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Carroll County Shines at Spring Fling

Special Edition Coming In Next Week's Banner

Carroll County high school athletes left their mark at the TSSAA Spring Fling held in and around Murfreesboro last week. McKenzie High School baseball went 2-2 in their tournament, finishing in the semifinals of Class 1A. Huntingdon High School baseball was 4-2 in Class 2A, finishing

as the state runner-up. Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central softball went 4-2 in Class 1A, also finishing as the state runner-up. In track and field, McKenzie's Abigail Wallace earned gold medals in the 800- and 1600-meter races and finished third in the 3200-meter. Huntingdon's Blaine Todd finished second in the 3200-meter, while teammate Shawn Simpson finished sixth. The Mustangs' 4x800-meter relay team of Simpson, Todd, Cole Chafin and Carson Watters finished third. A special edition will be included in next week's Banner, with in-depth coverage and photographs from all of Carroll County's Spring Fling participants.

Thieves Cause Damage to Vacant Building

Gerdau Recycling, Euclid Avenue, McKenzie was the location of a theft of electrical wiring and infrastructure from the vacant building once used as Mars Pet Food.

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MEMORIAL DAY



Left, Speakers at McKenzie's Memorial Day Ceremony included (L to R): McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin; Dana Deem, Master Sergeant, USAF-Retired; William Milam, Jr., U.S. Army Master Sergeant-Retired; Greg Jones, E-3 Seaman, U.S. Coast Guard-Retired; and Armand Hebert, E-5 Seaman, U.S. Coast Guard-Retired. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner Center, Major General Tommy Baker was the featured speaker at the Huntingdon Memorial Day event. Right, Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards was the emcee for the 22nd annual Memorial Day Program in Huntingdon. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie Honors Service Members With Memorial Day Ceremony

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (May 26) — The City of McKenzie hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony Monday morning at downtown Veterans Memorial Park. The speaker for the event was William Milam, Jr., U.S. Army Master Sergeant-Retired, a Henry

County native with 21 years of decorated service including multiple deployments. The ceremony began with McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was played, and a prayer was delivered by Greg

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Major General Tommy Baker Speaks At Huntingdon Memorial Day Event

HUNTINGDON (May 26) — Huntingdon honored those men and women of the military who sacrificed their life in service to the country on Memorial Day. The twenty-second annual event was held in the Huntingdon Middle School Gymnasium due to a marginal weather forecast instead at the normal outdoor venue at

Thomas Park. May Chad Edwards welcomed everyone to the annual event. Huntingdon Troop 73 Boy Scouts presented the flags and placed the memorial wreath. Marty Higginbotham sang the National Anthem, and Kaki Dillahunty performed a

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Taco Bell Taking Shape

BY BRITTANY MARTIN
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McKENZIE (May 26) — The walls are up and the new Taco Bell in McKenzie is starting to take shape at the former location of Old West Steakhouse. On May 15, Component Builders, Inc. of Mooreville, MS, delivered lumber to the site. By Memorial Day, despite many days of rain in the forecast, construction



The basic frame of the new Taco Bell was in place on Memorial Day. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner

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Huntingdon Council Hears Budget Requests

HUNTINGDON — Huntingdon's Mayor and Council reviewed budget requests for the 2025-26 fiscal year from department supervisors as the new fiscal year begins on July 1. With both a new fire chief and police chief, each presented their respective department's needs and goals for the future.

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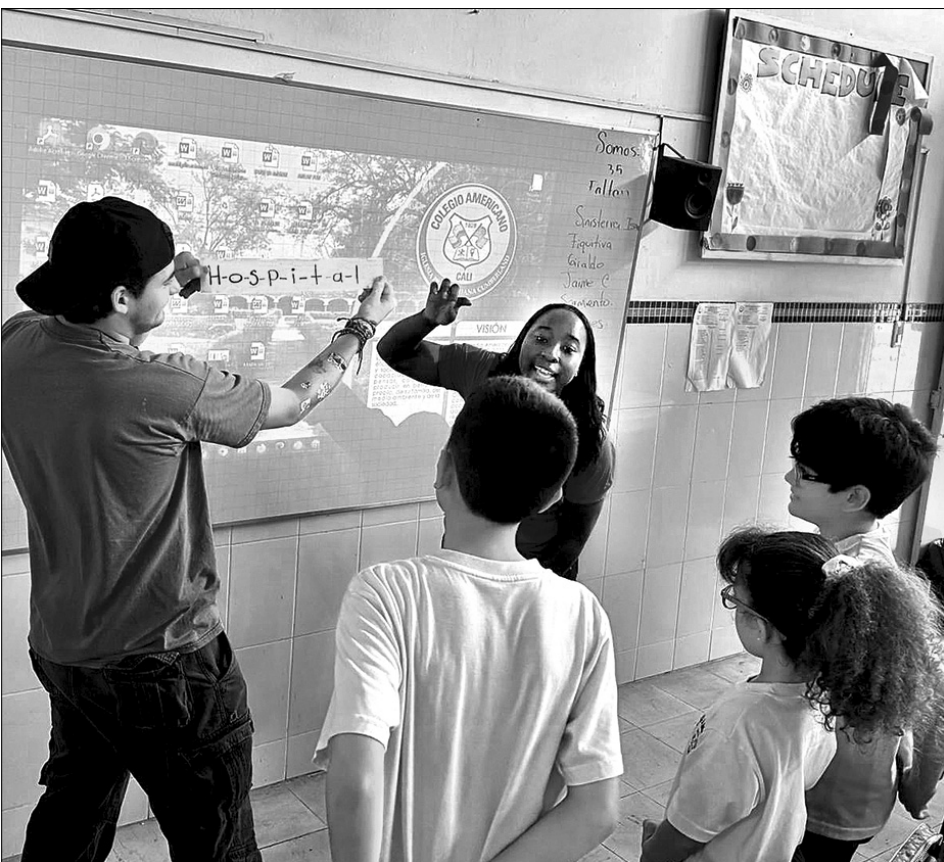
Left, Travelers included: Mercedes Wright, Camden; Dede Morris, Dresden; Hansford Scott, Paris; Brandi George, Dresden; Bella Hottes, Camden; Jacey McClure, Dresden; LeAnne Moore, Dresden; Artem Dzun, Russia; Andrew Carpenter, Savannah; Mikey Raymer, Paris; Jacob Lilly, South Fulton; Jessica Burns, McKenzie; Traci Raymer, Paris; Caleb Smith, Nashville; and Garrett Burns, McKenzie. Above, Bethel students and leaders visited Christo Rey, or “Big Jesus”.

Bethel University Continues Annual Visit to Sister School in South America

COLOMBIA, South America — For ten years, groups of Bethel University students have regularly traveled abroad to Cali, Colombia, and volunteered at the local school named Colegio Americano. The teams are continuing a relationship that began in 1928 when Reverend L. Swartz arrived as the first Cumberland Presbyterian Church Missionary to work in western Colombia, and, after three years, with the support of the Presbyterian Ladies of the United States, created the school as a means of a social service to the community. The school was initially called the Colombian School and was led by two American teachers, Mary Ethel Roa Brintle and Bernice Barnett. The two women were alumni of Bethel College, now known as Bethel University. Under their leadership, the school became the first mixed educational institution with no distinctions between race, creeds, or nationalities and the primary means of educating evangelical Christians.

Just days following the end of the Spring 2025 semester at Bethel University, students and community members joined co-leaders Garrett and Jessica Burns on a trip that took them away from their U.S.-based classrooms and inside the Colegio Americano’s English classes. Their contribution focused on interacting with students and English teachers, some of whom rarely speak with native English speakers.

Angelica Poveda, the Coordinator of Student Well Being at Colegio



Bethel University students enjoyed teaching English to the students of Colegio Americano.

Americano, works with Bethel University’s Global Studies to coordinate the week’s activities for the Colombian students. Bethel students enjoy working with the younger students.

To coordinate the learning experiences of both teachers and volunteers, Poveda previously partnered with Stacie Freeman, Bethel University Global Studies Director and Co-Founder of Global Citizen Adventure Corps. The two connected in 2014 when Poveda traveled to Bethel University and spoke to Freeman regarding her role as director of the Global Studies Program. Their meeting resulted in the first volunteer program in Cali that took

place in 2015. Now, Bethel’s Colombian experience is led by Garrett Burns, the Chaplain and Director of Community Engagement at Bethel. He returned for his sixth volunteer experience in Colombia with this team. A former student of Freeman, Garrett and wife, Jessica, enjoy the firsthand experience of sharing the love of teaching, sharing, and experiencing the work of Christ.

Chaplain Burns said, “The work that began in 1928 with Bethel students is continuing today through Bethel students,” he said. “God calls students, teachers, and program. The professionals back to Colombia every year where we experience Colombian

hospitality, the exotic excitement of Cali culture, and the spiritual blessing of Christ - love for neighbor and care for his children.”

In the future, Poveda would like to organize a group of students from ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades to travel to Bethel University and experience life as a college student in Tennessee. She would also like to see Colegio Americano teachers travel to the United States and learn in a predominantly English-speaking environment.

The May 2025 trip included work and fun. The travelers went from the Cauca Valley to the Cerro de los Cristales, trekked

aside the Cali River where they encountered the Parque del Gato (Cat Park) and the beautiful Catholic church, La Ermita. The group enjoyed Colombian coffee, drank lulo juice, and ate all the variations of cheesy bread, especially Pan de Bono, while enjoying the cat sculptures of the famous Colombian artist Hernando Tejada. Upon the “Hill of the Crystals,” the group spent time with Christo Rey, or “Big Jesus.”

The La Niña rains did not hinder the group’s purpose and festivities. Activities included music and dancing with Swing Latino showing the group how to move to the local style, Salsa Celeña, which has earned Cali the title La Capital Mundial de la Salsa (The Salsa Capital of the World).

Travelers partnered with Pre-K - 11th grade teachers to expose Colombian students to native English speakers and enhance their academic goals, social skills, and understanding of American culture.

Between daily work at the Colegio and a visit to Universidad del Valle, Cali’s largest public university, our students volunteered at least 32 hours per person with a total of 480 hours and an economic impact of over \$16,699.20.

A few fun facts. Five members of the Phi Delta Sigma fraternity and Lambda Sigma sorority followed in the steps of Davis (Gladys) Bryson, an original founder of Phi Delta Sigma in 1928 and missionary to Colombia from 1929 - 1944, assisting in the formation of Colegio Americano and the Pereira Cumberland Presbyterian

Church. Artem Dzun, a Bethel international student from Russia, celebrated his birthday on May 10. He couldn’t resist letting every restaurant know to sample the free desserts throughout the week!

Burns said students returned with a strong appreciation for Colombian history, cross-cultural relationships, a deeper love for God, people, places, and the planet, and a desire to return to the traveler’s favorite Global Studies destination - Colombia!

Travelers included: Mercedes Wright, Camden; Dede Morris, Dresden; Hansford Scott, Paris; Brandi George, Dresden; Bella Hottes, Camden; Jacey McClure, Dresden; LeAnne Moore, Dresden; Artem Dzun, Russia; Andrew Carpenter, Savannah; Mikey Raymer, Paris; Jacob Lilly, South Fulton; Jessica Burns, McKenzie; Traci Raymer, Paris; Caleb Smith, Nashville; and Garrett Burns, McKenzie.

Bethel University partners with Global Citizen Adventure Corps (GCAC), a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to cultivating global citizens through education, service, and travel. The collaboration between Bethel University and GCAC provides college credit and donor-funded scholarships. GCAC actively builds pathways between rural high schools, universities, and a robust network of global nonprofit partners to provide travel program opportunities to underserved students. For more information visit www.globalcitizenadventurecorps.org.

Huntingdon City Council To Consider Paving Bids

Huntingdon Mayor and Council convene Tuesday, May 27, 5:15 p.m. at Huntingdon City Hall.

The new business is as follows.

1. Consider bid award for 2025 Street Resurfacing Project.

The bids were Arrow

Paving at \$137 per ton; Martin Paving at \$133.12 per ton, and Murray Paving at \$133.60 per ton. Martin Paving of Medina is the apparent low bidder at an estimated price of \$182,708 for paving select streets in the town.

2. Consider the Carroll County Juneteenth Committee’s request to use Edwards Park for the Juneteenth Freedom Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025 and Saturday, June 21, 2025.
3. Consider Omni Family of Services’ request to use Sesquicentennial Park on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
4. Consider Eastview Baptist Church’s request to use Sesquicentennial Park on Saturday, July 19, 2025.
5. Consider the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit report.

Taco Bell

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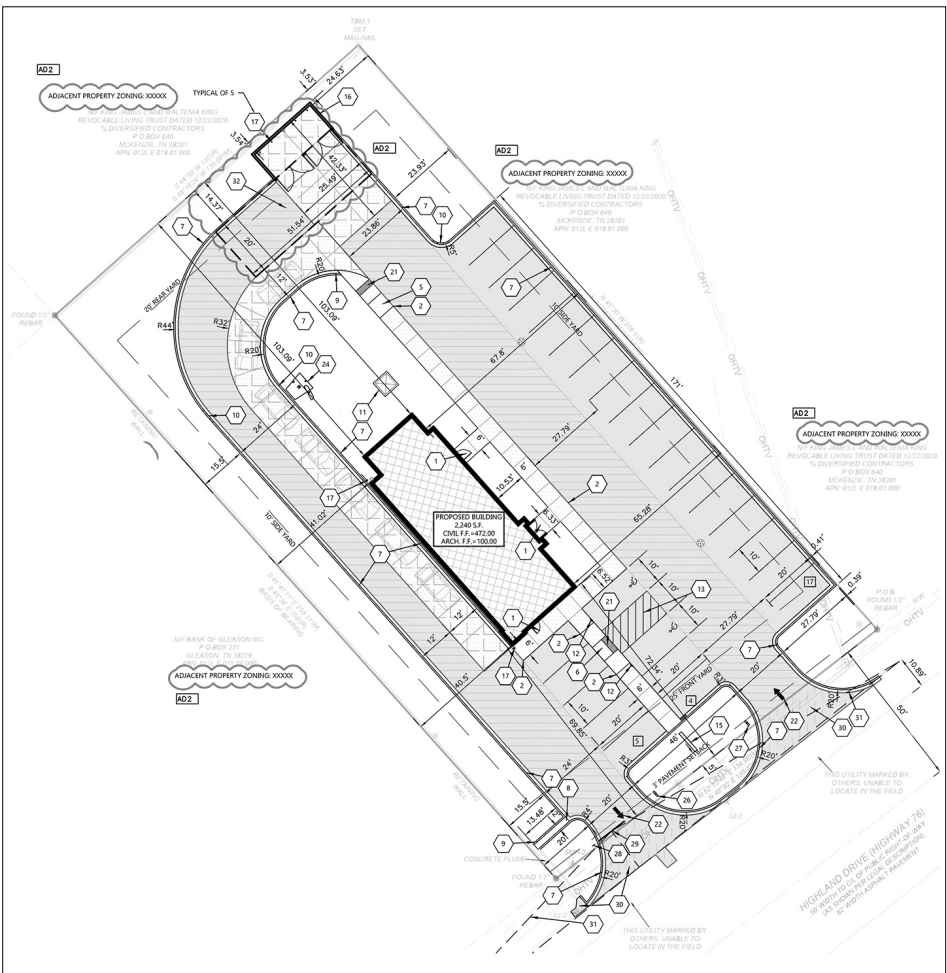
crews from MSB Construction out of Jackson, Tenn., had the basic structure of the restaurant in place.

The franchise, owned by Kari Keller of Pacific Bells, LLC, is located at 15895 Highland Drive.

The McKenzie Planning Commission approved the site plan and construction of the new Taco Bell in December 2024, allowing for the demolition of the Old West Steakhouse building.

Before demolition could begin, 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.

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



Site plan for the Taco Bell franchise located at 15895 Highland Dr. in McKenzie.

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Memorial Flags at Veterans' Graves

It's a tradition in McKenzie for veterans and volunteers to gather on Saturday and Sunday immediately before Memorial Day to place small American flags on the graves of American veterans. It takes hours to complete the task to honor the men and women who served this country in uniform.

Pictured Above, (L to R) Dalton McKinney, Jack Hardwick, Taylor Gullledge, Chris Luci and Kylie Gullledge assisted Dana and Tan-Gee Deem, both Air Force veterans, place flags at Carroll Olivet Memorial Gardens.

Pictured Left, John David Charlton and Roland Argo, a retired general in the Army/National Guard, place flags on the veterans' graves at Mount Olivet Cemetery on Sunday prior to Memorial Day.

Huntingdon

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patriotic song.

The closing prayer was provided by Brother Hunter Jones of the Eastivew Baptist Church.

The audience gathered in the bleachers of the gymnasium to commemorate the annual occasion.

Major General Tommy Baker is the commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs. He deployed to Kuwait and Iraq as a commander of troops.

This is a portion of his speech.

Thanks to each of each of you for joining us for this Memorial day remembrance ceremony.

We gathered today to remember and honor our military service members we've lost as part of our nation's unrelenting commitment to remain free. Today, our nation honors all who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This gathering to memorialize our fallen heroes is not new to us or to the world, for that matter. For centuries in the ancient world, countries and empires honored their warriors, lost in battle.

Here, in the land of the free and the brave, the memorializing of our fallen started after our nation's most costly conflict, the Civil War, when in 1868, the graves of Union sol-



Kaki Dillahunty played and sang patriotic music.

diers were first decorated in Waterloo, New York.

Some might say that the remembered ceremony is began when Lincoln stood on a war-torn battlefield in 1863 and delivered the Gettysburg Address.

After the Great War, the graves of the fallen were adorned with red poppy flowers, a symbol representing consolation, remembrance, and death.

Today, we gather to remember the devotion, faithful service, and sacrifice, but we also mourn the loss of our following with our families. It's a time of national reflection.

We can never let it become just another long

weekend. The men and women we're remembering did not come from extraordinary wealth. They did not pursue fame.

They simply answered their nation's call.

Regardless of their background, religion, ethnicity, they each chose to serve something greater than themselves.

Currently, they're just under 18 million living American veterans. And since General Washington commanded the first Continental Army, nearly 42 million have wore a nation's cloth.

More than a million have given their life in defense of our freedom.

Thieves

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There should have been a human body found dead just below the electrical breaker box that was shorted as thieves attempted to steal the box, said the representative of Gerdaul.

Officer Kyle Beauchamp filed the report on May 15, when Gerdaul said thieves had entered the vacant

building and attempted to steal the electrical components. Sergeant Austin Jones assisted in the investigation. The thieves were obviously not aware the electrical system was still energized. They severely damaged the electrical system when they removed cooper wiring. Some \$60,000 - \$80,000 damage was done to the breaker boxes and a/c units. Another \$120,000 worth of copper was taken.

Several of the thieves' tools remained below the 480-volt breaker box, where the suspects had arced the box, which should have caused a loud explosion and flash of light. The Gerdaul representative said there should have been a dead body beneath the breaker. The suspect surely sustained burns to the face and arms.

Police recovered bolt cutters, a hack saw, work gloves, and other tools.



Members of the Huntingdon Mayor and Council held a budget hearing to discuss the wants and needs of the individual departments of the city.

Budget

...From Front Page

Recently appointed Water and Sewer Department Supervisor Jason Jennette informed the Council that the installation of new digital self-reading water meters is nearly complete, with larger commercial meters set to be installed soon. The proposed budget will also feature improvements to the sewer lagoon system, funded by grants and state revolving fund loans. Jennette requested a new backhoe for the department as well.

New Fire Chief John Fordon emphasized the urgent need for more manpower, especially during daytime hours when many volunteer firefighters are unavailable. He requested additional funding to hire part-time workers to supplement full-time firefighters at each of the three stations.

Fordon outlined both short- and long-term goals, including the need for a backup power generator for Station #3, more self-contained air packs to replace aging units, a new thermal imaging camera, a newer brush truck, and fireproof storage cabinets inside the fire stations. He also requested a new fire pumper to replace an older pumper, which have recently experienced mechanical issues. A new pumper costs between \$400,000 and \$525,000. The oldest units in service are

from 1993 and 1999, with the latter requiring significant repairs.

Additionally, Fordon called for increased training for personnel, a remodel or rebuild of Station 3, a new radio dispatch system, a public education program, an explorer program, and the establishment of an Emergency Medical Technician/EMR program to respond to medical emergencies. He noted that occasionally, the county's EMS units are busy on other calls and unable to respond quickly.

Fordon also requested that some of the Police Department's older patrol cars be transferred to the fire department as they are rotated out of service.

New Police Chief Jason Oliver requested upgrades to the Police Station, including roof repairs and interior renovations. He also asked for a pickup truck for the department, in addition to a fleet of five new patrol cars that were delivered last week. Oliver proposed promoting one lieutenant to the position of captain with a \$1 hourly pay increase, while the rest of the department staff would receive a proposed four-percent pay increase.

Ronnie Breeden, Supervisor of the Street Department, stated his goal to pave five streets this fiscal year. Additional streets in urgent need of paving include Northwood Drive, which is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000 for the segment

within the city limits. Other streets requiring major repairs include Industrial Drive and Lexington Street. Breeden also requested additional equipment, including a backhoe and a tandem truck.

Angela DeMaris, executive director of the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, along with Dr. Krista Martin, president of the Friends of The Dixie, a non-profit support organization, outlined their goals for the venue, which include attracting big-name performers, increasing ticket pricing and sales, and hosting more meet-and-greet events with artists as value-added experiences. Next year, The Dixie plans to return to theatrical productions featuring local adult actors. The venue will soon receive a \$198,000 gift from the Hal Holbrook estate. The Friends of The Dixie are proposing to take on much of the operational responsibilities of The Dixie in partnership with the Town.

City Recorder Kim Carter mentioned that the recent countywide reappraisal of real estate, along with the corresponding certified tax rate, is not yet complete. The updated certified tax rate is essential for setting the municipal tax rate.

A second budget workshop will be held at the end of May, prior to the adoption of a budget and tax rate in June or July.



McKenzie's Memorial Day Ceremony ended with the placement of the memorial wreath at the memorial monument by Dana Deem, Master Sergeant, USAF-Retired, and the playing of Taps. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

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Jones, E-3 Seaman, U.S. Coast Guard-Retired.

The patriotic classic "God Bless the U.S.A." was played, followed by the military anthems. Present members of each branch stood for recognition during their respective song.

Griffin introduced Milam,

who said, in part, "We gather today to remember and honor those who have given their lives for our freedom. They were ordinary people who rose to extraordinary heights. Their sacrifice is a powerful testament to the strength and resilience of our nation. Let us never forget the sacrifices they made, and let us work together to ensure that their legacy continues to inspire future generations."

Next, Armand Hebert, E-5 Seaman, U.S. Coast Guard-Retired, recited an original poem, "Veteran's Sacrifice".

The ceremony ended with the placement of the memorial wreath at the memorial monument by Dana Deem, Master Sergeant, USAF-Retired, and the playing of Taps.

Refreshments were served to the veterans and other guests gathered.

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Terry Wimberley, President and CEO of Paris BPU stands between Armand Hebert and Ricky Price, Rotary VP-Elect and President-Elect respectively.

McKenzie Rotary Learns about Paris BPU

MCKENZIE (May 13) — Terry Wimberley, President and CEO of Paris Board of Public Utilities (BPU), was the featured speaker at the May 13 meeting of the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

McKenzie is a tri-county city in Carroll, Henry, and Weakley counties. Paris BPU serves 80 customers in McKenzie, including major industries Allegion, Profile Metals, Haven Steel, and Shomaker Lumber in the Henry County portion of McKenzie.

Wimberley said the electricity and water/sewer distributor is partnering with TEC, an internet provider, to expand high-speed internet throughout the county.

The project will make some 500 miles of high-speed fiber internet avail-

able to over 10,000 residents and businesses with connections starting later this year. It will provide an alternative to other internet providers. BPU will provide the fiber optic cabling and TEC will provide the internet service over that fiber.

Wimberley had as his guests, David Flowers, chairman of the board of BPU, and John Etheridge, former president and CEO of BPU.

BPU constructed a sub-station near Republic/Allegion to provide consistent electric service to the north McKenzie area. Wimberley said the local power distributors in Carroll, Henry and Weakley all work together to ensure the citizens have reliable power. In an emergency, Carroll and Henry

can interconnect service lines to restore power in areas. The line crews often work with each other during major storms and outages during mutual aid events.

Paris BPU was one of the first in the area to work with Silicon Ranch, a Tennessee-based company, to install a solar array on the local distribution network. That solar array is located in Puryear, and Allegion purchases the ‘green’ power in McKenzie.

Carroll County Electric and Silicon Ranch partnered to build a solar array in Trezevant to supply electricity to the local power distributor. Silicon Ranch’s array will go online this summer.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Singing

Singing is part of my DNA. My paternal grandmother sang alto and played the piano by ear. My paternal grandfather played the fiddle and guitar and sang lead. My maternal grandfather was a fine tenor. My mother sang alto, and daddy sang bass. My sister sings alto and both my brothers sing bass.

Singing is the one thing I’ve always been good at. I’ve played basketball, baseball, and football, hunted and fished, and built cabinets, but those are things I dabbled and worked at with limited success. Singing, though, is as easy as breathing and just as satisfying.

Besides the contribution of my inherited gene pool that contributed to me being a good singer, I was raised on a cappella singing. I’ve always worshipped with Churches of Christ where there are no instruments of music used. The only thing needed to sing a song is a leader to sing the first couple of measures and the audience quickly joins in, sort of like giving a car a push so it can run downhill. Just get it started and get out of the way.

In my pre-teen years, there were Monthly Singings held on the second Sunday afternoon of the month. Singers from throughout the county would converge on a rotating schedule of church buildings, some without air conditioning, so the windows were raised and “funeral fans” were used to stay cool.

People took their places in the pews according to what part they sang. Sopranos up front on the right-hand side when the

leader faced the auditorium. Altos sat behind them. On the left were tenors, that rare breed that numbered in single digits, and basses were behind them. Even if you didn’t know how to sing alto, when you sat in an ocean of altos, it was impossible to sing anything else.

I remember one song leader who was built like a bullfrog, with a neck so thick he couldn’t button the top button of his shirt, which meant his necktie was always askew. He had a high tenor voice that pierced the thick, humid air. When he sang “I’ll Fly Away” and hit the high “F” on the first word of the chorus, his face turned beet red and his eyes bulged, and by the end of the song, his face was drenched with sweat.

His son, who looked to be my age, and whose voice, like mine, hadn’t gone through puberty yet, sang as loud as anybody I ever heard. He imitated his father’s style of leading singing, red face and all. It didn’t matter that he was only eleven years old. The congregation followed him like he was a veteran.

I grew up in an era when Singing Schools were a thing. They were one- or two-week events, during which the church met every night and were “schoolled” by a guest music teacher on the fine art of singing, including learning to read shape notes. Everywhere my father preached across Alabama and Tennessee, he made sure we had singing schools most often taught by Kelly Doyle, who was the choral director at Freed-Hardeman College.

Under his tutelage a congregation’s singing improved dramatically in enthusiasm, participation,

and harmony.

There’s nothing in the world that can duplicate the beauty of a cappella singing done well. It’s completely unadulterated by anything manmade.

When I was a choral director, I would tell my singers, “Singing a cappella is like standing on a stage naked. There’s nothing to hide behind.”

As fate would have it, I ended up being a student at Freed-Hardeman College and had Kelly Doyle as my voice teacher, a man I learned to appreciate and love.

During one voice lesson, when I was a freshman, he handed me back my music and said, “If I couldn’t do any better than that, I would just quit.”

Yeah, he was that kind of teacher.

I suppose he was more interested in telling me what I needed to hear than he was in bruising my ego, because telling me what I needed to hear gave me the chance to decide to be better or not.

After that day, the hours I spent practicing quadrupled.

I learned how to harmonize with others, matching my voice to theirs in volume and timbre, singing harmony either above them or below them, depending on what was needed most.

That’s what makes singing in harmony such a moving experience to participate in or to listen to. All the singers are attentive to each other—moving, breathing, singing as one; hearts beating as one.

When I get to heaven, I sure hope there’s a special section for those who enjoy a cappella singing.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Golden Dome Missile System

One component of President Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill is the construction of a golden dome. Let’s take a close look at this proposal.

1. The golden dome is a sophisticated anti-missile missile system. It is based on the Iron Dome system in Israel. Domes cover the entire area of a country. The area of Israel is 8,522 square miles. The area of
- the United States of America is 3,810,000 square miles. The area of the USA is 372 times larger than the area of Israel.
2. The components of an anti-missile missile system include missiles, explosives, radar, and satellites, all controlled by large computer systems. The computer systems require large amounts of electricity.



The Civic Center has a new smooth parking lot thanks to a state grant.

Carroll County Civic Center Parking Lot Gets Resurfaced

HUNTINGDON (May 26) — After several years of deterioration, the Civic Center’s parking lot was resurfaced last week. The work comes through the Connected Community Facilities grant the County received. The estimated cost to resurface the grounds was \$300,000.

Additionally, the facility replaced all its HVAC units for \$122,129. Blankenship Heating & Cooling of Huntingdon was selected to complete the job. As the renovation project moves forward, Barger Construction of Yuma is managing the day-to-day operations.

Members of the Carroll County Civic Center Committee expressed their desire to see numerous renovations and improvements to the facility. Among the improvement requests were a digital road sign along Highway 70, a conference/board room, construction of a pavilion, restroom facilities, parking lot resurfacing, and making sure the facility meets ADA compliance.

The grant offset numerous costs expected from the renovations. New signage would cost the county approximately \$50,000. With the possibility of a \$2 million grant, the goals of the committee and Civic Center Director Natalie McMasters could bring improvements to fruition. With the current fiscal

year budget, the county would need to pull possibly \$24,000 from reserves or apply the debt to available funds from the county’s remaining American Recovery Plan Act funds.

The \$30 million grant coming from Tennessee’s Economic and Community Development states the purpose of the grant “aims to construct and improve digital access through the creation of buildings or rehabilitation of existing facilities. The goal of this program is to enable digital workforce development, virtual health monitoring, virtual education, and broadband access -- all within one building for the community.”

State Representative Martin Secures \$6.8 Million for Milan Industrial Park

NASHVILLE — State Rep. Brock Martin, R-Huntingdon, today announced he has successfully secured \$6.8 million in state funding for the city of Milan to support economic development through the purchase of a new industrial park.

The investment marks a major step forward in Milan’s efforts to attract new businesses, create jobs and strengthen the local economy.

“This funding is a game-changer for Milan,”

significant investments in community services, disaster relief for Hurricane Helene victims, rural hospital support and health care investments, safety and security improvements and transportation infrastructure needs while also providing more than \$640 million to K-12 education.

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Obituaries

ERICA DENISE CREWS

1958 — 2025

Funeral services for Erica Denise Crews are Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 4-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, 12 p.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Bethelhem Cemetery, Henry.

Mrs. Crews, 67, died at her home on Friday, May 23, 2025. She is a member of Bethelhem Baptist Church and a sergeant for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, where she was a corrections officer at the Carroll County Jail. She was born in Trenton, Mich., on February 4, 1958, to Alfred and Roma Lee Henthorn Cunningham.

She is survived by her children, Michael Crews of Paris, Jason (Juliet) Crews of Martin, Vicki (Will) Stephens of McKenzie, and Jesica (Jason) Lawrence of McKenzie; her siblings, Richard Cunningham of McKenzie and Sue Hoskins of McKenzie; twelve grandchildren, Seth (Rachel) Crews, Caleb Crews, Brandon Crews, Brody Crews, Emma Crews, Destiny Crews, Reanna Crews, Aidan Ellis Armstrong, James (Autumn) Stephens, Natalie Stephens, Casi (Tyler) Cook, and Samantha (Austin) Eldridge; and 14 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Randy Crews. +

KEVIN DOUGLAS JOHNSON

1958 — 2025

GLEASON — Memorial Services for Kevin Douglas Johnson, 66, of Gleason, were Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial followed in Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation was Saturday, May 24, 4-7 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason, and resumed Sunday, noon until time of service.

He was born January 29, 1959, and died May 23, 2025.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Cindy Johnson; and father, Doug Johnson, both of Gleason. He is also survived by a daughter, Ashley (Josh) Hinton of Paducah, Ky. He leaves behind two siblings, Veronica and Mark Johnson, both of Gleason; and three grandchildren, Gage, Garrett, and Colten Hinton, all of Paducah. Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Johnson.

MONTE PAUL MORRIS

1949 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Monte Paul Morris were Friday, May 23, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Burial was at Caledonia Cemetery.

Mr. Morris, 76, died at Cherrywood Rehabilitation Center on Monday, May 19, 2025. He was born in Huntingdon, on February 11, 1949, to Andrew and Daphna Barnhart Morris.

He is survived by his two sons, Marty (Amanda)

Morris of McKenzie and Micah Morris of Nashville; daughter, Suzanne (Bentley) London of Franklin; brother, Jerry (Gwen) Morris of Huntingdon; sister, Judy (Kevin) Alexander of Rutherford; and four grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Daphna Morris; and his partner, Sandra Baker.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

FAY INEZ BOWDEN

1942 — 2025

Funeral services for Fay Inez Bowden are Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends on Thursday, 12 p.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Caledonia Cemetery.

Mrs. Bowden, 83, died at West Tenn. Healthcare Volunteer Hospital on Saturday, May 24, 2025. She was the postmaster at Henry for the United States Postal Service. She was born in McKenzie on May 2, 1942, to Andrew Franklin and Brooxie Inez Blaylock Runions.

She is survived by her daughter, Cathy Gallimore of Dresden; three grandchildren, Kimberly Rea, Jenny (Craig) Cable, and Jamie (Anthony) Bruce; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Curtis Aden Bowden; a daughter, Brenda Arnold; two brothers, Ray Runions and Roy Runions; a sister, Ruth Pruitt; and two grandchildren, Michael Gallimore and Brian Gallimore.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Henry County Hospital Invites Community To 'Dining Out With Senior Stars' Event

PARIS — West Tennessee Healthcare – Henry County Hospital is excited to announce the next “Dining Out with Senior Stars” event, hosted by the Senior Stars Club. This special evening will take place on Monday, June 9 at 5 p.m. in the hospital café and is open to adults aged 50 and older.

“Dining Out with Senior Stars” is a quarterly tradition that brings seniors together for community connection, a delicious meal, and helpful education on topics important to aging well.

This event is sponsored by GrowWell Telehealth Network, which will provide a featured presentation about new telehealth services now available in Henry County, and how

these services can benefit seniors by offering greater access to care from the comfort of home.

Attendees will also hear from special guest Regina Smith, MAC Program Director from West Tennessee Healthcare in Jackson, TN. Regina will introduce the many activities and benefits of the MAC Club (Mature Advantage Club) and share exciting details about the MAC Travel Program, which offers group trips and excursions exclusively for members.

The cost to attend includes a yearly membership to the Senior Stars Club for just \$15.

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Grilled Barbecued Shrimp

- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 2 lbs large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Combine all ingredients except raw shrimp. Blend well
- Add shrimp to marinade. Cover and let stand 1-2 hours in refrigerator
- To grill: place shrimp on a screen or grate with small holes. Grill about 3 minutes per side over medium heat or until shrimp are bright pink, basting often.

Boston Baked Beans

- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 (16 oz.) can pork and beans
- 5 slices bacon 1-inch strips
- Mix the first four ingredients. Lay bacon strips across the top and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Grilled Veggies

- 2 large potatoes
- 1 medium zucchini
- 1 medium yellow squash
- 1 small red onion
- 2 tablespoons crushed garlic
- 1 teaspoon pepper
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- 1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons oil
- Slice potatoes paper-thin.

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Slice zucchini and squash 1/4 inch thick. Slice onions. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Cut a piece of heavy-duty foil large enough to hold all ingredients. Spoon vegetables into the center of foil. Close tightly. Place on preheated grill. Grill over medium heat for 20-40 minutes, turning

every 5 minutes. Open and jag potatoes after 20 minutes to see if the vegetables are done to your liking. Close up and continue grilling if you want them more tender, checking again after 10 minutes. Continue until they are as tender as you want them.

Unemployment Declines In 94 Tennessee Counties

TENNESSEE — Unemployment rates in 94 of the 95 Tennessee counties declined during April, according to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Tennessee recorded an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent, down from 3.6 one month earlier but higher than the 3.2 percent one year earlier.

The rate in USA was 4.2 percent in April.

Carroll County recorded a rate of 3.5 percent in April, down from 3.8 percentage in March, and up from the 3.2 percentage

one year earlier. From a labor force of 12,202, there were 11,801 employed, and 401 unemployed.

Henry County recorded a rate of 3.4 percent, down from 3.9 one month earlier and 3.4 percent one year earlier.

From a labor force of 12,952, there were 12,517 employed and 435 unemployed.

Weakley County recorded a rate of 3.1 percent, down from 3.5 one month earlier and 3.2 percent one year earlier.

From a labor force of 14,112, there were

13,668 employed and 444 unemployed.

The unemployment rate was less than five percent in 94 counties.

Williamson County recorded the lowest rate at 2.2 percent, followed by Rutherford at 2.3 percent and Wilson at 2.4 percent.

Johnson County recorded the highest rate at 5.1 percent, followed by Unicoi at 4.9, and Hardeman at 4.5.

West Tennessee at three counties in the top 10 in unemployment: Lake, Lauderdale and Hardeman.

McKenzie School Board Agenda

Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m., Board Office, Bell Avenue

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider for approval McKenzie SSD budget amendment(s) (24-25 year-end).

Tentative: Consider for approval Certified Tax Rate for 2025-2026 (MSSD Property Tax Rate).

Consider for approval 2025-2026 McKenzie SSD Budget.

Consider for approval 2025-2026 Consolidated Application, which includes the following grants: Title IA, II, III, & V under ESSA, IDEA Part B, IDEA Pre-school, IDEA Discretionary & Carl Perkins. Authorizes Dr. Justin Barden, Director of Schools, as board's representative to file this project application, and any subsequent amendments, addenda, correspondence, etc. pertaining thereto. Authorizes Ladona Herrin, Supervisor, as contact person for carrying out the duties associated with the Consolidated Application.

Consider for approval General Fund Expense Accounts for MES, MMS, MHS.

Consider for approval Dr. Justin Barden, Director of Schools, as district's fiscal agent (necessary for state-required bonding purposes), and to sign all checks on all district and

school accounts.

Consider for approval the following high school instructional fees for the 2025-2026 school year: Science Lab classes, \$15; Computer, \$5; Art, \$15; TN Ready Test Prep, \$5; Driver's Education, \$45; Cap and Gown, \$75; STEM Class, \$15; Health Science, \$10; Health Science Scrubs, \$40; English I Novel, \$12; English III Novel, \$12.

Student Professional Health Liability Insurance, \$15.

Consider for approval the following middle school instructional fees for the 2025-2026 school year.

Science Lab classes, \$10.

Consider for approval the following elementary school instructional fees for the 2025-2026 school year. Kindergarten, \$10; 3rd Grade, \$10; 1st Grade, \$10; 4th Grade, \$10; 2nd Grade, \$10.

Consider for approval contract with ABM Education Services for Custodial Services for 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion of Central Technologies proposals for intercom upgrades at MES/MMS.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AN EVENING WITH CARROLL ARTS JUNE 21

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents An Evening with Carroll Arts on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. The event will feature artists from Carroll County and include an art exhibit at 6:30 p.m. and live performances at 7 p.m. For more information, please email 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.

SHOOTING HUNGER IN WEST TENNESSEE

Shooting Hunger Sporting Clays Fun Shoot is Friday, June 20 at 7:30 a.m. at the Carroll County Shoot-

ing Sports Park located at 680 McAdoo Cemetery Lane, Huntingdon. The format is five-person teams shooting at multiple stations with a 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. start time. The entry fee will include 50 targets on the course, lunch and a goody bag, plus provide eligibility for door prizes. Corporate sponsorships are available and will be recognized through signage at the event and on the event website. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and fun games at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams and top individual shooter in both flights. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the top youth shooter in each flight. To be eligible, youth must be a current student in elementary, middle or high school or a 2024 high school graduate and plan to attend a two-year college, four-year university or trade school. Mulligans will be available for purchase. Shooters should bring their own shotgun, shells (7 1/2, 8, or 9 shot) and eye and ear protection. This is a rain or shine event. Be sure to bring your rain jacket!

REBBIION-CUTTING AT LAVENDER KISSES FARM

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce hosts a ribbon-cutting at Lavender Kisses Farm Saturday, June 7 at 9 a.m. The farm is located at 307 Marlboro Road, Hollow Rock.

HUNTINGDON AMERICAN LEGION POST 47 EVENTS

American Legion Post 47, Huntingdon, serves lunch each Wednesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for \$10. Sit and eat at the Legion or take out. May Menu: May 28 — Pulled pork sandwich, macaroni and

cheese and slaw. The American Legion is looking for Veterans to join the post. Meetings are at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month in the basement of the Carroll County Courthouse. The entrance is on the south side of the court house. Food is provided. For more information, please call Commander Doug Marshall at 937-459-0301 or Assistant Adjutant Tony Moore at 731-358-1130.

REBBIION-CUTTING AT HOSPITAL WING-CARROLL COUNTY

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting for the official opening of Hospital Wing at the Carroll County Airport is Thursday, June 5 at 10 a.m. The airport is located at 456 Airport Lane, McKenzie.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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

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.

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.

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

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.



Student Representatives to the Huntingdon School Board were administered the oath of office during the May 14 meeting. Student representatives Madison Dill (left) and Paige Costello (right) stand with Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of schools.

Huntingdon School Board Approves Strategic Plan

HUNTINGDON (May 14) — The Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education approved an updated five-year Strategic Plan for the years 2025-2029 during its meeting on May 14. Dr. Jonathan Kee, the director of schools, presented an outline focused on providing standards-aligned education, expanding STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) offerings for students, more career development, and placing greater emphasis on fine arts for students in grades K-12. The district recently implemented support for students' holistic well-being by introducing on-site medical practitioners plus the school nurses, and behavioral health services. The services will continue in the new school year. For instructional support, the faculty now includes instructional coaches in English Language Arts (ELA) and math, along with a New Teacher Academy that provides extra mentoring for new teachers from their peers. The long-term plan also encompasses upgrades to athletic facilities. A new baseball press box is currently under construction and renovations are underway for the football/soccer field house. Additional campus improvements in the long-range plans include: enhancing lighting for softball, baseball, and band, developing a new tennis and pickleball complex, adding a greenhouse for FFA, replacing windows at Huntingdon Primary School, and implementing audio/visual upgrades at both Huntingdon Primary School and Huntingdon Middle School in the gymnasium and cafeteria. New audio enhancements in all classrooms will provide surround sound, ensuring uniform amplification of sound throughout the room. One key initiative aims to improve community engagement and communication. To support faculty and staff, the Board approved bereavement leave of three days. The Board also approved a bid of \$110,500 to pave the rear parking lot at Huntingdon High School (HHS). Two students from HHS were appointed as student ambassadors for the monthly Board of Education meetings. Initially, the Board had planned to select one student representative, but Dr. Lee Carter, chairman of the board, stated that both applicants were exceptional. Consequently, the selection committee decided to include both young women, Madison Dill and Paige Costello, who were administered the oath of office by Dr. Kee. Additionally, Dr. Kee submitted a list of administrators for the 2025-26 school year: Vicki Crossno as Principal of HPS; Rachel Williams as Principal of HMS; Porsche McClerking as Principal of HHS; Alan Eubanks as Supervisor of Federal Programs and Attendance; Scott Carter as Supervisor of Technology; Christy Carey as Supervisor of Special Education and Student Development; and Robbie Carlton as Supervisor of Food Service. New associates were also announced, including Emily Hampton for HPS Special Education, Dalton Cook for HHS Special Education, and Michelle Forbess for HHS Science. The board was informed of the resignation of Stacey Johnson from the role of HHS Special Education.

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McKenzie Elementary Shows Strong in Math Competition

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — On May 10, Officer Kristen Lee responded to a crash in Wendy's parking lot. One of the drivers, Scotty Foster, 47, of Huntingdon, had a suspended driver's license. Foster was taken into custody and booked on Driving on Revoked for DUI second offense.

Speeding, Violation of Registration — On May 16, Officer Dexter Richardson was stationary in the parking lot at Nanny's conducting radar enforcement when he observed a white Nissan Maxima driving 53 mph in a 30-mph zone. The driver, Charles Tillman, 36, of Huntingdon, had a Suspended Driver's License. He was given 10 days to report to the jail for booking.

Driving on Suspended License — On May 17, Officer Dexter Richardson ob-

served a white Captiva failing to stop at a stop sign on Veterans Drive North. The driver, Oliva Carter, 33, had a suspended license and was given 10 days to book into Carroll County jail.

Reckless Driving — On May 18, Officer Dexter Richardson clocked a vehicle on his radar going 90 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver, Christan Walker, 19, pulled over immediately. Walker was arrested for Reckless Driving and taken to Carroll County Jail.

Vandalism — On May 17, officers were notified by Carroll County Sheriff's Department dispatch about a theft at Walmart electronics department. A correctional officer witnessed a white male wearing a hoodie and carrying a backpack, break into the display case using a hammer. The suspect stole a pair of air pods. Officer

Foust sprayed the subject with pepper spray, but he took off on foot. When the police arrived, they saw a subject matching the description walking close to the liquor store. Andrew Stefaniuk, 37, was found to be the man who committed stealing the air pods. He was transported to Carroll County Jail and was also shown to have a warrant out of Georgia.

Driving under the Influence, Second Offense — On May 18, Officer Dexter Richardson observed a black GMC Sierra traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 22. The driver, Channing Edwards, 35, had a strong odor of alcohol. His driver's license was also revoked for a DUI. Edwards was arrested for DUI, Speeding, and Possession of a Handgun While Under The Influence.

Summer Food Service Available At McKenzie Elementary School

McKenzie Elementary, 165 Brooks Avenue, provides a summer food service program Monday through Friday from May 27 until July 18. Anyone 18 years old and

under can eat for free every day. Adults are welcome to eat at a cost of \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3 for lunch. Breakfast is served from 8-9 a.m.; lunch is offered from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The service will not be available June 19 or June 30-July 4. For more information, call Laura Martin at 731-352-9212.

McKenzie Police Reports

Burglary — Gerdau Recycling, Euclid Avenue, McKenzie was the location of a theft of electrical wiring and infrastructure from the vacant building once used as Mars Pet Food. There should have been a human body found dead just below the electrical breaker box that was shorted as thieves attempted to steal the box, said the representative of Gerdau. Officer Kyle Beauchamp filed the report on May 15, when Gerdau said thieves had entered the vacant building and attempted to steal the electrical components. Sergeant Austin Jones assisted in the investigation. The thieves were obviously not aware the electrical system was still energized. They severely damaged the electrical system when they removed cooper wiring. Some \$60,000-\$80,000 damage was done to the breaker boxes and a/c units. Another \$120,000 worth of copper was taken. Several of the thieves' tools remained below the 480-volt breaker box, where the suspects had arced the box, which should have caused a loud explosion and flash of light. The Gerdau representative said there should have

been a dead body beneath the breaker. The suspect surely sustained burns to the face and arms. Police recovered bolt cutters, a hack saw, work gloves, and other tools.

Fraudulent Use of Credit Card — A McKenzie woman was the victim of a ruse in which she thought there was a summons for her arrest. Officer Dustin McClure said the woman received a phone call on May 19 from fraudster who said he was working with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department. The caller said he would arrest her unless she had paid \$2,500. She went to Walmart and purchased three cash cards in a total amount of \$2,500. Once MPD received the information, she was advised to contact her financial institution in an attempt to stop the funds transfer.

Failure to Appear — Antwon Lunjay Owens, 42, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was arrested on May 20. Officer Dustin McClure observed Owens as the officer was patrolling and knew there was an outstanding warrant for Owens' arrest out of Gibson County. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on a Revoked License — Jordan Deshaun Barnhart, 23, Hinkledale Road, McKenzie, was charged with Driving While Revoked Due to DUI on May 24. Officer Dustin McClure had no registration tags. A traffic stop was initiated in which Barnhart had no license. He was transported to Carroll County Jail and issued a warning about too dark window tint.

Violation of Probation — Michael A. Smith, 27, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, was arrested for Violation of Probation on May 25. Officer Dustin McClure and Patrolman Raspberry went to Smith's residence, where they unsuccessfully searched the residence for Smith. A female at the scene told officers where he could be found other than that residence. Officers located Smith and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Violation of Probation — Lloyd James Sawyer, 60, Park Circle, McKenzie, was arrested for Violation of Probation on May 20. Officer Dalton Raspberry witnessed Sawyer at a gas station and took him into custody.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (May 21) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on May 21.

Bound over to the Grand Jury were:

Bethany Malone, Hurt Street, Huntingdon, bound over, Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange; bound over, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Holly Charlene Smothers, Westport Road, Huntingdon, bound over, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess with Intent; Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess; Driving While in Possession of Meth; Possess/Sell/Barter/ Give Away Legend Drugs; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Kerry Lee Suratt, Park Circle, McKenzie, bound over, DUI-First Offense, Implied Consent.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Crystal Dawn Alexander, Main Street E., Trezevant, guilty, Simple Possession, \$250 fine, alcohol and drug counseling, \$50 fine for contempt; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Sean Bradley Beasley, Morris Street, McKenzie, guilty, Allowing Dogs to Run At Large.

Daniel Brian Dickerson, Barren Springs Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Schedule IV Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess, guilty, Theft, \$150 fine, probation, shotgun seized and \$1,747 seized; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Possession of Firearm With Intent To Go Armed.

Anthony Harris, Jr., Poplar Street, Paris, guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$150, probation, must obtain a valid driver's license; dismissed, Seatbelt Violation; dismissed, Speeding.

Michael Hudson, Wahl Street, Milan, guilty, Meth--Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, jail sentence suspended except 30 days, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation, in-patient treatment; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Christopher McCaslin, Gardner Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, Public Intoxication, 30 days jail suspended to 12 days; dismissed, Driving While Revoked; dismissed, Aggravated Criminal Trespass.

Wynter Minchelle Strayhorn, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 15 days jail, probation extended.

Christopher Dakota Terry, Gleason, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail.

Brian Tyrell, Jessie Lane,

Huntingdon, guilty, Aggravated Criminal Trespass, supervised probation, no contact with victim, \$1,200 restitution; guilty, Theft; dismissed, Vandalism.

Anthony Wooley, Wildersville, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1,000 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to time served.; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases were dismissed: Joshua Dickerson, Barren Springs Road, Hollow Rock, dismissed, Theft, Schedule VI Drugs, dismissed, Possession of Firearm, Intent to Go Armed; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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

Carl Morris, South Fork of Creek Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Possession of Handgun Under the Influence; dismissed, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; dismissed, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess With Intent in a drug-free zone. 11/29 supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling.

Cadice Young, Jessie Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, Theft.

Marriage Licenses

Jacob Paul Drinkard, 35, of McKenzie, to Melanie Ann Herbert, 34, of McKenzie.

Kellie Miranda Scott, 28, of McKenzie, to Zhi-quae Timon Baker, 29, of McKenzie.

Shelley Marie Allen Boyd, 44, of Jackson, to Adam Chadwick Fowler, 53, of

Cedar Grove.

Kelsie Elizabeth Seiber, 24, of Huntingdon to Charles Grant McAlister, 23, of Huntingdon.

Stephanie Nichole Gentry Kyle, 41, of Cedar Grove, to Brian Zebulon Kyle, 45, of Cedar Grove.

Eli N. Borntrager, 21, of Huntingdon, to Edith E. Yo-

der, 20, of Bruceton.

Kaylee Nichole Copeland, 20, of Huntingdon, to Ethan Thomas Peevyhouse, 20, of Huntingdon.

Debbie Annttee Carroll Dilday, 58, of McKenzie, to Steve Wayne Brewer, 53, of McKenzie.

Warren Wayne Smith, 84, of McKenzie, to Bonnie Kathleen Stevens Grabarczyk, 78, of McKenzie.

Property Transfers

Annette B. and Michael Cooley Jr. to Mitchell and Chelsea Fuller Brown in District 22.

Priscilla and Dale Ellis to Stanley W. Matyka in District 14.

Lisa K. Webster to Stephen J. and Valerie J. Dillon in District 4.

Ricky J. Mann to Melba Sue Smith in District 11.

Travis E. and Cynthia L. Thrasher to Dewaine Christmas in District 10.

Melissa Anne Arnold to Alan Grant Arnold.

Donald Finch to Bonnie Jo and Kevin McMackin.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Debora Kathryn Sweeter in District 4.

Tim Tucker to Jessica M. Tucker in District 11.

Dale N. Autry to Diana

Melanie Blackwell to Janice Reynolds.

Michael Powell to Christina Joann Rainey in District 21.

William Edward McCarty to Terry W. Guy.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for the following purchases for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

- **ROCK PRODUCTS** 9/9:05 a.m.
- **TIRES & TUBES** 9:10 a.m.
- **LIQUID ASPHALT** 9:15 a.m.
- **KOL-MIX OIL** 9:15 a.m.
- **ALUMINIZED CULVERTS** 9:20 a.m.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St., Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, **no later than 9 a.m. CST, June 12, 2025**, at which time the bids will be opened and considered.

Copies of bid documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Highway Department, 14835 Highway 22, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344 or by email at cchighway@carroll.tn.org.

You may contact Carroll County Highway Dept at 731-986-1997 for specifications.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Carroll County strives to protect individuals' civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

The Owner (Carroll County) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

Joseph G. Butler, Mayor
Publication Date: 5-26-2025, 6-03-2025

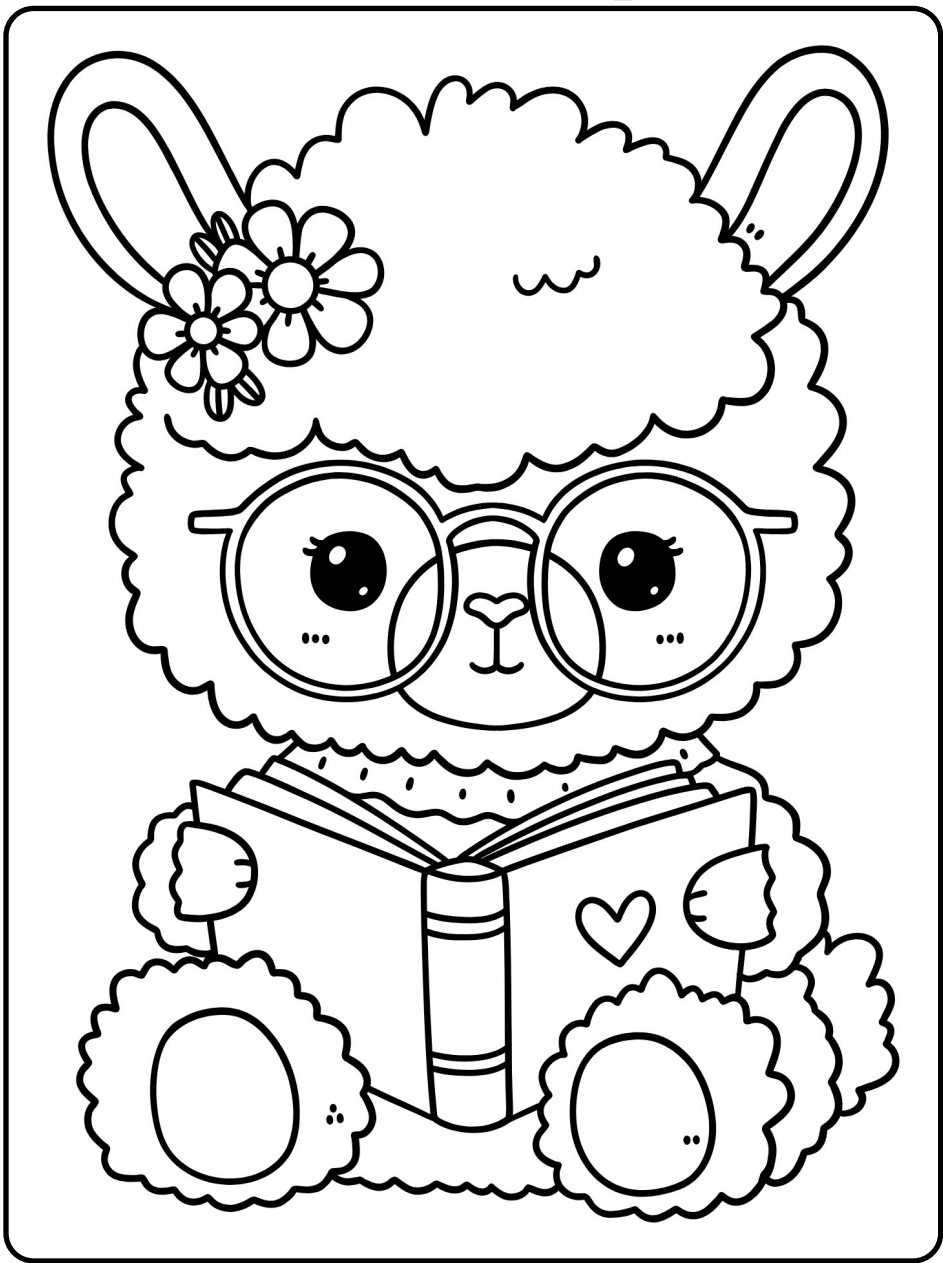
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Town of Trezevant, General Fund ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC NOTICE Y/E June 30, 2025			
The Town of Trezevant, Tennessee hereby provides certain financial information for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget in Accordance with provisions of Chapter 484, Public Law of 1991, as amended.			
TOWN OF TREZEVANT, TENNESSEE PROPOSED BUDGET			
for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026			
	Actual 2023-2024	Estimated 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 2025-2026
GENERAL FUND			
General Fund Revenue			
Revenue			
Intergovernmental Revenue	120,726	140,300	113,800
Local Taxes	194,894	210,843	192,000
Other Sources of Revenue	27,323	32,040	16,800
Charges for Services	2,650	1,410	800
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	24,300	53,519	52,500
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
Total General Fund Revenue	369,893	438,112	375,900
General Fund Expenditures	501,727	515,695	479,794
Beginning Fund Balance	437,690	305,856	228,273
Ending Fund Balance	305,856	228,273	124,379
STATE STREET AID			
Revenue	29,968	32,482	30,874
Expenditures	20,236	26,508	24,600
Beginning Fund Balance	75,541	85,273	91,247
Ending Fund Balance	85,273	91,247	97,521
DRUG FUND			
Revenue	1,754	409	250
Expenditures	-	-	-
Beginning Fund Balance	536	2,290	2,699
Ending Fund Balance	2,290	2,699	2,949
SOLID WASTE FUND			
Revenue	79,414	84,167	91,867
Expenditures	73,804	86,188	85,122
Beginning Fund Balance	84,900	90,510	88,489
Ending Fund Balance	90,510	88,489	95,234
EMPLOYEE POSITIONS	Full Time Part Time	5 1	
WATER & SEWER FUND INCOME			
Water Department	482,653	195,798	198,900
Sewer Department		182,579	163,000
Govt Grant & Other Sources		144,239	-
Total Water & Sewer Fund Income	\$482,653	\$522,616	\$361,900
EXPENSES	282,862	314,947	328,476
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)	\$199,791	\$207,669	\$33,424
Employee Positions	Full Time Part Time	1 1	

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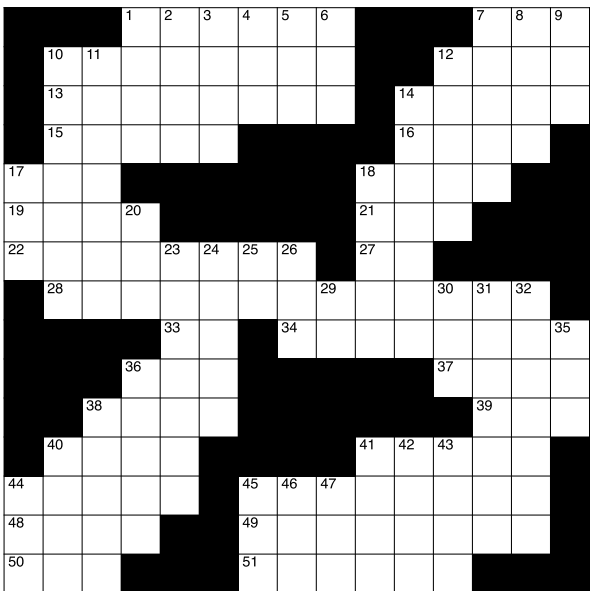
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bring up
- 7. Child
- 10. Formal written defense
- 12. Bangladeshi currency
- 13. Burial site
- 14. In the lead
- 15. Large recesses in a church
- 16. Count on
- 17. Defunct phone company
- 18. Golf scores
- 19. Afflicts
- 21. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 22. Prominence
- 27. "The Great Lakes State"
- 28. SoCal ballplayer
- 33. Location of White House
- 34. Magnificence
- 36. Hip hop songstress
- 37. Capital of Yemen
- 38. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 39. Bomb
- 40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- 41. Pinkish-violet color
- 44. A way to make right
- 45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
- 48. Region south of Dead Sea
- 49. Acts out against
- 50. Harsh cry of a crow
- 51. Formal title for a woman



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Kitchen devices
- 2. Wings
- 3. Mythological birds
- 4. Everyone has one
- 5. Matchstick game
- 6. Bar bill
- 7. Weights
- 8. Satisfactorily
- 9. Small amount
- 10. Tree types
- 11. Small protuberances
- 12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
- 14. Type of horse
- 17. More (Spanish)
- 18. Argentinian province
- 20. A bad act
- 23. Moving in a circular way
- 24. Battery type
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Popular breakfast food
- 29. An alternative
- 30. Tooth caregiver
- 31. A way to conform
- 32. Disfigured men
- 35. Cool!
- 36. Genus of mosses
- 38. Body part
- 40. Kashmiri people
- 41. Round water pot
- 42. Something to purchase
- 43. Emit coherent radiation
- 44. Indicates 10
- 45. Advertising metric
- 46. Pitching stat
- 47. Head movement

Week 21

See solution in next week's edition.

Caught Reading Word Search

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

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Storyteller

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1790: Rhode Island becomes the last of the original colonies to ratify the Constitution.

1919: Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity is tested by Arthur Eddington and others.

1988: Ronald Reagan visits the Soviet Union.

SUDOKU

WEEK 21

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

Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to reading. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = A)

A. 26 25 25 7 15 20 8 7

Clue: Holds place

B. 23 20 9 3 2

Clue: Sheets of paper

C. 10 21 20 8 20 10 13 3 8

Clue: Person in book

D. 11 17 10 13 17 25 6

Clue: Invented or untrue

Answers: A. bookmark B. pages C. character D. fiction

LETTER MIX-UP

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
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- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

What building has the most stories?

Answer: The library.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

TSXTE

Answer: Texts

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born on May 31, 1965 in New York. I began modeling as an infant and continued through childhood. Modeling turned into an acting career, and my feature film debut was in a horror film. My second and third films caused controversy for risqué content considering my young age.

Answer: Brooke Shields

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 20 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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A	I	L							S	P	A	R
I	R	K	S						T	I	B	I
W	A	A	L					T	S	P	L	A
A	T	L	A	S			M	S	T		E	E
N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	H	O	O	D	S
					O	A	S		M	A	G	
			S	E	L	F		T	A	K	E	
			E	G	O		T	A	T			
		R	E	G	G	I	E	J	A	C	K	S
E	B	A	N			N	O	D		T	I	A
R	E	C		T	A	N				S	L	A
S	T	E	L	A						T	I	T
T	H	R	O	B						N	O	N
	S	S	B							E	R	G

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 20

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

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MHS soccer award winners (L to R) Front Row: Eian Gibson, Jony Hernandez, Ramon Renteria-Tellez, Triztan Vela, Morgan Christman and Emil Schreitmuel-ler. Back Row: Aiden Mason, Eli Vinson, Guillermo Hickman, Skyler Fornera, Alex Garcia, Nate Dameron and Branson Baker. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie High Soccer Celebrates Season

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (May 19) — McKenzie High School boys' soccer celebrated a successful season with a banquet Monday.

Head Coach Karlene Brown welcomed every-one, and Coach Jeremy Bilger gave a blessing before guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Hometown Hangout.

Brown praised the team for a "really good season", thanked the seniors for their years of dedication and told the rest of the team "start working now... get prepared for next year."

Each player and manager was presented with a certificate and a t-shirt.

Awards were presented by Bilger and Brown.

Aiden Mason and Alex Garcia were named Mid-Field Players of the Year.

Eian Gibson and Triztan Vela were named Rookies of the Year.

Coach Awards were presented to Branson Baker, Tyler McCalister and Ra-

mon Renteria-Tellez.

Morgan Christman and Eli Vinson earned Sports-manship Awards.

Guillermo Hickman was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Emil Schreitmuel-ler and Oscar Calderon were named Defensive Players of the Year.

Jony Hernandez was Most Improved.

Nate Dameron was named Goalkeeper of the Year.

Skyler Fornera earned the All-Rounder Award.

Hickman and Fornera were named Co-MVPs.

The two coaches then spoke about each of the four seniors, Fornera, Hickman, McCalister and Dameron, and about the two inter-national students, Schreit-mueller and Garcia, who would not be returning to McKenzie. Brown and Bilger praised them for their growth and leadership and wished them success in the future.

Brown presented Bilger a plaque in appreciation of his tenth season as a volun-

teer coach.

The coaches offered to-kens of thanks to the boost-er club members as well as Teddy Hickman, Victor Vela, Danielle Case and this reporter.

Finally, the seniors pre-sented gifts to the two coaches.

The event concluded, but guests lingered for photos and fellowship.

The team included se-niors Skyler Fornera, Guil-ermo Hickman, Tyler Mc-Calister and Nate Dameron; juniors Emil Schreitmueller, Oscar Calderon, Morgan Christman, Kadein Wim-berly, Aiden Mason and Eli Vinson; sophomores Ra-mon Renteria-Tellez, Alex Garcia, Sawyer Nunnery, Branson Baker, Caleb Burns, Pedro Mendez and Chris-tian Hytinen; and freshmen Eian Gibson, Jony Hernan-dez, Brody Davis, Triztan Vela, Wyatt Brewer and Marshal Vinson.

Managers were Emma Haynes, Kailynn Cowan, Sydney Rimmer, Amina Brown and Amelia Brown.



Pictured are Christy Williams, president of Rotary; Carlton Townes; Gracie Aird; Brody Berryhill; Kailynn Cowan; Ricky Price, vice president of Rotary; and Misty Aird, a Rotary member.

McKenzie DECA Competitors Return From International Competition

McKENZIE (May 20) — Four of the five DECA stu-dents who competed at the international convention in Orlando spoke to the McKenzie Rotarians about their experiences at the competition.

The students attending were Carlton Townes, To-bey Brooks, Kailynn Cow-an, Gracie Aird, and Brody Berryhill. Townes served

as a Tennessee state offi-cer. These five advanced to the international competi-tion, which hosted 19,000 students.

Their teacher, Brittany Colotta, accompanied the students to the competi-tions in Nashville and Orlando.

The business club was established in the 1960s, with Nancy Holland as

the initial instructor. Su-san Dyer, the most recent previous instructor, taught Colotta when she was a student. Dyer currently oversees Career-Technical Education for the three schools.

The skills learned during the classes and competi-tions are lifetime skills, said Dyer.



Government officials, city staff, police, firefighters and citizens celebrated the opening of the new municipal complex. Photo courtesy City of Dresden

Dresden Opens New Municipal Complex

DRESDEN (May 18) — The City of Dresden cele-brated the completion of a project more than three years in the making with a ribbon-cutting Sunday

at the new Municipal Complex.

On December 10, 2021, an EF-3 tornado devastated the community, including in its path of destruction

the building that previously housed city hall and the police and fire departments.

Months of cleanup was followed by months of con-struction to bring the pro-ject to fruition.

"The Iris has bloomed again," said Mayor Mark Maddox during the rib-bon-cutting ceremony.

The official dedication of the complex reads, in part, "This complex is dedicated to the first re-sponders, City of Dres-den staff and citizens who put aside their own needs to help neighbors and friends on December 10, 2021 when a devas-tating tornado left a path of destruction through Dresden. Your courage, fortitude and resilience in the face of tragedy demonstrates the heart of Dresden."



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Above Left, (L to R) Bella Losby and Kaidy Smith were presented five-year awards and Oliva-Kay Pate was presented a ten-year award. Above Right, The High School Class. Below, The Seventh-Eighth Grade Class. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, The Fifth-Sixth Grade Class. Below, The Fourth Grade Class. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, The Third Grade Class. Below, The Second Grade Class. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, The First Grade Class. Below, The Kindergarten Class. Bottom. The Pre-K Class. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Genia Sherwood's School of Dance Presents 'Jumpin' Jukebox'

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (May 17) — Genia Sherwood's School of Dance presented its annual recital "Jumpin' Jukebox" Saturday afternoon in the Bouldin Auditorium of Beth-el University's Dickey Fine Arts Building.

Nine classes performed 29 routines, including several solo dances by advanced students.

The High School Class included Yaretzi Gonzalez, Hadley Smith, Marley Crews, Delta Baker, Olivia-Kay Pate, Addi Davis and Claire Kee.

The Seventh-Eighth Grade Class included Harper Mc-Call, Katelyn Martin, Natalie Tidwell, Courtney Sanders, Zoey Neville, Kaidy Smith, John Patterson, Elizabeth Miller and Sophie Price.

The Fifth-Sixth Grade

Class included McKenna Sherwood, Mia Walker, Mac-ie Cate Roberts, Vera Tippitt, Emma Allen, Lina Haywood, Ava Walker, Emilee Harris, Avacyn Latham and Maggie Nell Merrick.

The Fourth Grade Class included Olivia Neville, Lydia Walker, Hazel Tippitt, Aimee Harris, Bryleigh Barrett and Kaylynn Barrett.

The Third Grade Class included Penny Crockett, Bella Losby, Meghan Strop, Hannah Tippitt, Everly Wil-liams, LilyAnn Wolski, Hadia Laman, Allison Padilla, Eliz-abeth Thomas, Jaeliana Toler and Jazzlyn Carroll.

The Second Grade Class included Abbi Hudgins, Oshyn Taylor, Maggie Rose Garrett, Saylor McCall, Itzel Gonzalez, Mary Poff, Charli Mann and Lennon Haywood.

The First Grade Class included Zowey Norden,

Harper Gail Waddell, Scar-lett McReynolds, Andie Al-len, Everly Longmire, Aurora Flinchum, Dani Flinchum and Emerie Burleson.

The Kindergarten Class in-cluded Della Tippitt, Emma Langley, Caroline Camp-bell, Kylie Satterfield, Lillian Kirk, Cora Tippitt, Ella Kate Lowe, Amelia Brown, Amina Brown, Sarah Jane Ezell and Neely-Kay Wilson.

The Pre-K Class included Allison Easley, Callie Hatch-er, Vivian Hartz, Rainie Beth Brewer, Fernanda Hernan-dez, Hazel Eads, Matti Ben-nett, Aurora Statton, Mary Mae Holt, Harper Moore, Cora Eads and Demi Russell.

Following the performanc-es, instructor LaTisha Karnes presented five-year awards to Bella Losby and Kaidy Smith and a ten-year award to Oliv-ia-Kay Pate.