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NAIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Bethel Lady Wildcats were champions of the first- and second-round games played at their own Crisp Arena. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rep. Tandy Darby

Rep. Darby Capitol Talk

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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HUNTINGDON (March 14) — State Rep. Tandy Darby (R-Greenfield) met with local officials and residents Friday at Capitol Talk, discussing Gov. Bill Lee's budget proposal, school voucher expansion, public safety investments, and economic development efforts. Hosted by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, the event covered key legislative issues, with Darby providing specific funding details and updates on legislation affecting

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Lady Wildcats Advance to Round of 16 with Home Wins

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (March 14-15) — The Bethel University Lady Wildcats are headed to Sioux City, Iowa, for the Round of 16 of the NAIA Women's Basketball Championship after a pair of wins this weekend in the first and second rounds.

The Lady Wildcats' 23-7 record and Mid-South Conference title earned them a one-seed and hosting rights for the first two rounds.

Friday evening, Bethel faced 16-seed Sterling (Kansas) and rode a

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MULBERRY SOCCER COMPLEX

McKenzie Agrees to Finance Phase I

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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McKENZIE (March 13) — The McKenzie City Council agreed on Thursday to finance \$206,000 of \$306,000 for what Mayor Ryan Griffin called Phase I of the Mulberry Soccer Complex. The total price tag is estimated at \$1.8 million over 11+ years. In an unanimous



A full rendering of the Mulberry Soccer Complex through four phases of construction. The total price tag is estimated at \$1.8 million over 11+ years.

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County Agrees to \$10 Million Reimbursement For Electric Department

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HUNTINGDON (March 3) — The Carroll County Commission approved Resolution 3-01-2025 — Declaring the intent to reimburse itself or the Carroll County Board

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Huntingdon Appoints Interim Police, Fire Chiefs

HUNTINGDON (March 11) — The Huntingdon Town Council held a special meeting on March 11 at Huntingdon City Hall to formally appoint Jason Oliver as Interim Chief of Police and John Fordon as Interim Fire Chief.

Oliver, a longtime member of the police department, steps into the role during the transition period. Fordon will lead the fire department as officials assess long-term leadership plans.

The town's leadership emphasized the importance of maintaining stability in both departments. Further updates on permanent appointments are expected in the coming months.

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Tennessee Bill Allowing Schools to Deny Undocumented Students is Advancing

BY JOEL LANCASTER
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NASHVILLE (March 17) — Tennessee lawmakers are advancing legislation that would allow public schools to deny enrollment to undocumented students, directly challenging a 1982 U.S. Supreme Court ruling and placing over \$1.1 billion in federal education funding at risk.

House Bill 0793 (HB 0793) and Senate Bill 0836 (SB 0836), sponsored by House Majority Leader William Lamberth (R-Portland) and Sen. Bo Watson (R-Hixson), would authorize local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to refuse enrollment unless families provide proof of U.S. citizenship, legal immigration status, or visa documentation. Schools would have the option to charge tuition instead of providing free public education to undocumented students.

This marks the first time Tennessee has pursued a direct challenge to Plyler v. Doe (1982), the Supreme Court decision that struck down state efforts to deny public education to undocumented children. That ruling has shaped public school enrollment policies for over 40 years, requiring states to provide K-12 education regardless of immi-

gration status.

The Tennessee Department of Education receives more than \$1.1 billion in federal education funding annually. According to a fiscal analysis from the Tennessee General Assembly, the legislation could place these funds at risk, as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on national origin in programs receiving federal funding. Federal allocations at stake include \$408 million under the Every Student Succeeds Act and \$255 million for special education.

The House K-12 Subcommittee advanced HB 0793 in a 5-3 vote on March 11, drawing immediate protests from education and immigrant rights groups. Demonstrators disrupted proceedings at the Cordell Hull Building, opposing what they describe as a violation of federal law. Supporters argue the bill grants local districts control over enrollment policies and limits state funding obligations for undocumented students.

This legislation represents a shift in Tennessee's approach to public education access. If enacted, it could lead to legal challenges similar to those seen in Alabama (2011) and Texas (1975), where courts ruled against state efforts to impose restric-

tions on undocumented students. Even in districts with low undocumented enrollment—such as those in rural areas including Carroll, Weakley, and Henry Counties—statewide financial implications could arise if federal education funding is impacted.

HB 0793 is part of a series of legislative measures reshaping Tennessee's public education system. The combination of this bill, the state's expanded school voucher program, and increasing charter school enrollments represents a \$1.69 billion shift in education funding.

Alongside the \$1.1 billion in federal funds at risk, the newly expanded voucher program is projected to cost \$447 million annually. Additionally, charter school growth is expected to redirect at least \$150 million per year from district budgets.

These changes could have financial implications for public school operations across Tennessee, affecting staffing, class sizes, and available student resources.

SB 0836 is scheduled for review by the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on March 18. If approved, the legislation will move to the full House and Senate for final votes. Legal challenges are expected if the bill is signed into law.

Unemployment Rates Rise Slightly in Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE — Eighty-two of Tennessee's 95 counties reported unemployment rates below 5% in January even as most counties saw an uptick in their rates over the previous month, according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

In 87 counties, unemployment rates for January were up when compared with December 2024's rates. Rates remained the same in six counties and decreased in two counties, Cannon and Monroe.

Carroll County reported a rate of 4.6 percent, up from 4 percent in December and 4 percent one year earlier. From a labor force of 12,085, there 2343 11,531 employed and 554

unemployed.

Henry County reported a rate of 4.5 percent, up from 4 percent one month earlier and 4.2 percent one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,044, there were 12,462 employed and 582 unemployed.

Weakley County reported a rate of 4.5 percent, up from 4 percent one month earlier and 3.7 percent one year earlier. From a labor force of 14,033, there were 13,402 employed and 631 unemployed.

Williamson County reported the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 2.8%, the same rate as the previous month. Rutherford and Macon counties followed at 3%. Rutherford's rate was the same as in December, and Macon's rate was up one-

tenth of a percentage point.

Perry County had Tennessee's highest unemployment rate at 7.6%, a 2.3 percentage point increase over the previous month.

Pickett and Cocke counties had the next-highest rates at 7%. Pickett's rate was up 1.9 percentage points over December, and Cocke's was up 2 percentage points.

Data released last week showed that Tennessee's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January was 3.7%, which was the same as December's revised rate. The national rate was 4%.

In the period of December 2024 through January 2025, unemployment rates decreased in two counties, increased in 87 and remained the same in six.

Trezevant Board Hears Update on Water Projects

BY BRAD SAM
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TREZEVANT (March 11) — The Trezevant Board met Tuesday in regular session with a full quorum. Aldermen took action on several items, but, most consequentially, heard updates on water system projects from Davina Gurschick, project manager for Community Development Partners, and David Smith, site and infrastructure practice leader for A2H.

The pair gave information and took questions on the status of three projects funded in part through the TDEC ARPA program: the development of an asset management plan for water and sewer infrastructure, rehabilitation of existing wastewater collection pipes and upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment

plant to maintain permit compliance.

Smith said approval from TDEC is expected in April, advertising for bids should occur in May and bids should be opened in May or June, beginning with the treatment plant first, followed by the pipe work.

The approximate total cost of the projects is \$1.5 million, with 90 percent coming from the grants and the remainder as a match by the city.

The board unanimously approved the use of live streaming at board meetings beginning next month.

A clerical error was corrected in the recently-approved drug policy ordinance, replacing the word "Gleason" with the word "Trezevant".

The frequency of driving school in Trezevant was recently reduced from monthly

to every other month. The board approved an increase in pay from \$100 to \$125 to Officer Nick Roberts for administering the driving school course.

Rita Foster, who volunteers her time as a grant consultant, reported that a pre-application was approved for a grant for the construction of a safe room for Trezevant citizens.

Citizen Larry Bobbitt addressed the board about the condition of Milton Street and received assurances that steps would be taken, both short and long term, to improve the roadway.

Alderman Dan Dieringer briefly spoke about ordinances regarding tiny houses and reptiles, which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned in just under an hour.

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH

40 Dead in Severe Weather Rampage

A Weekend Full of Tornadoes, Flooding, Wildfires, Dust Storms And an Earthquake

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UNITED STATES (March 14-16) — The Ides of March was particularly deadly on Friday and Saturday with an estimated 40 people dying as severe weather rampaged across seven states. Tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, an earthquake and even a dust storm in Kansas added to the body count when a 71-vehicle pile-up on I-70 killed eight people.

Compared to its neighbors, Tennessee was very fortunate. As of Sunday, the Tennessee Department of Health had not reported any weather-related fatalities. For the most part, West Tennessee was spared from destruction, as indicated in the map of the storm tracks provided by WBBJ.

WBBJ Meteorologist Joel Barnes had this to say, "...To say we were blessed this time in West Tennessee would be an understatement. Sometimes, you just get lucky, we might not be so lucky next time. I know these setups cause a lot of anxiety and people get frustrated with the forecast when it doesn't always work out exactly as predicted. Just know, we do our best to keep you prepared. [...] Say a prayer for the folks who lost everything, including their lives, who were not as fortunate as us in West Tennessee."

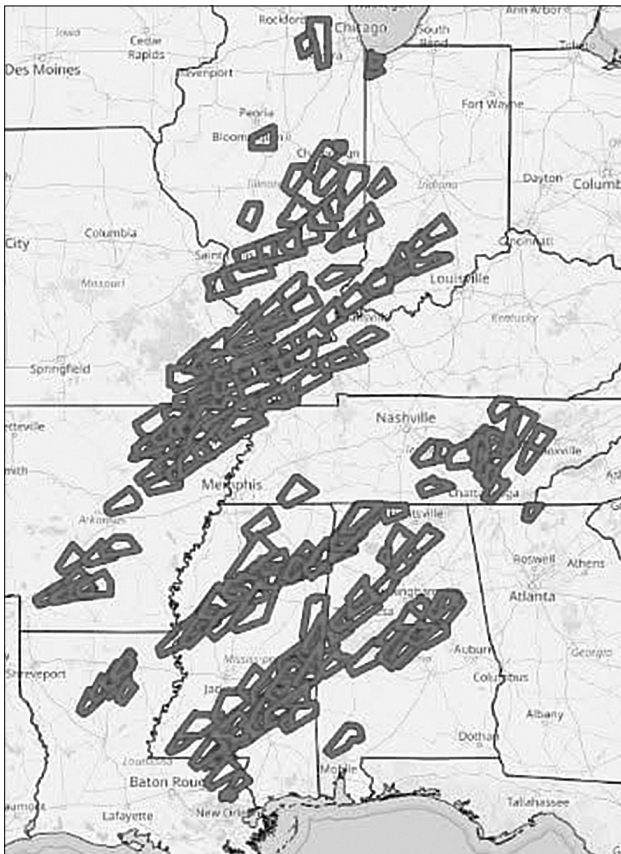
According to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), The National Weather Service (NWS) issued more than 60 watches and warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and flooding during March 14-15, 2025.

NWS Nashville confirmed an EF-1 tornado struck Bedford and Rutherford counties near Christiana on March 15. Survey teams determined the tornado traveled 4.5 miles between US 41A and US 231 with winds reaching 95 mph.

Numerous areas across the state have reported downed trees and weather-related flooding. Officials recommend checking the Tennessee Department of Transportation SmartWay website for road closures and travel impacts.

Multiple counties are currently assessing damage. TEMA advises residents with property damage to photograph affected areas before cleanup and report damage to their local emergency management agency.

As of 5 p.m. CDT on Sunday, there were less than 4,100 reported power outages across the state.



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ◆ West Tennessee was mostly spared.
- ◆ 40 fatalities reported across seven states.
- ◆ 52 tornadoes reported between Friday and Saturday.
- ◆ Dust storms caused a 71-vehicle pile-up in Kansas, killing 8 people.

- ◆ Wildfires sparked in Oklahoma across 44 counties, burning over 170,000 acres and damaging 293 homes and buildings.
- ◆ Nearly 1,100 flights canceled nationwide between Friday and Saturday.
- ◆ Damage has been reported in 52 of Alabama's 67 counties.

Nationally, 40 fatalities were reported across seven states: Missouri lost 12, Kansas lost 8, Arkansas 3, Mississippi 6, Alabama 3, Texas 4 and Oklahoma 4.

The deadly storms ripped apart houses and businesses and entire neighborhoods are unrecognizable. Parts of Missouri and Mississippi experienced some of the worst of the extreme weather.

Twelve of the 15 deaths from Friday's severe weather outbreak happened in Missouri, with six reported at several campgrounds in Wayne County, according to CNN.

In Mississippi, a tornado tore through Tylerstown Saturday evening killing three people. Two died in the same home in Jefferson Davis County and another death was reported in Covington County. Three additional people are still missing.

A magnitude 3.0 earthquake rattled central Mississippi at the same time the first tornado hit Taylorsville, adding to the chaos.

The National Weather Service in Little Rock reported damage consistent with an EF-4 tornado near Diaz in Jackson County, with estimated winds of up to 190 mph.

Oklahoma officials reported more than 130 blazes across 44 counties. Gov. Kevin Stitt said in a morning press conference that more than 170,000 acres burned and 293 homes and buildings were damaged. Stitt also reported one death related to wildfire smoke, and credited the low death toll to the success of evacuation alerts. Stitt said his own ranch burned down in the wildfires but vowed to rebuild.

In Alabama, Governor Kay Ivey stated: "We pray for those lives we lost, as well as those who were injured. And we pray for our first responders, emergency management officials and linemen who are doing incredible work on the ground right now."

In Kansas, a 71-vehicle pileup on I-70 killed 8 people due to near-zero visibility from a dust storm. Goodland Fire Chief Brian James described it as "the toughest and most emotional draining experience in my 22 years of being in the fire service."

Calera Baptist Church in Alabama had its roof torn off, but the city reported no injuries.

Nearly 1,100 flights were canceled across the nation between Friday and Saturday.

More than 500 reports of severe weather have been recorded across the Plains, Gulf Coast and Midwest since Friday.

History Tidbit: The phrase "Beware the Ides of March" was a warning from a soothsayer to Caesar in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

On March 15 in the year 44 BC, Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by Roman senators, including Brutus and Cassius, who feared Caesar was working to establish a monarchy.

What is an "ides?" The Latin root of "ides," a singular word, means "to divide." So, the ides of any month falls in its middle. The Roman calendar set ides on the 15th in March, May, July and October or on the 13th in the other months. The ides of a month usually falls on the first day of a full moon.

There was a full moon on Friday, March 14.

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March 2025

3-Exciting Highlights & Developments

- FFA Competition Success: Nine of our FFA members recently took part in a district Ag Mechanics Skills Competition. They competed in electrical wiring, plumbing, welding, leveling, construction, & parts identification. Two WC teams won District Championships & 3 students won individual competitions.
- WCES Celebrates Reading: WCES honored top readers who read 80 books or earned 80 AR points with a festive Mardi Gras luncheon. Thirty-three students participated. Impressively, 18 students have already reached the yearly goal of 100 books or 100 AR points!
- Kindergarten Goes on Royal Adventure: WCP kindergarteners stepped into a world of castles, kings, & fairy tales! Mrs. Malorie Jo Watkin's students learned about characters, settings, and plot through classic stories like King Midas, Cinderella, and Snow White. They donned crowns and robes for a royal feast!

2-Principal Quotes

"We have had a great time with the different readers that have come in and participated. The students have been thrilled to hear stories read aloud by familiar faces." – Jackie Wester, West Carroll Primary Principal

"We have testing coming up, and there's a lot of pressure on our teachers with these TCAP tests. But we have a really amazing team and I'm so proud to be a part of it." – Dr. Adam Douglas, WCHS Principal

1-Community Challenge

This month, our staff is taking on a Walking Challenge! For every three miles walked or run, participants color a clover on a tracking sheet. The challenge runs through March 30. I challenge our entire community to participate! Challenge yourself to get moving and see how many miles you can walk by March 30th. Email your total miles and we'll calculate how far our community has walked all together! preston.caldwell@wcssd.org

To another great month of learning,
Preston Caldwell
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Above Left, Lady Wildcat senior Brooklyn Williams of Huntingdon goes strong to the basket and draws contact. Above Right, Friday night's first-round win was Coach Chris Nelson's 400th career win as a head coach (all at Bethel). Below Left, Lady Wildcat sophomore Kylie Reynolds of McKenzie drives to the basket on a fast break against Benedictine, drawing a foul to earn two free throws. Below Right, Lady Wildcat freshman Mikaela Reynolds of McKenzie gets inside for two points against Sterling. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Wildcats

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dominant third quarter to an 86-56 victory. The win was Coach Chris Nelson's 400th, all earned in his 19 years as Bethel's head coach.

Saturday afternoon, the Lady Wildcats took on eight-seed Benedictine (Kansas), who defeated LSU-Alexandria the night before. While more competitive than the first game, Bethel was able to finish both halves strong for a 67-52 victory.

Crisp Arena's home stands were packed with Bethel fans, boosted by the plethora of local and regional talent found on the Lady Wildcat roster.

Bethel's next game is Thursday at 1 p.m. CDT against four-seed Hastings (Nebraska).

First Round:
Bethel Lady Wildcats 86, Sterling Lady Warriors 56
Bethel had a 16-10 lead

after the opening frame and a 21-19 edge in the second. A 28-11 tilt in the third gave the Lady Wildcats room to breathe, and a 21-16 advantage in the fourth capped the win.

Freshman Micah Hart of Yorkville (Gibson County High School) led all scorers with 20 points, including a trio of three-pointers. She also boasted five rebounds, six assists, three steals and a block.

Junior (and Micah's older sister) Madison Hart, also of Yorkville and GCHS, scored 18 with eight rebounds, three assists, a steal and two blocks.

McKenzie's own Kylie Reynolds, a sophomore, scored eight points with a pair of threes and had three rebounds, four steals and a block.

Her sister, freshman Mikaela Reynolds, played just two minutes but recorded two points and a steal.

Senior Brooklyn Williams of Huntingdon played three minutes and scored one point with a rebound and a steal.

Freshman Kylee Alexander of Martin played nine minutes, scoring five points (with a three) and earning one steal.

Senior Kyla Taylor of Lexington played six minutes with two points and an assist.

Second Round: Bethel Lady Wildcats 67, Benedictine Lady Ravens 52

The Lady Wildcats led 20-18 after the first frame, then pulled away with a 17-9 advantage in the second. Benedictine rallied 14-13 in the third, but Bethel regained control and closed out the win with a 17-11 tilt in the fourth.

Madison Hart led the way this time with 30 points (one three-pointer, 11-of-11 from the line), ten rebounds, an assist, a steal and a block.

Micah Hart scored 24 with four threes (six-of-six from the line). She also had a rebound, an assist and a steal.

Kylie Reynolds scored six points (one three-pointer) and had six rebounds, an assist, two steals and a block.

affect public school budgets. His remarks focused on parental demand for education options rather than whether shifting enrollment could impact public school funding.

"We recognize that local schools need support, but we also know parents are asking for more choices," he said.

Public Safety and Infrastructure Receive Funding Boost

The budget also allocates funding for law enforcement and infrastructure improvements across the state:

- \$38 million to hire 117 new state troopers.
- \$5 million to expand the statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) program.
- \$1 million for school-based behavioral health programs.
- \$2.3 million for House of Worship security grants.
- \$6.2 million for Tennessee State Parks maintenance.
- \$40 million for environmental cleanup projects.

Legislative Priorities Include Cell Phone Policy, Land Purchases, and Utility Development

A proposed bill would allow local school boards (LEAs) to regulate or restrict student cell phone use in classrooms.

"This just opens the door so that you all are able to do what you think is necessary," Darby said. "It lets you know the state is behind you in whatever decision you make."

The bill does not establish statewide regulations, leaving the final decision to local school boards.

Darby raised concerns about foreign entities purchasing land near military bases and energy infrastructure, calling it an issue that has drawn attention in Tennessee.

"We've seen foreign entities buying property next to

places that produce electricity, next to military installations. Some of it seems strategically coordinated," he said.

He did not specify whether any legislation is currently being considered to address the issue.

A proposed hunting bill would allow the use of drones to locate downed game after a legal hunt, while keeping existing property laws in place.

"Right now, it's still against the law to fly a drone over another person's property without consent, and that will not change," Darby said.

The bill would allow drone use only for tracking purposes, not for active hunting.

Legislature to Consider Public Utility Expansion

A public utility bill under discussion would allow developers to install utilities in areas where existing providers cannot meet demand in a timely manner.

Darby said further committee discussions would determine the final language of the bill before any legislative action is taken.

Upcoming Events

- Sen. John Stevens will attend the next Capitol Talk on April 11 to discuss West Tennessee legislative priorities.

- The National Day of Prayer event is scheduled for May 1 at the Carroll County Airport.

Darby closed the event by thanking attendees for their participation in state policy discussions and emphasizing the importance of collaboration between lawmakers, educators, and community leaders.

"I appreciate y'all coming out on a Friday morning," he said. "I want you to know that the state recognizes these issues, and we are working to support our communities in whatever ways we can."

Soccer

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vote, the Council agreed that only items listed in Phase I can be constructed until the \$206,000 debt is clear. \$100,000 was allocated from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds during Mayor Jill Holland's administration.

Phase I consists of relocation/rerouting of Locust Street (\$180,000); Sod soccer field with irrigation — 11/14-year-old field (\$50,000); Seed and mulch soccer field — 8/10-year-old field (\$25,000); Gravel concessions parking lot (\$10,000); Gravel Mulberry Street parking lot (\$25,000); Basketball court resurfacing (\$15,000). The plan has a timeline of 2025-2028.

Phase II consists of lighting, restroom and concession building construction and widening along with resurfacing the walking trail. The price tag for Phase II is roughly \$530,000. Mayor Griffin stated there is a pledged donation of \$50,000 from a manufacturing center to be applied towards lighting. The timeline for Phase II would run from 2028-2033.

From 2033-2036, Phase III at a cost of \$200,000 would consist of asphaltting the concession parking lot and the Mulberry parking lot. There would also be improvements to the maintenance driveway parking lot. There could also be a Phase IV included which would be the most expensive endeavor of the project at \$790,000 that would include playground expansion and the construction of four pickleball courts.

Looking at the financial side, Phase I would cost the City of McKenzie approximately \$77,900 annually. The estimated total interest paid provided the City secures a bond at 4.50% would be \$27,810. Phase II would require an annual payment of \$181,600 and Phase III

Mulberry Park Soccer Complex		
Phase I	2025-2028	
Relocate Locust Street		\$ 181,000
Sod Soccer Field - 11/14 yr old (10 ft beyond playing surface) w/irrigation		50,000
Seed and Mulch Soccer Field - 8/10 yr old		25,000
Concessions Parking Lot - Gravel		10,000
Mulberry Street Parking Lot - Gravel		25,000
Basketball Court Resurfacing		15,000
Total		\$ 306,000
Phase II	2028-2033	
Soccer Field Lighting - Main Field		\$ 300,000
Restroom/Concession Building		200,000
Widen/Resurface Existing Asphalt Walking Trail		30,000
Total		\$ 530,000
Phase III	2033-2036	
Concessions Parking Lot - Asphalt		\$ 40,000
Mulberry Street Parking Lot - Asphalt		100,000
Maintenance Drive Parking Lot (Heavy Duty Drive Aisle for Truck Traffic)		60,000
Total		\$ 200,000
Phase IV+		
Playground Expansion (includes safety surface and equipment)		\$ 340,000
Pickleball Courts (4 courts)		450,000
Total		\$ 790,000

A breakdown of the price point per phase of the construction plans. The total price tag is estimated at \$1.8 million over 11+ years.

would cost \$75,600 annually. Mayor Griffin did inform the Council that the price tags were figured by current prices with no adjustment made for inflation or cost increases.

Depending on the makeup of the Council and the individual holding the position of mayor, there is no guarantee how far the project will progress after Phase I. Mayor Griffin said that he did plan to work toward procuring Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grants to offset the cost of the facility upgrades.

In other business, a resolution honoring former Mayor Walter Winchester was read. Winchester died on February 17, 2025. The family will be presented with a copy of the resolution during the celebration of life.

Adam Czajkowski was given the floor during citizens' input. Czajkowski presented concerns over large dogs running loose in the Linden Heights area of McKenzie. He stated residents are not following the leash laws, as multiple dogs are being controlled by electronic collars which are not foolproof. He requested the police or animal control to enforce the leash laws in place.

Mayor Griffin stated the City of McKenzie is currently looking at the possibility of moving the Animal Control

Department under the domain of the Police Department. This would improve the rate of service as Public Works currently has dominion over Animal Control. Police Chief Ryan White added that there were 21 calls about animals in February. While that is considered a lot, he questioned as to if that constituted an additional officer or just an employee over Animal Control.

The Council will meet with department supervisors for strategic planning on Thursday, April 17 at the McKenzie Depot. Originally, members of the Council wanted to have the planning out of town at the Lodge at Paris Landing. Mayor Griffin stated the cost was around \$3,000 to meet at the Lodge, thus it needed to be conducted in McKenzie.

The strategic planning sessions will begin at 9 a.m. with Council members meeting with department supervisors to discuss their future visions for their departments. Then there will be a meal at noon followed by the ranking of goals for the City of McKenzie. Ultimately, the Mayor stated he would like to take the top three goals and develop an action plan.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is April 10 at 6 p.m.

County

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of Public Utilities for the principal amounts of bonds or other debt obligations expected to be issued to finance the new headquarters construction project for the Carroll County Electric Department. The expected cost is to be approximately \$10,000,000. Any issuance of bonds required approval by the Carroll County Commission.

In May 2024, Carroll County Electric General Manager Ryan Drewry told the Board of Directors that the current 5-plus acres in downtown Huntingdon at 103 W. Paris Street would be inadequate in future years. Drewry recommended property on the south side of Veterans Drive at the intersection of Paris Ave. for \$275,000. The proposed headquarters site has a 40-foot by 60-foot shop, which can be used for storage or rent.

The property is near one of its electrical substations, has good egress and ingress for its heavy trucks and customers, and is large enough for offices, garages, and the pole yard. The downtown location is often dangerous for the company's large trucks with long, replacement poles hanging from the rear. Drewry said financing bonds would be issued for the project. Currently, CCED has retired all outstanding bonded indebtedness.

Resolution 1-05-2025 authorizing a continuous five-year reappraisal cycle was approved. The resolution was previously tabled in January as Commission Barry Murphy requested the county look into a four- or three-year reappraisal cycle. Upon decision, Commission Darrel Ridgely stated the state recommended Carroll County to go with the five-year plan since Assessor Rita Jones was not seeking re-election in 2026. The new assessor would then bear the burden of a more rapid appraisal cycle without the possible needed resources. The cy-

cle could be revisited after the election. The motion was approved 14-2. Voting against the five-year cycle were Commissioners Murphy and Jason R. Martin.

Resolution 3-02-2025 was approved allowing county employees to purchase lost time in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Resolution 3-03-2025 was approved to reappoint Mike Cary, Jeruna Cozart, and Anna Todd to the Carroll County Health and Education Facilities Board.

Resolutions 3-03-2025 through 3-11-2025 were approved. These resolutions were adjustments and realignments to the budget. Election Commission (\$3,804); Register of Deeds (\$11,839.26 for server); Carroll Academy

Grant (\$1,1209.10); Circuit Court Grant (\$25,631.12); Health Department Grant (\$100,000); Carroll County Sheriff Grant (\$6,400 for SROs); Prevention Coalition Grant; and Solid Waste (\$25,000).

The following were elected notaries: Jeannie Bostick, Alan Blake Cossey, Tim W. Culpepper, Ashley Edwards, Christa Lynn Marie Hale, Ashley Hammitt, Mary Beth Howington, Michelle Huff, Linda B. Martin, Krystle Moore, Steven Morton, Donna M. Pinkley, Elisha Dawn Reeves, Lauren Elizabeth Sublett, J. Sheryl Todd, Anthony Welti, Vicky R. Williams, and Tasha Wolfer.

The next scheduled meeting of the Carroll County Commission is April 14.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA52

ESTATE OF: DONALD R. BENRUD, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the **12TH** day of **MARCH, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **DONALD R. BENRUD** deceased, who died **OCTOBER 3, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

The Seasons of a Marriage

I've never seen a perfect marriage. Never.

Unfortunately, some people have unrealistic expectations when they enter a marriage, expecting everything to be "perfect."

One reason the divorce rate is so high is because people don't recognize that a marriage goes through different seasons.

"Spring" is the season when excitement is high and energy levels are at their maximum. The sweet smell of intoxicating endorphins fills the air. You and your spouse are energized with a spirit of adventure. New ideas are shared and received with excitement. Sex is incredible for both of you.

During "Summer" things seem like they're in the doldrums. No one feels like doing anything. Every day seems the same. The sense of excitement is no longer present. People feel bored. They start to question if marriage was the right choice. Sex occurs, but it seems to have lost some of its passion.

"Fall" ushers in renewed excitement. Color decorates anew the

drab halls of your heart. Newly discovered energy restores hope in your relationship. The intensity of sex returns. Memories are shared that remind you of why your spouse is the one you wanted to spend your life with. A contented smile replaces your concerned frown.

The scariest season of marriage is "Winter." Sometimes it sweeps in on the winds of a horrible wound that's been inflicted. Your soul feels the chill. Intimacy goes into hibernation. A giant chasm separates you and your spouse. On the one hand you fear the chasm will never be closed and yet you fear that it will.

None of these seasons follows the predictable cycle of our natural world. No one can predict which season will follow another. Nor can anyone tell you how long a season might last.

What I can tell you, based on my fifty years of marriage, and having counseled untold numbers of couples through the years, is no season lasts forever, it only feels like it does.

Don't panic when Summer and Winter cycle through your marriage. Both seasons are inevitable. But if you're strong, courageous, honest, and open with your spouse, those two seasons won't last very long.

Perhaps the best thing my wife ever said to me was after a cold wind blew on my neck and I was fearful of Winter being on the horizon. I asked her if I had hurt her in some way, was there something amiss that I needed to know about. I told her, "I don't like facing my day if we aren't 'right'."

Here's what she said to me: "Together we are 'very right,' but it's just that individually either one of us could be a little off on a particular day and that's okay. Everything is fine!"

As quickly as that cold breath of air appeared, it dissipated in the wake of a warm spring wind.

The same might happen for you.

Hang in there.

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



Retired teacher Teresa Norton reads to first graders in her old classroom.

West Carroll Primary Celebrates Read Across America Week

COURTESY WCSSD

West Carroll Primary School recently celebrated Read Across America Week with a series of engaging activities designed to promote a love of reading among Pre-K through second grade students.

The event featured themed dress-up days inspired by Dr. Seuss classics, including Hat Day, Wear Green Day, Wacky Sock Day and Pajama Day, allowing students and staff to embrace the joy of literacy in a fun and creative way.

Beyond the themed attire, students participated in a curriculum that integrated state standards with Dr. Seuss-inspired lessons. From exploring autobiographies to forming opinions on Green Eggs and Ham, students engaged in activities that blended learning with excitement, reinforcing key literacy concepts in an interactive setting.

A highlight of the week was the involvement of community leaders who joined students in celebrating the importance of reading. Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler, Director of Schools Preston Caldwell, School Board Member Betty Wallace and Carroll County Register of Deeds Natalie Porter were among those who contributed their time. Principal Jackie Wester, representatives from Carroll Bank and Trust, and retired educators, including Teresa Norton, Molly Vann, Amy Murphree and Pam Joyner, also played a vital role in enriching the experience.

West Carroll Primary School extends its appreciation to all community members and parents who contributed to making Read Across America Week a memorable and impactful event for students.

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Guest Editorial

Tennessee Coalition Celebrates Twenty Years of Sunshine Week

BY ADAM YEOMANS

TN Coalition for Open Government

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Sunshine Week celebrated nationally to promote the importance of open government at the federal, state and local levels.

The idea was born more than 20 years ago when Florida newspaper editors started Sunshine Sunday to highlight the need for government transparency. By 2005, it grew to a full week of open government advocacy nationwide. The annual collaboration now is coordinated by the Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Project at the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications.

About 100 organizations representing news media, public interest groups, and open government advocates have endorsed Sunshine Week. The Tennessee Coalition for Open Government (TCOG) and the Tennessee Press Association (TPA) are among those organizations.

TPA, which was founded more than 150 years ago to support the newspaper industry, played a key role in launching TCOG in 2003 because its leaders and open government advocates realized the public needed a unified voice to protect and strengthen open government laws.

As Jack McElroy, former editor of the Knoxville New Sentinel and a TCOG board member, wrote in his history of the organization, TCOG "is recognized statewide, by citizens and public officials alike, as Tennessee's pre-eminent source of expertise and advocacy for the public's right to know."

Sunshine Week celebrates its 20th anniversary at a time when efforts to weaken or circumvent open government laws are growing and public trust in the news media and traditional institutions has eroded. Two of Tennessee's top investigative journalists say more transparency, not less, is needed.

Marc Perrusquia heads The Institute for Public Service Reporting at the University of Memphis, which was created in 2018. He worked the previous 29 years as a reporter with The Commercial Appeal in Memphis, uncovering corruption in the state's taxpayer-funded child care system, excessive use of force by police, and consumer gouging by car title lenders, to name just a few.

"Transparency and freedom of information are under assault at every level of government, from Washington, where executive overreach is usurping legislative authority with little or no scrutiny by elected lawmakers, to Nashville, where the governor and state legislators have created a new immigration enforcement office that is exempt from the state public records law, to Memphis, where reporters often wait weeks, months and sometimes years to gain access to public records," he said.

"Now, more than ever, we need a vigorous press to challenge these encroachments on democratic principles and their accompanying currents of disinformation. We need an engaged electorate, enlightened by readily flowing, reliable information that only a free and independent news media can provide."

Phil Williams, an investigative reporter for WTVF-TV in Nashville, has spent much of his 40-year career uncovering corruption at the state and local level and confronting many of society's critical issues, including hate groups and conspiracy theory movements like QAnon.

"In an age when there is such intense distrust in government, transparency is the antidote that is desperately needed ... I am increasingly finding that citizens are willing to embrace conspiracy theories about government that are completely divorced from reality," Williams said.

"The best hope for combating disinformation and misinformation is for government to be completely open about what it's doing and why."

Tennessee is one of the few states where an open-government group has paid staff to educate the public and

policymakers about the right to know, and research shows an active coalition is correlated with better government, said David Cuillier, director of the Brechner project, which coordinates Sunshine Week.

These organizations across the country struggle financially, Cuillier said. "It's critical for community foundations and philanthropy to keep TCOG strong, because if Tennessee loses TCOG, it could very well lose government accountability."

In recent years, TCOG has worked with lawmakers to:

- Require city and county legislative bodies to produce accurate and complete public agendas at least 48 hours before any meeting.
- Allow citizens to recover attorney costs in certain cases when they win an open meetings lawsuit.
- Assure that future exceptions to the Public Records Act are fully scrutinized by requiring review by the House Government Operations Committee.

TCOG, like similar state public advocacy groups, is a non-profit that receives no government funding and relies entirely on contributions from news organizations, citizen groups and individuals. TCOG's budget pays for one part-time employee.

With the General Assembly currently in full swing, that lone employee, TCOG executive director Deborah Fisher, is at Capitol every week keeping tabs on legislation that could weaken open government laws and working to strengthen public transparency. During the year, Fisher fields scores of inquiries from journalists and citizens needing guidance and conducts training sessions for journalists and government officials alike about public record and open meeting laws.

It's important work that the public should support, said Frank Gibson, a former Tennessean editor who led the effort to create TCOG in 2003 and served as its executive director until 2011.

"Changes in the news media and political landscapes make it necessary for citizens to be better informed and aware of attempts to close information about their government," Gibson said. "Supporting groups like the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government is a good way keep the public informed and to protect freedom."

March Inglenook Book Club News

McKENZIE (March 12) — Inglenook Book Club convened on March 12 at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie. Twenty members were present for the Inglenook Book Club meeting. Carolyn Moore had a guest speaker for the program, and it was a delight to have Mayor Ryan Griffin and Sgt. Cody speak to the group about the Drug Task Force canine-Toby. He is an impressive, intelligent dog, and has served McKenzie and surrounding area by assisting to help eliminate illegal substances from our communities. Many thanks for the presence of Toby, Mayor Griffin and Sgt. Cody for sharing with us today and for the ongoing work to keeping our communities safe.

President Gail Mack called the meeting to order after the program completed. Everyone stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Club Aim and Motto. Many thanks to Mona Batchelor and Shirley Martin for being hostesses today, serving delicious jello cheesecake, chocolate mints, mixed nuts and assorted beverages. Birthday ladies for March are Suzanne Howell, Jean McKinnie, and Genia Sherwood.

Roll call was completed, followed by the reading of February minutes, which were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the Treasurer's Report, which was also approved as read. President Mack called on the sunshine Chair, Elaine Williams who sent out birthday cards; telephone chair, Carolyn Moore, for calling to remind of meeting date, time, and what items to bring for school donations; and membership chair, Suzanne Howell who introduced new member, Deb Simon. Welcome to the group. 2 current members are now honorary members, and there is currently a need for one more member.

President Mack mentioned again how grateful and appreciative the school is for our monthly donations for the students. There was no old business or new business to discuss. Book passing followed by chair Mary Newman, with the next book passing date of March 26.

Announcements made for next meeting on April 9 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside. Hostesses will be Carolyn Moore and Mary Newman. Program will be presented by Gail Mack. Bring assorted school supplies(pens, pencils, etc.). The benediction was recited by all and the meeting adjourned.

Members present were: Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Joyce Hayes, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Jean McKinnie, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Suzanne Russell, Deb Simon, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller.



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Obituaries



CHRISTIE 'ALICE' PILLOW
1967 – 2025

TREZEVANT — Christie Laura “Alice” Pillow, 57, died February 28, 2025, in Warren, Ohio. She was born on December 6, 1967, in Trezevant, and spent her adult life in Lexington.

Christie attended Trezevant High School before graduating from West Carroll High School following a school system change. During her school years, she was a talented basketball player and a well-liked student, earning the nickname “Alice,” which stayed with her throughout her life.

She built a diverse career across multiple industries. Christie worked at Fluid Routing Solutions, also known as Mark IV, where she was known for her dedication. She also served as an assistant manager at the Huddle House in Lexington for many years and was a valued employee at the Smoke House in Lexington.

Beyond her professional life, Christie had many passions that defined her spirit. She was an avid motorcycle enthusiast who loved the freedom of the open road. Her love for photography allowed her to capture moments that reflected her appreciation for life’s beauty. A true animal lover, she especially adored her beloved dog Jazz. Christie also had a deep commitment to charitable causes; she participated in events such as the Polar Plunge in Jackson, Tennessee, supporting the Special Olympics, and took part in Toys for Tots runs to bring joy to children during the holidays.

Christie is survived by her nieces Laura and Lynda Darnell; their children—her great-nieces and nephews—Krysti Martin and James Darnell; Augusta Triplett and Dylan Walls; and their children Kaleb, Kensley, Kyleigh Joe, Jack Martin, Mason and Tracy Darnell, and Mia Triplett.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Betty Pillow of Trezevant and Lyndell Pillow of Florida; her sister, Debbie Darnell



Zippy Chicken Casserole

- 4 chicken breasts
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1/2 large can pet milk
 - 1 small jar Cheez Whiz
 - Onions
 - Fritos
 - Jalapeno peppers
- Boil chicken and remove from bones. Mix soup, milk, and cheese Whiz. Add chicken, onions, and jalapeno peppers to taste. Layer Fritos on bottom; chicken mixture next. Add layer of Fritos on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Mexican Meatloaf

- 3/4 cup milk
 - 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1 cup picante sauce
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1-1/2 lb lean ground beef
- In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. Add beef and mix well. Pat into a greased loaf pan. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until juices run clear; drain. Top with warm picante sauce. Yield 6 servings.

(Smith) of Lexington; her brother, Thomas Pillow of Trezevant; and her grandparents, Bennett and Elsie Smith of Trezevant.

Christie was country to the core—fun-loving and full of life. She cherished time spent outdoors and with those she loved most. Her kindness, adventurous spirit, and unwavering devotion to family will be deeply missed by all who knew her. May her memory comfort those who loved her until they meet again. +

RONNIE RUSSELL
1949 – 2025

McKENZIE — A Celebration of Life for Charles “Ronnie” Russell was Saturday, March 15, 2025, at McKenzie First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Russell, 75, died at Cherrywood Post on March 10, 2025. He was a member of McKenzie First United Methodist Church. He was born on August 8, 1949, in Milan to the late Charles F. and Marsha Freeman Russell.

He is survived by his wife, Nan Russell of McKenzie; three daughters, Cassie (Kevin) Scott of Beech Bluff, Veronica (Mike) Balius of Jackson and Brittany Russell of Burns; a sister, Carol Brush of Jackson; a brother, Chuck (Margaret) Russell of Hendersonville and four grandchildren.

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

CLIFFORD MATLOCK
1931 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Clifford B. Matlock are Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Matlock, 93, died at his residence on Saturday, March 15, 2025. He was

born April 3, 1931

He is survived by his son, Steven (Barbara) Matlock of McKenzie; a sister, Stella Matlock of Camden; one granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Vollie and Ollie Matlock; his wife, Marjorie Matlock; a sister, Cynda Golden; and two brothers, Thomas Matlock and John William Matlock.

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, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was 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, Emerson and Elsie Lee.

BILLIE SPAIN
1933 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Billie Faye Spain, 91, of Huntingdon died Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

Graveside Services were Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Lavinia Methodist Cemetery with Bro. Nathan Horton officiating.

Mrs. Spain was born to the late Willie Thomas and Velma White Mangrum on April 22, 1933, in Scotts Hill, Tenn. She was a secretary at First United Methodist Church, where she was a member. Besides her par-

ents, 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, Tenn.; a granddaughter, two grandsons, and six great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

BETTE JANE BROWN
1930 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Bette Jane Brown, 94, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Lifecare Center of Bruceton.

Graveside funeral services were Friday, March 14, 2025, at Liberty All Cemetery with Bro. Doug Sellers officiating.

Instead 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, PO Box 384, McKenzie.

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, Tenn. She also leaves ten grandchildren: Heather Carper (Brad) of Water Valley, Miss.; Jessica Kelley (Benji) of Chapel Hill, Va.; 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; Brittany Brown (Mandi) of Knoxville; Holly Mitchell (Chris) of Henderson, Tenn.; Caroline Parish of Huntingdon; twenty-two great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

MIKEY CARY
1964 – 2025

McKENZIE — Mr. Mike “Mikey” Cary, 60, of McKenzie died Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Patriot Health and Rehabilitation Center of Paris.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 16, 2025, at Grace Point United Pentecostal Church with Reverend Dan Grisham officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Cary was born June 7, 1964, to the late Joe Cary and Ethel Cary. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister,

Karen Jo Sadler.

He is survived by brother, James Daniel (Kim) Cary of McKenzie; and one sister, Teresa Cary of McKenzie.

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

KAREN MILTON WILSON
1965 – 2025

McKENZIE — Mrs. Karen Wilson, 59, of McKenzie, died Monday, March 10, 2025, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church.

Interment was at Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025.

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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 [SunshineWeek.org](#).

911 BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors (911 Board) meets Thursday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon. Anyone wishing to address the board must contact 731-986-8911 to be placed on the agenda.

CANCER BAKE AUCTION IS APRIL 14

The annual radio Cancer Bake Auction is the week of April 14.

McKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS THURSDAY

McKenzie Industrial Board meets Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6 p.m. at The Railyard Workspace.

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Establishment of a Quorum
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 2024 and Financials from November – February 2025
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - Janna Hellums, Director — Northwest Region, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.
 - Tessa Kyle — Business Development Consultant — Northwest Region, Tennessee

Department of Economic and Community Development.

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 fundraisers to raise money for state competition. Come out and support our competitors going to the 2025 STATE Leadership and Skills Conference.

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.

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.

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.

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 [l1tlefarm@proton.me](#).

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.

For ticket information, contact Jenny Mims at 731-415-3760.

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 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 McLemoresville July 4th Celebrations.

August 5 — 2025-2026 school year begins.

August 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival.

September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival.

October 13-17 — Fall Break.

October 27 — County Chamber Banquet.

November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market.

November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet.

December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CAPITOL TALK DATES RELEASED

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce announced upcoming final date for "Capitol Talk". Senator John Stevens will be at the Civic 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.

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

Other upcoming events include: An Evening with Carroll Arts is June 21; The

Creativity Camp for Carroll County elementary and middle school students is July 7-11; Southern Fried Funnies during McKenzie's Sweet Tea Festival in August; Storytelling during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in September; A Mistletoe Christmas Program during McKenzie's Christmas Celebration in December; and the 15th Annual Trivia Bowl in January 2026.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

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

Dog Vouchers

Dog vouchers are available for \$60 each cash or card only. These must be purchased at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments will be made at the time of purchase. The participating vet clinic is Huntingdon Animal Clinic. You'll be responsible for paying the clinic when you pick up your animal. We do recommend that you have your pet vaccinated due to exposure to other animals. Puppies must be a minimum of 4 months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

BOW WOW AT THE BARN

The Humane Society's annual Bow Wow at the Barn is coming up very soon and we'd love to see you there! It will be held on Saturday, March 22 at The Venue at Waddell Place in McKenzie beginning at 6-10 p.m.

We will have entertainment by the awesome band 24 Seven, delicious food by Bealla-Q, auction items and games. This is a 21 and up event with a cash bar available. Tickets can be purchased at the Carroll County Humane Society during business hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in person or by phone or by clicking on this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/bow-wow-at-the-barn--2025>. This is the only legit link so beware of scammers posting links on our Facebook page.

A single ticket with meal is \$30. Tickets for 2 with meals are \$50. Reserved table for 6 with meals is \$150.

We will also be able to accommodate those interested in listening to the band only for \$10 admission at the

door but honestly, you do not want to miss this food!

We also need sponsors and donations of auction items. Contact CCHS for more info at 731-358-1019 or respond to this email.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

GET THE WORD OUT

The newspaper publishes most news items for free. Submit to [EVENT@mckenziebanner.com](#) or call 731-352-3323 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thank you for reading and supporting your community newspaper.

Gasoline Prices Rise During Week

TENNESSEE (March 17) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.68/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 8.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 38.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 5.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.558 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.31/g while the most expensive was \$4.11/g, a difference of \$1.80/g. The lowest price in the state was \$2.31/g while the highest was \$4.11/g, a difference of \$1.80/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.02/g today. The national average is down 10.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 42.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years: March 17, 2024: \$3.06/g (U.S. Average: \$3.44/g); March 17, 2023: \$3.09/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g); March 17,

2022: \$4.06/g (U.S. Average: \$4.28/g); March 17, 2021: \$2.66/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g); March 17, 2020: \$1.96/g (U.S. Average: \$2.19/g); March 17, 2019: \$2.34/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g); March 17, 2018: \$2.33/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g); March 17, 2017: \$2.04/g (U.S. Average: \$2.29/g); March 17, 2016: \$1.81/g (U.S. Average: \$1.96/g); March 17, 2015: \$2.18/g (U.S. Average: \$2.41/g).

"As concerns over tariffs and policy uncertainties grow, gas prices have continued to decline across much of the country, raising the possibility that the national average could slip below \$3 per gallon and approach some of the lowest prices seen in years," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, this decline shouldn't necessarily be celebrated, as it comes with strong warning signs. When the economy slows, gasoline demand drops— along with demand for other refined products like diesel and jet fuel. We've already seen some signals that the months ahead could be challenging. All of this suggests that gas prices are likely to remain low for now. However, if economic conditions improve, gas prices could eventually follow suit and start rising again."

SOURCE GasBuddy

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MES Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, April and Wednesday, April 2 from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

(Please wait to enter school at 8:15 a.m., this will help us get through announcements and student drop off)

*Students entering Pre-K must be 4 years old by August 15, 2025.
Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by August 15, 2025.*

To enroll, McKenzie Elementary School must have the following documents:

- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Proof of Residency (i. e. utility bill with home address excluding phone and cable bill)
- Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (Forms may be obtained from your doctor or health department)
- Tennessee School Entry Medical Examination completed by medical doctor (physical)
 - The following immunizations are required and are to be documented on a Tennessee Permanent Certificate of Immunization (PH 2414)
 - ▶ DTP series and booster, five (5) doses
 - ▶ Polio series and booster, four (4) doses
 - ▶ MMR, two (2) doses
 - ▶ Hepatitis a, two (2) doses
 - ▶ Hepatitis b, three (3) doses
 - ▶ Varicella (chicken pox), two (2) doses or history of disease.

****If you are registering for Pre-K, you must provide proof of income for each person living in the household, birth certificate, current immunization/physical record on TN form and proof of residency.**

Acceptable forms of proof of residency include:

- Option 1: Copy of signed lease agreement or mortgage statement
- Option 2: Utility bill (i.e., electric, water, gas, or sewer)
- Option 3: Bank statement
- Option 4: Paystub
- Option 5: Voter Registration or some type of legal mail

*Please park in the front of the elementary school and enter through the office.
If you are registering a child for Kindergarten, please bring them with you so that they can be tested.*

We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC year!

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Property Transfers

Brent Karr Hester to Brent Karr and Julie Hester. Amanda Joy Hatley to James A. Hatley in District 4. Amanda Joy Hatley to Jennifer Lynn Hatley Fields in District 2. Amanda Joy Hatley to Kimberly Ann Hatley Jones in District 2. Willie Lee Willis to Ernest Willis in District 15. James Thomas McAlpin to Jason Alan McAlpin in District 2. James Thomas and Pamela Jean Mcalpin to James Thomas and Pamela Jean Mcalpin in District 2. Wade W. and Amy S. Comer to Hi Tech Properties, L. C. Scott V. Cunningham to

Russell Rental Company, LLC in District 22. Allison Dalzell to Angela Adams Holmes. Cindy Hardee to Dianne Lewis in District 11. Hidden Dunes, GP to Brian J. Chilcott in District 11. Robin Clark Carney to Terry R. and Brenda Bray in District 6. Ricky L. Wood to Todd A. and Kelly J. Foringer. Michael Heidelberg to Janet Huerta in District 6. Clint M. and Morgan Thompson Beacham to 108 Ventures, LLC in District 24. David and Joyce Ellis to Atkinson and Peterson, LLC in District 13. Jeffrey Farmer to Steven

Jay and Amelia Kay Ingersoll in District 16. Daniel Birdwell to Fay Helen Birdwell. Tina G. King to Tina G. and Randy King in District 16. Donald B. Carlross to Gorbet Properties, LLC. Carol A. Mangrum to Vicki S. Paris. Harold D. Mangrum to Vicki S. Paris. Ruth Ann Martin to Stephen L. Phillips in District 20. Stephen L. Phillips to Ruth Ann Martin in District 20. Christopher Shane Fowler to Ashley Barker. Jonathan Zeiss to Darrell Ridgely in District 21. Mildred Lorelle Butler Kee to Carolyn McLean in District 13.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Drug/Narcotic Violation — On March 8, Deputy Sunny Crews-Sherwood, encountered a vehicle that cut through the Casey’s parking lot in McKenzie, failing to yield coming onto Forrest St. and had a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver, Chirstopher Edward Gregory, 54, of Gleason, stated he had a joint of THC. After a deeper search of the vehicle, he had 23 oxycodone, 4 diazepam, .54 grams of meth, and hydrocodone in differ-

ent amounts. His girlfriend and three young children were in the backseat of the vehicle at the time of the stop. Gregory was charged with Sch. II with Intent to Sell, Sch II Possession. He was transported to Carroll County Jail. **Drug Equipment Violation** — On March 7, deputies responded to Patsy Lane where a neighbor stated that there was a male and two females going into an abandoned home and taking things. The caller was behind the

truck they were occupying on Highway 70 before having to turn off and go to work. After deputies drove around, they found the truck and pulled them over and made an investigative stop. One of the occupants, Elizabeth Johnson, 40, of Cedar Grove, came back with warrants out of Gibson County. After a search, her purse had a clear plastic tube with methamphetamines in it. She was also charged for having drug paraphernalia.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (March 12) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on March 12, 2025. Two defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court. Clemens Borntreger, Cherokee Lane, Huntingdon, was bound over on charges of Domestic Assault, Aggravated Assault, and Vandalism. Jamie Lynn Carter, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Schedule II Drugs, Contraband in a Penal Facility, Tampering with Evidence, Assault on a First Responder, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding. Drew Logan Autry, Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 11 months 28 days jail suspended except 14 days, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling. Dylan Lane Bates, Bethel Court, McKenzie, guilty, Drivers License Must Be Carried, Must Stop at All Stop Signs, Violation of Fi-

nancial Responsibility, \$50 fine, 30 days probation. Kenneth Ray Beckham, Dollar Hill Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 30 days jail. Wendy L. Calderon, Highway 124, McKenzie, guilty, Theft, time served, inpatient rehab for 45 days. Jada Hines, Gleneice Cove, Jackson, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, the case will be expunged if the defendant meets all post-conviction requirements; dismissed, Simple Possession. Tristian Hood, Ford Street, Union City, guilty, Simple Possession, Possession of Meth, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Violation of Financial Responsibility, Driving Without License, 30 days jail. Jenus Edward Hussey, Hutchens Road, Martin, guilty, Probation Violation, 11-29 jail, eligible for day-for-day credit upon completion of rehab; dismissed, Probation Violation. Justin Mackey, Hillcourt, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 11-29 jail. Lawrence Pendergrass, Turkey Creek Road, Dickson, guilty, Public Intoxication, 30 days suspended

sentence, served six days jail time. Jennifer Marie Sargent, Wards Chapel Road, Gleason, guilty, Probation Violation, six months sentence, suspended to 10 days; probation. Derick Deshaun Staten, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, DUI-First Offense, 11-29 jail suspended to 48 hours, not to drive for one year, alcohol and drug evaluation, DUI School, dismissed, Window Tint Violation. Steven J. Thompson, 423 Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail. Jasia Tyson, College Street, Jackson, guilty, Simple Possession, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, record to be expunged if defendant complies with post-conviction rules. Kenneth Webb, Jr., Buena Vista Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, jail sentence suspended, probation extended for four months. The following case was dismissed. Keon Williams, Field Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Assault on Law Enforcement Officer.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — Charles E. Bigham, 68, Booker Street, McKenzie was charged with Driving On A Suspended License, Violation of the Light Law and Violation of Display of Registration Plates on March 13. Officer Dustin McClure stopped the vehicle for inoperable lights on the registration plate. A license check revealed the suspended status. A tail light was also inoperable. Bigham was cited into General Sessions Court. **Driving on Suspended License** — Sheneika La Shae Moore, 40, Memphis, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Speeding and Violation of Financial Responsibility on March 31. MPD Sergeant Darren Davis observed Moore’s vehicle traveling at 74 miles per hour in a 55-mile per hour zone. A check of her license revealed the suspended status. She could not provide proof of insurance. She was cited into General Sessions Court. **Driving on a Revoked License — Second Offense** — Colione Tyrone Sharpe, 26, Elm Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License, and Violation of the Light Law on March 13. Officer Dustin McClure stopped Sharpe’s vehicle for an inoperable headlight. A check of his license revealed the revoked status. He was cited into General Sessions Court on the two charges. **Active Warrant, Violation of Registration Display** — Jessica Marie Perry, 37, Walnut Circle, McKenzie was charged Violation of Registration Plate, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and on an active warrant for Violation of Compulsory School Attendance on March 12. Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped Perry’s vehicle for having a handwritten license plate displayed on her vehicle. She had an

actual drive-out license tag that was not displayed. Perry could not provide proof of insurance. Her vehicle was towed to the county’s impound lot and she was transported to Carroll County Jail. **Dogs Running at Large** — David Franklin Cox, 64, Oaklawn Drive, McKenzie, was charged with Allowing Dogs to Run at Large on March 11. Officer Dalton Raspberry responded to Oaklawn Drive to a report of a dog being attacked by another dog. A gray and white colored pit bull attacked a neighbor’s dog, according to the nearby resident. Animal Control took custody of the pit bull and cited the dog’s owner, David Cox, in Weakley County General Sessions Court. **Domestic Assault** — Robert M. Woodard, 69, Forrest Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Domestic Assault on March 11. Officer Timothy Dillon, Patrolman Burson and

Sergeant Jackson responded to a residence on March 11 because of a threat of domestic violence. The officers spoke to the victim and then found Woodard in a barn. The report indicates he was intoxicated. Interviews with the victim indicated that Woodard had made several threats of bodily harm. Woodard was arrested and transported to Baptist Hospital for observation. When he was discharged, he was transported to Carroll County Jail. **Simple Possession** — Larry Russell Jackson, 50, John White Road, Ripley, was charged with Simple Possession and Light Law Violation on March 13. Officer Dustin McClure stopped Jackson’s vehicle for an inoperable headlight. He requested a search of the vehicle, and he discovered what he believed to be four grams of a green-leafy substance in a backpack. Jackson was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

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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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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA51

ESTATE OF: SUSAN STABLES, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **12TH** day of **MARCH, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **SUSAN STABLES** deceased, who died **JUNE 26TH, 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 **12TH** day of **MARCH, 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

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

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE53

ESTATE OF: CHARLOTTE ANN MARTIN JONES, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **12TH** day of **MARCH, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **CHARLOTTE ANN MARTIN JONES** deceased, who died **JANUARY 18TH, 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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(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.

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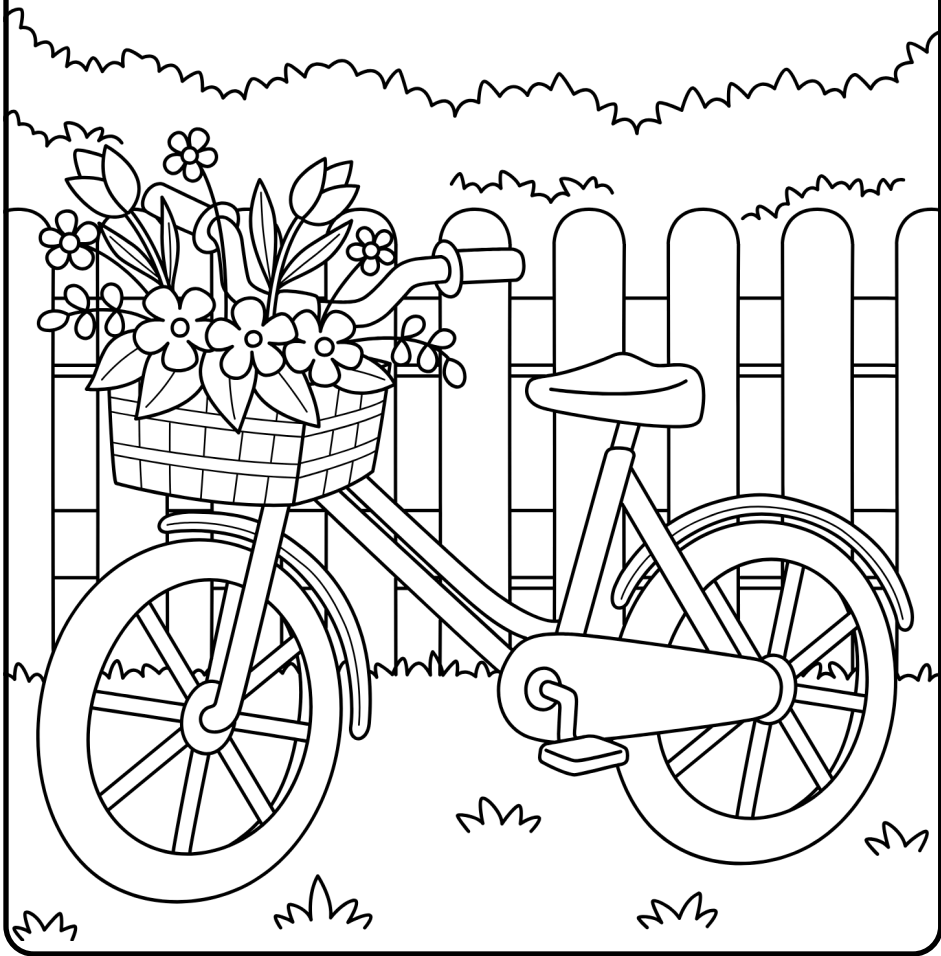
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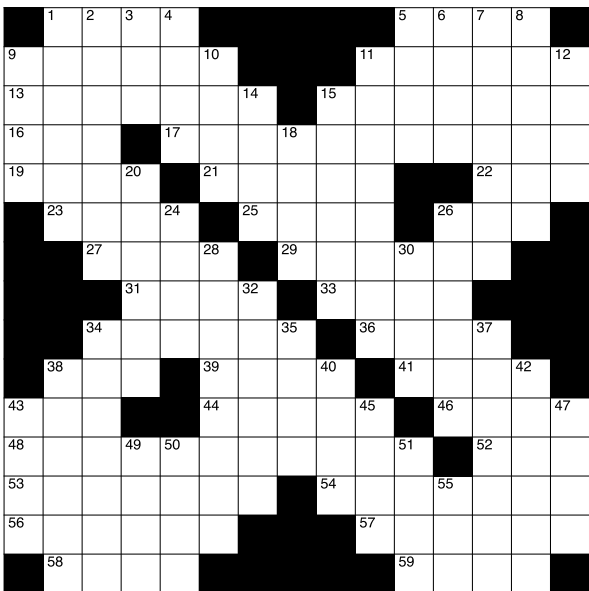
FIRST DAY OF SPRING – THURSDAY, MARCH 20



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Take heed
- 5. One's superior
- 9. Prepped meat
- 11. Tighten anew
- 13. Type of textile fiber
- 15. Animalistic
- 16. When you hope to get somewhere
- 17. Offender
- 19. Former NYC mayor Ed
- 21. Type of cryptocurrency
- 22. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 23. Herring-like fish
- 25. Popular PBS program
- 26. Congressman (abbr.)
- 27. Flightless Australian birds
- 29. Defrosted
- 31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
- 33. Nasal mucus
- 34. Some are southern
- 36. A place to construct
- 38. Popular beer brand
- 39. Shouts of farewell
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Showed old movie
- 46. Body parts
- 48. A divisor
- 52. Congressional investigatory body
- 53. Papers
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. Judge the worth of something



- 57. Makes sounds while sleeping
- 58. Which
- 59. Hungarian Violinist

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pages
- 2. Head pain
- 3. A loud utterance
- 4. Large brown seaweed
- 5. Hulu's chef Carmine
- 6. Greek mountain
- 7. Made final
- 8. Bar
- 9. Tai subgroup
- 10. What you eat
- 11. Teaches again
- 12. Small constellation
- 14. Type of berry
- 15. Cows fattened for meat
- 18. A way to hoof it
- 20. Exaggerated a role
- 24. About two
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. What employees earn
- 30. Fiber from a coconut husk
- 32. Digits
- 34. Polish by rubbing
- 35. Liquid body substances
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Edible part of a chicken
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Tool used to remove
- 43. Icelandic poems
- 45. Swiss village
- 47. Drunks
- 49. Evergreen plant genus
- 50. Light precipitation
- 51. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 55. An informal debt instrument

Week 11

See solution in next week's edition.

Remote Work Word Search

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1649: The House of Commons of England passes an act abolishing the House of Lords.

1918: The US Congress establishes time zones.

2003: U.S. President George W. Bush announces the invasion of Iraq in an address to the nation.

SUDOKU

WEEK 11

			3		6		7	9
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Level: Intermediate

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to a home office. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = E)

A. 26 5 3 1 25 18 16 20
Clue: Work device

B. 20 16 3 5 18 16
Clue: In a distant location

C. 4 5 25 24 16 4 5 11 22
Clue: Place of residence

D. 1 20 8 10 6 26 2
Clue: Free of being disturbed

Answers: A. computer B. remote C. household D. privacy

LETTER MIX-UP

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

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- 3. _____
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- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

You answer me, although I never ask you questions. What am I?

Answer: A telephone.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

FECOIF

Answer: Office

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 10 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 10

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4	8	9	7	1	5	2	6	3
7	9	2	1	6	3	5	4	8
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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Rebels Fall To Milan 1-0 On Late Goal

McKENZIE (March 11) — McKenzie High School began the soccer season Tuesday, hosting Milan for a non-district contest. The visiting Bulldogs broke a scoreless tie in the final two minutes for a 1-0 win. Rebel Goalkeeper Nathan Dameron recorded 12 saves in the match. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*



HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lady Rebels Lose District Game Despite Two Homers

BY BRAD SAM
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ERIN (March 14) — McKenzie High School opened district softball play Friday with a road contest at Houston County. The host Lady Irish took an early lead, but the Lady Rebels pulled close-

er with fourth-inning home runs by Braylin Auvenshine and Ady Freeman before falling, 8-5.

Lady Rebel Ady Freeman went 2-for-4 with a home run, a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Braylin Auvenshine was 1-for-4 with

a home run (for one RBI and one run scored). Carli Beeler went 2-for-4 with a run scored. Maggie Hall was 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI and a run scored. Aubrey Jackson went 1-for-4 with a run scored.

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

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Rebels Fall to Trojans, 11-5

BY BRAD SAM
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DYER (March 13) — The McKenzie High School Rebels traveled to Gibson County High School Thursday to face Dyersburg in nondistrict baseball action. A big third inning was the difference for the Trojans as they took the win, 11-5.

Rebel Tate Surber went 3-for-3 with two triples, two RBIs and two runs scored. Fletcher Holt went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Cole Brown was 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored. Xander Johnsey was 1-for-1 with a walk and a run scored. Lelan Gordon went 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Craegen Travis had the

start for McKenzie, allowing six earned runs on five hits while walking two in two-and-a-third innings. Avery Brown pitched two-thirds of an inning in relief, allowing three earned runs on four hits with a strikeout. Ripken Thompson threw two-thirds of an inning as well, allowing two runs (one earned) on one hit with two walks. Lelan Gordon faced one batter and issued a walk.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

McKenzie Lady Rebels Win Slugfest at Peabody, 21-12

BY BRAD SAM
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TRENTON (March 10) — The McKenzie Lady Rebels traveled to Peabody High School Monday to face the Lady Tide in a high-scoring softball contest. Both teams racked up double-digit hits and had big innings in the first and seventh, but the Lady Rebels also produced runs in the middle innings to make the difference in a

21-12 win.

McKenzie set the tone with eight runs in the top of the first. Peabody responded with five in the home half but were held in check for the next three frames while the Lady Rebels added three in the second and one in the third. McKenzie plated three more in the top of the fifth, and the Lady Tide mustered one in the bottom. Each team scored six in the seventh.

Kailie Hudgins led the

Lady Rebel onslaught, going 4-for-5 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored. Jaycee Stafford was 3-for-6 with two doubles and three runs scored. Braylin Auvenshine was 2-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Haylee Beard was 2-for-6 with two RBIs and a run scored. Carli Beeler was 2-for-6 with an RBI and two runs scored. Ady Freeman was 2-for-6 with an RBI and two runs scored. Maggie Hall was 1-for-4 with a triple, two walks, four RBIs and two runs scored. Aubrey Jackson was 1-for-4 with a double, two walks, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Aurora Johnson was 1-for-3 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored.

Alexis Wilson homered for Peabody to cap a 2-for-4 night with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored.

Lady Rebel Braylin Auvenshine earned the complete-game win, allowing 12 runs (nine earned) on 13 hits with three strikeouts and six walks.

Ella Hilton took the loss for the Lady Tide, allowing 15 runs (nine earned) on 13 hits while striking out one and walking two in five innings. Alexis Wilson pitched two innings of relief, allowing six runs (one earned) on five hits while striking out two and walking four.

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The Dixie Hosts Designing Women Market

Reliefs of Carter, Holbrook Dedicated During Event

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (March 14-15) — The Dixie Carter Performing and Academic Enrichment Center, along with The Colonial Tea Room and Madi & Co., hosted the Designing Women Curated Market on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Over 40 female-owned businesses and vendors were represented at the three downtown locations.

The event began with ribbon-cuttings at the three locations and a dedication ceremony for a brand-new feature at Dixie PAC.

Recently installed were bronze reliefs of Dixie Carter and Hal Holbrook. Angela DeMaris, executive director of The Dixie, hosted the dedication. She thanked Mayor Chad Edwards and the town council for leadership on the project, town employees Jerry Manness,

Dustin Wilbanks and Jason Janette and Dixie employees Frank Dodd and Stacy Sullins for the installation. She also thanked former council members and mayors, including Nina Smothers and the late Dale Kelley, a high school friend of Carter.

Jennifer Grisham of Columbia, Tennessee, was the artist. She was chosen by DeMaris because of her previous work on a bust of Mark Twain.

A plaque detailing the project will be added at a later date.

Vendors at the Designing Women Curated Market were spread across the three locations downtown.

At The Dixie PAC were Bishop Place Candles, Lavender Kisses Farm, Ruby Decor & Jewelry, The Folksy Flowers, Graceful Flutters, Kristen Dillahunt, The Urban, The Welded Magnolia Permanent Jewelry, Hen Hill Designs, Ramonia's Pe-

tite Boutique LLC, Stitch and Print, Sweet Tees and More, Coastal 31, Cupkate's, The Feathered Patch, Full Circle Ceramics, Highway 70 Soap Company, Hunts Farms LLC, KB Kreations Pick n Press, Miss Gigi's Cookie Jar, Mo and Co., Niece's Collection, Pear Lane Naturals, The Porch Swing Place, The Red Brick Ranch Mama, Sally Lane's Candy Farm and Southern Design Co.

At The Colonial Tea Room were Alayna's Avon Shop, B Fantabulous Permanent Jewelry, Bracelet Paradise, Dem Cookiez TN, Lisa Kay Artistry, The Pink Robin Studio, SadieRoo Crochet, Soil Secrets LLC, Tremblay Handcrafted and WB Vintage Designs.

At Madi & Co. were Oop-sie Daisy and Wilderness Road Creations.

Proceeds from wristbands for entry go to The Dixie's Summer Art Programs.

McKenzie High Hosts Eighth Grade Night

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McKENZIE (March 13) — McKenzie High School hosted Eighth Grade Night Thursday in the gymnasium. Eighth grade students and their parents were provided with key information about what they can expect and what will be expected of them at the school beginning this fall.

Principal Kelly Spivey and guidance counselor Ashley Lowe spoke about requirements for graduation, specific credit requirements and fitting those requirements into a planned career path.

The school's many clubs, activities and extracurriculars were represented at stations in the gym, as were several outside entities tied to education.

Represented were: MHS Yearbook, TCAT Henry/Carroll, Tennessee AP (Advanced Placement) Access for All, JAG (Jobs After



Above, Middle school athletes learn about MHS sports from high school athletes. Pictured are (L to R): MMS athletes Sophie Dameron (soccer) and Ellie Doede, Alleigh Britt and MaKayla Dabbs (soccer and basketball) and MHS athletes Gracie Aird (basketball and cross country), Tobey Brooks (soccer, cheer and cross country) and Brody Berryhill (cross country). Below, Eight grader Frannie Trout (right) learned about MHS fine arts programs from art/theatre teacher BJ Hardwick. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*



Graduates), MHS Clubs, Carroll County Technical Center, MHS STEM, MHS Sports, DECA/Marketing, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), MHS Health Science, MHS FFA/Ag, Bethel University and MHS Fine Arts.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS



Left, Lady Rebel Ashley Dunavant squares up for a return. Center, Lady Rebel Kyla Beveridge stretches high for the return. Right, Rebel Owen Walker swings high to return a Union City volley. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*

McKenzie Falls to Union City

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McKENZIE (March 11) — McKenzie High School hosted Union City Tuesday for district tennis matches at the Bethel University courts.

The McKenzie players

were swept in their singles and doubles matches, but four individuals managed game wins in singles play.

Lady Rebel Willow Arnold earned a game win in her match against Union City's Bertie Jenkins.

Rebel Caleb Burke won three games against Byron

Abbott, Rebel Davarion Gilbert took two games in his match with Paul Martin Tohn, and Rebel Owen Walker won a game in his match against Kobe Kirk.

The MHS girls fall to 0-3 on the season, while the boys move to 1-2.

This is the first season of MHS tennis in approximately two decades.