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"Give light and people will find the way."
— Ella Baker



Travis McLeese

McLeese Arrested on DUI Charge

PARIS (June 6) — Travis McLeese of Paris was arrested for DUI and violation of the implied consent law Thursday evening. He was also charged with enticing/purchasing alcohol (for a minor) and two counts of sexual battery. He was released later on a bond of \$250,000. McLeese, age 35, is the former director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. In March, he was indicted by a Henry County Grand Jury on charges of sexual battery and purchasing alcohol for a minor. The new charges are unrelated to those imposed in March. Information Courtesy Shannon McFarlin/Radio NWTN and Mobile Patrol



Sawyer Sutton

West Carroll Rallies for 2025 Graduate

West Carroll community stands with the 2025 valedictorian, Sawyer Sutton, as he begins a long recovery following an accident caused by a drunk driver. Known for his kind, quiet demeanor, Sawyer Sutton is widely respected by

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CARROLL COUNTY



Andy Rice of Hospital Wing cuts the ribbon for its new base of operations at the Sergeant Lee Russell-Carroll County Airport. Local government officials and Chamber members welcomed the associates of Hospital Wing to the community. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Hospital Wing Hosts Ribbon Cutting For Helicopter Base

McKENZIE — Hospital Wing air ambulance held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new helicopter base at the Sergeant Lee Russell-Carroll County Airport on Thursday, June 5. The base operates 24/7 with a three-person crew consisting of a pilot, nurse, and medic. Andy Rice, program manager, said Hospital Wing is excited to have a full-time base at the airport. He thanked local government officials and the local chambers of commerce for their assistance. Carroll County Chamber hosted the event. Hospital Wing first had a daytime base in Carroll County at Baptist

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J&J Auto Racing Builds Sprint Car For Hall of Fame Sweepstakes

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (June 5) — The newest sprint car built by J&J Auto Racing won't see a race track for quite some time, but it will be the subject of much excitement for racing enthusiasts around the country. The car, which was custom-built to be the grand prize in the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum's biennial sweepstakes fundraiser, was picked up from the downtown McKenzie shop Thursday by Addy Sullivan, special events coordinator for the nonprofit museum. Sullivan will transport the car to Knoxville, Iowa, home of the museum, where it will be "wrapped" in sponsor logos, including the J&J Auto Racing insignia.

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J&J Auto Racing staff see off the sprint car they built for the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum sweepstakes. Pictured are (L to R): James Tucker, Eric Pinson, Ryan Crocker, Dusty Legens, Josh Brewer, Jack Elam, Bonnie Elam and Addy Sullivan, the Hall of Fame's special events coordinator who traveled to McKenzie Thursday to receive the car. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKENZIE School Board Approves \$15.6 Million Budget

McKENZIE (June 3) — The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education is preparing for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, despite several uncertainties in the proposed budget for 2025-26. During an informal workshop on Tuesday, June 3, and a full board meeting on Thursday, June 5, Dr. Justin Barden, director of schools, and Brad Davis, director of finance, shared insights into

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Bruceton Celebrates 100 Years, Opens Time Capsule

BRUCETON — The Town of Bruceton celebrates its 100th anniversary on Saturday, June 14, noon at 209 Cheatham Street. City officials welcome everyone to the unsealing of the time capsule as the town kicks off its celebration. The items were donated 25 years ago and placed in the capsule. Bruceton was named after William P. Bruce, a VP of the N.C. & St. Louis Railroad, who determined the

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First responders in the life-saving incident were (L to R): Lieutenant/Paramedic Jonathan Castleman, McKenzie Fire Department; Battalion Chief/Advanced EMT Jason Arnold, McKenzie Fire Department; Firefighter/EMR Lacey Lane, McKenzie Fire Department; Trey Silliman Paramedic, Priority EMS; and Chaz Prestwood, Advanced EMT, Priority EMS.

First Responders Save Life With CPR

MCKENZIE — First responders with McKenzie Fire/Rescue and Baptist EMS revived a patient who went into cardiac arrest while he was being packaged for transport by EMS.

On May 20, 2025, personnel from both McKenzie Fire Department First Responders and Baptist/Priority EMS were summoned

to a medical call. Upon their arrival the patient was responsive and talking to the personnel. Upon loading the patient into the EMS unit, the patient took a turn for the worse and CPR was necessary to try to save the patients' life. Due to the life-saving efforts of these personnel, the patient was resuscitated and is now back

at home with his family.

McKenzie Fire/Rescue operates a first responder unit, which assists Baptist EMS and other area EMS services. The trained first responders with McKenzie Fire/Rescue often arrive first to assess the patient and start the necessary medical care prior to the arrival of the EMS unit.



Happy Book Stack staff pause during a bustling first hour of business. Pictured are (L to R): owner David Jacobs, Store Manager Stephanie McClerkin, Assistant Manager Lollie Brown, Haven Wood, Madison McClain, Cat Robin and Jo Dillahunty. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Happy Book Stack Opens in McKenzie

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (June 9) — Downtown McKenzie gained another new business as The Happy Book Stack opened its doors for the first time Monday morning.

The bookstore and coffee shop, located at 55 Broadway, is owned by David Jacobs, who owns another store of the same name in Murfreesboro.

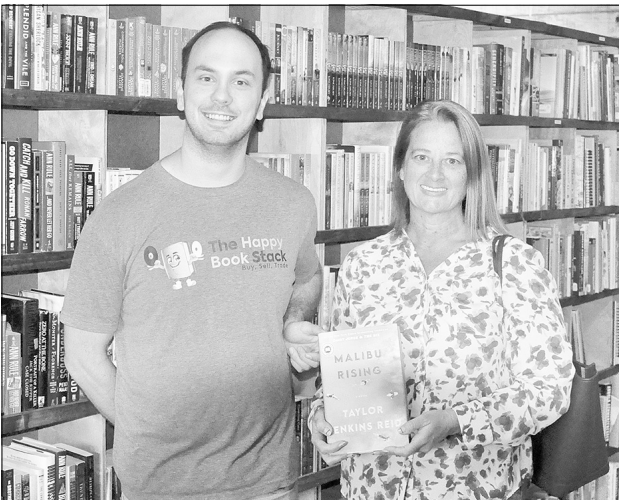
Approximately 11,000 books fill the shelves of the McKenzie shop, but there's still a spacious area for customers to read, relax, play games or work.

The coffee shop offers drip coffee, cold brew, espresso, teas, lattes and blended drinks, as well as sandwiches, subs, salads and soups.

The ten-person staff is led by Store Manager Stephanie McClerkin and Assistant Manager Lollie Brown, both of McKenzie.

McClerkin told The Banner, "I'm so excited McKenzie has a space for coffee and books, a social space for people to hang out."

She noted that it's a great space for people to "work from home" away from home as well as for students



Christi Wallace (right) of Gleason was the first to purchase books from The Happy Book Stack. Though an avid reader herself, her first purchase was five books for her daughter. She is pictured with owner David Jacobs. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

to focus on their studies, with Wi-Fi and plenty of outlets available.

McClerkin and Jacobs expressed their appreciation to John and Courtney Sellers, owners of Martin's - Coffee and Bakery in Martin, for their assistance throughout the opening process.

A private room is available for rent for \$25 per hour (minimum two hours). Eventually, Happy Book Stack plans to host its own events in the space.

This week, the shop is

open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Next week, Happy Book Stack will commence regular hours, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday hours are on the horizon, according to Jacobs and McClerkin.

Announcements and other information can be found on Facebook (The Happy Book Stack McKenzie) and Instagram (thehappybookstackmckenzie). Look for a TikTok account to be launched soon.

Sutton

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teachers and peers alike for his exceptional musical and artistic talent, naturally gifted thinking, and willingness to help others. While he may not always seek the spotlight, his presence is felt through his talents and the kindness he extends to others.

As Sawyer and his family navigate the challenges ahead, several local fundraisers have been organized to support them. Here are upcoming opportunities to help:

June 12-14 — Benefit Bake Sale during the Hwy 70 Yard Sale. To donate baked goods, contact Lindsey Wilkes or Lindsey Pinson.

June 14 — WCHS student Jace Hammett will perform at the Hometown Hang-

out in McKenzie. All tips from the evening will go to Sawyer.

Ongoing — Donations are being accepted at all Carroll Bank & Trust locations under an account created for Sawyer Sutton.

Members of the community invite the Eagle community and neighbors to come together in support. Whether through donations, participation, or simply sharing this message—your involvement matters.

New Digital Signs Installed at Three Huntingdon Schools

HUNTINGDON (June 7)— Huntingdon Special School District installed a digital sign at each of the three schools in an effort to spotlight students, highlight upcoming events, and promote community engagement, which is one of HSSD's four core values. Den Ray Signs of Jackson installed the signs. Electrical service at all three signs should be complete this week and staff members will receive training how to operate the signs. Staff members can change the message on the sign from any computer or cell phone with internet service.

Jonathan Kee, director of schools, said the high school sign is in memory of Judy Roark, teacher at HHS from 1988-2009. She was a beloved Spanish teacher and her family made a financial contribution toward the project.

"We are excited about



them and think they will be something that attracts the attention of our com-

munity and those who visit our schools," concluded Dr. Kee.

McKenzie City Council Meets Thursday

The City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meets Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 6 p.m. The following items are on the agenda:

- Financials Matters: Thermocasting: \$24,425.

New Business

- Discussion / Approval for Proclamation for Bethel Ladies Basketball Final Four.
- Discussion / Approval for Food Truck Ordinance #571.
- Discussion / Approval for Resolution #25-004 to

cut section of Locust off for Mulberry complex.

- Discussion / Approval of Ordinance #572 for City of McKenzie Budget 2025/2026.

Prior to the meeting at 4:30 p.m. there will be a budget workshop.



Left, Sandra Hudgins (right), primary school cafeteria manager, retired after 30 years of service. She was presented a plaque by Director of Schools Preston Caldwell. Right, Dwight Knight (right), elementary school teacher, retired after 41 years of service. He was presented a plaque by Director of Schools Preston Caldwell. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



West Carroll School Board Honors Retirees, Top Readers

BY BRAD SAM
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ATWOOD (June 5) — The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education honored two retirees during the regular meeting Thursday and also recognized exceptional readers from the elementary school.

Dwight Knight, elementary school teacher, retired after 41 years of service. Sandra Hudgins, primary school cafeteria manager, retired after 30 years of service. Each retiree was presented a plaque of appreciation.

The cafeteria at the junior/senior high school was packed with students and family members as WCES Principal Dr. Jessica Williams and librarian Pat Hudgins recognized students who achieved the goal of reading 100 books or earning 100 Accelerated Reader (AR) points this year as well as the overall

achievements of the third-sixth grade classes.

The dozens of students in attendance stood and announced their final book or point total.

The third grade class read a total of 3,859 books and earned 1,735 AR points. The class increased its average reading level by 1.34 grades from the previous spring.

The fourth grade class read 4,679 books for 2,811 points. Fifth grade read 2,193 books for 2,010 points, and sixth read 1,555 books for 3,104 points.

Overall, 32 percent of WCES students achieved the 100 book/point goal.

The board approved the lone bids received for two HVAC units at the junior/senior high. Newbill's Heating and Air of Milan was the only respondent with offers of \$11,450 for an 8.5-ton unit and \$18,750 for a ten-ton unit.

Other approvals by the board included: the sale

of band surplus items, a July field trip for FFA students to Wildersville, the 2025-26 board calendar and the creation of a Student Advisory Committee as part of the Student Government Association. The committee will work with Director of Schools Preston Caldwell on district-wide issues.

Junior/Senior High Principal Dr. Adam Douglas announced that high school students would transition to a five-block schedule this fall. Freshmen and sophomores will have Math and English year-round under the new system.

Director Caldwell announced he will undergo knee replacement surgery soon but expects to be back to work in time for the July 10 meeting, which he says will be a busy meeting addressing many policies.

The meeting adjourned in 45 minutes.

Base

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Memorial Hospital-Carroll County. After working with Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler and approval by the Carroll County Commission and the Carroll County Airport Board, the air ambulance relocated to the airport, located on Airport Lane, McKenzie.

One helicopter, an Airbus H130, is available when area first responders

request an air ambulance. It is part of a network of helicopters in West Tennessee and throughout the country.

Rice said he was very appreciative of the work with Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and Brad Hurley; McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Monica Heath; Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler; and McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, plus Baptist Hospital and all the first responders in Carroll County.

AirMedCare Network (AMCN) is part of Global

Medical Response — the largest medical transportation company in the world. It includes local services such as Hospital Wing and AirEvac. It has operations in the tri-counties of Carroll, Henry and Weakley.

AMCN delivers compassionate, quality medical care, primarily in the areas of emergency and patient relocation services in the United States. Memberships are available at airmedcarenetwork.com. A one-year membership is \$99 for a household.



LaShonda Williams, Foundation Board Member, Jennifer Culpepper, Foundation President, Kelly Weatherford, Anna Claire Weatherford (McKenzie High School), and Clara Weatherford.

Anna Claire Weatherford Receives McLean-Pedersen Scholarship

PARIS — The Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation announced Anna Claire Weatherford, a graduate of McKenzie High School, as the recipient of the 2025 McLean-Pedersen Endowment Scholarship. Anna Claire will attend Jackson State Community College in the fall. Anna plans to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology. She plans to pursue her career in Carroll, Henry or Weakley County and remain close to home. Her long-term goal is to obtain certification to become an MRI Technologist.

The McLean-Pedersen Endowment Scholarship was created to support McKenzie High School graduates pursuing careers in healthcare. The

scholarship totals \$6,000, distributed over four years at \$1,500 per year. Eligible fields of study include nursing, radiology, paramedic training, physical therapy technology, and respiratory technology.

Anna Claire Weatherford was selected based on her academic excellence, strong character, and desire to make a difference through a career in healthcare. Her dedication to helping others and her commitment to her future goals make her an ideal recipient of this award.

To remain eligible for the scholar Anna Claire Weatherford Receives McLean-Pedersen Scholarship ship, recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 throughout their college career, ensuring continued focus and aca-

ademic success.

The Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation extends its congratulations to Anna Claire Weatherford. Jennifer Culpepper serves as the President of Paris and Henry Healthcare Foundation, “We are happy to be able to continue the tradition of providing scholarships to students who are pursuing careers in the medical field. We hope to see these bright young minds bring their skills back home to care for patients in our community in the future.”

For more information about the McLean-Pedersen Endowment Scholarship and other opportunities through the Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation, please visit www.hcmc-tn.org or call (731) 644-8536.

Xavier Jimenez Awarded Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant

Xavier Jimenez of McKenzie, Tennessee, recently was awarded a Study Abroad Grant worth \$1,000 from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi—the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Jimenez is one of 75 students nationwide to receive the award.

The grants are designed to support undergraduates, both members and non-members from campuses that have Phi Kappa Phi chapters, as they seek expanded knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad.

Currently majoring in chemistry at The University of Tennessee at Martin, Jimenez will use the grant to study abroad in The Bottom, Caribbean Netherlands and Oranjestad, Caribbean Netherlands.

The selection process for a study abroad grant is based on the applicant's academic achievement, campus and community service, relation of travel to academic preparation and career goals, a personal statement, letters of recommendation, and acceptance into a study abroad program. Each recipient receives \$1,000 to be ap-

plied toward travel abroad.

Established in 2001, the Study Abroad Grant Program is part of the Society's robust portfolio of award and grant programs, which currently gives more than \$1 million each year to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

To learn more about the Study Abroad Grants and other Phi Kappa Phi awards, visit www.phikappaphi.org/awards.

22 Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth Recognized For Workforce Readiness at Carroll Academy

HUNTINGDON (May 30) — Twenty-two students from Carroll Academy were honored this week for completing a Ready for Industry course through the school's Career Connect program. These students, all involved in the juvenile justice system, were recognized during a Workforce Readiness Recognition Luncheon for their commitment to building career skills and pursuing brighter futures.

“This isn't just a ceremony—it's a turning point,” said Joseph Butler, Mayor of Carroll County. “These young people have taken a major step forward, proving that with the right support and relevant preparation, meaningful futures are within reach.”

Ready for Industry (RFI), an eDynamic Learning company, is a workforce preparation program that equips students with foundational training in high-demand sectors. The Carroll Academy cohort completed specialized tracks in construction, healthcare, and information technology, gaining practical knowledge and essential employability skills. The RFI program emphasizes workplace safety, communication, professionalism, and industry expectations—helping students earn credentials that prepare them for both immediate employment and continued education.

Josh Sneiderman, VP of

Ready for Industry, praised the initiative, stating, “We are thrilled to see the impact Ready for Industry has had on the Carroll Academy learners. This will open doors to high-demand careers and provide a strong foundation for their futures.”

Carroll Academy Career Connect is a collaborative, student-centered program that leverages community partnerships to support career exploration and development. Designed to serve youth facing systemic barriers, the program connects classroom learning to real-world opportunities, creating pathways to stability, purpose, and self-sufficiency.

“At Carroll Academy, we're not just teaching job skills—we're planting seeds of hope, seeds of confidence, and the belief that each student has a future worth fighting for,” said Rene Sutton, Lead Instructor for the program. “Through Ready for Industry, we help them discover career paths they never thought possible and watch as they begin to believe in their own potential.”

The event also highlighted the critical role of local industry and agency partners. Dwayne's Quality Metal Coating generously provided lunch for all attendees and donated gift cards to each student. In a powerful gesture of commitment, the company also

pledged to hire one of the program graduates, demonstrating real investment in youth potential and second chances.

Other key partners recognized included the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Office of ReEntry, eDynamic Learning, Douglas Construction, American Job Center, Barger Construction, and Vocational Rehabilitation—each playing a role in creating access to career pathways and wrap-around support services.

With certificates in hand, students stood alongside teachers, mentors, and community leaders in a moment of pride and accomplishment. Their success sends a clear message: with the right tools and opportunities, justice-involved youth can thrive and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Carroll Academy continues to welcome collaboration from local employers, educators, and service agencies to expand opportunities and build a future where every student has a path forward.

Ready for Industry is made available to all Tennessee learners at no cost, provided by the National Rural Education Association and the Tennessee Department of Education. Find out more about the RFI program here.



McKenzie School Board reviews the proposed budget for 2025-26 year.

Budget

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the budget, which totals \$15.6 million.

Davis explained that Carroll County recently conducted a reappraisal of real estate, resulting in many landowners receiving notices of significantly higher appraised values. While McKenzie is located in Carroll, Henry, and Weakley counties, only landowners in the geographic region of the McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) that are part of Carroll County will be affected.

Despite the increase in property values, the new state-issued certified tax rate will be adjusted downward to maintain revenue neutrality. While the new tax rate is not yet available, Davis anticipates it will be 75 cents on the assessed value of real estate, compared to the current rate of \$1.1844. The board decided to approve the budget first and await the certified state rate from the State Equalizing Board before finalizing the fiscal year tax rate.

Developing the budget this year is particularly complex due to the new real estate appraisals and expected reductions in federal funding. One factor contributing to this situation is the recent decline in the local poverty rate, which results in a decrease in federal subsidies for MSSD. On average, the school system receives approximately 12 percent of its overall funding from the federal government. Additionally, funding from the State of Tennessee depends on the number of enrolled students, which will not be

confirmed until school starts in August. The proposed budget estimates enrollment at 1,223 students from Pre-K to 12th grade.

All faculty and staff are set to receive a 3.5 percent raise and a \$1,000 bonus at mid-year. The minimum base pay for licensed personnel with a bachelor's degree and no teaching experience is \$48,000, while those with a doctorate and over 20 years of experience will have a maximum base salary of \$77,295.

The school system will also experience an increase in costs for contracted janitorial services, with the new price set at \$346,036 from ABM, the best bid among eight bidders.

Breakfast Delivered to the Classroom

Participation rates for the school breakfast and lunch programs are as follows: for lunch, 67 percent at MES, 68 percent at MMS, and 46 percent at MHS; for breakfast, 58 percent at MES, 44 percent at MMS, and 47 percent at MHS. While student breakfasts are free, lunch costs \$2 at MES and \$2.50 at MMS and MHS.

This year, cafeteria staff will deliver breakfast to classrooms to encourage greater participation. The estimated deficit in the Central Cafeteria Fund is \$119,793; however, an increase in breakfast participation could significantly reduce this amount.

Intercom Systems

A new intercom system will be installed at McKenzie Elementary School and McKenzie Middle School, with an estimated cost of \$69,000. The supplier for this project is Central Technologies, Inc.

Outdoor Pavilion and New High School Roof

This summer, a new roof will be installed on the high school, and a new outdoor pavilion will be constructed on campus, along with some new doors on the . Additionally, MMS will receive a new gymnasium floor and new seating on one side of the gym. School officials will also be addressing a water problem around the new all-purpose facility at MHS during rainstorms.

New Sports Program

Volleyball will begin this fall at McKenzie High School and McKenzie Middle School, with Jordan Jowers serving as the MHS volleyball coach.

Staff Changes Recent staff

resignations include:

- Ben Carter - MHS History/Assistant Football Coach
- Dusty Emerson - MES Special Education
- Andra Herrin - MES Assistant
- Mandy Brewer - MHS Physical Science/STEM

Non-renewals include:

- Amy Janish - MHS Special Education Assistant
- Frankie Brockman - Maintenance

New hires include:

- Kim Essary - MES Ancillary
- Kathy Keys - MES Teacher
- Ben Hargett - MHS World History/Assistant Football

Transfers include:

- Morgan Shell to Dusty Emerson's position
- Brandi Adkins - MES Assistant
- Austin Chapman - MMS Head Baseball Coach

Car

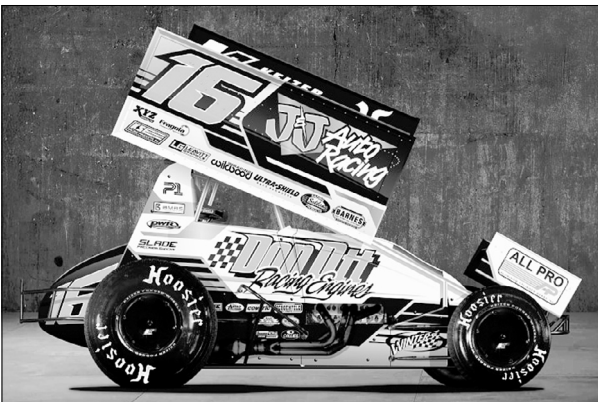
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It will be unveiled trackside at the High Banks Nationals in Brandon, South Dakota from June 18-21 and will continue to be displayed at premier sprint car events across the nation for the next 18 months leading up to the sweepstakes drawing on December 21, 2026.

For the tour, the car contains a plastic motor and no fuel or fluids. After the winner is announced, a brand new 410-cubic inch engine will be installed by Don Ott Racing Engines of Pennsylvania.

All components and labor for the vehicle were donated by J&J, Don Ott and dozens of other sponsors in support of the museum and its mission of “promoting the future of sprint car racing and preserving the sport's history”.

Bonnie Elam, co-owner and wife of J&J owner



The sprint car as it will appear during its 18-month tour leading up to the sweepstakes drawing in December 2026. Photo courtesy National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum

and founder Jack Elam, expressed to The Banner thanks to fellow sponsor and sprint car racing owner Janet Holbrook of Ohio for generously covering half of J&J's costs in the project.

This is the 16th sweepstakes and the third such car produced by J&J (2003, 2009).

Since 1973, J&J has built winning cars driven by racers such as Tony Stewart, Dave Blaney, Shane Car-

son, Bobby Ward, Terry Gray and Sammy Swindell (to name a few), all Hall of Famers alongside Jack, who was inducted in 2009.

Entries in the sweepstakes can be purchased at winasprintcar.com until December 13, 2026. Donation amounts and numbers of entries range from 18 entries for \$25 to 4,000 entries for \$2,000. The winner has the option of a \$50,000 cash prize in lieu of the sprint car.

Time

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railroad route would run through the town.

With a once-thriving textile and railroad economy, Bruceton has become a small town with a close-knit community. According to the town's website, it serves as a bedroom community for employers like Granges and Chemours and larger

towns such as Huntingdon and Camden, Tenn.

With two thriving grocery stores, Dollar General and Family Dollar/Dollar Tree, a Casey's, Little General, Apex Bank and Case Drug Store and Bruceton Hometown Clinic. Major employers in the town are Zline Kitchens, CSX Railroad, Lifecare and RAC Medical.

The town boasts all the amenities of small-town living, including a thriving park with a walking track,

play equipment, outdoor exercise equipment, little league, and a plethora of small businesses, including restaurants, multiple hair salons, a liquor store, and a smoke shop.

The town has a yearly festival called Bruceton In May, which boasts a great day out for all the family. It includes a band and arts and crafts festival with food trucks and vendors. Games and fun for all the family, 3rd Saturday in May.

Henry County Hospital Launches Newly Remodeled State-of-the-Art Surgery Center

PARIS — WTH—Henry County Hospital is proud to announce the official launch of surgical services at the newly remodeled West Tennessee Healthcare Henry County Surgery, located at 1002 Cornerstone Drive, Suite B, in Paris, Tenn. After more than three years of closure, the center reopened with its first surgeries performed on Monday, May 5, 2025, marking a major milestone in local healthcare.

Following an extensive renovation, the center has been transformed into a modern, state-of-the-art surgical facility designed to deliver high-quality, safe, and efficient care for patients in Henry County and surrounding areas.

The new facility will offer a wide range of outpatient services, including general surgery, pain management procedures, orthopedics, urology, and more. It is home to a talented team of physicians including Dr. Beddies, Dr. Mobley, Dr. Harper, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Chandler, Dr. Compton, Dr. Stephens, and Chad Galle, CRNA.

Highlights of the new surgery center include:

- **Enhanced Sterile Storage:** Dedicated space to improve infection control practices.



- **Advanced Endoscopic Scope Washer:** Ensures scopes remain disinfected for up to 30 days and prevents cross-contamination.
- **Modern Sterilization Equipment:** Includes a low-temperature sterilizer, high-end instrument washers, and two full-size autoclaves.
- **Upgraded Patient Recovery Areas:** Fully ADA-compliant post-anesthesia bays for increased accessibility and comfort.
- **Improved Staff Facilities:** Features include locker rooms, a doctor dictation area, and a welcoming waiting space for families.
- **Fire Safety Enhancements:** A new fire-resistant wall at the main entrance provides additional protection for patients and staff.

This investment represents a new era of surgical care for Henry County, underscoring West Tennessee Healthcare’s commitment to expanding access to high-quality healthcare, close to home.

About West Tennessee Healthcare:

West Tennessee Healthcare is a public, not-for-profit healthcare system with locations serving 19 counties in West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The mission of West Tennessee Healthcare is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care. For more information, visit www.wth.org.

McKenzie’s Maxwell Earns Professional Surveyor License

Austin (AJ) Maxwell of McKenzie has officially earned his Professional Surveyor License in the state of Tennessee, marking a major milestone in his professional journey. This achievement follows his successful completion of the Principles and Practice of Surveying Exam and the Tennessee State Specific Exam.

For Maxwell, earning his license represents more than a credential—it signals the next chapter in a career rooted in discipline, technical expertise and service. From fieldwork and aerial mapping to civic engagement and military leadership, Maxwell has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and community advancement.

“AJ’s journey to licensure reflects the kind of forward-thinking, service-driven leadership we strive to cultivate at LIS,” said Patrick Smith, President of L.I. Smith & Associates (LIS). “We look forward to seeing how he continues to grow and contribute to the profession.”

Previously a survey technician at LIS, Maxwell will now step into a project manager role. In this capacity, he will oversee land surveying projects from start to finish, ensuring quality deliverables, on-time performance and regulatory compliance. His leadership and coordination will be critical in guiding projects that range from boundary and topographic surveys to subdivision development.

Maxwell is also a licensed drone pilot, leveraging cutting-edge aerial technology to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of site mapping. His drone capabilities allow him to collect high-resolution imagery and real-time data, which streamlines project planning and boosts precision—especially in challenging terrain.

Outside the office, Maxwell continues to serve his country as a 1st Lieutenant (1LT) in the Tennessee Army National Guard, a promotion effective in June of 2024. He currently serves as Platoon Leader and Battery Fire Direction Officer (FDO) at Charlie Battery, Regimental Fires Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR). His military career began as a Combat Engineer and progressed through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in May 2022.

Maxwell has trained in multiple states including Mississippi, Missouri, Okla-



ma and Tennessee, and recently completed the Field Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course (FABOLC) from February to June 2024.

A University of Tennessee at Martin graduate, he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Engineering and Technology with a concentration in Land Surveying and Geomatics and a minor in Military Science in 2022. That same year, he was honored with the Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors (TAPS) Student of the Year Award. This prestigious award recognizes students who exhibit exceptional leadership, professionalism, and involvement at the university, chapter, and state levels.

A native of McKenzie, Maxwell is also committed to community development. He is a member of the McKenzie Regional Planning Commission, where he contributes his surveying expertise to support responsible local growth.

In addition to his professional and military service, he frequently volunteers in local classrooms—leading lectures and demonstrations to introduce students to careers in land surveying. Looking ahead, Maxwell plans to expand these outreach efforts by creating project-based learning opportunities for students in the region.

With his Professional Surveyor License now in hand, AJ Maxwell remains dedicated to advancing his skills, serving his community, and contributing to both the civilian and military sectors with excellence and integrity.

LIS is a member of both the McKenzie and the Carroll County Chambers of Commerce.

credited to Russell Bush. The photos were made by Jesse Joseph. The Banner regrets the error.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

The Bus Driver

Every mornin he came out of his house and boarded the school bus, his red-rimmed eyes and tear-stained cheeks betrayed how homesick he felt the farther he got away from home.

Barely four feet tall. First year in school.

Maybe nobody else on the bus recognized those telltale signs and knew what they meant, but I did. That’s because I knew how he felt. Exactly how he felt.

My family moved a lot when I was growing up. My sister, the oldest of us four kids, had the worst of it because she attended twelve different schools from first to twelfth grade.

Sometime the moves were easy, “a grand adventure.”

Other times they weren’t.

My third-grade move was the hardest one for me. I can’t tell you why because I don’t know why. But every day, after lunch, I would feel that tightness in my chest that worked its way into my throat as tears pushed against the back of my eyes.

Try as I might, I couldn’t hold it back. So, I folded my arms on top of my desk, buried my face in them and sobbed; big tear drops dripping off my nose onto the top of the wooden

desk and running across the myriad names that had been scrawled and carved on it through the years.

Nobody in class said anything to me about my crying spells, not even the teacher.

Eventually, it got better, and I settled in.

I hadn’t given it any thought since then, that is, until I saw that little blonde-haired boy.

I was in the ninth grade and “all grown up,” riding a bus full of kids I was friends with.

I could have offered to let the boy sit with me.

I should have. It was the bus driver though that made the extra effort to help the boy settle in. He told him he had a special seat reserved right behind him for the boy. Every morning, he smiled at him, called him by name and told him how glad he was to see him.

One morning, the boy’s hands were full of papers and a poster board for some sort of project he’d done overnight. The driver turned the engine off and got up to help him with everything and get him settled in his seat.

When the bus arrived at our school, we all jumped out of our seats and pushed down the aisle like a stampeding herd, which

makes no sense because none of us were eager to go to school.

Unfortunately, when the little boy got up, he dropped everything into the aisle and began to wail as students stepped on his poster board without giving him a glance.

The bus driver jumped up and roared like a lion for everyone to sit down. It was a side of him none of us had ever seen. We were shocked into obedience.

Getting down on one knee, he talked in quiet tones to the boy and picked up every last piece of his project and carried them off the bus and gave them to him when he got off.

It was the kindest act I’d ever witnessed and struck me with a force that made tears pool in my eyes. Maybe it was because of how happy I saw the boy was.

Or maybe it was because I wished someone had done that for me years ago.

I do know this: my entire adult life I’ve tried to be like that bus driver and be on the lookout for people who look lost and need someone to show them kindness.

I hope you’ll try to imitate that bus driver, too.

** Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume 11: The Hairy Catfish Caper.*

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Listen Y’all, This Here Is Serious Business

I was born and raised in a small, rural town in West Tennessee. We could say “aw shucks,” “hankering,” and “bless your heart” with a definite Southern drawl way before we learned to walk. We didn’t “know spit” about dialect, elocution, voice inflection, or elongating vowels. We just talked like all the people around us.

I don’t know exactly where the Heart of Dixie is, but it can’t be far from 1162 N. Stonewall Street. As youngins, we would sit out on the side porch and practice talking as slow at Mr. Rufus Brown and Bailey Moore Wrinkle.

And if you think we were developing an accent, you ought to have heard those folks from over in Tip-topville, or down at Big Sandy, or out along the Steadman Ridge, south of Lawrenceburg. They didn’t say bed, it was “bay-ehd.” They taught us I or eye is pronounced “aah.” Get is, of course, “git.” Fire and tire still rhyme, they just come out as “faar” and “taar” for us.

Some of our third-grade spelling words were “aw-right,” “gonna,” “lectricity,” and “rench.”

“Cheer” is a multipurpose word in the South. It is a piece of furniture we sat on. “Set that RC Cola case up on its end and make a ‘cheer’ out of it.” And it’s our synonym for here. You can hear a good example of this in Lorretta Lynn’s award-winning song down near the end when she sings, “Not much left but the floors, nothing lives ‘cheer’ anymore, ‘Cept the memories of a coal miner’s daughter.”

You can easily see why the entire South had such reverence for her. I could listen to that song “ah-gain” and “ah-gain.”

Cathy and I once spent

a wonderful weekend on the edge of the Outback in Charters Towers, Australia. We found a diner one evening and were hoping for some turnip greens and cornbread. Those people heard us say, “Howdy” and “Howy’alldoin’” and they gathered around like flies on an open honey jar.

We couldn’t get one bite of food down. Those Aussies wanted to hear us talk. They circled around our table, laughing so hard they were near ‘bout crying. They were yelling to people walking by on the street, “Hey mates, come and listen to these blokes.” (And they thought we talked funny)

Cathy will tell you, I laid it on pretty thick. I gave them “be-fo-wah” for before. I told a couple of “dawg” stories, sprinkling them with “caint,” “sayd,” “yellah,” “kumpney” (guest), “fixin,” and a couple of “Holy cows” and a “golldarnit” thrown in for good measure.

They made me tell that story about Leon coon hunting in the rain with two stolen Blueticks and a three-legged Treeing Walker four times! They got to calling their friends to come down to the restaurant and listen to these Americans talk...

Sadly, it’s all coming to an end. Or maybe, it already has. I read an Associated Press release just this past week that declared that the Southern accent is losing its voice in the United States. It seems so many people (nearly six million in the 2020’s) have moved into the South that our precious, and special slant on the English language, is going the way of dominoes and Chinese checkers. The article stated most of these foreigners are coming down from the North.

Duh. They have been invading us since Teddy Roosevelt’s Father snuck down to Atlanta in 1853, married the real Scarlett O’Hara, and whisked her back to New York City. It was also reported that quite a few of the interlopers are coming from California. Well, as bad as that is, it’s hard to blame them.

The article did try to be kind to us. It pointed out that many outsiders (their word, not mine) wrongly associate a Southern accent with a lack of education. I completely agree that saying “ain’t” and “tar-nation” does not relate in any shape, form, or fashion to your intelligence quotient...if you don’t count Bubba and Earl. And the six Cunningham girls that lived out on the Como Road.

I don’t know that there is anything we can do. Short of another Civil War. They’ve already taken our country music and “The Dukes of Hazzard.” I fear they are picking us off one piece at a time.

If they get our language, what will keep them from coming after our sweet tea next! Nothing will be safe. They could take an ax to our magnolia trees. They could outlaw pickup trucks and shotgun weddings.

Our lightning bugs may be endangered.

They might even go so far as to pass a law against taking the wheels off your 1969 Buick Skylark and putting it up on blocks out in the front yard as a souvenir. You don’t reckon there is any way in God’s green earth they could make us wear plaid shorts, with sandals and those long back knee high socks...

Respectfully,
Kes

Correction

In the Spring Fling Special Edition published in the

June 3 edition of The McKenzie Banner, the photos for “Carroll County Has Strong Showing at State Track and Field” were incorrectly



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Obituaries

PEGGY ALLEN HUTCHISON 1937 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Graveside memorial services for Peggy Allen Hutchison, 88, of McKenzie were Friday, June 6, 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Brother Dennis Trull was the officiant.

Mrs. Hutchison died Tuesday, June 3, after a long illness.

She was born July 8, 1937, to Roy and Francis Allen in Ridgely, Tenn.

She is survived by her children, Timothy Hutchison (Patty) of Jackson, Michael Hutchison (Marcie) of McKenzie, and Donna Watson of Marietta, Ga.; grandchildren, Nicholas Hutchison (Heather), Tricia Gulikers, Amy Kruzich (Zack), Matthew Hutchison (Nicole), Megan Gottshall, Susan Baird (Charlie), Sarah Farias (Kleber), and Daniel Watson; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a sister, Martha Hastings.

She is predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Donald; her mother, Francis Allen; her dad, Roy Allen; her stepmother, Mattie Allen; two sisters, Mary Ann Sydnor, and Faye Nell Allen; and a brother, Phillip Allen.

Peggy and husband, Don, operated two businesses in McKenzie — the former Montgomery Ward store

and Tri-County Transportation. The couple traveled the world when Don was enlisted during his career in the Navy. They lived in Washington state, Texas, Mississippi, Maryland, and Florida before returning to her childhood home of McKenzie.

Mrs. Hutchison was a member of First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and was involved in supporting foreign missions through fundraising. She produced and sold cookbooks and made aprons to support missions.

In her early years, her family faced many tragedies. Her mother, Francis, 19, died while giving birth to Peggy's younger sister, Faye Nell, who died at the age of four after being severely burned. Her brother, Phillip, died in a car crash while he was in high school.

As a child, Peggy spent one year in a Memphis hospital with tuberculosis. While hospitalized, her stepmother, Mattie, was involved in a workplace accident and lost both legs.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home of McKenzie has charge of arrangements. For more information, phone 731-352-4848 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

DANIEL LEWIS MITCHUM 1955 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Mr. Daniel Lewis Mitchum, 69, of McK-

enzie died Saturday, May 31, 2025, at his residence.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church in McKenzie.

The family received friends from 10 a.m. until time of service at noon on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church in McKenzie.

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

KENNETH DEWAYNE SAMPSON 1934 — 2025

MILAN — Kenneth Dewayne Sampson, 90, of Milan, died at the Waters of McKenzie on Monday, May 26, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Dresden Senior Citizen Center at 2 p.m.

Kenneth was born in McKenzie, on July 29, 1934, to the late James Arol Sampson and Robbie Pauline Pate. He is survived by his special friend, Mary Harris; daughters, Kathy Sampson and Debbie Cantrell; granddaughter, Crystal Darlene Wallace; and two great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Rachel Iona Sampson; son, Darrell Sampson; brother, Ralph Sampson; and sister, Linda Diane Kee.

Bowlin Funeral Home of Dresden.

Carroll County Health Department Conducting Community Survey

Carroll County Health Department is conducting a Community Health Assessment for Carroll County.

The department is collecting surveys from county residents as part of the assessment.

The survey results will help decide which three health priorities to focus on for the next three years and the strategies we need to use.

Our current priorities are Substance Misuse, Mental Health/Frequent Distress, and Healthy Weight. These priorities can change or stay the same.

Please share the survey within your organization, on social media, or through other promotions.

The requirements are being 18 or older and a Carroll County resident to take the survey: <https://tdhrc.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=FF3CTX-N9FC8XKDD8>.

Mama T's

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By Teresa Washburn



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- Peanut Butter Pie**

2/3 cup crunchy peanut butter
1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup milk
1 cup powdered sugar
1 (8 oz.) carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (6 oz.) ready graham cracker piecrust
Blend peanut butter, cream cheese, milk and powdered sugar in bowl and fold in whipped topping. Pour into piecrust.
- Refrigerate for several hours before serving. Serves 6.

Mom's Brown Sugar Cookies

3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 egg yolk
2 cups flour
Cream brown sugar and butter in bowl until light and fluffy. Mix in egg yolk. Blend in flour. Refrigerate
- dough for 1 hour. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 325 degrees. Form dough into 1 inch balls, flatten and criss-cross with fork on lightly sprayed cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 2 dozen.

Vanishing Butter Cookies

1 (18 oz.) box butter cake mix
1 (3.4 oz.) package butterscotch instant pudding mix
1 cup canola oil
1 egg, beaten
1 1/4 cup chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix cake and pudding mixes in bowl with spoon and stir in oil. Add egg, mix thoroughly and stir in pecans. Place spoonfuls of dough onto cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake for 8 to 9 minutes. Do not overcook. Makes 3 dozen.

Gasoline Prices Decline During Week

TENNESSEE (June 9) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee decreased 0.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.67/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 5.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 32.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 1.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.448 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.32/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$5.11/g, a difference of \$2.79/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.32/g while the highest was \$5.11/g, a difference of \$2.79/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.07/g today. The national average is down 5.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 32.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

- June 9, 2024: \$2.99/g (U.S. Average: \$3.40/g)
- June 9, 2023: \$3.13/g (U.S. Average: \$3.57/g)
- June 9, 2022: \$4.64/g (U.S. Average: \$4.98/g)
- June 9, 2021: \$2.86/g (U.S. Average: \$3.08/g)
- June 9, 2020: \$1.81/g (U.S. Average: \$2.06/g)
- June 9, 2019: \$2.40/g (U.S. Average: \$2.73/g)
- June 9, 2018: \$2.65/g (U.S. Average: \$2.92/g)
- June 9, 2017: \$2.07/g (U.S. Average: \$2.34/g)
- June 9, 2016: \$2.19/g (U.S. Average: \$2.37/g)
- June 9, 2015: \$2.51/g (U.S. Average: \$2.75/g)

"Average gas prices declined in nearly all states over the last week as refineries ramped up output and gasoline supplies surged," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While a few states experienced price cycling—a pattern where prices drop sharply and then spike every couple of weeks—the overall gentle downward trend is typical as summer progresses. If oil prices continue to rise gradually, it could eventually impact gas prices, but for now, we likely won't see any major

shifts at the pump in most areas this week."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy's averages, graphs, maps and historical pricing data covering the U.S. and Canada is available 24/7 at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARROLL ARTS, INC. UPCOMING EVENTS

Carroll Arts, Inc. has a packed schedule of events for the summer of 2025.

An Evening with Carroll Arts is on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. It is a free event featuring live music and visual artists from Carroll County.

Creativity Camp: The Wonderland of Creativity is July 7-11 from 1-4 p.m. at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie with a performance on Friday. Carroll County elementary and middle school students are encouraged to attend. The fee is \$40 for supplies.

The Southern Fried Funnies are back and rehearsals start in June! If you have performed the in past, we want you back! Performances are set for Thursday, August 21 and Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the McKenzie Park Theatre.

Other upcoming events include: Storytelling during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in September; A Mistletoe Christmas Program during McKenzie's Christmas Celebration in December; the 15th Annual Trivia Bowl in January 2026; and a new event announcement coming later this year.

For more information, please email carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

SHOOTING HUNGER IN WEST TENNESSEE

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Carroll County Health Department is hosting an open house and ribbon cutting for its newly renovated facility on June 30, 10 a.m. for the Open House and 11 a.m. for the Ribbon Cutting. The clinic is located at 633 High Street, Huntingdon adjacent to the Carroll County Office Complex.

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.

UPCOMING 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 12-14 — Hwy 70 Yard Sale

June 12-14 — Hollow Rock Fire Dept. Annual

Ribeye Sandwich Sale, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

June 14 — Fullerstrong Outdoors

June 14 — Bruceton Centennial Celebration, Time Capsule Opening, Noon

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.

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. Senior Movie Day at Park

Theatre is Wednesday, June 11, 1:30 p.m. Mission Impossible 2 is the movie this month, \$5 for movie, popcorn, and soda.

Bikini Car Wash - Saturday, June 14, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 at the Senior Center on South Main Street next to E.W. James Supermarket. \$5 per vehicle.

911 BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors meets Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m. at 200 Norandal Drive on the campus of the Sheriff's Department.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

We always have spay/neuter vouchers for cats at a cost of \$60 and to be used at Paris Vet Clinic. If you need to pay with cash, come by the shelter to purchase. Otherwise, we have a NEW NUMBER to purchase using a credit/debit card. Please leave a message and the volunteer will return your call very soon, 731-514-0878.

Dog Vouchers

Dog vouchers are available for \$60 each cash or card only. 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.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6-6:30 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. No meetings in February and July.

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BALLERINA (R)
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KARATE KID – LEGENDS (PG-13)
Tues. 4:35, 7:35
Wed. 1:35, 4:35, 7:35
Thurs. 4:35, 7:35

LILO & STITCH (PG)
Tues. 4:25 (3D), 7:25
Wed. 1:25, 4:25 (3D), 7:25
Thurs. 4:25 (3D), 7:25

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: THE FINAL RECKONING (PG-13)
Tues. 3:50, 7:20
Wed. 2:00, 7:20
Thurs. 3:50, 7:20

THE LAST RODEO (PG)
Tues. 4:30, 7:30
Wed. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Thurs. 4:30, 7:30

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Clothes All Sizes, Toys, and Lots More.

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Toys, collectibles, decor, women's clothes, men's clothes, boys clothes size 2T-3T, evening dresses, & mother of the bride dresses.

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1315 Stonewall St.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14
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Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center Enters Bright New Chapter with Nonprofit Partnership

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center is entering an exciting new era, thanks to a collaborative partnership between the Town of Huntingdon and local nonprofit Friends of The Dixie. This transition marks a renewed focus on growth, community involvement, and long-term sustainability for the beloved arts venue.

Starting this summer, Friends of the Dixie will begin daily operations at The Dixie Carter PAC. This shift will enable the organization to expand its support for the arts through increased community engagement, strategic partnerships, and access to new fundraising opportunities.

"This is about preserving

and investing in a treasured community asset," said Mayor Chad Edwards. "The Friends of the Dixie have already shown tremendous passion and commitment, and we're confident this partnership will help The Dixie flourish for years to come."

The decision—made in coordination with the Mayor and Town Council—reflects a shared vision for The Dixie's future as a vibrant, community-powered destination for arts and culture.

"This isn't just an operational change—it's a commitment to everything The Dixie stands for," said Krista Martin, President of Friends of The Dixie. "We're focused on continuing to support

high-quality programming, expanding access to the arts, and helping The Dixie grow into a regional hub for creativity and cultural enrichment."

Friends of The Dixie is a volunteer-led nonprofit made up of local residents, performers, and arts advocates. "We're proud to work hand-in-hand with the Town of Huntingdon to honor The Dixie's legacy and support its growth," said Martin. "This is a community effort, and we're excited to carry The Dixie forward into its next chapter."

"We're thrilled to have Friends of The Dixie stepping in alongside us as partners in this next chapter. Their passion, energy, and deep-rooted connection

to our community align perfectly with The Dixie's mission. This collaboration strengthens our ability to serve as a cultural cornerstone in West Tennessee and ensures that the arts remain accessible, vibrant, and inspiring for generations to come," said Rosemary Radford, Brand Manager of The Dixie.

All upcoming shows, events, and educational programs will continue as scheduled. The Friends of The Dixie and Town leadership are working closely to ensure a smooth transition, with an unwavering commitment to excellence and community engagement.

Local Students on UT Martin Chancellor's Honor Roll

Heuring, High Honors.

Cedar Grove — Luke M. Gibson, High Honors; Riley E. Gore, Highest Honors; Noah B. Hickman, Highest Honors; Avery D. Reindl, Honors.

Hollow Rock — Nevaeh S. Davis, High Honors; Addison K. Hampton, Highest Honors; Noah L. Jones, Honors; Bradon A. Rogers, High Honors.

Huntingdon — Aubrey J. Abbott, Highest Honors; Brayden I. Bales, High Honors; Graham H. Bartholomew, High Honors; Grant T. Bartholomew, Honors; Noah A. Belew, Honors; Jaxon B. Bennett, High Honors; Juan F. Bernal, Highest Honors; Maggie E. Berry, High Honors; Kensley R. Brockman, High Honors; Austin K. Byrd, Honors; Ava R. Canovan, High Honors; Carter B. Cary, Highest Honors; Kelby M. Crossno, Highest Honors; Alyssa J. Dearman-Shan- kel, High Honors; Eric E. Dobbs, Honors; Nicholas W. Douglas, Honors; Karlie R. Foster, Honors; Lia J. Fuller, Honors; Kile Z. Goostree, Highest Honors; Seth G. Hatchett, Highest Honors; Brooklyn A. Hudson, High Honors; Hannah K. King, High Honors; Natalie E. Kreuziger, Honors; Ellia G. Lewis, High Honors; Grant S. Livingston, High Honors; John R. McClain, Highest Honors; Jazalyn E. McCord, Highest Honors; Kaleb J. Pearson, Highest Honors; Kaley Pearson, Honors;

Ethan M. Ramsey, Honors; Laney R. Rhodes, Honors; Samantha K. Roney, High Honors; Emma G. Ross, High Honors; Josie C. Sanders, Highest Honors; Margaret A. Singleton, High Honors; Sophie Singleton, Honors; Hannah R. Spon- tak, Honors; Alexis C. Stevens, Highest Honors; Jake W. Stokes, Highest Honors; Samuel A. Sturgis, Highest Honors; Jacob W. Sullivan, Highest Honors; Natalie A. Taylor, Honors; James P. Tippitt, High Honors; Ka- leigh M. Towater, Highest Honors; Sydney M. Vinson, High Honors; Bradley A. Walters, Honors; Lexie G. Williams, Highest Honors; Alexis J. Wilson, Highest Honors; William A. Woods, High Honors.

Lavinia — Malachi R. Al- len, High Honors.

McKenzie — Braden N. Birmingham, Honors; Brandon C. Boaz, Highest Honors; Kamryn D. Brew- er, Honors; Bobby A. Bush, High Honors; Jackson B. Cassidy, High Honors; Brit- ney N. Chappell, Honors; Maddox A. Clark, Highest Honors; Rachel L. Culver, High Honors; William G. Gallimore, High Honors; David M. Garriott, Highest Honors; Addison J. Har- ris, Honors; Christina M. Henry, Honors; Diego A. Huitzache, High Honors; Evan B. Jarrett, Highest Honors; Xavier Jimenez, Highest Honors; Destiny D. Lane, Highest Honors; An- nabelle N. Medford, Highest

Honors; Caidenz M. Nun- nery, Honors; Sawyer C. Phipps, Honors; Morgan L. Rayburn, High Honors; Jayson M. Ritz, High Honors; Lillyann G. Sumrok, Highest Honors; Sierra P. Tyler, Highest Honors; Ya- jaira Vega, Honors; Connor M. Viana, High Honors.

McLemoresville — Ashley M. Ramlow, High Honors.

Trezevant — Alexander B. Arnold, High Honors; Sally Arnold, Highest Honors; Sondra K. Hilt, High Honors; Neco Kirby, High Honors; Mayce E. Mitch- ell, High Honors; Bonnie E. Nance, Highest Honors.

Westport — Seth Ed- wards, Honors; Ashlyn G. Smith, High Honors; Megan G. Wood, Honors; Morgan G. Wood, High Honors.

Yuma — Kaylan G. Belew, High Honors; Chloe R. Crum, Highest Honors.

In addition, Chancel- lor's Honor Roll honorees with ties to Carroll County include:

Martin — Kelsey L. Beck- er, Honors; Dalton R. Herri- ott, High Honors.

UT Martin is a compre- hensive regional institution in the University of Ten- nessee System offering 23 bachelor's degree programs and eight master's degree programs.

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UTM Student from Huntingdon Earns Prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

MARTIN — Seth Hatchett, a rising senior triple-major at the University of Tennessee at Martin from Huntingdon, was awarded the Goldwater Scholarship in its 2025 cohort.

Hatchett is the seventh UT Martin student to earn the prestigious scholarship or its honorable mention status.

He is majoring in electrical engineering, cell and molecular biology, and general chemistry and minoring in neuroscience. He plans to graduate in spring 2027.

“I think that all of those fields will have some relation to what I want to do (as a career) and provide me with different skill sets that will be useful,” Hatchett said.

The scholarship – one of the most prestigious national undergraduate scholarships in the natural sciences, engineering and mathematics – is awarded annually to about 400 college sophomores and juniors out of about 1,200 nominees.

Hatchett said he would like to pursue a medical degree and Ph.D. program, which would enable him to become a physician scientist.

“That means that I would divide my time between practicing medicine and conducting scientific research,” he said. “My ultimate goal is to become the principal investigator of a research laboratory, where I would be responsible for managing a group of graduate students and post-doctoral researchers as well as undergraduate researchers.

“Specifically, what I’m interested in doing is treating patients who have suffered neurological damage due to traumatic brain injury or stroke while con-



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ducting research in that field.”

Hatchett has published three papers with Dr. Saman Sargolzaei, associate professor of engineering. The most recent paper related to developing the university’s first neural imaging assisted-driving simulator, which studies brain activity while driving vehicles.

Hatchett said when he was younger, he was interested in science. It was his junior year in high school when his thoughts of studying neurological medicine began.

“My grandfather was hospitalized for quite some time,” he said. “He had some form of dementia, and as a result, he was in the hospital for the entire summer between my junior and senior year of high school.

“He returned home my senior year, and I was responsible for providing a lot of his care full-time that year. That experience made me realize that there is a lot of room for improvement in how medical care is performed.”

Hatchett is a University Scholar and is the first

UTM student since 2001 to earn the Goldwater Scholarship. He is the son of Richard Hatchett and Ginger Hatchett of Huntingdon, both UTM alumni. Richard graduated from UT Martin in 1994 with a degree in chemistry, and Ginger graduated in 2003 with a master’s degree in education.

Hatchett is conducting a study with Dr. James Smart, professor of biology, to determine the cause of a neurological disorder in snakes. He is also working on a study with Dr. Ann Gathers, associate professor of biological sciences, that is focused on brain activity associated with selective attention.

“The additional enrichment that I have gained through being a member of the University Scholars program has been crucial to my academic success,” Hatchett said.

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 in honor of former United States Senator and 1964 presidential candidate Barry Goldwater. Its goal is to provide a continuing source of highly-qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and intend to pursue careers in these fields.

The scholarship is awarded based on merit, and the actual amount given is based on financial need, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per academic year.

For more information about the University of Tennessee at Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861).

McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Assault — Thomas G. Simmons, 34, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was charged with Aggravated Assault of a domestic partner on June 4.

Sergeant Darren Davis and Patrolman Daniel Pollard responded to the motel Relax Inn to a call about Simmons attacking his female companion by attempting to strangle her. She had escaped the motel room to her car and Mr. Simmons remained inside the room.

Simmons was charged with Aggravated Assault and Domestic Assault and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended License — Daron Lee Dildine, 59, Will Young Road, Greenfield, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign, Violation of Financial Responsibility,

and Possession of Schedule 2 Drugs on June 3.

Officer Dustin McClure initiated the traffic stop after Dildine failed to yield at a stop sign. A check of the driver’s license revealed the suspended status. A search of the vehicle produced a crystal-like substance believed to be meth.

He was arrested on the drug charge and transported to Carroll County Jail. He was cited into court on the remaining charges.

Driving on Suspended License — Lorenzo Dante Stewart, 36, Smith Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Speeding on June 8.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Stewart’s vehicle for speeding. A check of the driver’s license revealed the suspended status. He was cited into General Sessions Court.

Driving on Suspended License — Angelina Bey, 47, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on June 6.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Bey’s vehicle on previous knowledge of the status of the license. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving on Suspended License — Sarah Marie Wilkerson, 47, Highway 423, McKenzie was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign on June 7.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Wilkerson fail to stop at the sign and he initiated a traffic stop. Wilkerson’s license was suspended and she could not provide proof of insurance. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Property Transfers

Jeffrey K. and Monica M. Lamonte to Jordan Washington in District 4.

Jennifer Brou as attorney in fact to K and L Holland 2 in District 7.

Jonathan P. and Martha J. Brou to K and L Holland 2 in District 7.

Raymond Edward and Judy Jean Jones-Cheetham to James and Linda Perritt in District 23.

Kyle Andrew Baker to Meagan Brooke Baker in District 16.

Lawrence G. and Sue Lewis to Milton Poole in District 11.

Debbie Cooper to Melissa Ann Dufek in District 12.

John and Kimberly Denise Kamholz to Derrick L. Farmer in District 11.

Steven and Brianna Morton to Cachengo, INC. in District 4.

David Thacker as Executor of the Estate of Rodney

Wayne to David Thacker in District 8.

Terraluma Land, LLC to William Craig Thompson. No district listed.

Kamilha Rentals and Renovations, LLC to Taylor Willis.

Floyd S. and Sarah R. McEwan to Amanda and Jose Garza.

Franklin and Frankline Wayne Prichard to Februlina Gail Dempsey in District 6.

Ruby Wildride to JE Properties, LLC in District 12.

Priscilla Jane Walk Sellers to Cletus R. Schwartz in District 15.

Lighthouse Investments, LLC to Joshua Kaestner.

Joshua Kaestner to John and Linda Grabiell.

Brandson and Kimberly Smith to Taylor Michelle Smith in District 19.

Nathan V. Burns to Tobias Daniel and Amy Lynette Hyde in District 12.

Jimmy M. and Debra E.

Cannon to Jennifer Scott.

Tammy Stringer to Michael and Karen Corrado.

Carole E. James, executor of the estate of Judy Baker to Jonathan R. Shankel in District 11.

Rodney Carl Cooper to Jeremiah C. Cooper in District 6.

Van Ray Prince to Kayla and Mackenzie Cooley in District 11.

Steven Scott to William Westerveld in District 4.

William A. White to Justin F. and Jill M. Melvin in District 5.

Donald and Margie Marie Coffman to Ryan Beard.

Ruth Lemay Bosley to Belinda Faye Walker.

Anna D. Yoder to Lavon E. and Sarah L. Yoder in District 23.

Gaylon Winston to Tammy J. Winston in District 22.

Leslie Michael and Allison Jasper to Jennifer R. Fontana in District 4.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Revoked License — On May 31, Officer Malachi Arline was conducting radar enforcement at Nanny’s parking lot when he observed a maroon 2011 Ford going 50 mph in a 30-mph zone. The driver, Quiana Tharpe, 43, had a revoked driver’s license. She was given 10 days to report to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Revoked License — On May 22, Officer Dexter Richardson was patrolling on Veterans Drive when a gold Ford F-250 was traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver, Thomas Ballew, 23, had a suspended driver’s license from previous offenses. He was given 10 days to book into Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Revoked

License — On May 21, Officer Malachi Arline was conducting radar enforcement on Highway 22 when he observed a red GMC Sierra speeding. The driver, Chase Stanton, 30, was driving with a suspended license. This was his 10 offense for driving on a revoked license. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (June 4) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on June 4.

Four persons were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court.

Jaclyn Lott, Ferris Carter Street, Hermitage, was bound over on charge of Possession Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; bound over on charge of Child Abuse/Neglect.

Kevin James Luther, Enterprise Street, Bruceton, bound over on charge of DUI-Third Offense; Violation of Implied Consent.

Mia Rhyne, Newfall Lane, Trezevant, bound over on DUI-First Offense; bound over, Possession of Handgun While Under the Influence; bound over, Open Container; bound over, Implied Consent.

Nicholas White, Terry Road, Cedar Grove, bound over, Evading Arrest; bound over, Tampering with Evidence; bound over, Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange; bound over, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

James Lee Driggers, Outlook Ridge Cove, Beech Bluff, guilty, 911 Calls in Non-Emergency Situation; probation.

Roger Lawson, Florida Avenue, Trezevant, guilty,

Driving While License Revoked; dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Michael Leming, Main Street, Atwood, pre-trial diversion, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$750 fine, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Sandra Lott, Ferris Carter Street, Atwood, guilty, Child Abuse/Neglect; Endangerment, probation, no contact with child.

Lloyd J. Sawyer, Park Circle, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation,

Michael A. Smith, Walnut Avenue, guilty, Probation Violation.

Andrew Stefaniuk, Herman Street, Nashville, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, eight days jail, \$1,229 restitution to Walmart, probation, no contact with Walmart; guilty, Vandalism.

The following defendants’ cases were dismissed:

Nicholas Bowman, Moss Creek Road, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Dana Copeland, Blooming Grove Road, dismissed, Probation Violation.

James Driggers, Pitlook Ridge Cove, dismissed, Probation Violation; dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Thomas Hardy, Highway 45, McKenziae, dismissed,

Light Law; dismissed, Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driving Unregistered Vehicle.

Jonathan Navarro, Stonewall Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Jimmy D. Turner, Jr., Highway 77, dismissed, Assault; dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Channon Lee Williams, Big Sandy River Rd., Camden, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Arson/Vandalism — On June 1, Corporal Jeremy Smith received a public service report from Jason Crews. He informed Corporal Smith that Richard Cunningham confessed to starting the fire that occurred at Hilliard Road on May 31.

On the morning of the fire, firefighters initially ruled it an accident caused by a malfunctioning deep freezer overheating and melting behind the power cord connected, leading to an electrical fire that engulfed the shed. The fire chief was contacted about the report of Richard Cunningham admitting to setting it on fire. On June 2,

firefighters returned to Hilliard Road and determined that the cause of the fire was suspicious. On June 3, investigators met with Michael Crews, who had an audio of Richard admitting to setting the shed on fire. The property owners did want to pursue charges, so warrants for arson and vandalism were issued on June 4 for Richard Cunningham, 65, of Paris.

Theft — On June 2, a victim reported to the Carroll County Sheriff’s office that an unknown person had taken \$1,281.40 off her EBT card without her permission. The incident has been

reported to the Department of Human Services and is under investigation.

Trespass — On June 2, Corporal Jeremy Smith responded to a prowler call in Bruceton. While responding, the caller informed him that the individual appeared to be intoxicated and would not leave her yard. Keith Guthrie, 57, of Bruceton, was identified as the person of interest. He did appear to be under the influence of alcohol and possibly narcotics. He was arrested for public intoxication, resisting arrest, and criminal trespass.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA122

ESTATE OF: MARTHA BENNETT TAYLOR, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **21ST** day of **MAY, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **MARTHA BENNETT TAYLOR** deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 1ST, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This **21ST** day of **MAY, 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

THOMAS CHADWICK TAYLOR, Executor/Administrator
LAURA A. KEETON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SURFACE MINE

Gleason Clay Company of PO Box 111, Gleason, TN, 38229, Phone (731) 648-5596, has made application to the State of Tennessee, Division of Water Pollution Control, for renewal of Mine #3 to mine ball clay in Carroll County. The proposed permit of 40.5 +/- acres is located in Huntingdon/Trezevant East Quadrangles and is drained by Beaver Creek. Any interested parties may contact the Mining Section, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921. Phone (865) 594-6035, within (30) days of this publication.

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ACCEPTING BIDS

West Carroll Special School District is accepting bids for
LIBRARY FURNITURE
At the West Carroll Jr/Sr High School
Through June 27, 2025, at 3 p.m.

The bid pack may be obtained by contacting Kristin Lindsey, CTE Director. Email Jennifer.lindsey@wcssd.org or call 731-662-7116.

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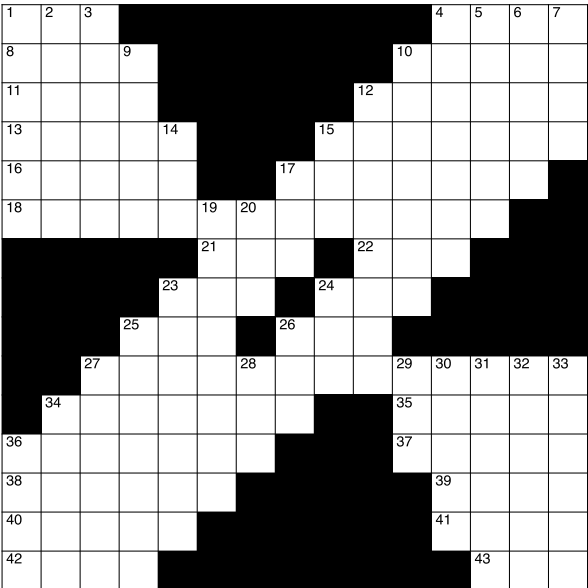
FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- Racquet sports association
- Places to sleep
- Native American tribe
- Small platforms
- Egg shape
- Running out
- French painter
- Some are "of the Caribbean"
- Painful intestinal problem
- More irritated
- Prove yourself
- Catch
- Supplement with difficulty
- American automotive giant
- Form of "to be"
- Boxing's GOAT
- Peyton's little brother
- Eli's big brother
- Capable of producing
- Reproductive structures in fungi
- Allowed to go forward
- Smiles
- Arteries
- VW
- Win a series without losing a game
- This (Spanish)
- Opposites of beginnings



43. Germanic mythological god

CLUES DOWN

- Consisting of uncombined atoms
- Island country
- Heavenly body
- Caribbean island
- Copyread
- A place to eat
- Drops down
- Native group of Alaska
- Engage in
- "Desperate Housewives" lane
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- Foot (Latin)
- A place to bathe
- Animosities
- Partner to cheese
- Venus __, plant
- A donation
- Pokes holes in the ground
- Midway between northeast and east
- Looked into
- Not young
- Annoy constantly
- Something one can strike
- Most glacial
- Ten less than one hundred
- Idle talker
- Has moved through the air
- Container for shipping

Week 23

See solution in next week's edition.

Confections Word Search

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H O H C H S O C O L A T E B W Z Z N Y U W A
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Lozenge
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1665: Thomas Willett is appointed the first mayor of New York City.

1817: The earliest form of a bicycle, the dandy horse, is driven by Karl von Drais.

1981: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is released in theaters.

SUDOKU

WEEK 23

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to candy.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = T)

A. 18 16 2 2 5

Clue: Pleasing taste like honey

B. 5 25 15 5

Clue: Sharp to the taste

C. 18 6 13 25 15

Clue: Sweetener

D. 5 15 2 25 5

Clue: Special reward

Answers: A. sweet B. tart C. sugar D. treat

LETTER MIX-UP

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

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Riddle Me This

What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

Answer: Ice Cream.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

FYAFT

Answer: Taffy

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 22 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 22

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8	5	4	2	3	1	7	9	6
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(L to R): Steve Bomar, Carl Byars and Steve Morris provided music on W.O. Warren Drive for the block party. Not pictured is Mike Wilson, who was also in the rotation of musicians. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Senior Citizens Center Hosts Shrimp Boil, Block Party

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (June 7) — The McKenzie Senior Citizens Center hosted its third annual shrimp boil and block party Saturday. The event is a fundraiser for the center's annual banquet each summer. Verne Plank of Jackson, son of center member Mabel Plank, donated and cooked the shrimp, crawfish and more for the event. Members provided desserts. W.O. Warren Drive was closed for the block party, which featured music by Steve Bomar, Carl Byars, Mike Wilson and Steve Morris. Door prizes were given, and a silent auction featured a handmade afghan by Ruth McElroy and several handmade crafts by Mabel Plank.



Verne Plank (left) donated and cooked the shrimp and crawfish for the event. He is pictured with his mother, Mabel, a member of the center. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

The event was the first opportunity for many to see recent improvements at the center such as interior painting and repairs to windows and flooring. Senior Center President Carol Armpreist told The Banner over 80 dinners were sold. Leftovers were donated to the McKenzie police and fire departments.

The Carroll County Humane Society Hosts Kitten Shower

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (June 5) — The Carroll County Humane Society hosted a Kitten Shower Thursday evening at the shelter. It's kitten season, so the shelter has been inundated with tiny felines in need of food, shelter, medical care and, ultimately, a forever home. The event invited animal lovers to visit the kittens, give them some much-needed human interaction and, hopefully, adopt one or more to become part of their families. CCHS requested donations of wet and dry kitten food, paper towels, cardboard scratchers and monetary donations toward vetting. The response was positive, but the need for donations and adoptions continues. The shelter is located at 21822 Highway 22, McKenzie. The phone number is 731-358-1019. Staff are at the shelter Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. Please call ahead on Saturday to confirm staff availability. The Carroll County Humane Society is a no-kill animal shelter in McKenzie, Tennessee. (They do not euthanize to make space nor do they limit the amount of time an animal can stay at the shelter.) CCHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with funding coming entirely from private contri-



Above, Prospective adopters visit kittens at the CCHS Kitten Shower. Pictured are (L to R): Chance Crain of Paris, Ashley Donaldson of Paris, Crystal King (CCHS member) of Huntingdon, Lauren Hickman of McKenzie, Lynda Hickman (seated) of McKenzie and Chris Whitfield of McKenzie. Below, Cream Puff and Lemon Breeland check out some of the new swag donated at the Kitten Shower. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



butions, bequeaths, fundraising and grants. They care for approximately 100 animals at one time in the shelter building and in foster homes. The goal is to utilize adoption and spay/neuter as the community's animal population control - not euthanasia. CCHS hopes to ensure that all companion animals have a warm, safe, loving home and to assist and educate the public about proper pet care. CCHS also gives shelter to abused animals while assisting law enforcement to prosecute their abusers.



James Greer Band Starts Nights on Broadway

McKENZIE — The annual Nights on Broadway series kicked off Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m. in downtown McKenzie with the music of the James Greer Band. The second event is Thursday, June 19 with the band 24/7. Crooked Creek performs July 17. Longshot performs August 5. Fajita Brothers performs September 4. Flashback performs September 18. The events are in downtown McKenzie. Please bring a lawn chair. The events are free of charge.



The Jackson Symphony Performs at The Dixie

HUNTINGDON (June 5) — Thursday night's performance of "Hot Nights and Cool Sounds" by The Jackson Symphony in Jackson was the perfect kickoff to summer! The event was originally scheduled to on the steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, however, threatening adverse weather forced a venue change to inside the Hal Holbrook Theatre inside the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. The Dixie is hosting summer camps throughout the summer. This event was provided thanks to the generous support of Paula Atkins, Clarksburg Mayor Howell Wayne Todd, the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, and the Tenn. Arts Commission.

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Olivia Arnold

CITY OF MCKENZIE Farmers Market Is Now Open

McKENZIE (June 7) — McKenzie Farmers Market opened for the season on Saturday, June 7. Come out and shop fresh, local produce, handmade goods, baked treats, and more — all from the local area. The Market is open each Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 2431 Cedar Street, across from City Hall. Anyone interested in being a vendor can contact City Hall at 731-352-2292 x4 to reserve a space. Pictured is Linda Swalley, who displays her homemade jelly, jam, breads, cookies, bracelets, and soon pickles. On Saturday, she also had baby bunny rabbits to sell.

