



Tony Prince, owner of Premier Furniture Company, cuts the ribbon to his downtown McKenzie store, his third location including Union City and Jackson.

Premier Furniture Opens in Downtown McKenzie

MCKENZIE (April 24) — Premier Furniture Company was officially welcomed as one of McKenzie's newest businesses on April 24 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Tony Prince, who owns Premier, opened his third location earlier this year, with additional stores in Union City and Jackson.

The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted the ceremony, attended by area business

people, government leaders including McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. They, along with Monica Heath, the executive director of the Chamber, extended a warm welcome to Mr. Prince and Premier Furniture in McKenzie.

The new store is located at the former site of Williams Furniture Company, and former Williams' associates Lisa Williams and Carter

Deer will continue to serve as the sales and office manager, and delivery and sales personnel, respectively.

Premier Furniture offers a variety of well-known brand names, such as Ashley, Catnapper, Mayo, Best Home, Therapedic, Simmons, and Serta.

Business hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Premier Furniture is planning a grand opening event for the third week of May.



McKenzie Taproom Opens in Downtown McKenzie

MCKENZIE (April 24) — The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new businesses downtown on Thursday, April 24. Among them is the McKenzie Taproom, a new diner and taproom located at 27 Broadway. Matt and AnneMarie Tanner own this establishment, which is the first satellite operation of Paris Station.

McKenzie Taproom is open from Thursday to Saturday, from 5 to 9 p.m., offering a menu that includes sandwiches along with a selection of

custom and brand-name beers.

The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with participation from local business people, government officials, and community members. McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler, and Chamber Executive Monica Heath were present to welcome the Tanners.

AnneMarie Tanner mentioned that they plan to expand their hours in the

near future, as well as the establishment itself. They intend to utilize the adjacent burned-out building space to introduce games and activities. The Tanners also have plans to expand their business model to other rural cities to aid in downtown revitalization.

Katelyn Spears is the general manager and Dakota Wells is the brewmaster. The business employs five staff members. Additionally, the Tanners own the building where City Florist is located.



Above, TCAT-Henry/Carroll at McKenzie spring graduates. Below, Graduation program speakers (L to R): TCAT Henry/Carroll SkillsUSA Student President Brantley Nanney, keynote speaker Michael Culley and TCAT Henry/Carroll President John Penn Ridgeway. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

TCAT-McKenzie Holds Spring Commencement

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (April 24) — The Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Henry/Carroll at McKenzie held spring commencement Thursday afternoon at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The spring class included 29 graduates, of which 21 were present for the ceremony. They entered to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance."

An invocation was given by Darrell Pittman, HVAC/R instructor.

TCAT Henry/Carroll SkillsUSA Student President Brantley Nanney welcomed all and spoke about the busy and successful year TCAT students (in particular the SkillsUSA competitive team) had had.

TCAT Henry/Carroll President John Penn Ridgeway introduced the keynote speaker, Michael Culley, owner of Culley Mechanical Services in Paris.

Culley said, in part, "As I stand here looking at all of you—welders, mechanics, machinists, HVAC technicians, computer technicians, office administrators and more—I don't just see graduates. I see the backbone of America's future. I see the builders, the problem-solvers, the hands that will shape communities and keep our world running.

"You have chosen a path that is both honorable and essential. You are entering fields that are not only in high de-

mand but are also the very foundation of our daily lives. The roads we drive on, the homes we live in, the power that lights our cities, the machines that keep industries moving—these things exist because of skilled tradespeople like you."

He challenged the graduates with using their skills not just to make a living, "but to make a difference."

President Ridgeway, with Student Services Counselor Brittany Twilbeck and program instructors, presented the graduates and conferred their diplomas.

The graduates exited in a traditional recessional, then joined their families and TCAT staff for refreshments.

Graduates included:

Administrative Office Technology — Dana Burns, Chelsea Caldwell,

Shaquise Long and Kaitlin Wales.

Automotive Technology — Tyler Biggers, Heather Kliuienko, Christopher Knott, Collin Varnum, Cole Wilson and Braxton Wright.

HVAC/R — Brady Archie, William Roberts and Aidan Sisemore.

Industrial Maintenance Integrated Automation — Samuel Hagan, Thomas Harclerod, William Parham and Domic Polman.

Information Technology Systems Management — Ian Barker, Noah Pigue, Adam Riley, Zachary Stephens and Curtis Swafford.

Welding Technology (McKenzie) — Adam Ezell, Anthony Hunt, Charles Jennings, Jacob Johnson and Byron Sanford.

Welding Technology (Dresden) — Brantley Ricketts and Silas Smith.



Chase Sanders spoke about the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse to McKenzie Rotary. Pictured are Christy Williams, president of McKenzie Rotary, Sanders, and Ricky Price, vice-president of McKenzie Rotary.

Rotary Learns About Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse

MCKENZIE (April 22) — Chase Sanders, clinical director for the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on Tuesday, April 22.

Sanders said the Center serves all of West Tennessee outside of Shelby County, serves approximately 700 children annually plus additional investigations, and

works to prevent child abuse.

Carroll County is the location of one of its advocacy centers.

Children are often abused by a family member or a known perpetrator. Many cases of child abuse go unreported. The prevention of child abuse is everyone's responsibility, said Sanders.

Alyse McMinn is the new director at the Carroll County Carl Perkins Center, said Sanders.

Bishop Joins Bethel University In Enrollment, Advancement

MCKENZIE (April 8) — Bethel University announces the appointment of Lougan Bishop as the new Vice President of Enrollment and Advancement effective April 28. With more than 17 years of experience in higher education enrollment and marketing, Bishop brings a wealth of expertise and a proven track record of driving institutional growth through innovative and strategic initiatives.



"We are thrilled to welcome Lougan Bishop to the Bethel University family," said Bethel President Dr. Perry Moulds. "I've witnessed first-hand how his innovative approach and strategic leadership can provide invaluable support as we continue to grow and enhance our enrollment, marketing and advancement efforts. I am confident that Lougan's expertise will help us achieve new heights in student recruitment, alumni engagement, and institutional development."

Bishop joins Bethel from Belmont University, where he most recently served as the Director of Web and Video Strategy. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in launching Belmont's first flagship social media accounts and the Boulevard Team, the university student social media team. He also directed the redesign and restructure of the university's flagship website, led digital media efforts for the university's historic We Believe fundraising campaign, and spearheaded multiple award-winning web and video projects. His efforts in digital marketing, brand strategy, video production, and data analytics have significantly enhanced Belmont's online presence and stakeholder engagement among prospective students/families, employees, alumni, parents, and donors.

Bishop also brings extensive experience in enrollment and admissions, having served in multiple roles at Belmont University. He enhanced recruitment efforts by implementing Belmont's first customer relationship management system for admissions, along with the prospective student portal, BU4U. He launched the university's first online prospective student group, contributing to improved yield rates and helping drive a nearly 10% increase in first-year enrollment that year. His impact extended to campus visit days as well, where he played a key role in reimagining digital presentations and visitor experiences within the new Admissions Welcome Center.

In his new role at Bethel University, Bishop will serve as a key member of the University's leadership

team, providing strategic direction and oversight for all enrollment management and marketing initiatives. He will also provide oversight for fundraising and engagement activities in partnership with President Moulds. Bishop's extensive experience in enrollment management, digital strategy, and cross-functional leadership will be instrumental in advancing Bethel's mission and vision.

"I am honored to join Bethel and incredibly excited to play a role in forwarding this University's mission to provide an accessible education that helps each student develop to their highest potential," said Bishop. "There are vast opportunities ahead for this institution and its students, and I'm grateful to Dr. Moulds and his entire team for welcoming me to the Wildcats' campus. Let's get to work!"

Bishop holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University, where he majored in biology and minored in geology. He has been actively involved in various professional organizations, including the Higher Education Web Professionals Association in which he chaired the volunteer committee, and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Bishop serves as an instructor in the Belmont University Executive Education MiniMBA program. He is also the co-founder and co-host of the "Higher Ed Social" podcast with more than 200 episodes recorded covering a variety of higher education topics and viewpoints.

Bishop is married to Mar- en, his wife of 17 years. She is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in student success and enrollment management and currently serves as Belmont's Assistant Director of Student Care & Support. Together, they are the proud parents of two sons, Simon and Soren.

About Bethel University

Bethel University, located in McKenzie, Tennessee, is a Christian institution committed to academic excellence and personal growth. Offering a diverse range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, Bethel equips students to lead with purpose and impact in their communities and beyond.



Top Left, Miss Junior Tater Town Harley Taylor on her pink-colored antique John Deere tractor. Center Left, Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Marching Tigers. Below Left, McKenzie High School Marching Rebels. Above, Garry Mason, the coach of Bethel University's Bass-Fishing Team, was the grand marshal. His wife, Cindy and Garry rode in a bass boat to lead the parade. He is being interviewed by John Penn Ridgeway. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



World's Biggest Fish Fry Parade Well Attended

PARIS (APRIL 25) — Parade-goers lined the streets for the annual World's Biggest Fish Fry parade, which consisted of some 70 entries, including eight area high school bands, seven of the county's fire departments, beauty queens, local, state and national politicians, all overseen by Grand Marshal Garry Mason and his wife, Cindy.

It was perfect weather for the 10 a.m. parade along Wood Street in Paris.

Bands participating in this year's parade were the Henry County Marching Patriots, Inman Band, McKenzie, Peabody, Camden Central, Stewart County, Humboldt and Hollow Rock-Bruceton. Fire departments in the parade were Paris, Springville, Mansfield, Paris Landing, Henry, Puryear, Oakland, plus the Forestry Service.

Most Original — 1st: Come Grow With Us; 2nd: Henry County Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse; 3rd: Miss. Jr. Tater Town Queen Harley Taylor driving a pink antique tractor.

Best Club or Church — 1st: Fishing for Veterans; 2nd: When You Go Through Deep Waters I Will Be With You; 3rd: Paparazzi Watch Out.

Most Beautiful — 1st: WBFF Miss Pre-Teen - Saddle Up; 2nd: WBFF Miss Teen; 3rd: WBFF Little Miss.

Best Out of Town — 1st: Little Miss Medina; 2nd: Miss Dresden Royalty; 3rd: Iris Festival Royalty.

Best Decorated Golf Cart — Apex Bank.

Best Business Float — 1st: Paris Landing KOA; 2nd: Styles on Broadway Salon; 3rd: Rent-A-Center.

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been featured in Parents Magazine, Reader's Digest, and The Bible App. In addition to her writing, Lewis is the host of the Moral of the Story Podcast, produced by K-LOVE, where she shares heartfelt and humorous insights grounded in Christian faith.

"Susannah B. Lewis embodies the spirit of Bethel University—faithful, bold, compassionate, and driven by purpose," said Bethel University President Perry Moulds. "Her journey from the classroom to the national stage is an inspiring testament to what our graduates can achieve when they lead lives of integrity and faith. We are thrilled to welcome her back to campus to share her wisdom and encouragement with our graduates and their families."

Lewis, a Medina, Tennessee native, lives with her husband, their three children, and six dogs. She credits her small-town roots and her Bethel education for shaping her creative voice and deepening her Christian worldview.

"I'm honored to return to Bethel to speak to the graduating class," said Lewis. "I hope to encourage these new graduates to follow their God-given calling, to embrace the detours, and to never lose their sense of humor along the way."

The 2025 graduating class



includes students from Bethel's College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Studies, and College of Health Sciences, representing a wide range of degree programs including business, nursing, education, criminal justice, and ministry.

"Our graduates are stepping into the world at a time that calls for resilience, compassion, and leader-

ship," Dr. Moulds added. "Whether they are entering the workforce, continuing their education, or serving their communities, we are confident they are prepared to make a meaningful impact."

For more information about commencement events or to view the livestream link, please visit www.bethelu.edu/commencement.

Taco

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will be built on the newly vacant lot.

On January 7, 2025, the Old West Steakhouse was completely destroyed by fire. The blaze resulted in a total loss of the building's contents and structure, with early estimates placing the property loss at \$193,800 and the losses of

contents at approximately \$150,000. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is currently looking into the cause of the fire.

Following the TBI's investigation, the real estate was released for development once again.

Chiefs

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Gamble. Jason, who has been married to his wife Jessica for 19 years, has two children. He graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in 2010 and began his career as a patrolman in Medina. His outstanding service and commitment to community safety earned him the Police Officer of the Year award in both 2010 and 2011. He advanced through the ranks from sergeant to captain and served as chief of police in Gibson County for nine years.

Fire Chief John Fordon, 57, relocated to Huntingdon in October 2023. He has 31.5 years of experience with the Elk Grove Village (Illinois) Fire Department.

Chief Fordon comes from a family of fire fighters. His father was a vol-

unteer fireman and taught John how to pump water from a fire engine when he was 9 years old. He began his fire career in 1989. He was hired as a career fire fighter with the Elk Grove Village Fire Department in Illinois; working his way up through the ranks. He moved to Tennessee in 2021 to be closer to his children and enjoy Tennessee's beautiful landscape. He and his wife, Pamela, of 29 years, have three children. John enjoys anything outdoors; boating, snowmobiling, volleyball and spending time with family.

Chief Fordon brings many technical skills to the position including: Technical Rescue, Hazmat, Fire Suppression, NIMS, Health and Safety Officer, Incident Command, CDL Instructor, Vehicle Extrication, Strategic Planning and Fire Training Academy, and continuing education. He is a long-standing member of the Illinois Task Force 1 as a Logistics Manager and currently serves on

the TN FEMA Task Force 1 as a Logistics Specialist and convoy driver.

In other business, the Council approved a bid of \$26,465.12 for the purchase of two sets of fire-fighting uniforms and four air cylinders for self-contained breathing apparatus.

The board also approved a \$35,715 repair cost for the emergency repair of utility well #2 for the utility department.

Krista Martin, president of the Friends of the Dixie, proposed that the organization take responsibility for many of the day-to-day operations of the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. Dr. Martin mentioned that the Friends of the Dixie would aim to become a non-profit organization, which would allow them to seek grants more effectively and schedule talent acts.

In the coming months, the Friends hope to present a more formal proposal to the city leaders.

Guns

...From Front Page

in March 2021, several deputies with the Weakley County Sheriff's Department responded to Fast Eddie's Bar in Dresden, Tennessee, after receiving a report of an assault in progress. Upon arrival, the deputies spoke with the victims who said that an individual, later identified as Cissell, drove a black SUV into the parking lot of the bar wearing a "bullet proof vest" and holding an assault rifle firearm. Cissell pointed the firearm at the three victims, threatened

to kill them, and fled the parking lot.

Deputies later found Cissell wearing a ballistic vest while sitting inside a pickup truck, preparing to leave his residence. The deputies observed a wooden handle of a revolver sticking out of the top of the vest. Deputies also found three firearms and several hundred rounds of ammunition either on Cissell or in the vehicle he was occupying. Cissell admitted that there were additional firearms in his residence. Three additional firearms and over two thousand rounds of various caliber ammunition were discovered after a search of Cissell's

residence.

On April 11, 2025, United States District Court Judge J. Daniel Breen sentenced Cissell to 120 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release, the maximum term of imprisonment, after Cissell pled guilty to six counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

There is no parole in the federal system.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Weakley County Sheriff's Department investigated this case.

Assistant United States Attorney Adam Davis prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

Truck

...From Front Page

The bid for a replacement truck from Sourcewell was \$283,200 plus five percent of new federal tariffs to bring the total price to \$297,360.

The new bucket assembly was \$177,210 additional.

After the insurance settlement, the department will pay \$105,000 plus any customization needed on the new truck. Delivery

time is up to 60 days.

Danny Toombs said the loss of the truck cripples the lineman, who used the truck to performance maintenance on energized three-phase lines.

Ryan Drewry, general manager, said the now-damaged truck was originally scheduled for replacement in the year 2028.

Drewry reported that the cost of two 166,000 volt breakers for the new substation in the Leach Community also increased in price by \$8,100 each due to

new federal tariffs.

Lori Nolen, chairman of the board, praised the department for its sympathy to the family of Chance Carlton and its compassion and debriefing of the staff of CCED following the tragedy.

Next month, the Board will be presented with the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Drewry said the Department is working to reduce overall costs, however, expected inflation and tariffs will have an impact on the budget.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

... American Law?

Martin Niemöller (1892–1984) was a Lutheran Pastor who lived in Nazi Germany. He opposed the Nazi regime during the late 1930s, and was sent to a concentration camp for his affiliation with the Confess-

ing Church. In 1946 after his release from the concentra- tion camp he published the following statement. “First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the

Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade union- ists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.” Should we as Americans now in April 2025, speak up for our brothers and sisters who are being deported to horrible foreign prisons without the assumption of innocence and without the due process of American law? **Roger C. Johnson, Ph.D. McKenzie, Tennessee**

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Sadly, There Are No Chickens in Our Neighborhood

I may be the worst yardman in the world. It is not delightful work for me. I'd rather be running a half-marathon. Or playing golf. Or reading a book on General Custer's last stand. Or teaching grandchildren how to play hopscotch in the driveway. But I begrudgingly, just this week, pulled out the hedge trimmer and started on the bushes between the house and the garage. As I straightened up at the end of the first row to give my back a rest, I smiled silently, and remembered another yard, in another time and another place. I was born in January. By April of that first year, Dad- dy had me out in the yard, helping clean up the place. I kid you not! My first mem- ory wasn't saying, "Mom- ma" or putting on a pair of Buster Brown shoes for the ride to Sunday School. My first conscious thought found me on my hands and knees, still in diapers, pull- ing weeds out from under a giant Mimosa tree. David Mark was born a year and a half later. I raised up on my tip toes to get a better look through the slats of the well-worn crib. I wasn't thinking, "a new playmate," or "little brother." Finally, I was go- ing to get a little help in this yard! Daddy stayed busy, earning a living. He didn't have time for much yard work but he was still a mite particular about how ours looked. So, he did the instructing. Leon, as the older brother, was left in charge, and, as life unfold- ed, me and David did ALL

the work. I asked Daddy a million times why the yard had to be so clean and spar- kling every second of every single day. "Son, it's not so much about our yard, we just don't want to be an embarrassment to our neighbors." In those early days out at the end of Stonewall Street, Mr. Brooks had the closest house to us. You had to walk out to the middle of the road and crane a bit to see it! And I will tell you a fact, Mr. Brooks was such a hard worker raising cot- ton and tending to his ex- tra huge garden, he didn't have time to glance down our way. Mr. Brooks had a motor- ized, gas lawnmower that we always envied. We had an old reel mower that defi- nitely wasn't self-propelled. Leon was old enough to push it...but it wasn't in his nature. On second thought I might not have been the worst yard worker in the entire world. Dad would casually say after supper, "You boys set the yard right tomorrow." Let me interpret that 1955 West Tennessee saying for you. He clearly meant when he got home the next evening, every single blade of grass had better be cut to the correct height. He didn't want to see any weeds growing up the side of the house. It had better be neat as a pin under every tree and shrub. He expected the sidewalk edged razor straight and uniform. It was an all-day job. Es- pecially since only two of us were doing any work. Leon

was five years older and used that to his advantage. I've mentioned before how he'd tie a rope around me and David's neck and attach it to the front bar of the reel mower. He'd hold the han- dle and yell at us to move faster as "he" cut the grass. Think of the Iditarod Race in Alaska as the drivers mush their dogs through the snow. Leon would find two flat head shovels for the side- walk so Dave and I could finish in half the time. He'd siphon coal oil out of our storage tank and have us drip it on the grass around the house to speed up the "clipping" process. I often longed for Pa and Gran's yard. The chickens running loose pecked the grass till it was completely gone. They swept their dirt yard with a broom. How simple and uncompliat- ed. Leon could have even done that! We'd end up praying it would be dark, or at least twilight, when Dad got home; hopefully, hiding our sloppy work. We finally got old enough to where David and I, if we teamed up, Leon couldn't make us do everything he said. It was mostly Dave. He didn't know jujitsu or kung fu. He knew crow bar and sledge hammer. He was a tough as whitleather, and would hit you when you weren't looking! Leon was making mon- ey as a life guard at the swimming pool by then. He would pay us to do the yardwork...if we didn't tell Dad. We charged him an extra 50 cents apiece for our silence. A passing car honked and waved, abruptly bring- ing me back to my present chore. I turned the trim- mer to the next hedge. And hoped when I finished, my yard wouldn't be an embarrassment to the neighbors.... **Respectfully, Kes**

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

A Compass

Recently, while camp- ing, Brenda and I hiked a trail we'd never been on before, but we'd heard about it and seen some beautiful pictures of it. At the ranger station they provided us with a map, then asked us to sign our names on a list and note what time we left on the hike and told us to be sure and checkout when we returned, which we both thought was kind of odd. Then, they explained, "We've had people get lost and we had to mount a search party to find them." That omen meant noth- ing to us. We've hiked lots of trails over the years and never gotten lost even without a map. BUT, an hour and a half later (when we expected the hike to last only an hour), we started getting concerned. Pointing at a tree, Bren- da said, "I made a photo of that when we hiked in."

Immediately, we knew we were in trouble. I checked and rechecked the map. What was con- fusing was there were four trails on the map and mul- tiple connecting trails be- tween all of them. We turned around and started retracing our steps but only went a few hun- dred yards when I real- ized we were completely turned around (a man's euphemism for LOST). I'm smart enough to know that if you get lost in the woods, you need to sit down and wait for rescuers to find you. Don't keep traveling blindly. I was about to tell Bren- da this when it dawned on me, I had a compass on my phone. Whipping it out, I imme- diately figured out which path to take. We made it out easily, although, it was a much longer hike than we'd planned. So, let me ask you: what do you do when you real-

ize you're lost? I don't mean lost on a hike. I mean, when you've lost your way in life, when calamity has struck and left you completely disori- ented and confused. When that happens to me, I look to three things. First of all, I turn to God. I pray hard, I scour His Word, and I listen for di- rection from Him. After that, I turn to two things: friends and fami- ly. I want to seek counsel from people who walk with God and will be honest with me. I'm very blessed to have people in my life who have both traits. Getting lost is easier than one might think. The important thing is to not stay lost. Don't keep wandering aimlessly. Find yourself a compass. * Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume 11: The Hairy Catfish Caper.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

A Cuckoo Story With A Better Than Average Ending

As you are well aware, I quit writing these news- paper articles a year ago. At about the same time, I stopped repairing old clocks. Loss of memory, out of ideas, and Leon (my best story source) passing away got me out of the former, and bad eyesight forced me to give up the latter. I have slipped into a couple of papers an odd story here and there when nobody was looking. And I will still fix a clock on oc- casion, if the person who owns it is one of my former students, or they go to our church, or if anybody just brings in a good-looking genuine antique that is not working. I don't get paid any longer for the newspaper articles because I have of- ficially retired. And, I still vividly remember walking into Mr. Wesley Ramsey's office umpteen years ago to ask for my very first raise. He wiped a bit of ink stain off his hand, gave me that beautiful wry grin that would have disarmed Adolf Hitler and said, "Kes, I'm already paying you more than you are worth." I have understood the value of my little scrib- blings since 1984. I never charge anyone for the clockwork because it's just a hobby I have en- joyed over the years. And, remember, I do it for my friends. Most of them ar- en't going to pay me any- way. And a lot of the clocks are pretty simple to work on. An old Coca-Cola ad- vertiser from the early 1920's is a good example. It has a mainspring, three gears, and an escape wheel and that's about it. If the clock strikes, you've got an extra "chain" of gears. It can double your problems

when working on one. I don't fix cuckoo clocks at all because they have small movements, bellows that are very flimsy, it's hard to get the bird at the top to spurt out on cue, and many of them have mu- sic boxes attached which presents another whole set of problems. I wrote a newspaper ar- ticle last week because I had a lucid moment. And I agreed to work on a friend's Black Forest Ger- man Cuckoo Clock with all the bells and whistles because I had an un-lucid one! I'm telling you, when I got that thing completely apart, I had gears, springs, wires, screws, sprockets, chains, goat skinned bel- lows, and ax-wielding mu- sic box wood choppers strung out from here to Topeka, Kansas! I cleaned, oiled, scraped, rewired, and moaned for three days and nights. Of course, it didn't run, strike, cuckoo, chirp, or play music when I got it back together. I took it all apart again. And again. And was trying to find a leg of the mini- ature dancing Fraulein when I thought of Cliff Sanborn. Cliff was first class in every respect. I met him the year I moved to Port St. Joe. The first thing he said to me was, "Coach, do folks work back in Tennessee where you come from?" He judged people exactly the same way my Father did. I mentioned to him once that I needed a well so I could water my yard. He immediately volunteered to "jet down" a shallow well for me. He figured it would take 20 minutes. The next day he came over with pipes and hoses and jumped right to it. Cliff

worked at the paper mill. He didn't make a living digging wells. At about ten feet, we hit a World War II underground concrete bunker. Let me tell you, it's pretty hard to spray the most ardent stream of water through five feet of concrete! It didn't deter Cliff. He worked harder. At 16 feet, we hit a sublayer of gran- ite. This was not going well. I quit and went to my day job, "Cliff, don't worry about it. I can get a well drilling outfit." He wouldn't hear of it. I'd wake up at daylight and he'd be out in my back- yard, pushing and pulling on a "new" rigging he was trying, sweat just pouring off of him. "Cliff, this ain't worth it. I'll hire someone." By the middle of the second week, I realized I didn't figure into the equa- tion anymore. It had be- come personal with Cliff and the ground. He was going to get water out of it or die trying. Talk about true grit! He didn't quit, take a break, work his garden, kiss Miss Martha, fuss at Robbie and Sandy, or wor- ry about the price of eggs in China till he had water gushing out of that hole.... Good golly, I couldn't let one little cuckoo clock whip me. I got up early and worked late into the night. I forgot all else until I had that thing humming like a song. Don't you just love a happy ending. My friend got a working clock back. And I got to feel the spir- it of Cliff Sanborn look- ing over my shoulder one more time, still urging me on in this life.... **Respectfully, Kes**

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Obituaries

STEVEN ROSS SHERWOOD 1948 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Graveside funeral services for Steven Ross Sherwood were Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 4 p.m. at Mt Olivet Cemetery-McKenzie. Interment followed.

Mr. Sherwood, 76, died at his residence on Friday, April 25, 2025.

He was born in McKenzie on November 28, 1948, to Jerry and Lula Mae Ross Sherwood. He was a retired rural carrier for the United States Postal Service, co-owner of Forestwood Restaurant, and production assistant for Genia's School of Dance for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Genia Gill Sherwood; a daughter, LaTisha (Keff) Karnes; son, Ross (Ashley) Sherwood; granddaughter, McKenna Sherwood; two nephews, Torey Green and Adrian (Regina) Green, all of McKenzie; and many great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Patsy Sherwood Melton; and two grandchildren, Aaron Sherwood and Mary Elizabeth Sherwood.

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

FAYE CAMPBELL JONES 1932 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Mrs. Faye Campbell Jones were Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 4 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Friday, April 25, 2025, and on Saturday. Interment was at Mt Olivet Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joey Brush, Will Brush, Carver Holt, Fletcher Holt, Matthew Holt, Brycen Jones, Keaton Jones and Parker Jones. Brother Ronnie McClure was the officiant.

Mrs. Jones, 92, died at Lakeside Retirement Community on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. She was a homemaker and a member of Union Grove Baptist Church. She was born in Weakley County on August

13, 1932, to James Ivory and Emma Parker Campbell.

She is survived by her children, Emily (David) Webb and Tony (Jeanene) Jones of McKenzie; three grandchildren, Gina (Joey) Brush, Lindsey (Matthew) Holt and Parker (Toni) Jones; and nine great-grandchildren, Will Brush, Macie Brush, Fletcher Holt, Ridley Holt, Carver Holt, Mary Mae Holt, Keaton Jones, Brycen Jones and Jake Jones.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lonnie Grayden Jones; sisters, Mary Twiggs and Sudie Tucker; and two brothers, Max Campbell and Huley Campbell. +

PAULA RICH 1962 — 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Paula Rich, 63, of Huntingdon, died Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 2 p.m., Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in McKenzie. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Rich was born April 4, 1962, in Napierville, Ill., to the late Bennie and Geneva Oliver Graham. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy Graham and a nephew, Bradley Suratt.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Tony Rich; four daughters, Rachel Burcham (Howard) of McKenzie, LaTrisha Rich, of Paris, Amanda Austin (Allan) of Gibson, Sabrina Burnine (Jimmy) of Huntingdon; three sisters, Connie Suratt, Elizabeth Graham, Tonya Caswell (Cliff) all of Atwood; a brother, Danny Graham, of Atwood; and eleven grandchildren. She also leaves nine great-grandchildren.

CHUCK R. WALLACE 1950 — 2025

HUNTINGDON — Chuck R. Wallace, 74, of Huntingdon, died Wednesday morning, April 16.

He was born in Milan, on August 4, 1950, to parents Avie "Lefty" Wallace and Lucille Clark Wallace.

Chuck graduated from Huntingdon High School in 1969 and soon thereafter enlisted in the Marine Corps, where he proudly served in Vietnam.

After his military service, Chuck returned home and began a 34-year career with the United States Postal

Service, eventually retiring as postmaster in McKenzie.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Chuck is survived by his wife of 50 years, Hilda Cawthon Wallace; two sons, Stuart (partner Phil Cobucci) of Nashville, and Nathan (wife Kelley) of Huntingdon; and grandsons, Jack and Brady. He is also survived by two brothers, Danny (Judy) and Carl (Joan) Wallace of Huntingdon; two sisters, Treva Avery Smith of Cedar Grove, and Lecia Wallace of Jackson; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life was Saturday, April 26, at noon at Paul Ward Stadium.

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

ARVIN L. MORRIS 1933 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Arvin L. Morris were Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Morris, 92, died at Cherrywood Pointe on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

He was born on March 29, 1933, in Trezevant to R.B. and Fostina Beal Morris. He is preceded in death by his wife, Faye Morris; his half-brother, Donald Morris; his sister, Wilma Kirkland; his half-sister, Billie Jo Morris; his brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Brenda Beadles.

He is survived by a special friend, Nancy Moore.

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WINDELL G. MCCARTNEY 1938 — 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Windell G. McCartney, 86, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Cherrywood Post-Acute in McKenzie.

Funeral services are 2 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Concord Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. and again on Friday, May 2, 2025, from noon until time of service at 2 p.m.

Mr. McCartney was born

November 24, 1938, to the late Clyde McCartney and Cora Lou McCartney of Milan. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Sue (Brandon) McCartney and brother-in-law, Paul Woodford.

He is survived by two sons, Anthony (Keliea) McCartney of Huntingdon, and Kirk McCartney of Greenfield; two sisters, Betty Woodford of Chapel Hill, Tenn., and Cindy (Tommy) Milligan of Bradford, Tenn.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

ALBERTA McCULLEY 1940 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Mrs. Alberta McCulley, 84, of McKenzie, died Friday, April 18, 2025, at Lakeside Senior Living Community. Memorial services were Friday April 25, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCulley was born August 14, 1940, to the late Albert Karl Warner and Margaret Offer Warner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike McCulley.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda (Bobby) High of McKenzie, Anna (Mike) Rogers of Newport, Mich., and Margaret (Tom) Calhoun of Ypsilanti, Mich.; one son, Albert (Sherry) McCulley of McKenzie; one sister, Cricket (Eddie) Wilson of Holland, Mich.; one brother, Richard (Debbie) Warner of Detroit, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

BRENDA LYNN SMITH 1962 — 2025

HUNTINGDON — Brenda Lynn Smith, 62, of Huntingdon died April 20, 2025, from lung cancer at her home. She was born on August 31, 1962.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, James Corder and Charlene Sellers, two brothers, one sister, and her infant granddaughter.

She is survived by three sisters and three brothers, two daughters, Cheryl Prater of Newbern, Tenn., and Charlene Pryor of McKenzie, and four grandchildren.

Brenda's final wishes were to be cremated and a private service with family.

Bethel, Eastside FCE Met

Eight members of the Bethel/Eastside FCE met Thursday, April 10 in the home of Mary and Penny Mays for their April meeting. We met a little earlier than usual to work on the boo-boo bunnies that were taken to the nursing home. The Saturday workshop was canceled due to scheduling.

The roll call was answered with, "What is your favorite thing about spring, and why?" The secretary read the minutes which were accepted as read. Also, the financial report was given by the treasurer.

In old business, Cyprus Park was brought back on the agenda. It was agreed that we would meet at the Mays house for car pooling on May 17. We will eat out. The food drive at the office complex continues through April 18.

In new business, the cluster meeting is on April 24 at Montgomery County. Spring Rally is April 21 in the kitchen at the Carroll County Complex. Bethel/Eastside is providing the

meal, salads and decor. Be sure to bring your cultural art exhibits for judging. The blue winners go on to the district in Jackson.

The program was given by Jean Winingar on clutter. Jean was also the hostess for this month.

What type of clutter personality are you? We took a little quiz to find out.

A. The minimalist - efficient and goal oriented. Maintaining a clutter free lifestyle.

B. Sentimental Saver - Holding on to memories and personal items. Needs to focus on what truly matters.

C. Overwhelmed Avoider - Clutter is daunting to you. Where do you begin? Make small inroads and gain confidence. A little at a time until it's gone.

D. Indecisive organizer - You want a clutter free space but struggle with decisions. Clear guidelines will help you de-clutter and get organized.

You can do it!

Next month's hostess is Sue Smith on May 8.



Sour Cream Cake

1 pkg Duncan Hines cake mix
8 oz. sour cream
1/3 cup Crisco oil
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
4 eggs

Put all ingredients in mixing bowl, beat on high for 4 minutes. Bake in a greased and floured tube pan at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes. Cool in pan for 25 minutes. You can glaze or frost, if desired.

Pineapple Cheese Ball

16 oz. cream cheese
16 oz. crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup green peppers
1 teaspoon minced onions
1 teaspoon seasoning salt
2 cups pecans
Mix together.

Raisin Nut Pie

1 stick oleo, melted
1 1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup pecans

2 tablespoon vinegar
1 cup raisins (cooked)
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix together and put in uncooked pie crust and bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes.

Garlic Cheese Rolls

1 pound cheddar cheese
8 oz. pimento cheese
3 oz. cream cheese
Garlic salt to taste
4 tablespoons Worcestershire
Dash of Tabasco
Any other kind of cheese desired
Mix all ingredients well. Make into rolls and roll onto wax paper covered with paprika or chili powder. Store in refrigerator and slice as needed. Makes 3 rolls.

Date Nut Roll

2 cups vanilla wafers or graham cracker crumbs
1 cups coarsely cut dates
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 teaspoons lemon juice
Combine thoroughly all ingredients. Mixture will be thick. Form into a roll about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in foil, then refrigerate. Slice when firm.

Judge King Speaks to Rotarians

MCKENZIE — Carroll County General Sessions Judge Michael King was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on April 15.

Judge King discussed some of the recent changes in the courthouse and the court system. Notably, security systems at the courthouse have been enhanced to better protect defendants, jury members, the public, and court officers.

He also mentioned the creation of a vape class for juvenile offenders, emphasizing that it is illegal for individuals under the age of 21 to use tobacco, vape, or consume alcoholic



General Sessions Judge Michael King was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie. Pictured are Judge King with Rotary President Christy Williams and Rotary Vice President Ricky Price.

beverages.

Carroll Academy continues its educational efforts for school-aged offenders. This court-operated institution aims to shape children through discipline and education while ensuring they attend school.

A new program called Court-Appointed Special

Advocate (CASA) has been introduced in Carroll County to support children involved in the court system for various reasons. CASA advocates work in the best interest of these children

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Additionally, Judge King has implemented stricter penalties for parents or guardians of children who are truant from school.

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carrollartsinc@gmail.com. Other upcoming events include: 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

LIBERTY ALL HOMECOMING

The annual First Sunday in May Homecoming at Liberty All Church, 2415 Old Stage Road, Huntingdon, is Sunday, May 4. Morning worship is 10:30 a.m. led by Pastor Jennifer Sauer, followed by singing by The Gospel edition and Gospelaies.

Lunch is available after the singing. Everyone is welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE CARROLL COUNTY LIBRARY BAKE, BOOK SALE

Friends of the Carroll County Library are hosting a bake and book sale on May 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carroll County Library, 625 High Street, Huntingdon.

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. May 1 — National Day of Prayer. May 3 — Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame and Bethel University Spring Commencement. May 17 — Bruceton in May. May 22 — Chamber Golf

Tournament. May 22 — Last day of school spring semester. May 26 — Huntingdon and McKenzie Memorial Day Celebrations. June 28 — Eastview Fireworks Celebration. July 4 — McKenzie and McMoresville July 4th Celebrations. August 5 — 2025-2026 school year begins. August 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival. September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival. October 13-17 — Fall Break. October 27 — County Chamber Banquet. November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market. November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet. December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

THIRD ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Third Annual Northwest Tennessee Legislative Breakfast is Friday, May 23, 2025, at Discovery Park of America in Union City. This event brings together local and state officials, tourism stakeholders, and business leaders to discuss the economic impact of tourism across our region.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Admission is free, but RSVPs are required at nwtntourism.com/news/2025-nwtnt-legislative-breakfast.

McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL DECADES REUNION

McKenzie High School is hosting the annual football Homecoming on Friday, September 19, 2025. The Rebels will play Camden Lions at Rebel Stadium. In conjunction, the MHS Alumni Association will host its second annual Decades Reunion. Any MHS class hosting a reunion should contact the

MHS Alumni Association to help promote the class reunion.

SINGING AT ABUNDANT LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Ivan Parker will sing at Abundant Life Family Worship Center, 4375 Hwy 70, Cedar Grove on Sunday, June 1 at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Every Tuesday — Jam session with Steve Morris, 6 p.m. Open to the public.

CARROLL COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Saturday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. The event will honor one male and one female senior from each high school, along with outstanding athletes who have graduated from the five local high schools. For ticket information, contact Lex Suite at 731-415-2834.

VFW 4939 AUXILIARY YARD SALE

The VFW 4939 Auxiliary, 9750 Cherrywood Road, McKenzie, hosts a yard sale, renting spaces and tables for the city-wide yard sale on May 2-3. On Saturday, May 3, there will be hamburgers and hot dogs with extras sold at the VFW. This is a fundraiser for Children's Christmas. Please come out and support. For more information, call 731-207-1024 or 731-415-7040.

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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 HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

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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.

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 Econom-

ic Development Council office in their county of residence. Go to our website for county site contact information: nwcommunityaction.org.

McKENZIE TOPS MEETS MONDAYS

The McKenzie Chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. The first meeting is free. For more information, call (731)- 352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

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.

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Congressman John Rose was in McKenzie on his campaign tour seeking the Republican nomination for governor of Tennessee in 2026. He is pictured with Cheryl Ward and Alisha Crawford at The RailYard in downtown McKenzie.

Congressman Rose Visits McKenzie

McKENZIE (April 22) — Congressman John W. Rose (R-Tennessee) was in McKenzie on Tuesday, April 22 to campaign for the office of governor of Tennessee. Congressman Rose is seeking the Republican nominee in the 2026 August primary. Rose represents the sixth district of Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. He visited with friends and interested persons at

The RailYard in downtown McKenzie.

Rose said Tennessee continues to grow in population because people are leaving other states to move to Tennessee. He stressed the need for continued efforts in economic development and education along with solving a backlog of infrastructure needs. He noted the interstate system is overloaded and needs some major up-

grades, possibly up to eight lanes instead of just four. He praised the improvements in education in Tennessee in recent years.

McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin questioned if he supported the return of the shared local sales tax dollars that were removed from the cities several years ago. That amounts to about \$119,000 for McKenzie.

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McKenzie School Board Agenda

May 6, 5:30 p.m., Board of Education Office.

Regular Agenda (New Business).

Hear correspondence addressed to the Board.

Public comment(s) on actionable agenda items (not to exceed 15 minutes).

SCOPE Report—Mrs. Ashley Lowe and MHS Student Representatives.

NEW BUSINESS (Actionable Items):

Consider for approval resolution to accept one-time teacher bonus funds (\$2,000 per teacher) from "Education Freedom Act" of 2025.

Consider for approval McKenzie SSD budget amendment(s).

Consider for approval Science Textbook Adoption.

Discussion of 2024-2025 school calendar (stockpiled days).

HR Report.
Director's Report.
Adjourn.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Child Abuse and Neglect — According to a report by Officer Kristen Lee, On March 28, officers responded to Drew Court for a small child walking in the roadway without shoes. Upon arrival, the child was seen in the ditch on the side of the road. The child was unkept, and was not wearing any shoes. The parents were identified as Noah Nesbit, 24, of Huntingdon, and Shayla Johnson, 24, of Huntingdon. They were both charged with Child Neglect.

Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication — According to a report by Officer Tony King, on April 5, he responded to the Huntingdon Baptist ER. Aaron Hopper, 33, was impaired and being very disorderly and abusive to officers and hospital staff so he was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Assault — According to a report by Officer Dexter Richardson, on April 6, he responded to an assault that happened at Huntingdon Baptist ER. The victim stated that she was working her shift when Marty Harris, 56, had asked for some water so when she came back, he was under the ER sink messing with the shut off valve. She advised him he wasn't allowed to mess with plumbing, so he struck her in the right side of her face,

and her chest. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — According to a report by Officer Jonathan McDowell, on April 7, reported to McCall Street because a victim advised she had been watching an apartment for two incarcerated individuals and noticed that someone had gone through a window and stole a gaming console.

Shoplifting — According to a report by Officer Jonathan McDowell, on April 13, he responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Crystal Christman, 37, was accused of stealing food and merchandise totaling \$48.99. She was given 10 days to book into jail.

Theft of Merchandise and Criminal Trespass — According to a report by Officer Dexter Richardson, On April 15, he was dispatched to Dollar General in Huntingdon in reference to a shoplifter. Dennie E. Jessee, 40, was seen on surveillance stealing items and was placed under arrest.

Speeding, Driving on Revoked — According to a report by Officer Dexter Richardson, On April 8, he witnessed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 22 N. The driver, Pravi Maxwell, 47, had a revoked driver's license. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Marriage Licenses

Jason Andrew Russell, 46, of McKenzie, to Heather Leann Stanfill Stoner, 55, of Huntingdon.

Leonard Allan Zeitz, 50, of Kentucky, to Angela Rose Ezell, 46, of Kentucky.

Christopher Lee Walker, 47, of Smyrna, to Katrina Lynn Gipson Sczesny, 42, of McKenzie.

Audrey Beth Glover, 25, of Union City, to Brendan Zane Matthews, 27, of McKenzie.

McKenzie Police Reports

Disorderly Conduct — Albert Richard Thatcher, 62, Hot Springs Arkansas, was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication on April 23.

Sergeant Cody Coleman responded to a retail store, where Thatcher was reported to be yelling and cursing outside the store and was advised to leave the premises. MPD officers responded to the scene, talked to the manager, and located Thatcher, who was reportedly uncooperative to the officers. He was arrested for charges as listed above and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault — David Curneal, 65, Murray, Kentucky, was charged with Domestic Assault on April 24.

Sergeant Cody Coleman was dispatched to Linden Street, where Curneal's domestic partner claimed he assaulted her after she asked him to return to Murray. A verbal and physical altercation followed, according to the victim.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Lawrence, 32, homeless, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass on April 24.

Officer Dustin McClure responded to Pocket's convenience store, where Lawrence had entered the property several times overnight. He is banned from Pocket's and several other businesses in McKenzie. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Reckless Endangerment — According to a report filed by Deputy Heather Townes on April 22, she and Deputy Crews-Sherwood responded to a call on Bryant Road in Atwood. The caller stated her house had been shot. The homeowner stated she heard several loud bangs which she thought was a neighbor working next door until she walked down her hallway and saw bullet holes on the inside of her home. It entered through the back, went through two walls, a mirror and out of the front of the home. There were also bullet holes in the small building that was on the property beside the home as well. It is still under investigation who

shot towards the home.

False Imprisonment — According to a report filed by Deputy Alex Sherwood on April 21, he was dispatched to Highway 77 in Hollow Rock in reference to a 911 caller that advised he had been run off the road by another vehicle. The caller, Malachi Johnson, 19, advised he was a firefighter and was responding to a call when he got ran off the road. He detained the driver of the car that "ran him off the road" and criminally impersonated himself as an undercover Henry County police officer. Johnson was also smoking cigarettes while underage. He was taken to Carroll County Jail.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 13-7-105, The Carroll County Commission does hereby give notice of a public hearing on the 12th day of May, at 6:45 p.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input regarding a proposed resolution which would amend the text of to the Carroll County Lake Zoning Resolution to revise the definition of "Accessory Structure."

Copies of the proposed text amendment and revised zoning map are available in the office of the County Mayor during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (April 23) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on April 23.

Jeremy R. Coleman, Main Street, Atwood, was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court on charges of Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange; Contraband- Intoxicant/Drugs in a Penal Facility.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

James Baker, Webb Street, Whiteville, Tenn., guilty, Driving While License Canceled, probation, must obtain a license; dismissed, Window Tint Violation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Cheryle Baughn, Staveley Road, Medina, guilty, Drivers License Must Be Carried, 30 days in jail.

Joshua Cashman, Stone-wall Street, Driving While Suspended - Second or Subsequent Offense, \$350 fine, probation.

Ralph Dennie, Jr., Hillcourt Circle, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving Without License, guilty, Violation of Financial Responsibility, \$50 fine, probation; dismissed, Driving Unregistered Vehicle.

Kelly Depriest, Lone Oak Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation, 90 days alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; Dismissed, Driving Unregistered Vehicle; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Driving

While Revoked.

Larry Jackson, John White Road, Ripley, guilty, Light Law Violation, \$50 fine, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession.

Matthew Brian Moore, Highland Heights, McKenzie, dismissed: Disorderly Conduct, and Resist Stop, Arrest, or Search. Already served 26 days in jail.

Loagan Riley Singleton, Old Union Loop, Paris, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$500 fine, probation, alcohol and drug assessment; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Speeding.

Colione Sharp, Elm Street, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While Revoked-Second or Later Offense, \$250 fine, probation.

Jennifer Thomspson, Porter Street, Paris, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$100 fine, must obtain driver's license, probation; dismissed, Display of Registration Plate.

The following cases were dismissed.

Robert Doede, Brier Creek Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Maurice Lawrence, homeless, McKenzie, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Jennifer Ownby, E. Grove Road, Gleason, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Light Law Violation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Breanna Thomas, Lake Street, Camden, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Speeding.

Property Transfers

John T. and David W. Rushing to David W. and Terri L. Rushing in District 4.

Lottie Alicia Sneed to Jose Becerra Hernandez in District 22.

Steadfast Home Buyers to Jose Becerra Hernandez in District 4.

Laura Watson to Philip Alan Watson in District 15.

Marcus and Alley Burnett to Michael John and Natalie Naomi Caldwell.

Mary Bess Toombs to Kyle Lutz.

Janet Lee Prendergast to William E. and Barbara d. Coleman in District 21.

Barbara K. Walker to Timothy R. and Deborah A. Forrest in District 24.

Justin and Heather Weston to Joey Douglas in District 16.

Charles M. and Wendy Clements to Jose Bernal

Castaneda.

Thelma Jean Massey to Teresa Jean and James E. Speer in District 16.

Craig Steven and Rocio Kirchner to Tamayo Holdings, LLC.

Daniel Pearce and Emily Blacketter Freeman to Stephen and Betty Jane Yarbro in District 11.

George Wesley and Sean Dale Norman to Tony Pitchford in District 7.

Govnor and Jane Hutchison to Raymond Hutchison in District 22.

Meklisha Ridgely to Meklisha and Darrell Ridgely in District 6.

Brian McCaslin to Tiffany Chaney in District 11.

James E. Coleman to Bryant Coleman in District 19.

D. Keith and Tim Lindsey to Casey Drewry in District 4.

State of Tennessee
Carroll County
Probate Division

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
As Required by TCA §30-2-306

Case Number
2025-PA-93

Estate of VIRGIE LEE CARVER, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Virgie Lee Carver, who died December 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required 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 the 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 (l)(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.

Date: 4/27/2025
Valerie Carver, Administrator

Date: 3/4/2025
John W. Whitworth, Attorney

Date: 4/14/2025
Kennetha Terrell, Clerk & Master

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will hold a Board meeting on **Friday, May 16, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be physically held at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office located at 938C Walnut Avenue W., McKenzie, TN 38201, in person only.

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We do the legwork to keep you informed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions
FILE # NRS23.257

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit action and solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on the aquatic environment.

Pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108 and Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-40-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and draft permit and rationale, and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. At the conclusion of the public notice period a final determination will be made whether to issue or deny the permit.

APPLICANT

Tony & Charlotte Tucker
1247 Cassinino Road,
Huntingdon, TN, 38344
(731) 415-8414

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE

Work includes installation of 600 linear feet of stone toe protection with non-woven geo fabric underlay along the eroding southern shoreline on Carroll County 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake on Reedy Creek. The riprap will extend 2-3 feet above and 4 feet below normal pool elevation. No more than 5 feet of excavation shall occur, and the existing grade will be maintained. Compensatory mitigation is not required.

LOCATION

Carroll County 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake on Reedy Creek
1247 Cassinino Road, Huntingdon, TN, 38344; Carroll County
Latitude: 35.917345, Longitude: -88.449421
Ecoregion 65e Northern Hilly Gulf Coastal Plain, impacts in Obion- South Fork Watershed.

To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition, visit the Division's mapviewer at <http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/> and search on the permit number or coordinates listed in this Public Notice.

PERMIT WRITER

Hannah Edmiston
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit
Davy Crockett Tower, 9th Floor
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
615-829-1307
Hannah.Edmiston@tn.gov

ANTIDEGRADATION

The affected waters have available parameters for habitat. As described in the accompanying permit rationale, the Department has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activity will result in de minimis degradation.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

In deciding whether to issue or deny this permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The division will consider the nature, scale and effects of proposed impacts. The Division will consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

In making this decision, a final determination will be made evaluating appreciable permanent loss of resource values and proposed compensatory mitigation to ensure the project will not result in no overall net loss of state water resources values.

HOW TO COMMENT

TDEC is requesting public comment on this proposed permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within thirty days following distribution of the approved public notice materials (including signage and newspaper ad). Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to ARAPpermits@tn.gov.

After the Division makes a final permit determination, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-979-1406 or Brian.Canada@tn.gov.

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Brian Canada al 615-979-1406 o Brian.Canada@tn.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be received by the Division within the comment period, indicate the interest of the party requesting it, the reason(s) a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the Division will hold a public hearing in accordance with 0400-40-07-.04(4) (f). Send all public hearing requests to the attention of the permit coordinator at the address listed below or via email to ARAPpermits@tn.gov. Any scheduled public hearings will be advertised through a similar public notice process.

FILE REVIEW

The permit application, supporting documentation, including detailed plans and maps, draft permit and rationale, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division's data viewer at <https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/?p=2005:1:9486548805959>; by entering the permit file number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed and copied at the address listed below.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources
Natural Resources Unit
Davy Crockett Tower, 9th Floor
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Left, Lady Rebel second baseman Kailie Hudgins applies the tag and hangs on through the collision for the out. Right, Lady Rebel pitcher Braylin Auvenshine fields a sharp grounder and throws to first baseman Aurora Johnson for the out. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Take Tough Loss to McEwen

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (April 22) — McKenzie High School hosted McEwen Tuesday for a district softball contest and took a tough 10-0 loss. The Lady Warriors scored a pair in the first, one in the

second, two in the fourth and five in the seventh for the shutout. Lady Rebel Aurora Johnson had the team's lone hit. Braylin Auvenshine took the complete-game loss for McKenzie, allowing ten runs (seven earned) on eight hits while striking out

two and walking six. Tylee Tummins led the Lady Warrior offense with a pair of home runs and three RBIs. Ava Lastovka earned the complete-game, one-hit shutout for McEwen, striking out 14 and walking one.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Rebel Marshal Vinson fires past the Hickman County goalkeeper and scores. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels' Second-Half Burst Tops Hickman County, 6-2

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (April 22) — McKenzie High School

hosted region soccer foe Hickman County Tuesday. The contest was knotted at 1-1 at the half, but the Rebels took control early in the

second period and cruised to a 6-2 victory. Rebel Eli Vinson scored a pair of goals. Guillermo Hickman, Marshal Vinson, Morgan Christman and Jony Hernandez each scored a goal. Alex Garcia had three assists. McKenzie goalkeeper Nate Dameron recorded six saves in the win.

PUBLICATION NOTICE
TO: RHONDA RAE RUESS
PENDING IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ROBERT THOMAS FRENCH,
Plaintiff,
VS. DOCKET NO. 25-DR-71
RHONDA RAE RUESS,
Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Plaintiff's pleading, which is sworn to, that the residence of Rhonda Rae Ruess is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry or she is a nonresident of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law in the McKenzie Banner, a newspaper of general circulation published in Carroll County, Tennessee, notifying Rhonda Rae Ruess to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Steven L. West, WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS, 19765 E. Main Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, and the Clerk of this Court, an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce filed against him in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of last publication which will be April 30, 2025, or a judgment by default will be entered on June 5, 2025, and the action set for hearing ex parte as to him.

Dated this the 5th day of June, 2025,

Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master, Carroll County Chancery Court

Steven L. West, WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS
19765 E. Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-5551

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Left, Rebel Cooper Davidson earned the complete-game shutout, allowing three hits while striking out two and walking one in three innings. Right, Rebel short-stop Cole Brown throws to first for an out. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Rebels Cage Bulldogs

BY BRAD SAM
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GLEASON (April 21) — Gleason High School hosted McKenzie on the diamond Monday, and the visiting Rebels scored early and often in a 14-0 win.

McKenzie scored four runs in the bottom of the first, six in the second and four in the third. Rebel Craegen Travis was 3-for-3 with a home run, a double, two RBIs and three runs scored. Xander Johnsey went 2-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Cooper Davidson batted 2-for-2 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Avery Brown was 1-for-2 with a double and two RBIs. Fletcher Holt went 1-for-2 with a walk, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Tate Surber was 1-for-3 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Cole Brown went 1-for-3 with a walk, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Maddox Shiell was 0-for-0 with two walks, an RBI, a run scored and a



Bulldog Ty Keeling applies the tag to Rebel Fletcher Holt near third base. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

stolen base. Bulldog Aiden Legens was 1-for-2 with a double. Drake Lehmkuhl pitched two-thirds of an inning of relief, allowing five earned runs on five hits while walking two. Kaleb Crocker threw a third of an inning, allowing three earned runs on one hit and three walks. Bryce Pettit took the final two-thirds of an inning, allowing no runs, hits or walks.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

Rebels Sweep Tigers in Doubleheader

BY BRAD SAM
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BRUCETON (April 21) — The McKenzie Middle School Rebels traveled Monday for a double-header against the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Middle School Tigers. The Rebels were dominant in both contests for 12-1 and 10-0 wins.

Game 1:
McKenzie Rebels 12, Central Tigers 1
The Tigers struck first with a run in the bottom of the first, but McKenzie tied it with a run in the top of the second. From there, the Rebels pulled away quickly with six runs in the third and five in the fourth. Rebel Leighem Broyles was 3-for-3 with a triple, three RBIs, three runs

scored and a stolen base. Hudson Garrett went 1-for-3 with two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Dierks Ghyers was 1-for-2 with a run scored and a stolen base. Parker Ross batted 1-for-3 with an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Brayden Mort was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Seth Stafford went 0-for-2 with a walk, two runs scored and a stolen base. Lane Brown was 0-for-2 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Seth Stafford earned the complete-game no-hitter for McKenzie, allowing one unearned run while striking out ten and walking one in four innings.

Game 2:
Rebels 10, Tigers 0
As the home team in the second leg of the double-header, McKenzie scored a

run in each of the first two innings, then plated eight in the third to end the game. Rebel Seth Stafford was 1-for-2 with a double, two runs scored and a stolen base. Hudson Garrett went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Dierks Ghyers was 1-for-2 with a run scored and a stolen base. Parker Ross went 0-for-0 with two walks, two runs scored and three stolen bases. Leighem Broyles was 0-for-0 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Lane Brown went 0-for-0 with a walk and an RBI. Jake Ghyers was 0-for-0 with a walk and a run scored. Tucker Redmond earned the complete-game shutout for McKenzie, allowing two hits while striking out four and walking four in three innings.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE89

ESTATE OF: REBECCA JANE WALLS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **8TH** day of **APRIL, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of REBECCA JANE WALLS deceased, who died **FEBRUARY 20TH, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 8TH day of APRIL, 2025.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

STEVEN R. WALLS, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA90

ESTATE OF: JUDITH FAY HARTZLER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **8TH** day of **APRIL, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of JUDITH FAY HARTZLER deceased, who died **OCTOBER 20TH, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 8TH day of APRIL, 2025.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

STEVEN MARTIN, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE87

ESTATE OF: ALBERT EARL GARDNER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **8TH** day of **APRIL, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of ALBERT EARL GARDNER deceased, who died **FEBRUARY 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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FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

RANDI KAY STORYE, Executor/Administrator
PAUL R. HUTCHERSON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL



Left, Rebel second baseman Lane Brown catches a shallow pop-up in Saturday morning's game. Right, Rebel left fielder Sammy Willen makes a running catch in Saturday morning's game. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels 2-2 as Conference Tourney Hosts

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (April 26-27) — The McKenzie Middle School Rebels hosted the Tri-County Conference baseball tournament over the weekend. The top-seed Rebels went 2-2 in a tough field with both losses coming to Camden, including a heartbreaking elimination loss Sunday afternoon that came down to the last batter.

First Round:
Camden Lions 6,
McKenzie Rebels 0

The Rebels couldn't get anything going in Saturday's first game, while the Lions scored a run in the first, two in the second, one in the third and two in the sixth.

McKenzie's Leighem Broyles was 1-for-2, and Hudson Garrett was 1-for-3.

Tucker Redmond got the start for the Rebels, allowing three runs (one earned) on no hits while striking out one and walking one in one and a third innings. Parker Ross threw three and two-thirds innings of relief, allowing two earned runs on four hits while striking out four and walking five. Dawson Reeder took the last inning, allowing one unearned run on one hit while striking out two and walking none.

Lower Bracket: Rebels 13,
Henry County Patriots 3

McKenzie fared much better in their second game Saturday, scoring five runs in the second and six in the third. The Patriots got on the board with three in the top of the fourth, but the Rebels plated a pair in the home half.

Rebel Hudson Garrett was 1-for-3 with four RBIs. Dierks Ghyers went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a run scored. Leighem Broyles

was 1-for-3 with a triple, two RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Rex Thompson went 2-for-2 with three runs scored and two stolen bases. Seth Stafford was 1-for-2 with an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Dawson Reeder went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Lane Brown was 1-for-2 with a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Brayden Mort went 1-for-1 with a run scored and a stolen base.

Five pitchers, Lane Brown, Dawson Reeder, Hudson Garrett, Seth Stafford and Rex Thompson each had brief stints on the mound for McKenzie's win, allowing a combined three runs (one earned) on three hits while striking out two and walking three in four innings.

Quarterfinal:
Rebels 16, Central Tigers 1

McKenzie made quick work of the Tigers Sunday afternoon, scoring nine in the bottom of the first and three in the second. Central scored a lone run in the top of the third, and the Rebels finished the game with four in the home half.

Rebel Leighem Browles was 2-for-3 with an RBI, three runs scored and a stolen base. Lane Brown was 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI, three runs scored and a stolen base. Dierks Ghyers went 1-for-3 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Bryson Smith was 1-for-1 with an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Hudson Garrett was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Rex Thompson went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored. Seth Stafford was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI and two runs scored. Dawson Reeder went 1-for-3 with

an RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases. Parker Ross was 0-for-1 with three walks, two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base.

Lane Brown got the start for McKenzie, allowing no runs, hits or walks while striking out three in two innings. Brin Murray pitched the final frame, allowing one unearned run on one hit while striking out two and walking one.

Semifinal:
Lions 5, Rebels 4

McKenzie was eliminated Sunday afternoon in a thriller. Camden struck first with two runs in the bottom of the first. McKenzie tied it with a run each in the second and third, then took the lead with one in the top of the fourth. Camden knotted the game at 3-3 with a run in the home half, where the score remained for two innings. The Rebels pulled ahead with one in the top of the seventh, but Camden pushed across two in the bottom half for the win.

Rebel Seth Stafford was 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Rex Thompson went 2-for-2 with two walks. Leighem Broyles was 2-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base. Lane Brown went 1-for-3 with a run scored. Hudson Garrett was 1-for-3. Dawson Reeder went 1-for-4 with a run scored. Dierks Ghyers was 1-for-4.

Dawson Reeder got the start for McKenzie, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits and a walk while recording no outs. Seth Stafford pitched four innings in relief, allowing one unearned run on two hits while striking out seven and walking five. Lane Brown threw the final two and a third innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits while striking out two and walking none.

McKenzie's Lease Signs with UT Martin Agricultural Education



GATLINBURG (March 25) — McKenzie High School senior Nathan Lease signed a letter of intent to join the Agricultural Education program at the University of Tennessee at Martin during TeachAg Signing Day at the State FFA Convention. Lease is the president of the MHS FFA Chapter and the son of Magan and Justin Lease. Pictured seated are (L to R): MHS FFA sponsor Lindsey Parham, Lease and his father. Submitted photo

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Left, Tiger senior Brilynn Hampton was honored and presented with a keepsake by Director of Schools Myles Hebrand prior to the game. Right, Rebel Caleb Burns scores. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Rebels Defeat Tigers, 8-0

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (April 25) — The Hollow Rock-Bruceston Central Tigers hosted McKenzie Friday at the Kelley Sports Complex for a district soccer match. The Rebels shut out the Tigers 8-0 for the win.

Prior to the game, Central's lone senior, Brilynn Hampton was honored and presented with a keepsake by Director of Schools Myles Hebrand.

Rebels Guillermo Hickman and Aiden Mason each scored two goals. Branson



Rebel Brody Davis takes a shot. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Baker, Marshal Vinson, Wyatt Brewer and Caleb Burns each scored a goal. Alex Garcia had two assists.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Rebel goalkeeper Nate Dameron secures the ball with a crowd at the goal for one of his seven saves. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebel Jony Hernandez scores a long goal. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Chargers Edge Rebels, 6-5

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (April 24) — McKenzie High School hosted Westview Thursday for a district soccer match. The Chargers came out on top in a back-and-forth thriller, 6-5.

Rebels Guillermo Hickman and Eli Vinson each had a pair of goals. Jony Hernandez scored one goal. Alex Garcia had four assists.

McKenzie goalkeeper Nate Dameron recorded seven saves.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Lady Rebels Best Westview, Rebels Fall

BY BRAD SAM
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MARTIN (April 22) — Westview High School hosted McKenzie Tuesday on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin for district tennis matches. The visiting Lady Rebels claimed a 5-2 win, while the Chargers defeated the Rebels 4-0.

The Lady Rebels were 3-2 in singles play with wins by Ashley Dunavant (8-2) over Sophie Bowlin, Willow Arnold (8-4) over Audri Dowdy and Morgan Little (8-5) over Cami Carlson. Ava Hastings fell to Gryphon Roland (8-1), and Kyla Beveridge was defeated by Rylan Diehl (8-5).

In doubles play, Hastings and Dunavant topped Bowlin and Diehl (8-0) and Beveridge and Arnold de-

feated Dowdy and Carlson (8-1).

The Rebels were 0-3 in singles play. Owen Walker fell to Alistair Braddock (8-3), Caleb Burke fell to

Dylan Parker (8-3) and Davarion Gilbert was defeated by Carter Peevyhouse (8-5).

In doubles play, Walker and Burke fell to Braddock and Parker (8-1).

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA92

ESTATE OF: MATTIE JANE SMOTHERS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of APRIL, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of MATTIE JANE SMOTHERS deceased, who died DECEMBER 10TH, 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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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Above, McKenzie seniors (L to R): Gage Crosland with parents Cammy and Taylor Estes, KD Cunningham, with parents Raven and Trell Tharpe, Tate Surber with parents Meredith and Tommy Surber and Craegen Travis with parents Jennifer Travis and Brian Travis. Below Left, Tate Surber earned the complete-game win for McKenzie, allowing two earned runs on four hits while striking out 17 and walking two. Below Right, McKenzie centerfielder Gage Crosland makes a catch near the wall. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Surber Strikes Out 17 in Rebels’ Senior Night Win

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (April 25) — McKenzie High School hosted Stewart County Friday in a baseball battle of Rebel versus Rebel and celebrated Senior Night. Senior Tate Surber put on a show on the mound, striking out 17 as McKenzie took the win, 5-2. Four seniors were honored prior to the first pitch, joined on the field by their parents: Gage Crosland, son of Cammy and Taylor Estes; KD Cunningham, son of Ra-

ven and Trell Tharpe; Tate Surber, son of Meredith and Tommy Surber; and Craegen Travis, son of Jennifer Travis and Brian Travis. Stewart County struck first with a pair of runs in the top of the first, but McKenzie took the lead with three in the home half. McKenzie added a pair in the second for the final runs of the game. McKenzie's Craegen Travis was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. KD Cunningham went 2-for-3. Cooper Davidson was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Xan-

der Johnsey, Fletcher Holt and Lelan Gordon were each 1-for-3 with a run scored. Stewart County's Ben Hendricks was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a stolen base. Tate Surber earned the complete-game win for McKenzie, allowing two earned runs on four hits while striking out 17 and walking two. Collin Howell took the complete-game loss for Stewart County, allowing five runs (three earned) on eight hits while striking out seven and walking none.



West Carroll Primary School students ended their week of Easter-themed academic activities with an egg hunt. Photo courtesy WCSSD

West Carroll Schools Combine Easter Celebrations with Academic Engagement

ATWOOD/McLEMORESVILLE — In the days leading up to Easter, students across the West Carroll Special School District experienced a week of learning wrapped in holiday cheer. Both West Carroll Junior High and West Carroll Primary School hosted classroom activities that blended academic instruction with festive fun. At West Carroll Junior High School in Atwood, eighth-grade ELA teacher Ms. Lynsey Doles led a test preparation activity with a seasonal twist. Plastic Easter eggs filled with English

Language Arts questions were hidden around the school's bus loop. Students searched for the eggs and worked to answer the questions inside. The top two students in each class who correctly answered the most questions received a prize, and all participants were given a piece of candy. "Watching my students have a blast on their Easter egg test prep hunt was a reminder of how fun learning can be," said Doles. "As they dove into their TCAP prep, I could not be prouder of their hard work and enthusiasm."

Meanwhile, at West Carroll Primary School in McMoresville, students from the three-year-old program through second grade took part in Easter-themed lessons across subjects. In literacy, students enjoyed seasonal read-alouds and wrote creative responses to prompts like how to help the Easter Bunny out of a jam. Math lessons included counting eggs, polling classmates on their favorite decorations and graphing the results. Science instruction featured the life cycle of an egg and an activity where students "hatched" paper eggs by sitting on them. In STEM, students built protective structures for Peeps marshmallows using common materials. The week concluded with an annual egg hunt and wooden egg decorating. "These activities help reinforce important concepts in a way that keeps students excited about learning," said Dr. Adam Douglas, principal at West Carroll Junior High. "It's great to see both schools finding age-appropriate, engaging ways to support academics." Both campuses demonstrated how thoughtful planning can turn holiday excitement into opportunities for hands-on, standards-based learning that students remember.

Record Speaks at Senior Center Potluck

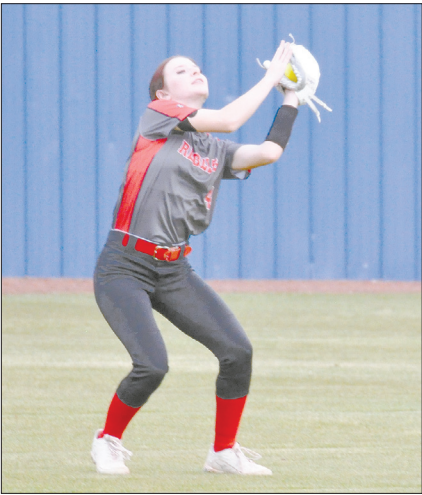


MCKENZIE (April 24) — Will Record, clinic director at Dynamix Physical Therapy, was the guest speaker at the McKenzie Senior Citizens Center monthly potluck Thursday. Record spoke about the clinic's MOVE campaign to encourage proactive health journeys with personalized, effective and safe exercise routines. He emphasized the importance of mobility for seniors. He also gave a demonstration of dry needling treatments for various ailments with help from McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

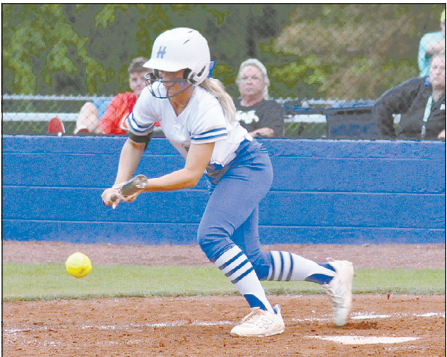
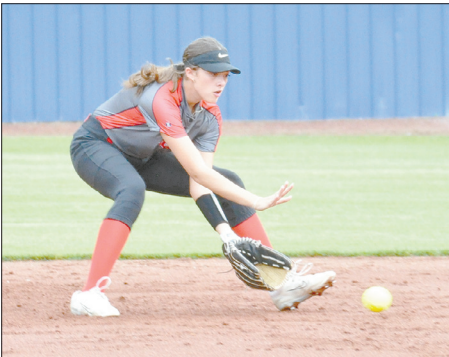
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



HHS softball seniors (L to R): Karter Moore, Delaney Byars, Bailey Cary, Josey Stokes and Chesney Baker. Not pictured is senior manager Madeline Mitchell. Photo courtesy Russell Bush/Huntingdon Sports Pics



Above Left, Lady Rebel center fielder Aubrey Jackson makes a catch. Above Right, Huntingdon's Delaney Byars connects for a single. Below Left, Lady Rebel second baseman Addison Milam fields a grounder for an out. Below Right, Filly Kylie Tippitt drops a bunt for an RBI single. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Fillies Top Lady Rebels on Senior Night

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HUNTINGDON (April 24) — Huntingdon High School softball hosted McKenzie Thursday and celebrated Senior Night. Five senior players and one manager were recognized on the field with family prior to the first pitch. The Fillies claimed an 8-5 win over the Lady Rebels. Seniors recognized were Delaney Byars, daughter of Chad and Kim Byars; Karter Moore, daughter of James and Konstance Moore; Bailey Cary, daughter of Mark and Joyce Cary; Josey Stokes, daughter of Richard and Tracy Stokes; Chesney Baker, daughter of Burt and Shelly Baker; and Madeline Mitchell, daughter of Chris and Anna Mitchell.

The Fillies also took a moment to recognize Lady Rebel seniors Aubrey Jackson and Ady Freeman. McKenzie struck first with a pair of runs in the top of the first, but Huntingdon tied it in the home half. The Fillies added a run each in the second and third, then scored two in the fourth. The Lady Rebels pulled within one run with three in the fifth, but Huntingdon plated two in the sixth. Huntingdon's Kylie Tippitt was 4-for-4 with two RBIs, a run scored and two stolen bases. Ellie Wilson was 3-for-3 with a triple and three runs scored. Delaney Byars went 2-for-4 with an RBI, three runs scored and a stolen base. Camden Sellers batted 2-for-4 with a triple. Taylor Canovan and Chesney

Baker were each 1-for-3. Josey Stokes went 0-for-3 with a walk and two RBIs. Lady Rebel Carli Beeler was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Aurora Johnson went 1-for-4 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Addison Milam was 1-for-2 with a walk and an RBI. Ady Freeman went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Bailey Cary got the start for the Fillies, allowing five runs (two earned) on five hits while striking out eight and walking four in four and two-thirds innings. Emalynn Maness threw the final two and a third innings, allowing no runs, hits or walks. Aurora Johnson took the complete-game loss for McKenzie, allowing eight runs (seven earned) on 13 hits while striking out six and walking one.

Gleason Senior Softball Players Honored



GLEASON — Gleason senior softball players were honored on Senior Night at Snider Park in Gleason. Three seniors, Kami Thomas, Addy Black, and Elaine Covington were honored on their final season as Lady Bulldogs. Addy Black was escorted on the field by her parents, Michelle and Brian Black. Elaine Covington was escorted by her parents, Charles and Rebecca Covington. Kami Thomas was escorted by her granddad, Fred Thomas, and father, Kurt Thomas. Each was presented gifts from their coaches Albert Collins and Makayla Ivy.

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