R C R G N L T R U R M N E S B T B
F I M C A H A B O L E R A S O T H N C
R T N I S B O A S T T G A O T O Y R M F K
G M P B S G A G I I F Y O D R V B G I M
N A Y U F N N V T H O C P Y B S B A A K
I C H G N I A M K R K N V P B C N V F L
D O D U L T V Y Y A S T S E V R A H V I
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D P B S T K R O T A T I O N B E R Y P V M
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L V B V E G A N I A R D H Y O C V R V L

Agriculture
Agronomy
Animals
Annual
Apiary
Biodiversity

Biodynamic
Capacity
Cover
Crops
Cultivation
Deadheading

Drainage
Drilling
Ecology
Erosion
Farming
Harvest

Husbandry
Irrigation
Livestock
Rotation
Soil
Tillage

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1912: The Girl Guides (later the Girl Scouts) are founded in the United States.

1918: Moscow becomes the capital of Russia again.

2003: The World Health Organization releases a global warning about SARS. outbreaks.

SUDOKU

WEEK 10

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

Level: Beginner

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 agriculture. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = o)

A. 5 18 20 10
Clue: Growing operation

B. 3 20 18 6 3 22 20
Clue: Farm equipment

C. 3 17 6 4 11 22 26 22 12 21
Clue: Scientific tools

D. 6 20 22 19 14
Clue: Plants

Answers: A. farm B. tractor C. technology D. crops

LETTER MIX-UP

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

AGRICULTURE

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

Riddle Me This

How did the farmer fix his jeans?

Answer: With a cabbage patch.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

DEFE

Answer: Feed

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Florida on March 13, 1950. I helped found the St. Nicholas Theater Company. I've appeared in many movies that showcase my versatility. I was nominated for an Academy Award for my work in a dark comedy about a Minnesota city.

Answer: William H. Macy

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LEXINGTON, TN — 586 W. Church St., 731-249-9184

We do the legwork to keep you informed.
The McKenzie Banner, 731.352.3323

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 9 Crossword Puzzle Solution

S	N	I	P		A	S	S	E	R	T		D	E	E
W	I	D	E		G	A	U	C	H	E		E	R	A
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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 9

4	6	1	8	5	7	3	9	2
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7	9	5	1	8	3	2	4	6
3	8	4	7	2	6	9	1	5
8	4	3	5	7	2	1	6	9
5	1	9	6	3	8	7	2	4
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McKenzie High School Celebrates Black History

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McKENZIE (March 4) — McKenzie High School's Minority Council hosted its annual Black History Celebration in the school gymnasium, recognizing the contributions of African-Americans locally and nationwide. The event featured historical reflections, student speeches, musical performances, recognitions and a keynote address emphasizing the power of making a lasting impact. The MHS Minority Council, which sponsored the event, is led by President Jaylin Taylor-Megaw, Vice President Carlton Townes, Secretary Zeyda Scates and Treasurer Aleecia Williams. Several McKenzie High School students played a key role in the event, delivering speeches and reflections on Black history and its significance today. Student speakers included Emma Haynes, Destiny Huitzache, Alejandro Juarez, Zayda Scates, Aleecia Williams, Carlton Townes, Jaylin Megaw and Sophie

Cole. Webb Alumni Executive Board members were recognized for their efforts in preserving African-American history in McKenzie. Those honored included National President Ike Gilbert, Previous National President Neal Williamson, Second Vice President Hugh Williams, Treasurer Rosetta Vaughn, Financial Secretary Kimberly Bell Webb, Secretary Brenda Smith and McKenzie Chapter President Sandra Gilbert. Each was acknowledged for their commitment to maintaining the school's history and supporting local education initiatives. The event also honored African-Americans who have made significant contributions to McKenzie's history across education, athletics and law enforcement. When Webb School integrated with McKenzie Schools in 1965, Ruth Gilbert and Sharon Oglesby were the only two African-American students to enroll in elementary school. Their presence marked the beginning of a



lasting impact on the local education system. Over the years, African-American educators played a key role in shaping McKenzie's schools. Erma Sims taught mathematics, Russell Glenn taught English, and Geneva Bledsoe, June Murray, and Sarita Woodard Oglesby contributed to elementary education. Ms. Haney led music instruction, while Dorethea Royle became principal of McKenzie Middle School. LaShonda Williams currently serves as chairman of the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education. L. C. Bledsoe, a McKenzie native, became the first African-American high school principal at Trezevant High School. McKenzie High School also saw historic firsts in athletics and extracurricular activities. Kenneth Oglesby became the school's first and only African-American male cheerleader and later its first African-American drum major. Sarita Woodard was named the school's first African-American football

homecoming queen. Julius Sims, the first African-American football captain, secured his place in school history by scoring the winning touchdown in a 23-21 victory over Huntingdon. In track and field, Fred Milton became the first African-American student at MHS to set a high school track record in 1977. African-Americans have also played a pioneering role in McKenzie law enforcement. Harry Cooper became the city's first African-American police chief, while Colonel Dereck R. Stewart made history as the first African-American to serve as Colonel of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, leading the agency after 33 years of service. Guest speaker Dexter Williams, an educator, coach and community leader, delivered a keynote address centered on the idea that true impact is measured not by wealth or recognition, but by the lives one touches. He challenged students to recognize their ability to create

change now, rather than waiting for the future. "Some think making an impact means being famous, making millions or inventing something groundbreaking," Williams said. "Sure, those things matter. But true impact isn't measured by how many people know your name—it's about how many lives you touch." He encouraged students to take action in their daily lives, rather than waiting for opportunity. "You don't need a title, a degree or permission to be great," he said. "Every one of you has the power to influence the people around you, starting today." Williams highlighted historical and modern figures—including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Oprah Winfrey, John Lewis, Simone Biles, LeBron James, Coco Gauff and Patrick Mahomes—as examples of individuals who used their platforms to uplift others. "These people didn't wait for change; they created it," he said. "You don't need to be on TV or have a million followers to do the same.

It starts with how you treat people, how you stand up for others and how you lead by example." He closed with a message on resilience. "Every great leader, every world-changer, has faced challenges, setbacks and doubters," Williams said. "But what separates them is their refusal to quit. They push forward, believe in themselves and stay committed to their purpose. Don't wait for the world to tell you who you are—define it for yourself and be the change you want to see." A musical performance of "Lean On Me" reinforced the event's message of unity and perseverance, drawing participation from the audience. As the program concluded, organizers urged students to take the lessons of Black history and apply them in their own lives. "The history we learned today should not only remind us of the good and the bad times but also help mold the future for a better tomorrow," one speaker said. "The future is in this room."

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Shelby Tucker (left) is joined by Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Seaton.

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(L to R) Pictured are Rotary Vice-President Ricky Price, David Miles and Vice-President-elect Armand Hebert. Miles spoke about the Levi Miles Foundation.

The playground's inclusive design, equipment, and surfacing materials is estimated to cost \$2,500,000. The Foundation has raised \$1.9 million. They participate and encourage school students to participate in the Best Buddies program, a national program and offers one-to-one friendship programs for individuals with and without disabilities in Henry County, Tennessee. Funding is provided

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