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"It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome."
— William James

Council Proposes 32 Percent Tax Increase

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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McKENZIE (June 12) — After nearly two decades without any property tax increases, McKenzie is proposing a 32 percent tax hike to fund an esti-

mated \$5.5 million budget.

A called meeting and public hearing are scheduled for Tuesday, June 24. At 5 p.m. is a public hearing for exceeding the certified tax rate. At 5:30 p.m. is a public hearing of the budget for the fiscal year of 2025-

2026. At 6 p.m. is a special called meeting for the second reading of Ordinance 571, changing regulations governing food trucks.

During the June meeting of the

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McKENZIE HOUSE FIRE



A Wednesday afternoon fire claimed the rental home, pets and property of the Fritz family on Hamilton Street in McKenzie. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Family's Pets, Belongings Lost in Afternoon Blaze

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (June 11) — A Wednesday afternoon fire at a rental property on Hamilton Street claimed all of a family's property,

including six pets.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue received a call at 1:38 p.m. reporting smoke from the residence and arrived on the scene three minutes later.

Firefighters were unable to enter until the roof was ventilated to clear

the smoke and heat. The fire was then extinguished and the scene was cleared at 3:55 p.m.

Living in the rental home were Michael and Erin Fritz and their

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Construction Progresses on TCAT in McKenzie

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Henry/Carroll hosted a groundbreaking for its new academic and administrative building on June 25, 2024 at the McKenzie campus. In March 2025, construc-

tion began on the new complex. The construction represents a commitment to technical training for several generations to come.

TCAT-Henry/Carroll in McKenzie's new 18,000 square-foot facility

will provide modern facilities for the 59-year-old campus. The new complex will be situated front and right of the existing administrative

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Huntingdon Man Killed in Train Accident

HUNTINGDON (June 12, 2025) — Andrew Tosh, a 37-year-old Huntingdon resident and father of two, was struck and killed by a train on Thursday.

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HUNTINGDON

Town Council Approves Budget, Water Rate Increase

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (June 10) — The Huntingdon Town Council met Tuesday for a special called session to approve first readings on four ordinances to conclude the current fiscal year and begin the next, including two that raise water and sewer rates, one to establish the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and one that makes year-end adjustments to balance the FY25 budget.

The water and sewer rate changes, automatically adjusted annually to reflect cost of living, amount to a three percent increase, broken down into volume usage and monthly minimums based on meter size.

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Traffic Diverted on Highway in Trezevant

TREZEVANT — Monday, June 16, 2025: Automobile traffic will be shifted to the new alignment from near Cutlip Lane to the Connector Road leading into Trezevant, speed

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Left, At McKenzie High School, roof work is underway and a pavilion is being constructed. Right, At McKenzie Elementary School, interior painting is complete and new hooks for backpacks and coats are being installed along the halls. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Upgrades Underway At McKenzie Schools

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (June 16) — A plethora of upgrades are underway at the three McKenzie schools.

At McKenzie High School, work has begun to replace the roof, which is leaking in numerous spots throughout the building.

Also, a pavilion is being constructed to serve as an outdoor classroom. The structure will include restrooms, primarily to be uti-

lized during band practice and soccer games.

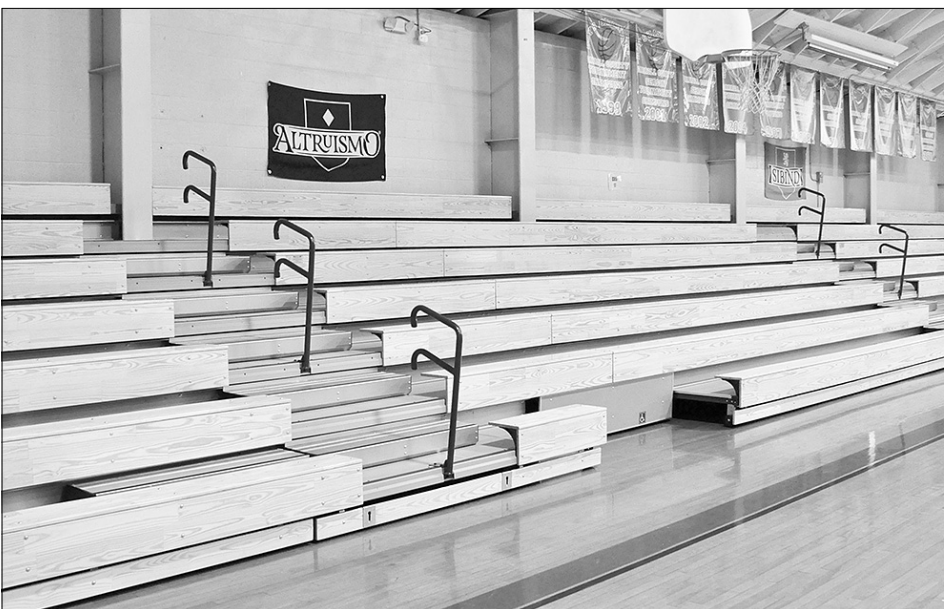
At McKenzie Middle School, new bleachers have been installed on what was the visitor's side of the gym to match the home side.

The new bleachers add approximately 150 seats, including six new handicap-accessible spots, bringing the capacity to approximately 350. The new seating will become the home side, and team benches and the scoring table will move to the opposite side.

At both the high and middle schools, work begins soon to resurface or replace the gym flooring, including installation of fixtures for the schools' newest sport, volleyball.

At McKenzie Elementary School, interior painting is complete and new hooks for backpacks and coats are being installed along the halls.

Outside, work has begun to address water drainage issues along the perimeter of the building.



At McKenzie Middle School, new bleachers have been installed on one side to match the other and increase seating capacity. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, Mayor Robert Keeton III, City Recorder Annie Hand and others distribute the approximately 60 sealed bags of items contributed by families, individuals and civic organizations to those present. Below, Local historian and former educator Buddy Smothers gives a brief history of the town prior to the unsealing of the time capsule. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

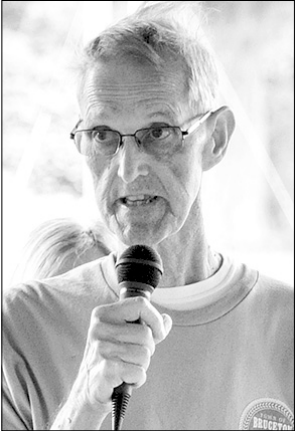
Bruceton Marks Centennial With Time Capsule Unsealing

BY BRAD SAM
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BRUCETON (June 14) — The Town of Bruceton celebrated its centennial Saturday at Templeton Park with the unsealing of a 25-year time capsule.

Scores gathered to see the vault opened and mark 100 years since the town was incorporated on November 1, 1925.

Local historian and former educator Buddy Smothers gave a brief history of the town, which was named after William P. Bruce, a VP of the N.C. & St. Louis Railroad, who determined the railroad route would run through the town.



Smothers spoke about the town's deep railroad history and the impact of the growth and decline of manufacturing industries such as Henry I. Seigel.

He noted that Bruceton

has had 15 mayors, beginning with Kirk Hogan and that current Mayor Robert Keeton III is the town's longest-serving.

The time capsule was then unsealed, and Mayor Keeton, City Recorder Annie Hand and others began distributing the approximately 60 sealed bags of items contributed by families, individuals and civic organizations to those present.

Keeton opened some of the bags belonging to the town council, which included recordings of meetings, newspaper clippings and other artifacts from 2000.

The celebration concluded with cake and punch at city hall.

Glass is APSU Assistant Golf Coach

COURTESY APSU

CLARKSVILLE (May 29) — After four years competing as a student-athlete on the Austin Peay State University women's golf team, Maggie Glass has been named the Governors' assistant women's golf coach, head coach Jessica Combs announced Thursday.

"Maggie is going to be such a great addition to our coaching staff," said Combs. "She has been the best leader, teammate and competitor during her last four years as a student-athlete, and I'm so excited to see her thrive in this coaching role. She will continue to bring joy, wisdom and excitement to the program in all the best ways, and I'm looking forward to continuing our relationship in a new way!"

Glass graduated from Austin Peay in May 2025 after completing a four-year career while playing for Combs on the APSU women's golf team. Glass and the Governors won the 2022 Ohio Valley Conference Championship — the first conference title in program history — during her freshman season.

Glass played in the lineup for the Gobs during all 21 events during her junior and senior seasons. As a senior, she posted a 77.36 scoring average with three rounds at even or under par and 22 counting scores in 28 rounds played. Glass recorded her best-career finish at the Saluki Invitational during her junior season, finishing in second place with a career-low, 54-hole score of 216 and a career-best single-round score of 70.

"I am beyond excited for this opportunity," said Glass. "As a former Austin Peay student-athlete, I can attest that this program exemplifies the 'Total Gov Concept,' and I can't wait to continue my role as a coach in a new and different way. I want to give a huge thank you to Coach Jessica Combs for allowing me this opportunity. I cannot express how excited I am to be able to coach alongside her. I would also like to thank Mrs. Sara Robson for the constant support of the women's golf program and each student-athlete. I hope to have a fraction of the same influence on the players as these two have had on me. Let's Go Peay!"

In the classroom, Glass



McKenzie's Maggie Glass, new assistant coach for APSU women's golf. Photo courtesy APSU

was a three-time (2022, 2023, 2024) Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar and earned a 2024 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District selection. Glass was named to the APSU Dean's List in all eight semesters of her collegiate career and earned the OVC Academic Medal of Honor for the 2021-22 academic year.

A native of McKenzie, Tennessee, Glass earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Austin Peay in May 2025.

A four-time TSSAA state tournament qualifier, Glass was a stalwart for McKenzie High School on the course, earning all-district and all-region honors each season. In three of her four state appearances, she posted a top-ten finish, including a fourth-place showing at the 2019 event. She was the top finisher for McKenzie in all four region championship seasons and was the medalist in both the district and regional tournament all four seasons of her prep career.

A TSSAA All-State finisher as a junior, she was the Jackson Sun Player of the Year as a sophomore and junior, leading to a spot on the same publications All-Decade team and four spots on the publication's first-team All-West Tennessee team.

A long-time competitor on the Sneds Tour, she has eight wins on the tour since 2016.

Maggie is the daughter of Paul and Jennifer Glass.

NOTICE

The City of McKenzie Mayor and Council will meet Tuesday, June 24.

5 p.m. — Public Hearing for exceeding certified tax rate.

5:30 p.m. — Public Hearing for Budget Year 2025/2026.

6 p.m. — Special Called meeting for 2nd reading of Ordinance 571.



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Tax

...From Front Page

Mayor and Council, the Board reviewed a minimal budget that included reductions in some areas in an effort to keep the tax rate similar to the previous year. However, Council members determined that the city needed additional funds to improve streets and other infrastructure. Many area cities and counties are increasing taxes this year.

Following a recent real estate appraisal throughout Carroll County, the anticipated tax rate was set at \$0.6218 per \$100 of assessed value. However, the Council voted to adopt a new rate of \$0.8218, which is expected to generate an additional \$242,968 in revenue, specifically for street paving. Council members Bobby Young, Carol Armpriest, Jessie Townes, and Drew Beeler approved the higher tax rate, while Councilman Tom Alexander opposed it. Councilman Tim McBride was absent from the vote.

Street Superintendent Johnny Mercer noted that paving costs approximately



Mayor Ryan Griffin presents a proclamation honoring Bethel University's Women's Basketball Team and Coach Nelson for reaching the Final Four in the national NAIA tournament. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

\$220,000 per mile. While the Council approved the first reading of the budget, it is likely to be amended if the new higher tax rate is adopted during the second reading. The budget will show higher projected revenues and expenses and includes a proposed pay increase of 75 cents per hour for all city employees.

A public hearing on the tax rate and budget is scheduled for June 24 at 5 p.m., followed by the second reading of the budget and tax rate at 6 p.m.

The proposed municipal budget also includes an estimated \$260,000 loan for the construction of a multi-field soccer complex at Mulberry

Park. City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup stated that water and sewer rates for the 2025-26 fiscal year have not yet been established, pending the outcome of a rate study. The city anticipates a loan of \$572,000 to rehabilitate parts of the sewer system.

In other business, the Board voted to reroute Locust Street to accommodate the design of the new soccer complex at Mulberry Park. Earth-moving equipment is expected to be on site the week of June 16.

Additionally, a resolution, Ordinance 571, was approved to change the regulations governing food trucks, implementing a \$50 fee to

operate, with a maximum fee of \$300 per year. This fee will be waived on special occasions.

A proclamation was also passed to honor the Bethel University Women's Basketball team, along with its managers and coaches, for achieving a place in the Final Four of the NAIA championship. The team recorded an average of 75.4 points per game and 71.3 in conference play, with 26.5 field goals per game and 24.8 in conference. Their overall record for the season was 27-8, with a conference record of 5-7. This marked the first year that the team advanced to the semifinal championship game.

TOWN OF TREZEVANT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Trezevant Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Tuesday, the 8th day of July, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Trezevant Community Center.

The hearing is to receive public input for a zoning amendment which would create provisions governing tiny houses, clarify provisions governing travel trailers / recreational vehicles, revise the definition of "Accessory Building or Use," and create an allowance for existing non-residential structures to be used in a reasonable manner in residential zoning districts. Full copies of the proposed amendments may be viewed at Trezevant Town Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

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Thank you for your continued support of this newspaper.



Kids show off their puppets after the puppet show. Pictured are (L to R) Front Row: Zachary Watwood, Kash Keech, Kali Keech and Sophie Whitt. Back Row: Head Start family specialist Crystal Fuller, Head Start family services worker Karen Teem and children’s librarian Grace Hawkins. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

County Library Summer Readers Craft Puppets

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (June 12) — The Carroll County Library’s Summer Reading activities continued Thursday with puppet-making. The event was a collaboration with Northwest Tennessee Head Start.

Kids were provided everything they needed to create their own sock and paper sack hand puppets and put on a puppet show at the end.

Helping spark their creativity were children’s librarian Grace Hawkins, Head Start family specialist Crystal Fuller and Head Start family services worker Karen Teem.

The library’s Summer Reading program, themed “Color Our World” continues through July 17 with multiple activities each week, free of charge, for kids of all ages.

Tot Time (geared toward ages 0-5) is 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Head Start returns June 18. Music with Alice is June 25. July Tot Time guests include Granges (July 2), Second Harvest (July 9) and Trudy Radford from The Dixie (July 16).

Fridays through July 11



Kids craft their hand puppets for the puppet show. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

are “Fantartistical Fridays”. Grab-and-go arts and crafts kits can be picked up at the library (while supplies last).

On Monday, June 23, the Ag Extension presents a cooking class at 10:30 a.m. (Please call 731-986-1919 to reserve a spot in this event.)

On Thursday, June 26, representatives from the West Tennessee Public Utility District present a program at 10:30 a.m. and Teen Night is 4-5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 27, Terry Hedges performs magic at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, June 28, Dis-

covery Park of America in Union City hosts the Storybook Stroll from 10 a.m. until noon. Children who participate in their local library’s summer reading program can get a free ticket to the event from that library (including Carroll County Library).

Monday, June 30 is Life Skills 101 for teens at 3:30 p.m.

Check out upcoming editions of The Banner for Summer Reading coverage as well as a schedule of July events.



Traffic

...From Front Page

limit reduced to 35 MPH, along US 79/State Route

76. Traffic will proceed down the new alignment to an all-way stop and then proceed onto Old US79 (SR76). Also, there will be a traffic shift/run-a-round on SR 105 where new US 79 (SR76) crosses.

Wednesday June 18, 2025: Dorsey Rd is projected to close for utility realignment and road construction, weather permitting. Detour route will be delineated by signage.

Blaze

...From Front Page

two daughters. No one was home at the time of the fire, but the family’s pets, two dogs, three cats and a gecko all perished.

The origin of the fire was

determined to be a plastic container placed on a stove eye that had not completely cooled.

Mutual aid was received by the Carroll County Fire Department and the Huntingdon Fire Department. Carroll County Electric Department linemen arrived soon after the fire.

fighters to quickly disconnect power to the property.

Besides their pets, the Fritz family lost all of their belongings in the fire.

An account has been created on gofundme.com named “Help Erin and Michael Rebuild After Fire” where donations can be made.

TCAT

...From Front Page

building. It will have administrative offices, classrooms, and a community room. Once complete, the existing administrative building will be razed.

The instructional wing to the rear of the campus will remain. That is where welding, automotive technology, heat and air condition, industrial maintenance, and information system technology classes are held.

A walkway will connect the current classrooms to the new administrative/classroom building.

TCAT Henry/Carroll’s Paris new campus is also under construction.

The funding, approved

in 2022 by Governor Bill Lee and the General Assembly, has provided new capital outlay and maintenance investments for six new Tennessee College of Applied Technology campuses, seven outdated facilities, and the expansion and improvement of 16 existing campuses. This historic statewide revitalization for technical education across the state increases accessibility to our graduates and assures local businesses & industries have the highly skilled workforce they need to fill jobs.

A History of TCAT-McKenzie

The construction of the McKenzie school began in the spring of 1964 and was completed in 1965. It began operation under the local direction of Guy

R. Kirk, who was appointed superintendent of the school by then Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education in Tennessee, Charlie Dunn. The School enrolled its first students in July of 1965 in Automotive Mechanics, Drafting and Office Occupations. The first students to graduate from the Center did so in 1966.

In 1999, the Center underwent a two-million-dollar renovation project. This project included building new shop classrooms, installing a new heat and air system and an electrical system in the industrial building, renovating the administrative building, and connecting the two shop buildings to the administrative building by adding two new classrooms.

Train

...From Front Page

According to Huntingdon Police Chief Jason Oliver, Tosh was crossing railroad tracks in the High Street area when he was struck by a CSX train traveling at just under 25 miles per hour — below the posted speed limit for trains passing through the city.

Tosh was hearing impaired and had previously been hit by a train in 2024, which resulted in a broken leg.

Traffic on High Street and Williams Street was blocked for a period of time while emergency responders worked to clear the scene. Multiple agencies assisted in the response, including the Huntingdon Police and Fire Departments, CSX Railroad, Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, Baptist Hospital, Priority Ambu-

lance Service, the medical examiner’s office, and Carroll County Emergency Management Agency, among others.

Born December 19, 1987, Tosh leaves behind his mother, Kathy Tosh of Trezevant, Tennessee, and two children, Riley Ford and Jaxon Clark Williams. Private graveside services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2025, at McAuley Cemetery. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Budget

...From Front Page

The new usage rate for water is \$4.73 per 1,000 gallons inside corporate limits and \$6.56 per 1,000 gallons outside corporate limits. The minimum monthly usage rate inside corporate limits ranges from \$15.66 for a ¾-inch meter up to \$1,665.54 for a four-inch meter. Outside of corporate limits, the minimum rate is \$20.61 for a 5/8-inch meter.

The new usage rate for sewer service is \$7.42 per 1,000 gallons inside corporate limits and \$9.17 per 1,000 gallons outside corporate limits. The minimum monthly usage rate inside corporate limits ranges from \$15.65 for a ¾-inch meter up to \$1,564.92 for a four-inch meter. Outside of corporate limits, the minimum rate is \$19.55 for a ¾-inch meter.

Additionally, the rate for sewer customers outside corporate limits not connected to the Huntingdon Public Water System will be calculated based on a 6,000-gallon monthly usage (previously 5,000).

Ordinances setting these new rates were approved unanimously by present council members Will Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Lori Dillahunt, Daniel Eubanks and John Sanders.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2026 was discussed and approved on a 4-1 vote, with Barnhart dissenting.

Mayor Chad Edwards opened the discussion with prepared remarks, “By working together, we have accomplished many upgrades for our town, including street and sidewalk improvements, park facilities, water and sewer upgrades, improvements to the downtown and business districts, and continuing to provide excellent police and fire protection for our hometown.

“Our goal through Fiscal Year 2026 remains to continue building infrastructure and laying the groundwork to secure the needs of future generations.”

Edwards noted that the Certified Tax Rate is not yet available from the Tennessee State Board of Equalization due to the Carroll County reappraisal. The new budget was prepared based on property tax revenue consistent with the prior year.

The mayor also said, “The town’s most valuable asset is our employees.” He outlined a four percent pay raise and the continuation of benefits including insurance premiums, health savings accounts and life insurance coverage.

He noted capital purchases planned in the budget: one police vehicle, one fire engine, a tandem truck and backhoe for the street department, a mower for the parks department and two trucks and a mini excavator for the utility department.

Grant projects include lagoon aeration and a levy for the Barnett Street lagoon.

Following the mayor’s remarks, Barnhart voiced the basis for his opposition. His concern lies in the delay in reaching an agreement with the nonprofit Friends of The Dixie, which intends to form a partnership with the Town and assume operating responsibilities.

Mayor Edwards explained that the parties are “working daily to get a partnership made,” but have run out of time to factor the deal into the new budget. He said that he, along with the budget committee, made the decision to begin the new year with The Dixie’s budget “like it was last year.”

Edwards elaborated, “We can’t zero it out, because the show must go on. But the truth is the Friends are [] going to help us in the new [fiscal] year. Until we get some real good data, maybe an attorney to write up agreements, we’re putting it in the budget like it is. Now, hopefully we’re going to be able to vent that money into police, fire, this building, wherever, to use it in the future, but now we’re too short on time, everything’s happened too close to our year-end.”

Barnhart expressed his frustration in wanting to support The Dixie, but wanting to see the planned partnership come to fruition. He expressed his feelings of obligation to those that voted for him for the issues he ran on: backing first responders, public safety, being fiscally responsible and improving parks.

He said, “I want to be

able to tell them, there’s a plan we’re working on... I want to be able to articulate [that] in a confident way... I can’t, I simply can’t.”

Following that brief exchange, a motion was made and the vote held.

The approved budget’s General Fund projects \$5,995,600 in revenues and \$6,795,950 in appropriations. The resulting \$800,350 deficit would dip into reserve funds, of which there is currently \$7,334,107.

The Water and Sewer Fund projects operating revenues at \$2,870,500 and operating expenses at \$2,945,550. Factoring in non-operating finances brings the fund’s expected deficit down to \$15,900. Reserve funds are currently \$13,681,655.

The aforementioned Dixie Carter Performing Arts Special Project Fund projects balanced revenues and appropriations of \$709,000.

The Solid Waste Fund projects a balanced, \$395,000 budget.

The Drug Fund projects \$43,200 in revenues and \$50,050 in appropriations for a \$6,850 deficit, with reserve funds at \$27,147.

The council unanimously approved the year-end adjustments to the FY25 budget.

The second readings of the four ordinances as well as public hearings for the outgoing and incoming budgets are on the June 24 regular meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned in 17 minutes.

Councilpersons Andrew Maddox and Kelly Eubanks were absent.

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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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.

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Editor's View

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I Disappeared for a Week

I disappeared for a week... well, actually six days. Left town, didn't check my email, didn't check Facebook, didn't watch the news, drove nine hours with two little ones and a husband in tow to put our feet in the sand and leave our worries in Tennessee. We went to Gulf Shores, AL.

The first time the kids saw the beach was in 2022, and they have been mesmerized by the sea ever since.

It was love at first sight the first time CJ got knocked down by a big wave. Daddy held on to his lifejacket and pulled him back to his feet. We were down by the pier.

Savannah built sandcastles and was scared of the waves. She was a few weeks shy of her third birthday, but the most determined, excited-about-life two-year-old you'd ever meet. Her hair was little golden ringlets on her head, now it is half way down her back. CJ was 4 and in his first year of pre-k.

Those moments will live rent free in my mind forever. How little they were, how much they've grown and how much it is still their whole world to be able to spend a week at the beach, just the four of us.

Fast forward to 2025, I think CJ spent the whole week with an inner tube around his waist.

He'd wake up at 5:35 every morning, put on his bathing suit and sunglasses and impatiently wait for mommy and daddy to put down the coffee and take him to the pool! And the kids would go full speed like that until about 8:30 p.m. every day.

Can't afford to miss a moment of the experience.

For me, the goal of a vacation is to show them something new. Because you and I have been on this earth for a while and have seen all the things, but they have seven and five years of experience respectively, and to show them something they've never seen or experienced is more valuable than gold to me.

This year, both kids were scared of the ocean waves. Rightfully so, as there were yellow and purple flags out, meaning moderate currents and dangerous marine life present; but the waves were breaking near the shore and we didn't venture past hip deep.

I asked Savannah to trust me... and after some resistance, she decided to stand with me in the surf. I told her to turn her back to the wave and jump just as it hits you – she giggled every time

a wave would hit her.

I think this moment made her whole vacation. She conquered her fear of the ocean and she learned something new.

My mom's side of the family used to take regular beach trips together when I was a kid. I was always in the ocean or building a sand castle. One year the jellyfish were so bad, I lost count after 22 stings on my body. The pain becomes relative when you're having that much fun.

So when I saw a big jellyfish getting closer to Savannah and me I said, "time to go," without giving a reason. If she knew, she'd be afraid to ever try again.

I just realized the jellyfish story sounds like a metaphor for life. Nothing good in this world comes to you without a little bit of pain and also... when life gets tough, turn your back to the waves and roll with it.

A lot of my life lessons seem to fall on deaf ears with the kids, namely, why does it take so long to get to the beach... because everything good takes time to get to... (kids repeat the question)... Because it's child endangerment if I drive this car any faster and I don't feel like catching a charge or going to jail today, especially not in the middle of Mississippi!

Real life with two kids 18-months apart is they fight like cats and dogs, and when one wants to love on the other, the other declares it an act of war.

There was a lot of fighting to which I responded by saying a lot of things that don't qualify as gentle parenting. In my defense, the children were not gentle childrening.

Despite the conflicts and occasional thunderstorms, it was a great time. We made lots of memories that I hope the kids will make with their children someday.

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain.

What you look for, you will always find. It is important to find the good in every situation and hold on to it.

You are the author of your story, so make it a good one.

I did check in on you guys a few times last week... what in the full moon and Friday the 13th in the same week happened while I was gone? Torrential rains, power outages, and flooding?! I hope y'all are ok.

Here's hoping this week is better. Stay safe!

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES It Didn't Make Me Sound Like Me

I'm always looking for ways to enhance my storytelling.

My younger son thinks it might be too late. "Dad, maybe your well has run dry. You know, they eventually put those old horses out to pasture." He pondered a second as if he might have been too harsh. "Have you thought about trying A.I.?"

My heart cringed. Artificial Intelligence. If that is not a contradictory term, I will eat my hat!

You can't "fake" intelligence. Unless, of course, the folks standing across from you don't have much.

Now, Skeet McElhinny used to talk like he knew a lot more than he actually did, but we all saw through that quicker than you could say "Lash LaRue loves leafy lean leftovers." He wanted to be an expert on everything, but ole Skeet didn't have the noggin power to pull it off.

Jess cranked a few buttons on the computer. "Dad, what do you want me to ask it to write for you?"

I leaned over real close and whispered, "Tell it to write a humorous 900-word story about the time your uncle Leon saw that Tarzan picture show where he jumped off the bridge in New York City and Leon was so enthralled he went out the next morning to the high bridge over the Tennessee River and leaped off and near 'bout drown before we could pull him out some half mile or so downstream."

People, before you could say "Lash LaRue loves..." that machine spit out a two-page story about Leon jumping off that bridge. It was pretty amazing. Astounding even! All I could think of was, if I had had this machine in high school and college I could have passed more courses than I failed.

I would tell that thing to make me sound like John Steinbeck....

EXCEPT, there was something amiss. The story was there alright. But it didn't have one ain't in the whole thing. It didn't have any misspelled words. It didn't have no double negatives, nor one dangling participle. It didn't "picture" Leon waving his arms and yelling like Tarzan on the way down like it really happened.

And it described how Leon came to rest with a "less-than-graceful plop" on shore. Sounds like an unathletic dolphin landing to me. The truth is Nicky Joe Stafford and Jackie Burns waded out into the swiftly moving river and half dragged him upon the bank.

It was still better than anything I could have written for sure. It has phrases that were so logical and orderly, they would have

made Ernest Hemingway take notice. But it was a bit too antiseptically clean. It had words that I could not pronounce or had no clue as to their meaning, and would have never put them into any kind of tale I was recounting.

I'm sure this story would make perfect sense...to another machine.

The closest thing we had to A.I. back in my day was Gus Radford. Gus was too smart to have a regular job. Mostly he hung out up at the Texico Station, telling stories or commenting on the scientific and political news of the day. He'd talk about those two cousins from Memphis getting pulled under the water "by something" in that big swamp down at Jarrell Switch Bottom and my hair would stand on end!

His voice would rise an octave when he got to telling about the Kennington brothers unloading the moonshine one dark night at the Chief of Police's backdoor. Somehow, they had gotten the wrong address. Or Rake Kennington (who might have been sampling his merchandise) just backed up to the wrong house!

They realized their mistake when the chief appeared with his big beam flashlight and a drawn Colt 38 Police Special in his hand. He knew the boys by sight....and had long felt

they flashed around more spending money than they could have legally obtained.

By the time he got the gun into a firing position, the Kennington's were racing their Dodge pickup through the middle of the next-door neighbor's hedge.

Gus went up another octave when the chief leaped into his black and white 1962 Ford Galaxie and took off so fast that big police antenna on the back was fanning the air as he followed the boys through the hedge.

The chief, according to Gus, had the red light flashing and the siren blasting. Jake, in his haste to vacate the scene, had failed to put the tailgate up and gallon jars of moonshine were bouncing out of the back of that old Dodge.

By now, Gus was waving his arms and shouting as he described how the police car was swerving to miss the bursting moonshine jugs. He was completely immersed in his own story as the chief narrowed the gap between "pursuer and pursue-ees" as the whole "kit and kaboodle" roared out of town.

I don't pretend to know much about writing, storytelling, life, A.I., or Lash LaRue. But I do know, with all my heart, there ain't no machine in the world that could "tell it" like Gus Radford!

Respectfully,
Kes

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

'Four more lies'

She was small for her age. Probably because she didn't eat regularly.

But she was gritty and could run like the wind.

Sometimes there were laces in her tennis shoes and sometimes there weren't. I wondered about it but didn't ask because I didn't want her to feel embarrassed.

She needed a ride to and from every practice and every game, and since I was coaching the nine- and ten-year old's little league softball team she was on, I figured I should be the one to shuttle her back and forth.

"The Projects" — that's what everybody called the place where she lived. Government housing. You know what I'm talking about. Every town and city has a section like it.

When I was a kid, there were people who were described as living "on the other side of the tracks." They were poor, not well dressed, and not well thought of.

Unfortunately, and sadly, that's how most people

feel about those who live in government housing today.

But you know what? Forty years ago, when I was in "The Projects" picking up my little ball player, I saw something that made me take note.

It was always late afternoon or early evening when I drove through, and out on the stoop of the apartments old people were sitting in chairs, fanning themselves with funeral fans, and talking to each other, sometimes from across the street.

They were smiling, laughing, slapping their thighs over some tale somebody was telling.

And then, when I drove out of the projects through the "whiter" part of town, everybody was closed up in their air-conditioned houses, probably glued to the TV. The "boob tube" it was sometimes called because it was thought watching too much TV dumbed you down. The precursor to cellphones.

Nobody was out in the

yard or on the porch engaging with neighbors. I thought it was sad.

Anyway, after one particularly hard-fought ball game that my team lost, all the girls were crying and upset.

I tried to cheer them up by telling them, "You played a good game, and you almost won. Don't worry, you'll win the next one. We've got four more games to go before the season ends."

At that point, standing behind me and speaking to no one in particular, my little ball player said, "That's four more lies my mama's gonna tell me."

Later, one-on-one, I asked her what she meant by that.

Here's what she said: "My mama always say she gonna come see me play, but she don't never come."

Yes, I did tear up. How could I not?

Now here's the twist on the story. Twenty or twenty-five years later, on my counseling schedule for the day was a woman who was bringing her child to see me. When I went to the lobby to meet them, it was my little ball player, all grown up

with a little girl who was the spitting image of her mother at that age.

She said to me, "I'm hoping you can do for my little girl what you did for me a long time ago."

You're probably thinking, "Aww, David was such a great guy."

But that's not the point of this story—far from it.

The point of this story is how a tiny gesture of compassion, expecting nothing in return, can shine a little light in the dark life of a child.

Everyone has children orbiting around them, whether it's neighbors, kids at church, friends of your kids, nieces, nephews, grandkids, etc. Never in my life have I seen a greater need for small acts of compassion extended toward children. We have given them a world that's broken and seems impossible to navigate.

It might mean the world to a child for you to light a candle of kindness for them.

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

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Inglenook Book Club News

McKENZIE (June 11) — The Inglenook Book Club held its monthly meeting at the Lakeside Senior Living Community, with 18 members in attendance. President Gail Mack called the meeting to order, and everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the club's aim, and its motto. Gail extended her thanks to co-hostess Donna Ward for serving cherry-topped cheesecake, mini muffins, assorted chocolates, nuts, and beverages. Carolyn Moore, a member with a June birthday, was celebrated with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" sung by all.

Roll call was taken, followed by a reading of the May minutes, which were approved as presented. Treasurer Donna Ward then gave her report, which was also approved. The Sunshine Chair, Telephone Chair, and Publicity Chair each provided their reports; however, the Membership Chair was absent.

There was no old or new business to discuss, so President Mack invited Jean Hollomon to present to the group about the late American novelist Thomas

Leo Clancy Jr. She noted that she didn't like his first book, found the second better, and became hooked by the third. Clancy was one of only three authors to sell 2 million copies in a first printing in the 1990s. It was a great program.

The book passing was conducted by Book Chair Mary Newman, with the next book passing scheduled for June 26. In announcements, Pedie Pedersen shared information about the new library in McKenzie and encouraged everyone to visit, as it is amazing. The next meeting will take place on July 9 at 3:00 PM at Lakeside. Hostess for the next meeting will be Elaine Williams, and the

program will be presented by Carolyn Potts. Attendees are asked to bring personal hygiene items for donation to the school. The Benediction was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

Members present included: Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Jean Hollomon, Jean McKinnie, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Marilynn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller.



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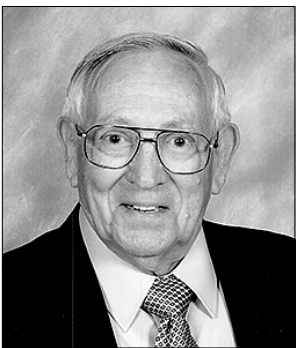
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Obituaries



WILLIAM CLAYTON DAVIS 1930 – 2025

William Clayton Davis, a devoted elder minister in the United Methodist Church and a decorated U.S. Navy Chaplain, passed away peacefully June 7, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and sacrifice. He was the beloved son of Kenneth W. Davis and Ella Vonnell Brandon Davis.

Born and raised in Tennessee, William graduated from Clarksburg High School in 1948. He pursued higher education at Lambuth College and later graduated from Bethel College in 1956. Committed to spiritual leadership, he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Cumberland Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Memphis, graduating in 1959. He furthered his theological education through post-graduate clinical studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1962.

Reverend Davis began his ministry early, serving as a student pastor for several churches from 1953 to 1959. In 1961, he responded to a higher calling and accepted a commission as a chaplain in the United States Navy. His military chaplaincy spanned both active duty and reserve service, marked by compassion, courage, and distinction.

Commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in 1962, he rose steadily through the ranks—Lieutenant Commander in 1968

and Captain in 1980. His early assignments included service with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton during the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962–63), and with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Vietnam from July 1966 to August 1967, where he ministered at a naval hospital in-country. From 1967 to 1969, he was stationed at the Naval Administration Unit in Las Vegas, Nevada, and then served aboard the USS Shenandoah from May 1969 to June 1971.

Following his active-duty service, Chaplain Davis continued his ministry through the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving with distinction at sea and alongside Marine Air Wings, Seabees, and combat forces, culminating as Chief of Chaplains for seventeen years for the VA Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

William was a devoted husband to Bonnie Sue Ross, his beloved wife, and a proud father to their two children, Charles Clayton Davis and Mary Ann Lawrence. He was a man of deep faith, unwavering patriotism, and profound humility, known for his comforting presence, steady leadership, and genuine love for those he served.

His life was a testament to his calling—ministering to the spiritual needs of others, whether from a pulpit or on the front lines of service.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, fellow clergy, his Trinity United Methodist Church family of the past twenty-eight years, and the countless service members who lives he ministered to.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:21

Reverend Davis is predeceased by his parents; his wife of fifty-nine years, Bonnie Sue; and brother, Rayburn. He is survived by his loving wife of fourteen years, Charlotte; son, Charles Clayton Davis and daughter, Mary Ann Law-

rence; granddaughter, Melissa Hill; and stepdaughter, Nanci (Chris) Scarpulla; and step-granddaughters, Sydney Scarpulla and Sophia Scarpulla; brother, Kenneth (Patricia) Davis, Jr.; sister-in-law, Marilyn (Mike) Quackenbush, brother-in-law, Bobby (Jody) Wynne; and a host of family, loved ones, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, in Fort Walton Beach. The family will receive guests for visitation one hour prior to the service. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Reverend Davis's name to Trinity United Methodist Church.+

ROBERT ‘BERT’ DILDAY III 1955 – 2025

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of Robert (Bert) Dilday III, 69, on Wednesday, June 11 in Phoenix, Ariz.

A native son of Huntingdon, the Dilday family owned and operated Dilday Funeral Home for many years. Bert's father, Bobby Dilday, owned the men's store, Dildays Of Huntingdon until his death in 1973.

Bert was preceded in death by his father, Bobby, his mother, Bette Warmack Dilday, and sister, Debbie Dilday Measley.

Bert leaves behind two sons, Jefferson Mills, 42, of Eva, Rob Dilday, 39, one daughter, Aja Dilday Neal, 35, and their mother, Sharon Price, all of Phoenix. He also leaves behind four young grandchildren, Lyric, Remi, Rhea and Riley.

Bert and Sharon moved to Phoenix in March of this year, residing with their daughter, Aja and her husband, Evan Robison.

Those of us left behind are grateful for the short

amount of time we had with Bert in Phoenix and are honored that we had this man as a father and a husband in our lifetime. We will carry his spirit forward with us for the remainder of our time here on Earth.

DAVID MILLER 1935 – 2025

McKENZIE — David Gerard Miller, 89, of McKenzie, died Monday, June 9, 2025, at his residence.

Funeral services for Mr. Miller were Sunday, June 15, 2025, at McKenzie Church of Christ. The family received friends on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 1 p.m. at McKenzie Church of Christ.

Mr. Miller was born on August 12, 1935, in Governor's Island, N.Y., to the late Dorsey Miller and Helen Bersenger Miller.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Betty Dabbs Miller of McKenzie; son, Steve Miller and wife, Judy of Hamilton, Ala.; daughter, Linda Crocker and husband, Andy of Lucas, Texas; brother, Richard Miller and wife, Loretta of Memphis.

Mr. Miller had four grandchildren and seven grandchildren.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

CAROLYN SUE TOWNSEND 1952 – 2025

McKENZIE — Ms. Carolyn Sue Townsend, 73, of McKenzie, died Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at her residence.

Ms. Townsend's graveside service were at Fairview Cemetery on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Ms. Townsend was born on April 30, 1952, in McKenzie to the late James Paul Townsend and Mary Ezell Chesser.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Barbra Ann Franklin; and a brother, Paul Ray Townsend.

She is survived by her sister, Melinda Mayberry of McKenzie.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

ANDREW TOSH 1987 – 2025

Mr. Andrew Tosh, 37, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Tosh was born on December 19, 1987.

Private Graveside services were conducted 1 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, at McAuley Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Kathy Tosh, of Trezevant; two children, Riley Ford and Jaxon Clark Williams.

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

LARRY GLYNN WILLIAMS 1935 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Larry Glynn Williams, 89, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Monday, June 16, 2025. Interment with military funeral honors was at Liberty All Cemetery.

He was born December 24, 1935, in Carroll County, to the late C. Edwin and Margaret (Butler) Williams.

He was also preceded in

death by his wife of fifty years, Margaret Jane Williams; a son, Gary Alan Williams; a sister, Sarah Williams Patterson; and a brother, Barton Williams.

He is survived by a son, Brian Williams (Stephanie) and their daughter, Rayanna of Jackson.

Chase Funeral Home.

RITA JOYCE ROWLAND 1942 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Rita Joyce Rowland, 82, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Burial was in Sellers Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Rowland was born November 16, 1942, in Lawton, Okla., to the late William L. Bates and Henryetta (Sawyer) Bates. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Marshall Rowland; one daughter, Joyce Smith; one great-grandson, Atticus Finn Ecker; two sisters, Carol Saxon and Frances Gibbs; and two brothers, Ronnie Bates and Charles Bates.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie Laws (Phillip), and Tammy Barnes (Chuck); and a son, Bennie Rowland (Caroline). She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home



Chicken A La Can

1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can water

2 cans diced chicken
1 can instant rice
1 can onion rings
Salt and pepper to taste
Combine soups, chicken and water in large skillet. Bring to boil. Add rice. Turn to simmer. Simmer with lid on for 5 minutes. Heat onion rings according to directions on can. Remove skillet from heat. Add onion rings around sides of skillet. Serve in skillet. Makes 4 servings.

Corn Crisp Chicken

1 cut up chicken (2 1/2 to 3 lb)
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 cup corn flakes crumbled
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Dip chicken in evaporated milk. Roll in a mixture of corn flake crumbs, salt and pepper. Place in shallow baking pan lined with foil. Bake 1 hour or until done in 350 degree oven.

Chuck Roast in Foil

4 to 4 1/2 lb boneless roast
1 pkg dry onion mix
1 can cream of mushroom soup
Salt and pepper to taste
Season roast with salt and pepper. Place on heavy foil in baking pan. Sprinkle with dry soup mix and mushroom soup on top of roast. Seal foil tightly and bake at 350 degrees for 3 to 3 1/2 hours or until done.

Bruceton, Camden Students Volunteer In Central America

COSTA RICA (May 2025) — Thirteen adults and high school students from Bruceton and Camden made a positive impact during their volunteer service in Costa Rica at an animal rescue center and along the beaches of the Pacific coast.

Jenna Patton, a Spanish teacher at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School, served as the group leader on her third trip with Global Citizen Adventure Corps, a non-profit organization based in Dresden, Tennessee. The students were also eligible for three hours of college credit through Bethel University's Global Studies program. Students took an online course, volunteered in the host country, and wrote a capstone paper describing their experience.

Travelers included Faith Wallace (Camden), Melissa Wallace (Camden), Michele Maiden (Camden), Cody Hassell (Camden), Brittany Hassell (Camden), Brook Needham (Camden), Leah Bradley (Bruceton), Camryn Burke (Camden), Grayson Thompson (Camden), Xander Ivy (Bruceton), and Jonah Hill (Camden).



Faith Wallace (Camden), Melissa Wallace (Camden), Michele Maiden (Camden), Cody Hassell (Camden), Brittany Hassell (Camden), Winnie Hollingsworth (Camden), Brook Needham (Camden), Leah Bradley (Bruceton), Camryn Burke (Camden), Grayson Thompson (Camden), Xander Ivy (Bruceton), and Jonah Hill (Camden).

The remaining volunteer work was divided between Wild Sun Animal Rescue and a beach clean-up.

At Wild Sun, the group split into two teams, dedicating two days to complete cage renovations and design interactive food boxes for the monkeys. The three male students — Grayson Thompson, Jonah Hill, and Xander Ivy — demonstrated exceptional leadership and were outstanding mentors for those who needed help with carpentry. The most significant lesson the group learned was the importance of teamwork. While creating the food boxes for the monkey cages, the students combined their ideas and problem-solving skills, fostering creativity through trial and error to design functional and safe solutions for the monkeys.

"I was genuinely impressed by how attentively the students listened to each other and how they persevered when initial attempts didn't work out. When they encountered obstacles, they regrouped, reassessed, and adapted their strategies. The final outcome was even better than we could have imagined,"

said Jenna.

The final day of volunteering involved collecting numerous bags of trash along the beach at Paquera, addressing the environmental impact of waste in various countries.

While on the peninsula, the travelers enjoyed exploring and shopping, hiking to a waterfall in Montezuma, and swimming underneath the falls. At the beaches of Santa Teresa, the group participated in surfing lessons, where the students quickly learned and exhibited the skills of experienced surfers. The water experience concluded with a captivating bioluminescent kayak tour.

"Our dedication to having fun matched our commitment to hard work! Before departing the mainland, we toured the coffee farm at Espiritu Santo, immersing ourselves in the entire process from bean to cup," said Jenna. "The taste testing at the end of the tour was an undeniable highlight!"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SOUTHERN FRIED FUNNIES AUDITIONS

Attention Carroll Arts members and anyone else who would like to try out for the Funnies: Auditions for this year's Southern Fried Funnies will be at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Family Life Center in McKenzie. Monday, June 23 and Tuesday, June 24. You may come either night at 6:30 p.m.

BIG Yard Sale

ONE DAY ONLY!
Saturday, June 21
1891 Tumbling Creek Rd
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Yard Sale

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
810 PARIS PIKE
McKENZIE

If you missed our yard sale last week due to rain, you're in luck! We are having it again. Still have lots to sell.
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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

16370 Highland Dr. • McKenzie
Fri., June 20 • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat., June 21 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Antiques, Christmas Items, Clothes, Small Appliances, Misc. Items.

Garage Sale

259 Oak Street
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Fri. & Sat., June 20 & 21
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rain or Shine
Boys' clothes, new women's tops, & lots of household items.
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JUNE 20 & 21
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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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!

911 BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors meets

Parisian THEATRE
Jim Adams Drive
Paris, TN • 642-1696

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)

Tues. 4:25 (3D), 7:25
Wed. 1:25, 4:25 (3D), 7:25
Thurs. 4:25 (3D), 7:25

MATERIALISTS (PG-13)

Tues. 4:35, 7:35
Wed. 1:35, 4:35, 7:35
Thurs. 4:35, 7:35

BALLERINA (R)

Tues. 4:30, 7:30
Wed. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Thurs. 4:30, 7:30

LILO & STITCH (PG)

Tues. 4:25 (3D), 7:25
Wed. 1:25, 4:25 (3D), 7:25
Thurs. 4:25 (3D), 7:25

THE LAST RODEO (PG)

Tues. 4:30, 7:30
Wed. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Thurs. 4:30, 7:30

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: THE FINAL RECKONING (PG-13)

Tues. 3:50, 7:20
Wed. 2:00, 7:20
Thurs. 3:50, 7:20

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Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m. at 200 Norandal Drive on the campus of the Sheriff's Department.

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 in the 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.

VBS AT FIRST BAPTIST GREENFIELD

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Greenfield (3127 Meridian St.) is June 22-25 from 6-8:30 p.m. The theme is Yee Haw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift. Pre-register at www.fb-

CARROLL COUNTY FAIR
Pageant Schedule Released

Miss Fairest of the Fair to Include Other Counties

HUNTINGDON — The Carroll County Fair Association has released the schedule for this year's pageants and announced that the Miss Fairest of the Fair pageant will accept contestants from the surrounding counties, including Henry, Weakley, Gibson Madison, Henderson, Decatur and Benton.

All other pageants are open only to Carroll County residents.

Pageants begin Satur-

Nights on Broadway
Continues Thursday

McKenzie's downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continues Thursday, June 19 with the band 24/7. Music begins at 7 p.m. Spectators sit on the town square facing the stage on Banner Row; lawn chairs are encouraged.

cgreenfield.org. Have questions or need a ride? Call 731-235-3365.

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 SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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

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 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; Octo-

ber 27 — County Chamber Banquet; November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market; November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet; December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Tacky Prom Night

Tacky Prom Night is Friday, June 27 at the Carroll County Civic Center. Don your tackiest/fanciest/comfortablest prom attire and join us! Doors open at 6 p.m. Prom will be held from 7-10 p.m. We'll be dancing the night away and snacking on classic prom favorites. Think nachos, cocktail weenies, mints, punch, etc.

There will be a silent auction and a contest for prom queen. Tickets are on sale at CCHS. Come by or call the purchase yours. A single ticket is \$25, \$40 for a pair, or 6 for \$100. Call or message us for more details.

Catit Prize Contest

Please vote for CCHS in the Catit prize contest to help our kitties win. The top 3 cat shelters with the most votes will receive a Catit prize pack from the US Catit store. Voting closes on June 23. Follow the link and shelters are listed by state or type us in on "Find a shelter": <https://www.catit.com/my-cat/us-shelter-voting/#form>.

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 6:30 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.

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.

Several Area Educators to Participate in WestTeach

The 2025 WestTeach Class—the seventh cohort—represents 19 school districts across 14 counties in West Tennessee.

Launched in 2017 by the WestStar Leadership Class, WestTeach provides teachers with a unique opportunity to explore the economic landscape of West Tennessee. Over the course of the program, participants will engage with industry and community leaders, gain valuable insights into regional challenges and opportunities, and participate in experiential learning activities that mirror the real-life situations their students face every day.

The 2025 class is a vibrant cross-section of our region's educational community—bringing together diverse perspectives from various school sizes and districts. This diversity enriches dialogue, fosters meaningful collaboration, and lays the foundation for a powerful regional network of teacher-leaders committed to shaping the future of education in West Tennessee.

The program includes these local educators plus others from West Tennessee schools: Bryce Agee, Milan High School; Leslie Booker, Milan Middle School; Sunni Cooksey, Westview High School; Alivia McDowell, Gleason School; Michelle Robinson, West Carroll Middle School; and Elaina Wood, E.W. Grove School-Paris.

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Carroll County Residents Receive UT Martin Degrees

MARTIN (May 3) — Several Carroll County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during spring commencement ceremonies held recently, with some 600 students participating.

Students from Carroll County receiving undergraduate degrees were: Atwood — Jed Davis Robinson; Bruceton — Malorie Laine Clements-Tillman and Nathan Lee Robison; Hollow Rock — Wesley Chase Duclos; Huntingdon — Addison Postlethwait Atkinson, Madison Elise Hughes, Bethany Paige Miller, Ashley Nicole Myles, Emma Presleigh Raim, Emily S. Reeves, Jake Wright Stokes, Kaleigh Mae Towater, Lexie Grace Williams and Alexis

Jade Wilson; McKenzie — Brandon Christopher Boaz, Ashleigh Nicole Britt, Christina M.L. Henry, Diego A. Huitzache, Evan Jarrett and Xavier Jimenez; Trezevant — Alexander Braden Arnold and Sally Garmany Arnold.

Students receiving graduate degrees were: Huntingdon — Dawson Lane Dale and Michelle Poe Connolly.

UT Martin is a comprehensive regional institution in the University of Tennessee System offering 23 bachelor's degree programs and eight master's degree programs. The main campus in northwest Tennessee is one of five primary UT campuses, and UT Martin regional centers are located in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer, Springfield and Somerville. For more information, visit utm.edu.

REBELS

MHS GOLF ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The MHS Golf Team held their Par 3 Extravaganza golf tournament on Saturday, June 14, at the Carroll Lake Golf Club, which serves as their course for home golf matches. This tournament serves as the major fundraiser for the MHS golf team. A total of 20 teams came out to support this event, where all 18 holes are set up to play as a par 3. All participants left with a prize as a token of appreciation for playing, and regardless of the skill level, everyone always has fun at this event, while at the same time helping our golf program.

Thank You!

On behalf of Coach Tyler Holt and the MHS golf team, we would like to thank all sponsoring individuals and businesses in the community, our golf team families, and all 20 teams that came to play in our tournament despite the unfavorable weather conditions. A special thank you to the Carroll Lake Golf Course for hosting the tournament. It was a very successful day, and we appreciate your continued support of our MHS golf program.

McKenzie Police Reports

Burglary, Aggravated Criminal Trespassing, Theft — On June 15, a call was placed to dispatch that a trespasser was on a property located on North Stonewall. When Sgt. Coleman responded, he saw Joshua Saylor flee the scene on foot. The victim stated that he, Saylor, was in the shed in the backyard and had taken a fishing rod and reel. Saylor was later located near the intersection of Moore Street and Como Street. He was placed under arrest and charged with burglary, aggravated criminal trespass, and theft under \$1,000. Saylor was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended/Revoked License — On June 12, Ptlm. Dustin McClure initiated a traffic stop on a 2004 Saturn traveling north on Highland Dr. The driver later identified as Chris Moses, Jr.. The driver was asked if he was smoking marijuana and he confirmed. He was advised of the repercussions of driving while under the influence. Dispatch checked the status of Moses' license and advised that it was suspended out of Dickson General Sessions for Failure to Appear and Failure to satisfy fines/costs/taxes on a criminal offense. He was advised he would be receiving a citation into Carroll County General Sessions and had 10 days to report to Carroll County Jail for Driving on a Suspended License.

Stop Sign/Driving on Suspended License — On June 12, Ptlm. Dustin McClure observed a 2004 Dodge Stratus traveling east on Walnut Ave. The vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign. A stop was initiated on Cedar and Main St. The driver, Russell Lee Mullins, stated he didn't mean to run the red light. Mullins' license came back as suspended out of McKenzie City Court for failure to file insurance. He was advised of his driving status and advised of the 10-day book into Carroll County Jail for Driving on Suspend and Failure to stop at a stop sign.

Driving on Suspended License — On June 11, Ptlm. Dustin McClure observed Ashley Snead driving north on Stonewall Street. Having prior knowledge that Snead was on a suspended license, a stop was initiated. Snead stated that she did not realize her license was suspended. She was advised of his driving status and advised of the 10-day book into Carroll County Jail for Driving on Suspend.

Public Intoxication — On June 11, dispatch advised officers of a male, later identified as Jimmy Fuzzell, lying in a ditch around Paris Pike and Heather Drive. Ptlm. Dustin McClure and Asst. Chief Boucher observed Fuzzell slurring his words and unable to keep himself standing. Fuzzell was picked up off the ground and was handcuffed. The strong odor of alcohol

could be smelt. He was transported to Carroll County Jail and was placed on an 8-hour hold for his own safety while being charged with public intoxication.

Domestic Assault — On June 13, McKenzie Officers were dispatched at Everett Street to a possible domestic assault between husband and wife. The caller stated that the male subject had left on foot heading towards Walnut Ave. Officers were able to locate the male, Billy Borum. He stated that he and his wife had been involved in a verbal dispute and had walked away. Borum was detained and transported back to Everett Street. Contact was then made with Tracy Borum, who stated that after the verbal dispute had occurred, Billy struck her before leaving the residence. Contact was then made with the caller, who stated she witnessed the verbal/physical dispute. Billy Borum was then placed under arrest for Domestic Assault and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — On June 13, Ptlm. Timothy Dillon was dispatched to Pocket's Gas Station and was advised that Maurice Lawrence was on the property. Lawrence has an active ban notice from the location. He was taken into custody for Criminal Trespass. Earlier in the afternoon, Lawrence was given a verbal warning to stay off the property and if he returned then he would be charged.

Marriage Licenses

Robert Thomas French, 55, of McKenzie, to Elizabeth Audene Marsh, 41, of

McKenzie. Ruby Lorell Chantler, 21, of McKenzie to Alec William

Hansen, 26, of McKenzie. Whitten Dwyane Luker, 24, of Huntingdon, to Sydney Grace Pate, 23, of Huntingdon.

Property Transfers

John A. and Jessica R. Sedgwick to Andrew L. and Cecilia P. Buchanan in District 4. Rickly L. Nelson to The City of Trezevant in district 2. Edward H. Cate to Darin Eugene Cate as Trustee. Johnathon D. Jackson to Christine Jackson. Nicholas Michael and Jennifer Rachelle Fontana to Jeffrey K. and Monica M. Lamonte in District 4. James J. and Ashley Brooke Parsons to the State of Tennessee. Dwight Steven Williams to Darrell Ridgely. Sandra Mikado Kilgore to Killian Fenian Kilgore. Gary Lynn and Susan Denise Kiser to Shoaf Investment partnership. James Randall and Peggy Kathleen Robinson to Coty James Cole Robinson in District 11. Richard Clay Wilson to Tina Delaine Robertson in District 4. Nancy Bartholomew to Larry Deere. Gaylon M. Eskey to Joseph C. and Stephany R.

Miller in District 11. Meagan Brooke Baker to KLP Investments, LLC in District 16. William Delano Coleman to Robert and Carol Hunter in District 2. Pamela K. Reeves to Emily Shea Reeves in District 24. Thomas Michael Farmer to Jonathan Matthew and Kaylee Michelle Breeden in District 18. William Kevin and Wendy

Sue Hilliard to Evan Michael Sronce in District 16. LPS Real Estate and Development Company to Trent Maness in District 11. Meredith Kelley Surber to Kamilha Rentals and Renovations, LLC in District 11. Joshua Haynie and Lauren Beecham to Tasha Nicole and Christopher John Mack. Sara and Joseph E. Fitzgerald-Babb to Paul D. Huguely in District 4. Phillip Bessette to Arthur R. and Katrina H. Bessette.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The local Northwest TN Economic Development Council board will hold a public meeting on **Monday, June 23 at 9 a.m.** to elect a representative for the Low-Income Sector and alternate to serve on the Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at our Carroll County Service Center at 22180 East Main Street Huntingdon TN 38344. For additional information contact the county manager Christy Collins at 731-209-4458.

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Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (June 11) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on Wednesday, June 11.

Three defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court.

Cody Allen Campbell, Highway 220, Cedar Grove, was bound over on a charge of Theft of Property—\$2,500 to \$10,000. A charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia was dismissed.

Jeffrey Dalzell, Clark Street, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Incest and Statutory Rape by an Authority Figure; dismissed, Rape of a Child.

Edgar Leroy Longworth, II, Thompson School Road, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Bryan Allen, Highway 79, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$50 fine, must obtain license, supervised probation.

Michael Lee Fowler, Bell Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, probation, \$150 fine; dismissed, Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange.

Timothy S. Hickey, Herd Law Road, Trenton, guilty, Assault-Physical Contact, probation, no contact with victim, must complete rehab;

dismissed, Criminal Trespass; guilty, Probation Violation, 90 days jail of the 120-day sentence; may receive day-for-day credit for successful completion of rehab.

Kennon R. Johnson, St. Paul Church Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, extended probation by three months.

Edgar Leroy Longworth, II, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail concurrent with Weakley County sentence.

Tyrese D. Mebane, Paris Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 20 days jail, probation extended.

Wilbert Trey Montgomery, III, Adell Street, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended,

Joshua Adam Saylor, 6th Avenue, Huntingdon, guilty, False Report-Attempt, probation, 20 hours of community service; dismissed, Aggravated Criminal Littering.

Donovan Teague, Green Acres Drive, Paris, pre-trial diversion, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, probation.

James David Toombs, Blackburn Road, McKenzie, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Meth-Possession of Casual Exchange; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Christian Lee Walker, Lee Court, Callaway, Florida, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350

fine, probation, not to drive for one year, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Vasquez Yarbrough, Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, jail time, probation extended.

The following cases were dismissed.

Richard Bomar, Grooms Road, Bruceton, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Nicolas Jorge Felipe, Veterans Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Kaylee Mitchell, Main Street, Milan, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Stacy Renee Parker, Rozzell Street, Humboldt, dismissed, Schedule IV Drugs; dismissed, Drug Paraphernalia.

Wanda Carol Rainey, Stonewall Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Drug Paraphernalia. William Cody Schenk, Blue Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Heather Wright, Lower Big Sandy Road, Big Sandy, dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Simple Possession or Casual Exchange.

were found, with one being in Walker's purse. She also had syringes with illegal drugs in them inside of her purse. She was arrested and transferred to Carroll County jail.

Burglary — On June 12, deputies were dispatched to Boyd Lane in reference to a burglary of a habitation. Crystal Pruitt reported that a white female known as "Lola," was observed inside her mother's vacant residence where she hasn't lived in two years but still has belongings inside. Crystal observed "Lola" exiting the residence while carrying a basket of personal property of her mother's. An arrest warrant for stolen property is pending currently on Lola Dean Clark, 64, of Jackson.

DUI — On June 12, Deputies were dispatched to Sulphur Springs Rd. in reference to a disturbance. It was reported that Christopher McCaslin, 44, of Cedar Grove, assaulted another then took his mother's ATV and left highly intoxicated. He was located driving a Side by Side intoxicated. McCaslin's license was also revoked for being a habitual offender.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Driving on Suspended License — On June 7, Investigator Dennis Adkins conducted a traffic stop on a black Saturn SUV. The driver, Robert Doede, 45, of McKenzie, was stopped for a light law violation. The driver's side head lamp was not operational. After a computer check, it was confirmed that he had a suspended driver's license. Robert consented to allowing a search of the vehicle and admitted to having a small amount of marijuana. Due to his honesty, he was not charged with the drugs, he was just cited for driving on suspended license and given 10 days to book in jail.

Theft of Property — On June 7, CCSO deputies were dispatched to Hamilton Street for a possible dispute. Upon arrival, deputies were met by Loretta Richard and Cindy Brackhan (her new caregiver) in the front yard. Ms. Richard advised that the homeowner Ms. Janice Baugh was attempting to evict her from the residence. Ms. Richard said that she wasn't al-

lowed to get the rest of her belongings and just wanted her things and to leave. Ms. Richard said she had \$15,000 in Ms. Baugh's locked safe for safe keeping but Ms. Baugh stated she didn't have any money in her safe. After a long dispute, checking safes, and a trip to the bank, Ms. Richard was eventually paid what was believed to be owed of her money. Nothing more to report.

Drug Narcotic Violation — On June 9, Corporal Smith held a traffic stop on a silver 2001 Toyota Sedan. The driver, Brandon Graham, didn't have a driver's license and was issued a written warning for driving without one. While the warning was being written Brandon was showing obvious signs of nervousness, so Corporal Smith asked permission to search the vehicle which Brandon granted. There was also a passenger in the vehicle, Cayce Walker, 29, of Cedar Grove. After the search, an open plastic bag with meth was found in the passenger side. Ten syringes

Carroll County, Tennessee
Proposed Budget For the Fiscal Year Ending 2026

	Actual 2023-24	Estimated 2024-25	Budgeted 2025-26
101-General Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$7,544,829	\$8,181,419	\$8,536,212
State of Tennessee	4,639,214	4,227,278	3,791,639
Federal Government	737,367	715,149	342,695
Other Sources	3,197,025	3,218,613	3,324,630
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$16,118,435	\$16,342,459	\$15,995,176

Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	7,453,616	8,202,947	8,420,846
Other Cost	7,842,935	8,070,256	13,553,715
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	15,296,551	16,273,203	21,974,561

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	9,807,146	11,466,490	11,563,746
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	11,466,490	11,563,746	5,584,361
Employee Positions	193	193	197

116-Solid Waste Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$405,875	\$455,000	\$475,000
State of Tennessee	24,424	67	98,800
Other Sources	1,628,120	1,906,290	1,994,300
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	2,058,419	2,361,357	2,568,100

Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	276,545	277,855	352,729
Other Cost	1,773,321	1,935,776	2,132,270
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	2,049,866	2,213,631	2,484,999

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance – July 1	702,914	835,276	736,319
Estimated Ending Fund Balance – June 30	835,276	736,319	739,391
Employee Positions	10	10	10

131-Highway/Public Works Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 1,041,105	\$ 1,157,800	\$ 1,232,475
State of Tennessee	5,694,751	2,805,000	3,473,070
Other Sources	81,777	2,749	14,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	6,817,033	3,965,549	4,719,545

Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	1,288,157	1,343,872	1,444,233
Other Cost	5,780,124	2,682,552	3,503,520
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	7,068,281	4,026,424	4,947,753

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance – July 1	1,312,415	1,061,167	1,000,292
Estimated Ending Fund Balance – June 30	1,061,167	1,000,292	772,084
Employee Positions	34	32	32

141-General Purpose School Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$157,509	\$150,000	\$175,000
State of Tennessee	2,198,455	1,653,650	1,129,368
Federal Government	23,520	130,828	-
Other Sources	227,855	690,853	1,412,989
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	2,607,339	2,625,331	2,717,357

Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	1,732,136	1,840,644	2,006,010
Other Cost	836,013	1,877,189	1,405,660
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	2,568,149	3,717,833	3,411,670

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance – July 1	7,460,257	7,499,447	6,406,945
Estimated Ending Fund Balance – June 30	7,499,447	6,406,945	5,712,632
Employee Positions	62	62	59

144-School Transportation Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$408,043	\$440,500	\$477,600
State of Tennessee	343,365	416,019	416,019
Other Cost	175	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	751,583	856,519	893,619

Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	215,174	236,514	264,400
Other Cost	565,580		
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	780,754	236,514	264,400

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance – July 1	563,776	534,605	638,380
Estimated Ending Fund Balance – June 30	534,605	638,380	632,826
Employee Positions	6	6	6

151-Debt Service Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$446,425	\$305,500	\$330,711
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	446,425	305,500	330,711

Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	-	-	-
Other Cost	438,883	435,563	436,318
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	438,883	435,563	436,318

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance – July 1	816,104	848,894	718,831
Estimated Ending Fund Balance – June 30	848,894	718,831	613,224

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Left, Jacob Sullivan (right), a senior mass media and strategic communication major from Huntingdon, receives the West Tennessee PBS Scholarship from Rodney Freed, instructor of mass media and strategic communication. Right, Aubrey Abbott (right), a sophomore mass media and strategic communication major from Huntingdon, receives the Media Design Award for outstanding media design from Dr. Tracy Rutledge, professor of mass media and strategic communication. Photos courtesy UTM

Two from Huntingdon Earn UTM Media Honors

MARTIN (April 1) — The University of Tennessee at Martin recently held its annual Mass Media and Strategic Communication Awards Ceremony in the Russell Duncan Ballroom of the Bowling University Center. Two students from Huntingdon were honored at the event.

Jacob Sullivan, a senior mass media and strategic communication major from Huntingdon, received the West Tennessee PBS Scholarship from Rodney Freed, instructor of mass media and strategic communication. Sullivan also earned the Gary Steinke Scholarship.

Aubrey Abbott, a sophomore mass media and strategic communication major from Huntingdon, received the Media Design Award for outstanding media design from Dr. Tracy Rutledge, professor of mass media and strategic communication.

The honors came with cash awards for both students.

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Rotary Members Hear About McKenzie Police

MCKENZIE (June 10) — Four members of the McKenzie Police Department plus one canine officer, were the program at the June 10 meeting of the McKenzie Rotary Club.

Chief Ryan White, Assistant Chief Trey Boucher, Sergeant Cody Coleman, Investigator Justin Brister, and canine officer Toby represented the 22 officers in the department. A second canine officer is named Gotcha.

Chief White said the department has a full staff of certified officers, including three student resource officers, one at each of the three school sites.

The department works to be very visible in the community to deter crime. Statistics indicated the city's crime rate has significantly decreased, thanks in part to the department. Fentanyl, marijuana and narcotics seizures have increased.

Additionally, the police and fire departments work together to serve as medical first responders in medical emergencies. They provide medical care prior to the arrival of the EMS and assist EMS in lifting and packaging the patient for transport.

The police and fire departments also work cooperatively to support children during Christmas. They raise money throughout the year to host a "Shop With A First Responder" to assure the area children have gifts at Christmas.

The department also has its first female officer assigned to the drug task force.



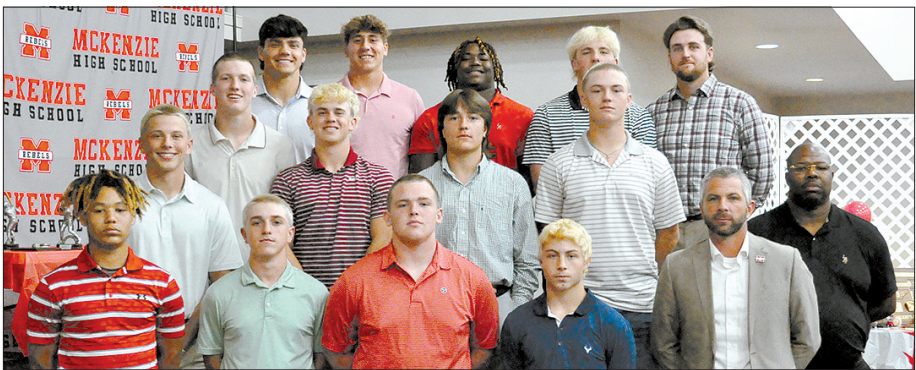
MPD Assistant Chief Trey Boucher, Investigator Justin Brister, Sergeant Cody Coleman with canine Toby, and Rotary Vice-President Ricky Price.



Above, MHS Baseball award winners (L to R) Seated: Tate Surber, Craegen Travis and KD Cunningham. Standing: Avery Brown, Cooper Davidson, Lelan Gordon, Cole Brown, Fletcher Holt, Xander Johnsey and Ace Brown. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, The Seth Foster Memorial Scholarship was presented to seniors Craegen Travis and Tate Surber. Pictured are (L to R): Travis; Seth's parents, Mike and Rachel Foster; Seth's brother, Matt Foster; and Surber. Below, The 2025 MHS Baseball team (L to R) Front Row: Malaki Harris, Ace Brown, Maddox Shiell, Alex Hughes and Head Coach Chris Wall. Second Row: Cole Brown, Avery Brown, Xander Johnsey, Lelan Gordon, Cooper Davidson and Assistant Coach Kentrell Diggs. Back Row: Tate Surber, Craegen Travis, KD Cunningham, Fletcher Holt and Assistant Coach Josh Lamonte. Not pictured are Ripken Thompson and Assistant Coach Jake McDaniel. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie High School Baseball Team Celebrates Stellar Season with Banquet

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (June 13) — McKenzie High School Baseball players, coaches, parents and other supporters gathered Friday evening at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for a banquet to celebrate a fantastic season and a remarkable run by the team's three seniors to reach four consecutive state tournaments.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Hometown Hangout.

Head Coach Chris Wall spoke about the team's journey. After starting the season with two wins, the Rebels struggled for a couple of weeks to fall to 3-9 before going on a 17-2 run to secure the regular season district title, district and region tournament championships and a sectional win, all for the fourth consecutive year. The team went 2-2 in the state tournament for a fourth-place finish.

Wall complimented seniors Craegen Travis, KD Cunningham and Tate Surber for helping build the program to what it is today. With a record of 97-45-1, the coach said, "a mark has been made on Rebel baseball, and they will be missed."

He thanked a great many people for their contributions to the program.

Each player was presented a certificate denoting participation in the state tournament from the TS-SAA as well as a certificate or letter from the coaches.

Besides the players on the team, Coach Wall recognized three "mainstay" younger kids who were embedded with the team all year. He expressed his hope to see Carver Holt, Jase Brown and Cord Wall become the "foundation of our team" in the future.

Awards were presented, beginning with Silver Slugger Awards for those that hit over .320 with at least 50 at-bats: Fletcher Holt (.324), Cooper Davidson (.325), Xander Johnsey (.326), Cole Brown (.356), Craegen Travis (.395) and Tate Surber (.396).

Gold Glove Award winners had a fielding percentage of at least .930: Lelan Gordon (.932), Craegen Travis (.945) and Cooper Davidson (.985).

All-District players were recognized: Craegen Travis, Fletcher Holt, Cole Brown, Xander Johnsey and District MVP Tate Surber.

The Most Improved Award went to Ace Brown.

Pitcher of the Year was Craegen Travis.

The Most Valuable Player (as voted by the team) was Tate Surber.

The PL Martin Team First Award went to KD Cunningham.

The Ricky Chism Most Inspired Play Award was presented to Avery Brown.

The Seth Foster Memorial Scholarship was presented in memory of the former Rebel baseball player and 2010 graduate who died in 2011 to seniors Tate Surber and Craegen Travis. Foster's parents, Mike and Rachel, and brother, Matt, were in attendance.

Home Run Club President Lindsey Holt presented each senior with a photo album and a plaque. Each coach was also given a gift from the boosters.

The seniors then presented the coaches with plaques, and Craegen Travis thanked them for "teaching us to love the sport and to be good men."

The banquet ended, but guests lingered for photographs and fellowship.

The 2025 MHS Rebels included seniors KD Cunningham, Craegen Travis and Tate Surber; juniors Fletcher Holt and Xander Johnsey; sophomores Ace Brown, Avery Brown, Cole Brown, Lelan Gordon and Ripken Thompson; freshmen Cooper Davidson, Maddox Shiell, Malaki Harris and Alex Hughes; Head Coach Chris Wall; and assistant coaches Kentrell Diggs, Josh Lamonte and Jake McDaniel.

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