

Huntingdon School Approves Bonuses for Additional Staff

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HUNTINGDON (June 25) — The Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education approved bonuses for staff who do not qualify for bonuses under the Education Freedom Act during Wednesday’s regular meeting.

The Education Freedom Act enacted by the state provided one-time bonuses of \$2,000 to most certified staff. Huntingdon Director of Schools Dr. Jonathan Kee proposed bonuses for the remaining staff, including \$2,000 to certified staff and \$500 to non-certified staff. Bonuses will only be provided to staff who were employed by the district last school year and are returning. The request, approved unanimously by present board members, will cost the district approximately \$78,000.

The board also approved a bonus day off for staff entering their 21st year of employment.

A new state law prompted updates to three policies involving anti-discrimination to include a definition of antisemitism: “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews including, but not limited to, rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religion facilities.”

Another state law required the board to remove the requirement of educator diversity goals in hiring policy.

New reporting requirements were approved regarding threats and significant disruptions. If contact is made with outside law enforcement (not the school resource officer), parents or guardians must



Jackson Madison County School System Board Chairman Harvey Walden (left) was a guest at Wednesday’s Huntingdon school board meeting. He is pictured with HSSD Board Chairman Dr. Lee Carter. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

be notified within 48 hours. Also, quarterly reports of incidents must be provided at board meetings.

The option to submit a records request to the district via fax has been removed. Remaining options include phone, electronic transmission or mail.

The board approved the candidacy of Chairman Dr. Lee Carter for president-elect of the Tennessee School Board Association.

The district’s membership in the advocacy organization TN School Systems for Equity was renewed. There is no increase in dues.

The 2025-26 student and parent handbook was approved with no significant changes.

An overnight trip for the high school volleyball team to a camp in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in late July was approved.

Students attending virtual schools while residing in the district will be permitted to try out for interscholastic athletics, including band. Dr. Kee noted as an example that South Carroll offers a virtual school program.

Action on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget has been de-

layed until the next meeting, tentatively Wednesday, July 16 at 5 p.m. with a workshop beginning at 4 p.m. The board approved operating under the current budget until approval on the new one.

Kee reported on construction projects district-wide.

At the high school, field-house upgrades are nearly complete. The baseball press box has not yet been demolished for work to begin on the new one. Paving is complete on the back lot and will begin on the side lot after completion of the press box.

Windows will be replaced at the primary school pending approval from the state fire marshal.

New digital signs are in place and operational at all three schools.

Harvey Walden, chairman of the Jackson Madison County School System Board of Education, attended and evaluated the meeting to fulfill one of the requirements to become a Level 5 TSBA member.

The meeting adjourned in just over 30 minutes.

Board members Dr. Morgan Butler and Shawna Smith were absent.



Owner Bryan Townes cuts the ribbon at 5 Star Detailing, joined by staff, family and community and business leaders, including McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Chamber of Commerce Hosts Ribbon-Cutting for 5 Star Detailing

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McKENZIE (June 26) — The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting Thursday at 5 Star Detailing, a new business located at 15830 Highland Drive, next to Regions Bank.

First-time business owner Bryan Townes opened the shop on May 1. Townes

is also a full-time employee at Granges.

5 Star Detailing offers four packages for interior and exterior detailing, ranging from the “Two Star Package”, an exterior hand wash, for \$20 per car, \$30 per SUV or van and \$35 per truck, to the “Five Star Detailing” package for \$125/\$150/\$175, which includes hand wash, vacuum, interior clean-

ing, cleaning of door/trunk jams, cargo areas, rims, vinyl or leather seats, floor mats and carpets, dash protection, waxing and bug and tar removal.

More information on pricing can be found on the 5 Star Detailing Facebook page.

For appointments and availability, call 731-535-2232. Walk-ins are accepted when possible.

Health

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Emily Rushing, the regional director, noted that the renovation took approximately one year from start to finish. Nurse practitioner Nicole Redmond is available five days a week, while Dr. Daniel Davios, MD, is on-site one to two days a week. On any given weekday, the facility employs 12 to 15 staff members.

The project was funded through a combination of federal, state, and local resources. It not only renovated the facility but also added space for one additional patient room and further modernized the dental clinic. Rushing mentioned that dental services are currently booked through September.

Dr. Valerie Allen, a dentist from Carroll County, along with her team members Yasmine DeGrass and Rita Foster, provide services such as x-rays, cleanings, extractions, and fillings with modern equipment in a newly renovated area.

State Commissioner Dr. Ralph Alvarado attended the event and emphasized that health departments



Above Left, Dr. Ralph Alvarado addresses the attendees at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Above Right, Emily Rushing, Regional Director, speaks about the challenges of keeping a medical clinic open while construction was inside the building. She praised the state and local leaders for great cooperation. Below, Dr. Valerie Allen (center) is the dentist at the clinic. She is assisted by Yasmine DeGrass and Rita Foster (right). Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



are among the essential services provided by the state.

State Representative Brock Martin praised the new facility and commended the state’s commitment to offering local medical

services.

Following the speeches, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held, conducted by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Attendees were invited to tour the facility.



Dedication of the newest Habitat for Humanity home in McKenzie was Sunday, June 29. This is a photo of those gathered for the occasion.

Habitat for Humanity Dedicates New Eubanks’ Family Home

McKENZIE (June 29) — The Eubanks family in McKenzie and the Habitat for Humanity leadership celebrated the completion of the 23rd house built by Habitat in the county. Judith Eubanks, her daughter, Julee, and her dad, Landon, are blessed with a new 1,149-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath home on May Street in McKenzie.

Habitat is a hand up, not a handout, that provides affordable housing for qualifying families. The families pay the mortgage, which is more affordable thanks to volunteer labor during construction.

Judith and Julee both had birthdays during the week. The Sunday dedication added to the celebration.

Julee said, “This is the best birthday gift ever.

The groundbreaking ceremony was in October 2024. On Sunday, mem-



Landon Eubanks, Julee Eubanks, and Judith Eubanks are the family enjoying their new home.

bers of the Huntingdon Men’s Club, Habitat board members, and friends gathered for the blessing of the house.

Participating in the ceremony were Johnathon Jackson, chairman; Keith Priestley, who offered a prayer for the family, the community, and the new house, and the Habitat organization and its mission; Kassie Taylor, office man-

ager for the county’s Habitat; and Andrew Stokes, longtime board member and past chairman.

The project manager was Rhonda Walsh and the build manager was Wayne Yoder. Tennessee College of Applied Technology’s building trades class, Huntingdon Methodist Men, board members, and other volunteers assisted with the build.

Electric

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Members selected the bid by Terex for the new digger truck. The stock truck is a 2026 International at \$340,725. Upfits to be installed, such as the bucket and winch, come to \$77,525.83 for a bid totaling \$418,250.83. Delivery of the truck is expected in October.

The primary alternative to Terex was at a higher cost with expected delivery in early 2027.

The new truck will re-

place a 12-year-old truck. General Manager Ryan Drewry reminded the board that the department generally tries to replace trucks after eleven years.

Bad debt for Fiscal Year 2025 was written off with board approval. The dollar amount of the unpaid accounts was \$65,916.90, up from \$61,279.72 the previous fiscal year, but the percentage of revenue was lower at .14 percent compared to .15 percent. Drewry noted the department’s goal of keeping the figure under .2 percent.

A correction was made to the rate adjustment ap-

proved last month. SRS Class customers were inadvertently paired with residential customers as opposed to GSA 1 customers in the rate schedule.

Drewry announced that the Trezevant solar farm is scheduled to become operational on July 1.

He also reported that Carroll County was included in a FEMA disaster declaration from the severe weather in April and that the department would seek reimbursement through TEMA.

The meeting adjourned in 13 minutes.

Board member John Austin was absent.

Unemployment Percentage Up Slightly in Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE (May 2025) — Still in decades low unemployment percentages, the tri-counties of Carroll, Henry, and Weakley sustained a slight uptick in the percentage of unemployment for the month of May 2025.

Carroll County recorded an unemployment of 3.9 percent for May 2025, compared to 3.3 for one month earlier and 3.5 for one year earlier. From a labor force of 12,180, there

were 11,711 employed and 469 unemployed.

Henry County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent, up from 3.4 one month earlier and 3.5 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,099, there were 12,590 employed and 509 unemployed.

Weakley County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent in May, up from 3.1 one month earlier and 3.6 one year earlier. From a labor

force of 14,011, there were 13,480 employed and 531 unemployed.

Across Tennessee, the rates decreased in three counties as compared to one month earlier, and increased in 92 counties.

Hardeman County recorded to the highest rate of unemployment at five percent, followed by Johnson at 4.9, Perry at 4.8, Lauderdale at 4.7 and Lake at 4.7.

Williamson County had the lowest unemployment at 2.6 percent, followed by Sevier at 2.7, Rutherford at 2.7, and Cheatham at 2.7.



Councilmembers Tom Alexander, Carol Arm Priest, and Bobby Young listened and answered questions during a public hearing on the proposed city budget.

Quorum

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indicated that the city can continue operating under a continuing budget based on the 24-25 budget that ends June 30. He encouraged the Council to approve a budget as soon as possible in July.

Although a quorum was not present, a public hearing was held, during which three property owners expressed their concerns about the proposed tax increase. Jerry and Wanda Merchant, along with Glynn Mebane, voiced their worries, particularly because they own rental properties within the city limits.

With the recent reappraisal of real estate values by the State of Tennessee, landowners were notified that their property values had increased by 60 to 70 percent. During reappraisal years, the taxing authority receives a new certified tax rate from the State meant to generate the same amount of revenue, known as the revenue-neutral rate. For the City of McKenzie, this rate is 62.18 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The Council has proposed to exceed that rate by 20 cents, making the new rate 82.18

cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Mebane reported that the value of one of his properties increased from \$96,000 to \$166,000. Mayor Griffin calculated the new tax rate for Mebane's property, estimating it would result in an additional \$82 in taxes per year.

The Merchants inquired if the city could make any cuts to the budget, especially considering that the city is in the process of constructing a new soccer complex.

Councilmembers Tom Alexander, Carol Arm Priest, and Bobby Young defended the proposed tax increase, noting that the city has not raised taxes in approximately 20 years. They emphasized that city employees require a minimum starting pay of \$12 per hour, and additional funds are essential to maintain city operations, particularly for street repairs. Young pointed out that the city has budgeted \$100,000 for paving in each of the last six years, which would only allow for the repaving of one street at that rate. He argued that without the additional \$100,000, the city's streets would be in terrible condition in the coming years.

Alexander commented that the city has a competent staff of employees and department supervisors,

highlighting that pay raises are necessary to retain those employees. Mayor Griffin stated that the city now has a fully staffed and certified police force, which has contributed to a reduction in crime, according to recent statistics.

The proposed soccer complex is a much-needed addition, as the city has not increased its recreation budget in years. Currently, approximately 260 children participate in youth soccer, but the city lacks soccer fields and relies on school property for practices and games. The new soccer complex would not only accommodate local play but also allow the city to host tournaments and attract recreational tourism.

Wanda Merchant suggested that the city could attract more businesses to generate additional revenue. In response, Griffin mentioned that some new businesses have already opened plus a children's boutique and a Taco Bell are opening soon.

Griffin also highlighted the need for upgraded equipment, including a dump truck, and mentioned that the city is exploring the possibility of purchasing an electric dump truck, which would be available at a reduced price thanks to a grant.



Above, Charleace Edlin (second from right) earned gold in multiple events, including with her 4 x 100 Relay team pictured here. Photo courtesy Chris Edlin Below Left, Tommy Putman (right) earned silver in the 18-hole golf tournament. He is pictured with his brother-in-law, Guy Long. Photo courtesy Lindsey Holt Below Right, David Wood (left) and Chris Edlin each earned medals in multiple events. Photo courtesy Chris Edlin



Local Athletes Excel at State Senior Olympics

CHAPEL HILL/FRANKLIN (June 18-22) — Four local athletes brought home hardware from Tennessee Senior Olympics events last week.

Tommy Putman earned the silver medal in the 80-84 age group in the 18-hole golf tournament at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill on Wednesday.

Over the weekend, Chris Edlin, Charleace Edlin and David Wood competed in multiple events in the track and field championships in Franklin.

Chris Edlin (60-64) won gold in the Basketball Free Throw Competition, silver in the Discus Throw, gold in the 1500-meter Power Walk and silver in the Softball Distance

Throw. His time of 9:09 in the power walk was the fastest overall in all age brackets.

Charleace Edlin (70-74) earned gold in the 50-meter Sprint, 100-meter, 4 x 100 Relay, Softball Throw, Javelin, Shot Put and Discus.

The Edlins each qualified for the National Senior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa, in late July.

David Wood (70-74) won gold in the 800-meter Sprint, silver in the 1500-meter Run, silver in the 400-meter and bronze in the 200-meter Run.

McKenzie Council to Meet July 10

The McKenzie City Council is scheduled to meet Thursday, July 10, at 6 p.m.

The following items are on the agenda: Discussion/Approval for Food Truck Ordinance 572; Discussion/

Approval of Proclamation to Abigail Wallace State Track Championships; Discussion/Approval to purchase Police Department E Force Software from Safestreet Account; Discussion/Ap-

proval to purchase vehicle for Drug Investigator from the Drug Fund Account; and Discussion/Approval of City of McKenzie Fiscal Year Budget 2025-2026.

Clarksburg Approves Budget

CLARKSBURG (June 23) — During its Monday night meeting, Clarksburg's Mayor and Aldermen approved the City's 2025-26 Budget. The meeting was preceded by a public hearing prior to a second and final vote on the budget. Mayor Howell Wayne Todd said the new budget was essentially the same as the current year with a projected \$10,000 increase in revenues and a projected \$1,400 increase in expenditures.

"We have to manage our funds very carefully, for we actually have no control over our revenue," said the mayor. "Our primary source of revenue is the local sales tax. We have some tremendous businesses in town whose retail sales contribute to our revenue stream, and naturally, we are grateful for that."

The General Fund Budget for 2025-26 is \$251,393 supported by projected revenues of \$270,000.

Mayor Todd said he was happy to note that the Wastewater Budget has begun to show a positive balance at year-end.

"The aldermen and I have worked hard for a few years to manage the Wastewater Fund and remove us from

the sanctions by the Comptroller's Office in Nashville. We are not allowed to operate the fund with a negative year-end balance, and a failure to make proper adjustments will result in the Comptroller mandating adjustments," Todd said. In addition to adopting the 2025-26 Budget, the final current year budget of \$250,393 was approved. Due to not having a May meeting, the financial reports for both April and May were approved.

Final approval was given to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County on behalf of the new Carroll County Fire Department. Todd said, "The County has formed a new county-wide fire department, and the new department is negotiating agreements with local volunteer fire departments for the use of their facilities. Our fire department is located in the same building as City Hall, and we had to ensure that our lease gave us proper access to the space on special occasions."

Mayor Todd reported to the aldermen that after months of waiting, our vendor notified us that the necessary equipment to

repair the school caution lights had arrived. "We have literally been waiting on these repair parts for well over a year. With only one supplier used by TDOT, anytime there was a storm elsewhere, our order was delayed in order to meet emergency orders. It has been frustrating," Todd said. "I hope the wait for installation isn't as long as for delivery of the repair parts." He also reported that the new radar speed signs, which have not been working properly, are under warranty and will be repaired. Todd, obviously frustrated, commented, "I can only hope it doesn't take as long as it did for the school caution lights."

The trees in the City Park need attention, and approval was given for the City Recorder to prepare a request for proposals from interested vendors to properly prune and cleanup the problem areas. Finally, the mayor discussed alternative means of communicating with property owners who fail to accept certified mail detailing a requirement to clean up their property.

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen is July 28 at 6 p.m.

Rage

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According to a report by Officer Matthew Cunningham, Darius L. Hastings, 53, of Mansfield, threatened two new residents of McKenzie by pulling a handgun on them while they were in the parking lot of a business on Highland Drive.

The report states that the victims were traveling slowly along Highland Drive as they searched for the post

office. When they turned into the parking lot of a business, Hastings, who was also traveling on Highland Drive, began honking his horn at their vehicle. He then followed them into the parking lot, where he screamed at them while pointing a handgun.

A witness attempted to de-escalate the situation, but Hastings allegedly threatened this individual as well. The victims managed to obtain the license plate number of Hastings's vehicle, which returned

to a deceased individual. Hastings then fled south on Highland Drive and evaded authorities.

The victims provided descriptions of Hastings and viewed photos of potential suspects, ultimately identifying him as the perpetrator. On the same day, Henry County authorities and MPD Lt. Brister arrested Hastings at his home. The 1997 Nissan Quest associated with the incident was found at the location. Hastings was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Rates

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Despite a capacity crowd in the meeting room at city hall, a public hearing on the two budgets yielded no citizen participation.

However, prior to the votes on the water and sewer rates, the council heard comments from several residents of Lake Halford concerning their sewer rates.

Lake resident Henry Simpson was the first to speak on behalf of that community. He offered that a change in wording could quell some of the concerns. Although the sewer fee for non-water customers (such as those living near the lake) is a flat rate, the language in the ordinance and on billing materials describes the rate as based on a set monthly gallon usage (previously 5,000, increasing to 6,000). Simpson suggested that changing the language to "flat rate" would make it more palatable to those customers who know they aren't using nearly the amount of water on which their sewer rate is based.

Several chimed in to note that many only reside at their lake properties part-time and questioned whether it was fair to charge them the same as full-time residents. One commenter also mentioned people who have lived in the area longer than the lake has existed and didn't choose to take on the extra expense.

The final comments came from Jane Simpson, who expressed appreciation that the mayor and council heard the concerns of lake residents while still echoing displeasure in the situation.

Mayor Chad Edwards pointed out a few factors that complicate water and sewer service at the lake.

First, the lake is located in the Cedar Grove water district, so the rights to any water connections requested by lake residents belong to Cedar Grove. Water usage data is available for those utilizing Cedar Grove water, but not for the majority that use well water.

Second, to ensure the quality of the lake water itself, residents can't be allowed to use septic systems. Edwards noted the great expense incurred by Huntingdon to install the sewer system and pump waste from the lake back to the town.

Third, it's not feasible to measure sewer output with a meter in the way water usage

is measured.

Several councilpersons noted another factor, that there's no fair or efficient way to determine what percentage of the time a given family or individual is residing at the lake. Daniel Eubanks put it succinctly, "If you have a secondary house, you're taking on that extra cost of living."

These factors mean that actual sewer output can't be measured, water usage data is only available for the minority of residents utilizing Cedar Grove water service and there's no mechanism to pro-rate for part-time residents.

The mayor said, "It's just the cost of living around the lake and I hate it. But what's been happening is the Town of Huntingdon, the people that live in the city limits, have been bearing the expense for the sewer out there."

Edwards reiterated the need for the increase as several multimillion-dollar improvement projects are or were long overdue, and he issued a blunt warning that without incremental increases to rates, the state could force the town's hand with a massive increase all at once. "We do not want the comptroller coming down here and running this town."

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.

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 ½-inch meter up to \$1,665.54 for a four-inch meter. Outside of corporate limits, the minimum rate is \$20.61 for a ½-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 ½-inch meter up to \$1,564.92 for a four-inch meter. Outside of corporate limits, the minimum rate is \$19.55 for a ½-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).

The council expressed intentions to amend the ordinance regarding sewer-only customers at an upcoming meeting to use the "flat rate" language suggested by the Simpsons and others in attendance.

Second readings of the ordinances raising water rates were approved unanimously.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2026 was approved on a 5-1 second reading vote, with Councilperson Chad Barnhart dissenting as he had on the first reading.

Barnhart explained at the prior meeting his dissatisfaction with 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.

Walter Butler spoke briefly prior to the budget vote on behalf of the Friends. He said there was good progress with The Dixie. The Friends have already booked 20 shows with three more confirmed but not scheduled. Butler believes that the town is already seeing budgetary relief and that will only continue to improve.

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 on second reading.

Also approved was a request by the Carroll County Republican Party for the use of Sesquicentennial Park on Saturday, August 2.

The meeting adjourned in half an hour.

Councilperson Andrew Maddox was absent.

Lakeside Senior Living News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

Greetings,
June was a busy month for both our seniors and the June bugs! We celebrated some well-known observances, as well as a few you may not be familiar with. For example, on Donald Duck Day, we played a matching game called “Can You Find a Pair?” where some geese tried to impersonate the ducks. Those who found a matching pair received a prize. On National Herb and Spice Day, we created lovely sachets for the residents to place in their linen closets, and they smelled wonderful. For National Peanut Butter Day, we gathered to make homemade cookies, which the staff served as dessert during dinner. On National Root Beer Day, everyone enjoyed a frothy root beer float. National Take a Drive Day took us on a trip to the countryside to visit a Mennonite produce stand and their general store. On National Pink Day, we hosted a special PINGO game where all the prizes were pink in color, and there were plenty of food items, so our guys joined in the fun. These unique observances are a great way to shake things up!

At Lakeside, we play BINGO every Wednesday. This month, we had a couple of students volunteer to earn community service hours, and we loved having them join us. If you are a senior looking for service hours, please contact us. We enjoy pairing the younger generation with our seniors. Speaking of youth, Overflow Church youth came out on their service day and decorated our sidewalks with wonderful chalk art and inspirational sayings. Many residents take daily walks and enjoyed seeing all the bright colors.

On a more serious note, we held a Flag Day ceremony this month. Former American Legion Commander Danny Simpson



shared some history about the flag and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as a prayer for the nation. On Juneteenth, residents learned about the significance of the day, which is recognized as a Federal Holiday. On the 26th, we loaded up the bus and visited the Veterans Home in Humboldt, where we delivered 150 handwritten notes thanking them for their service and our freedom. We stopped for lunch at Famous Soul Food, and everyone loved the meal—residents are already asking when we can go back! On the 27th, we celebrated National Bomb Pop Day with a visit from Kathy McGee of Baptist Hospice, who handed out red, white, and blue icy treats along with some patriotic fans. On the 28th, we traveled to the Huntingdon Civic Center to see the Fireworks Show after a stop by Wendy’s for a Frosty.

We celebrated Father’s Day with the theme “Racing to Tell Our Dads Happy Father’s Day.” Our multi-purpose room was decorated with Matchbox and

Hot Wheels cars, traffic cones, and racing signs. The dads had a black-and-white checkered flag race, with Elbert Hatley coming in first and Norman Maggard right behind him in second place. The winner received a “Green is for Go” stuffed basket. We also created a concession stand and served Shasta Cola, nachos, and corn dogs. Kevin Watson brought out his 1979 Trans Am, igniting some nostalgia as we reminisced about the past.

We had seven birthdays in June. Among them was Ruth Wall Turner, who turned 90. Her family invited us to her birthday gathering, where a variety of cupcakes and punch were served. So many people came by to share this special day with her! Margie Gibson celebrated her 86th birthday with a catered meal surrounded by her family and closest friends. Other residents celebrating in June included Mary Lacey, Marilyn Ward, Joan Gibson, and Jerry Weatherford. Additionally, we welcomed two new residents, Sue Smith and Betty Grimble.

Until next time...

Mississippi State University Announces Spring Deans’ List

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. (June 26) — Students named to the Deans’ List at Mississippi State must have achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework

with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C. The following local students attained this honor: Porter Mantooth, of Martin, Dani Dyer, of McKenzie, Brian Hicks, of Martin, Lee Hayes, of Paris, Shelby DeMorato, of Puryear, Lydia

Boals, of Cedar Grove. Some names of students may not appear on this list as a result of student requests for privacy from publication through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The University of Mississippi Announces Students Named to Spring Honor Roll Lists

Marley Trosper, of Paris, Tenn., majoring in English Education, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Lindsey Sanders, of Huntingdon, majoring in Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Keely Mathis, of Dresden, majoring in Math Education, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Paul Tusa, of Henry, ma-

joring in Biochemistry, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Leah Atkins, of Huntingdon, majoring in English, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Bailey Barker, of Buchanan, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

Lillie O’Brien, of McKenzie, majoring in Manage-

ment, was named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

“We are very proud of the students earning the Chancellor’s Honor Roll designation,” Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. “This reflection of their academic excellence and achievements exemplifies the hard work, commitment and dedication that defines our university community.”

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Storming the Cross

Lately, I’ve been thinking a lot about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and what it must have been like to witness the torture and death her son endured. I put myself in her shoes and try to imagine what I would have thought and felt to see my child treated that way.

If I had been her, I think I would have handled it completely different.

I would have talked to the disciples and gotten them to help me “work the crowd” in order to convince them to ask Pilate to release Jesus and not Barabbas. After all, he was the criminal who deserved punishment.

I would have screamed at the soldiers to stop torturing my baby, my boy.

As Jesus walked the Via Dolorosa to Golgotha, I would have worked to assemble a mob to storm that hill of death and rescue my son. (Come to think of it, why didn’t the disciples take it on themselves to do it?)

As the nails were driven into Jesus’s hands and feet, I would have cried and begged him to make them stop because I knew

he had the power to do so.

Watching his blood run down his face, his hands, and arms and drip from his feet as his life ebbed away, I would have run to the cross, kissed his feet, and begged him one more time not to die.

And yet, Mary did none of those things, and I’m left to speculate why.

I think Mary understood Jesus better than anyone, even his disciples.

Remember when Jesus got left in Jerusalem during the family’s pilgrimage there, and they finally found him in the temple courts reasoning with the teachers? Mary, reacting like a young mother would, chastised him for making them worry. That’s when Jesus replied with the now famous line, “Didn’t you know I had to be about my Father’s business?”

The Bible says Mary and Joseph didn’t understand what he was saying, but Mary “treasured all these things in her heart.”

It seems Mary was a thinker. From that point forward, she watched his

actions and listened to what he had to say, because more than anything else she wanted to understand her son. It’s what every parent wants to do.

I wonder what the Gospel According to Mary would have read like.

To me, her actions say at the end of his life she understood her son. That everything had a purpose, that more than anything else he wanted to please his heavenly father, that her heavenly father’s will held sway over everything that happened, that the Roman occupation of her country, Pilate, the Sanhedrin, the soldiers were all put in place for the accomplishing of God’s will.

She understood he was her precious boy who looked down from the cross and told his best friend, John, to take care of her.

But she also understood Jesus was the son of God.

I’m amazed by Mary.

I wish I could have known her better.

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

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Oh Say Can You STILL See....

It was my Father’s favorite holiday. By far! You would think it was because of his three plus years of service in the Army during World War II. He could, without a doubt, have easily recognized his participation in eight island invasions in the South Pacific as relating to those early defenders of our nation at Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, and Yorktown.

Perhaps those 17 days, and nights, he was cut off behind enemy lines on Biak Island made him appreciate “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” a bit more than the average citizen. I know, by his own admission, that he fell on his knees and “cried like a baby” in December of 1945 as his troop ship steamed into San Francisco Bay and he saw, for the first time in two and a half years, the American flag flying over American soil!

He had every right to celebrate the birth of our nation. He had offered up more than most on its behalf.

But I don’t believe any of that made him favor Independence Day over Christmas, Thanksgiving, and all the others.

Daddy just liked barbeque. And piping hot baked beans. And he loved a big slice of watermelon after he finished off a bowl of Aunt Beatrice’s peach cobbler. He didn’t philosophize much on world events or how things revolved in the universe.

He chose to enjoy the day with his family, the neighbors, the children, and the loose dogs running about. For a quiet man, he seemed amused by all the fanfare. He was caught up in the here and now.

There was nothing complicated about it. He lived in a great place, at a great time, among great people. That alone was well worth taking a day off to celebrate.

Certainly, he noticed

the red, white, and blue bunting that adorned almost everything in, about, and around our little town square. A body couldn’t miss it. But Dad seemed more intent on the sack races and apple bobbing.

You might think him unaware of the struggles of those early patriots. Maybe he didn’t fully comprehend the Boston Tea Party, the midnight ride of Paul Revere, or the stiffening independent nature of those young rebels.

And then the high school band hit the first note of The National Anthem.

The change was immediate. And undeniably clear. Daddy went ramrod straight. His shoulders squared. Hand over heart. His eyes dialed in on the American flag. I will never forget those moments. There was just something about living in the land of the free, and the home of the brave....

Dad understood perfectly; he just would never equate anything he’d done....with the founding of a nation.

He was the most non-hero hero that I have ever known.

Well, that was 1956. Things have changed a bit since then. I believe it started when the TV networks discovered they could sell tons of soap bringing mid-morning drama shows to housewives across America. And then a bevy of folk singers in Greenwich Village began to make some noise singing protest songs.

It was hard to tell most days who was protesting what. And nobody has ever figured out the ones “in it” for the money from the group that just wanted to hang out with Bob Dylan. You talk about “Blowin’ in the Wind....”

One of them was a Communist. He didn’t give a whistling hootenanny about Independence Day. He might have been the reason things spiraled out

of control in the 1960s. Young people let their hair grow long, learned to play the Sitar, and protested the war in Viet Nam.

Watergate popped up. Social unrest became the order of the day. News media began to blur the lines between reporting the news and giving us their opinion on it. Government grew bigger and bigger. Some welcomed that growth. Many hated it with a double dog purple passion.

The world shrunk. And that posed a raft of problems for America that could not have been foreseen by George Washington and the boys back in the beginning.

On April 25, 1976, two “protesters” tried to burn an American Flag in center-field at Dodger Stadium in the middle of a baseball game for goodness sakes! I have no clue who or what they were protesting or espousing.

That’s a picture I cannot get out of my mind.

It seems people have stopped asking “what can I do for my country....”

I could go on discussing the economy, appellate judge rulings, immigration, religious rites and rights, political correctness, tariffs, diversity, hooligans, left-handed Chicago Cub fans, and malcontents. But I must be boring you by now. You are certainly aware of the problems that beset us. They just never seem to end.

It’s enough to make us give up on America.

Almost.

But then the 4th of July arrives. And my back straightens. My shoulders square. My eyes narrow and focus. Old Glory still waves. And I am proud, thankful, humble....and BLESSED!

I discovered the real America watching an old soldier. When I was a young boy.

Respectfully,
Kes

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Obituaries

THOMAS RAY DOSTER 1962 – 2025

JACKSON — Graveside funeral services for Thomas Ray Doster were Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. at New Valley Cemetery, Gleason.

Mr. Doster, 63, died at Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital on Monday, June 23, 2025. He was born in Martin, on September 30, 1962, to Louis Douglas Doster and Margie Nell Beasley Doster.

He is survived by a son, Bryan Doster of Nashville; two stepsons, Derrick Lewis of Colorado and Jermaine Hart of Medina; three sisters, Dianne (Leon) Mullen, Lynda (Dennis) Bomar and Pam (Raymond) Becker, all of Jackson; one sister-in-law, Jeanette Doster of McKenzie; and two brothers, Dean (Deanie) Doster of Mayfield, Ky., and Tim (Debbie) Doster of McKenzie.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brandon Doster; and a brother, Ronnie Doster.

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

TAMMY FORREST 1970 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Tammy Forrest were Friday, June 27, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Thursday, June 26, 2025, and Friday. Interment followed at Enon Cemetery.

Mrs. Forrest, 54, died at her residence on Sunday, June 22, 2025. She worked at New Generations, was a homemaker, and attended Overflow Church. She was born in Chicago, Ill., on September 13, 1970, to Billy Joe Reynolds and Janice Marie Tumbow.

She is survived by her husband, David Forrest; two sons, Jeff Forrest and John Forrest; a daughter, Samantha Blankenship, all of McKenzie; five sisters, Donna (Todd) Smith of Michigan, Stacy (Brad) Willis of Jackson, Angela Tumbow, Tracy (Billy) Borum, and Angela Bames of Bradford; four brothers, Carl Tumbow of McKenzie, Kelly Turnbow of McKenzie, Michael (Rachel) Tumbow of Big Sandy, and Billy Joe Reynolds of Alabama; and five grandchildren, Zoey Forrest, Bryson Poore, Coby Poore, Sophia Forrest, and Nathan Forrest.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister Sonya Coleman.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home had charge of services. +

ELIZABETH C. SMITH 1933 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Elizabeth C. Smith were Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, 92, died at Cherry Hospital Post Acute (AHC of McKenzie) on Monday, June 23, 2025.

She was born in Dresden, on January 6, 1933, to James Thomas Carter and Jackie Mae Ward Carter.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Kay Crossno of McKenzie; two granddaughters, Denise (Alan) Pyburn and Delilah Crossno; and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe C. Smith; and her siblings, Ruth Ward, Laura Priest, Dorothy Carter, Paul Carter, and George Carter.

If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848.

DIANE LANKFORD 1944 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Diane Lankford, 80, of Huntingdon, died on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

She was born September 11, 1944, to the late Leonard Abell and Claudia Joyner Abell. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Mr. Sammie “Gene” Lankford of Huntingdon; one daughter, Joyce (Andy) Brown of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada; one son, James (Ericka) Lankford of Clarksburg; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Teresa Lankford Fitzgerald.

Funeral services were Sunday June 29, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral. Interment was at New Crossroads Cemetery.

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

MICHELLE SHELBY 1987 – 2025

TREZEVANT — Mrs. Michelle Shelby, 38, of Trezevant, died Saturday, June 21, 2025, in her home.

Funeral Services were in the Chapel at Chase Funeral Home on Friday, June 27.

Mrs. Shelby was born March 6, 1987, in Vero Beach, Fla., to the late Becky (Brooks) Shelby. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Shirley Cook; her grandfather, Marvin Brooks; and aunts, Gale Brooks and Lil Brooks.

Mrs. Shelby leaves behind her fiancé Michael Scrivner; five daughters, Hailey Baker, Heather Baker, Hannah Baker, Abigail Williams, and Emma Ozment; four step children, Tommy Scrivner, Michael Scrivner, Athena Scrivner, and Aries Scrivner; and one sister, Stacy Chandler (Tim).

Chase Funeral Home.

METHER JOE JONES 1941 – 2025

McKENZIE — Memorial services for Methier Joe Jones, 83, of McKenzie, Tennessee, were Saturday, June 28, 2025, 1 p.m., at Long Heights Baptist Church, 260 Old Paris Road, McKenzie. Masonite Rites were at noon.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery, 94-160 Greenwood Cemetery Road, Paris.

Mether Joe Jones was born to the union of Alvin and Daisy Jones on December 8, 1941, in Trezevant. He was a 1960 graduate of Webb High School in McKenzie. He attended Tyler Barber College in Memphis, McKenzie Area Vo-Tech, where he became skilled as a brick layer, as well as in blueprint. He owned Designer Barber Shop in downtown McKenzie.

Left to cherish his memories include Dorothy Jones; children, Victor and Sheronda Jones of Rock Island, Ill., Julius Oglesby of Corona, Calif., Cheryl (Jessie) Townes of McKenzie, and Shonna Oglesby of Jackson; sister, Essie (Clarence) Jones of Memphis; eleven grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. Methier Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Daisy Jones; a son, Jason Jones; and a brother, Tommy Jones.

Baskerville Funeral Home.

BARBARA BREWER 1942 – 2025

McKENZIE — Mrs. Barbara Miller Brewer, 82, died at The Waters on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. She was born in Huntingdon on October 15, 1942, to James and Mary Nell Lowe Miller.

She is survived by two children, Tracy (Craig) Kirk of Jackson, and Michael (Connie) Brewer of McKenzie; two grandsons, Brent Brewer and Kesley (Makayla) Kirk; and one great-granddaughter, Amelia Brewer.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Jimmy Brewer.

Please make donations in memory of Mrs. Brewer to the Carroll County Humane Society or to the charity of your choice.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

BOBBY STEPHENS 1936 – 2025

Bobby Stephens, 89, of North Little Rock, Ark., died on Thursday, June 26, 2025, in Little Rock, Ark. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rosie and Johnnie; his brother, Larry; and his beloved wife of 61 years, Mary.

He is survived by daughters, Dana Parker of North Little Rock, Suzie Thames and husband, Glenn, of Tyler, Texas, and Renee Cotton of North Little Rock; grandchildren, Tyler Parker, Jeremy Thames and wife, Ariel, Parker Thames and wife, Adriana, Dawson Thames, Jacob Wilson, and Chandler Martin and husband, Cole; four great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Bobby was born on February 23, 1936, in Jarrell Switch, near McKenzie. He grew up without electricity or running water, but graduated from McKenzie High School, served in the United States Air Force, and earned a BSBA from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. For many years, Bobby was a dedicated air traffic controller. As president of the local union, Bobby fought with FAA executives over numerous safety concerns. When that fight cost him his job, Bobby didn't back down. He continued the fight, ultimately forcing operational improvements and winning reinstatement with full back pay and benefits. When he retired, that experience led Bobby back to law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he earned a JD in 1984.

Although supposedly retired, Bobby remained active for many years, working for law firms, serving as an expert witness in air crash cases, and even selling insurance. However, his career paled in comparison to his one true love—family. In 1958, Bobby married Mary Katherine Reynolds. Together, they raised three girls, and their home became the center of many extended family gatherings, with Mary's cooking taking center stage and Bobby documenting everything with his video and still cameras for inclusion amongst his treasured family history files. They were blessed with six grandchildren before Mary died in 2019, and although Bobby welcomed 4 great-grandchildren in the years after, he was never the same. Thanks to the grace of Jesus Christ, Bobby is now back at Mary's side, smiling and laughing again. +

The Dixie to Present Peter Pan, Jr.

HUNTINGDON — Fly away to Neverland this summer! The Dixie Carter PAC invites the community to experience the magic of Peter Pan Jr. on Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m. Performed by local rising stars from Kindergarten through 8th grade, this enchanting musical will be held on the Hal Holbrook Stage at The Dixie. Admission is free and seating is first come, first served.

Directed by instructor Cari Dill, this performance is based on a one-week performing arts camp intensive. During this camp, students learn vocal techniques, character development, stage choreography, and the importance of teamwork. Over the course of just five days, they will prepare to bring Neverland to life for one unforgettable night.

Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale and adapted for young performers, Peter Pan Jr. features timeless songs like “I’m Flying,” “I Won’t Grow Up,” and “Never Never Land” — all wrapped in a heartwarming story of childhood wonder, daring pirates, and the magic of believing.

“This show is a celebration of imagination and growth — perfect for the child in all of us,” said Dill. “Our young performers are excited to bring these iconic characters to life and can’t wait to share the magic with our community.”

Placement auditions for enrolled campers were held on May 17, with every student receiving a role. Students interested in speaking or singing parts prepared a capella songs and cold readings from the script.

Peter Pan — Darcy Rice

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Cherry

Wendy Darling — Ellie Roach

John Darling — Quentin Butler

Michael Darling — Anson Taylor

Smee — Elson Williams

Tiger Lily — Willa Kate Hall

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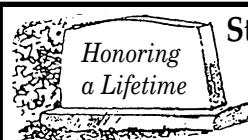
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lor, Josie Pyle, Kynlee Wilson, Kinsley Malone, Quinn Lewis, Tatum McQuesten, Jessie Hicks, Owen Koonce, Adalyn DeLoach, Adeline Butler, Caroline Bruce, Zayden Carlson

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of laughter, adventure, and a little bit of pixie dust!

This show is sponsored by Mi Pueblito with support from the TN Arts Commission. For more information on upcoming events at The Dixie, visit DixiePAC.net.

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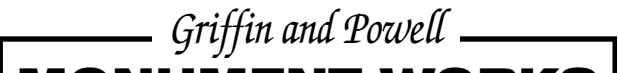


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CARROLL ARTS, INC. UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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The Southern Fried Funnies are back! Performances are set for Thursday, August 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 23 at 2 p.m. at the McKenzie Park Theatre. Admission is \$5.

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.

MCKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Exercise class weekdays at 9 a.m.

Billiards every day, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Canasta every Monday and Friday afternoon 12:30 p.m.

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

Dominoes every Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

Game Day every Sunday at 3 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOSET

Webb Alumni and First Baptist Church are hosting a Back To School Closet, July 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Webb School, 938 Walnut Avenue W. Children must attend to receive supplies of clothes, shoes, school supplies, food, and a haircut. For more information, call 731-697-5468.

CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Junior Golf Tournament is Tuesday, July 22 at Carroll Lake Golf Course. Four age groups each have a boys and girls division: 8 and

under, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17. Cost of registration is \$10 including golf cart. Carts must be driven by an age-appropriate driver. For more information, contact the chamber at 731-986-4664 or cchamber@earthlink.net.

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.

August 5 — 2025-2026 school year begins; August 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival; September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival; October 13-17 — Fall Break; October 27 — County Chamber Banquet; November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market; November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet; December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

MHS CLASS OF 1975 TO HOST REUNION

MCKENZIE — McKenzie High School Class of 1975 is hosting a reunion in celebration of 50 years following graduation. Class members were the last to graduate from the three-story high school just weeks before it was razed to make room for a parking lot.

The reunion is in conjunction with the MHS Alumni Association Decades Reunion on Friday, September 19, where alumni from many classes gather for an informal reunion before the Homecoming football game featuring the McKenzie Rebels.

Members of the Class of 1975 will gather on Saturday, September 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch and socializing at First Cumberland Presby-

terian Church. Class members can obtain more information by emailing mckenziehigh75@gmail.com.

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.

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 HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

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NWTN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO MEET

The board of directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Board meets Friday, July 18 at 10 a.m. at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office at 938 Walnut Avenue W, McKenzie.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

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MHS Class of 1975 to Host Reunion

Creativity Camp: Wonderland Of Creativity is Next Week

Calling all parents and grandparents! Are you looking for an exciting adventure for your elementary or middle schooler to do during these last few days of summer break?

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents Creativity Camp: The Wonderland of Creativity. It is a week-long deep dive into the arts with a twist this year, it is Wonderland-themed. From Pre-K to eighth grade, all are welcome to attend.

Carroll Arts chose this theme because we believe there is no limit to what you can imagine when you put your mind to it.

The goal during camp is to inspire creativity in your little ones through art, drama, music and creative writing. This year's camp will be Monday-Friday, July 7-11, 2025 from 1-4 p.m. daily at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie.

Educators for this exciting week are: Dana Wyatt for Art, Joanna Turner for Music, Marlene Kreuter for Creative Writing, and Glynda Rich and Denise Sam for Drama.

A performance or "graduation" will be held on Friday, July 11 at 3 p.m. for students to show what they learned during the week. Parents and family are invited to attend.

The fee is \$40 for supplies and after the first child's enrollment, additional enrollments only pay \$35. Scholarships are available. Snacks will be provided daily.

All you have to do to sign

McKenzie 8U Softball Earns Second Place at Big Bang All Star Classic

PARIS (June 21) — The McKenzie City League 8U All-Stars finished in second place at Saturday's Big Bang All Star Classic. Photo courtesy Lindsey Holt

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McKenzie 10U Softball Earns Second Place at Big Bang All Star Classic



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Marriage Licenses

Charles William Gilbert, 42, of Bruceton, to Samantha Lorraine Wilkerson Gilbert, 46, of Bruceton.
Gracie Leigh Carmon, 23, of Huntingdon, to Zean

McKellar Williams, 23, of Huntingdon.
Dylan Lee Murdock, 32, of Lavinia, to Mahly Quebec Salas, 34, of Chesterfield, Mo.

Deborah Ashby Williamson, 55, of Huntingdon, to Steven Robert Richardson, 54, of Huntingdon.
Colton Wade Broyles, 35, of Bruceton, to Megan Lynne Higdon Wortham, 33, of Hollow Rock.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (June 25) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on June 25, 2025.
One defendant was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.
Haylee R. Christman, East Lake Street, Camden, was bound over on two charges of Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment.
The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.
Dillon Gregory, Park Cove, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While License Suspended, Violation of Financial Responsibility; \$50 fine, probation, must obtain valid driver’s license.
Elizabeth Minter, Odell Bunn Road, Milan, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, pro-

bation, \$81.93 restitution to retailer.
Thesia Powers, Spruce Street, McKenzie, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, 11/29 jail.
Gregory Lynn Staten, Quincy Lane, Clarksburg, guilty, Destruction and Tampering with Government Records.
Justin S. Robertson, Cotham Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, Public Intoxication, jail sentence suspended to time served, no contact with victim; dismissed, Aggravated Criminal Trespass.
A m a n d a G a y l e Townsend, Friendship Road, Medina, guilty, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess with Intent, \$750 fine, jail sentence can offset day-for-day with inpatient rehabilitation, probation;

dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
Katherine P. Trull, Main Street, Atwood, guilty, Escape.
Cayce Denae Walker, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, jail 11/29, inpatient rehab program available to reduce jail time; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
The following cases were dismissed.
Jarajia Boatman, Trenton, dismissed, Aggravated Burglary.
Eric Inman, Mulberry Grove Road, Bradford, dismissed, Probation Violation.
Loretta Lynn Williams, Buena Vista Road, Buena Vista, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Domestic Assault — On June 25, Deputy Alex Sherwood was dispatched to a home in Trezevant regarding a domestic disturbance. A family member called the police because Kristofer Stenberg, 24, of Trezevant, came home from a local bar very upset. She says a physical altercation ensued between another family member and Kristofer and that family member was injured. An arrest warrant was issued at the time of this report for Kristofer.
Interference with 911 Calls — On June 22, Deputy Jayden Flaurr was dispatched to a call at the Marathon Gas station in Bruceton. Dwight Mealer had called for help because his wife, Margreda Mealer, 58, of Bruceton, took his cell phone from him and he had to walk to the gas station to have someone call 911 for him. Deputies went back to the

residence of the Mealer’s and let Margreda know that Mr. Mealer has the right to his cell phone and charger to charge up his phone; and to not take it from him again. As soon as the deputies walked out, they heard yelling, and Margreda had already taken the phone again. She was arrested for interfering with 911 calls since she was not allowing him to keep his phone.
Theft — On June 24, a victim reported that his trailer was stolen from Highway 114. The trailer is a 5x8 blue in color with a fold-down ramp and dent in the left fender with plywood mounted on the floor. The fold-down ramp has a chain broken on the passenger side. It has 15-inch tires.
Drug Paraphernalia — On June 22, Deputy Thomas initiated a traffic stop on a black Mercedes in Hollow Rock for failure to maintain lane. When

approaching the vehicle, he could smell marijuana. The driver, Jamie Barker, 43, of McKenzie, and passenger, Michael Webb, 31, of McKenzie, said they were headed to Camden and stated they were just borrowing the vehicle from “McKenzie.” Barker and Webb denied the marijuana smell and Barker kept saying she was “not doing anything.” Deputy Thomas deployed his K9 Abbey, who alerted the vehicle to have drugs. Behind the driver’s seat was a pill bottle with white residue inside, a glass pipe with white crystalline substance. In a yellow backpack, there was 1.8 ounces of marijuana and a black digital scale. Jamie Barker was cited for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and Webb was issued a warning for possession of Schedule VI and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Property Transfers

Richard Watson Jr. to Shelby Beecham in District 9.
Tracy Malone to William Allen Espey Jr. and Jennifer A. Espey in District 11.
Volunteer Equity Investments, LLC to Bryant Financial Inc. in District 2.
Margaret A. Ware to Joseph R. Berryhill.
Harry and Danna Sutton to Harry Sutton in District 4.
Dennis L. and Janet H. Radcliff to Kevin and Ruthie Jennings.
Chadwick T. and Genji L. Prater to Luis F. and Andrea L. Salazar in District 8.
Joan Blazer Cook to Cheryl R. Crossett.
Cheryl Crossett to James David Crossett in District 21.
Dennis L. and Janet H. Radcliff to Kvin A. and Ruthie C. Jennings.
Phillip Eugene Gwartney Sr. to Katherine Ruth Holland in District 11.
Stephen E. Grooms to Terry Mathew and Sarah Gale Page in District 16.
Wayne E. and Fannie Yoder to Marcus and Lydia Yoder in District 2.
Sherry Dale Epperson to Charles Lee and Jennifer Johnson in District 6.
Larry J. McDaniel to Bri-

ana Cole in District 17.
Aubrey Leslie Robertson Jr to Frank P. and Christy M. McGinnis in District 23.
Kenneth Charles McFarland to Rodney Owen Devaul in District 23.
Bryant Coleman to Bryant Coleman in District 19.
Debra L. Ezell to Brandon D. and Madsion Ezell.
Robert L. and Susan B.

Bouldin to Evan Wallace in District 4.
Teresa Carnie to Cachengo, INC in District 11.
Kendall R. and Lisa M. Hayes to Kendall R. Hayes in District 11.
Kendall R. Hayes to Steven Paul Carter in District 11.
Eric S. and Maribeth May Scott to Thomas Joseph and Elona Sue Roberson Vuk in District 17.
Rosemary Taylor to Tammy Gail Taylor in District 21.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2022, BILL M. CHANEY (now deceased), by Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 725, at Page 368, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$117,500.00), payable to CARROLL BANK & TRUST; and
WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by CARROLL BANK & TRUST, the legal owner and holder of the said Note, by appointment executed on June 12, 2025, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 754, at Page 1158, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and
WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and CARROLL BANK & TRUST, the lawful owner and holder of the said indebtedness, has declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.
NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid in certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or upon a credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The auction shall occur at the east door of the Courthouse at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Tuesday, July 23, 2025, at 4:00 o’clock p.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.
Lying, and being situate in the City of Atwood, 1st Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the north margin of Church Street, being the southeast corner of the subject property and the southwest corner of Steve Mays, (Parcel 6.03); runs thence North with the west margin of Steve Mays, to a stake, being the northwest corner of Steve Mays (Parcel 6.03); thence East to a point being the upper southeast corner of the subject property, the southwest corner of Susan Essary (Parcel 8.01) and the northwest corner of Steve Mays (Parcel 6.02); runs thence North with the west margin of Susan Essary (Parcel 8.01) and Bobby Essary (Parcel 9.00) to a stake, in Billy Lovett’s south margin (Parcel 10) at the northwest corner of Bobby Essary (Parcel 9.00) and the northeast corner of the subject property; runs thence in a westerly-southwesterly direction with the south margin of Billy Lovett (Parcel 10) as it meanders to a stake in Billy Lovett’s southwest corner and in the east line of Nathan Browning (Parcel 5.00); runs thence in southerly direction with the east margin of Nathan Browning as it meanders to a point in the north margin of Church Street, being the southwest corner of the subject property and the southeast corner of Nathan Browning; runs thence East with the north margin of Church Street, to the point of beginning. (Description taken from prior deed of record)
It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Bernice White to Bill M. Chaney, dated June 1, 2018, and of record in Deed Book 383, page 618, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Bill M. Chaney died intestate on January 10, 2025, and at his death title to his property vested in his heirs at law under the laws of intestate succession.
Map 079J, Group F, Parcel 006.00
The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 13820 Church St., Atwood, TN 38220 but such address is not part of the legal description and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.
SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.
This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Other interested parties: None.
Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.
The Successor held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee’s option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.
This office is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
WITNESS my signature, this the 1st day of July, 2025.
KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC
BY: STEPHEN L. HUGHES, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320, Milan, TN 38358 (731) 686-1198

McKenzie Police Reports

Road Rage, Aggravated Assault — A Mansfield man was arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated assault following a road rage incident that occurred on June 27 at 10:23 a.m.
According to a report by Officer Matthew Cunningham, Darius L. Hastings, 53, of Mansfield, threatened two new residents of McKenzie by pulling a handgun on them while they were in the parking lot of a business on Highland Drive.
The report states that the victims were traveling slowly along Highland Drive while searching for the post office. When they turned into the parking lot of a business, Hastings, who was also traveling on Highland Drive, began honking his horn at their vehicle. He then followed them into the parking lot, where he screamed at them while pointing a handgun.
A witness attempted to de-escalate the situation, but Hastings allegedly threatened this individual as well. The victims managed to obtain the license plate number of Hastings’s vehicle, which returned to a deceased individual. Hastings then fled south on Highland Drive and evaded authorities.
The victims provided descriptions of Hastings and viewed photos of potential suspects, ultimately identifying him as the perpetrator. On the same day, Henry County authorities and MPD Lt. Brister arrested Hastings at his home. The 1997 Nissan Quest as-

sociated with the incident was found at the location. Hastings was transported to Carroll County Jail.
Domestic Assault Leads to Two Arrests — Carla Kay Wagner, 38, Park Circle, and Dillon Edwards Ray Gregory, 30, Park Circle, were both arrested on June 23.
Sergeant Cody Coleman filed a report indicating that a woman was chasing and hitting a man with a baseball bat in Park Circle.
Officers located Gregory walking and asked about the incident. He stated that Wagner, his ex-girlfriend, struck him with a bat. Wagner admitted striking Gregory because he was verbally abusing her.
Wagner was arrested for Domestic Assault and Aggravated Assault.
Gregory was arrested on trespassing at the Federal Housing Authority in violation of his ban from the property.
Driving on a Suspended License — Terry M. Reindl, 19, Huntingdon, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Speeding, and Failure to Carry a Driver’s License on June 23.
Sergeant Cody Coleman made a traffic stop for speeding and discovered the suspended status. Reindl was cited into court.
Theft — A juvenile was accused of theft after he took a backup from a female subject while she was at Mulberry Park. The suspect took the backpack, which contained personal items.

NORTHWEST TENNESSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will hold a Board meeting on **Friday, July 18, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be physically held at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office located at 938C Walnut Avenue W., McKenzie, TN 38201 in person only.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE130

ESTATE OF: ARVIN LEE MORRIS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **16TH** day of **JUNE, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **ARVIN LEE MORRIS** deceased, who died **APRIL 24TH, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This **16TH** day of **JUNE, 2025**.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

NANCY SUE MOORE, Executor/Administrator
W. KENT JONES, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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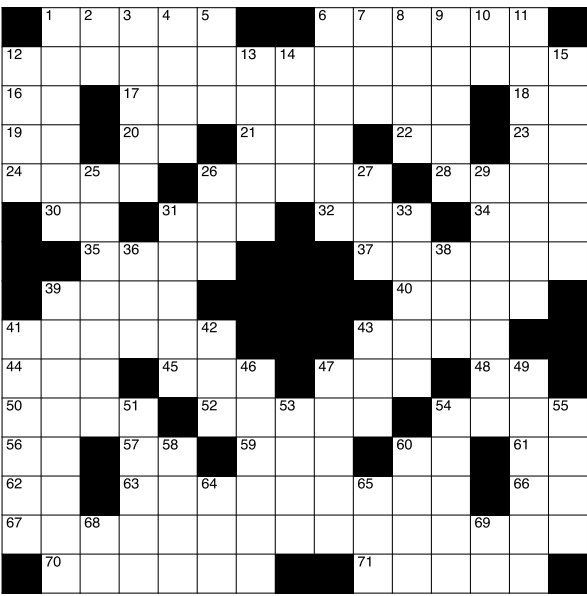
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Notes
- 6. Long-haired dog breed
- 12. ESPN's nickname
- 16. Spanish be
- 17. Disadvantage
- 18. Of I
- 19. Actor Pacino
- 20. On your way: ___ route
- 21. Fifth note of a major scale
- 22. Companies need it
- 23. News agency
- 24. Faces of an organization
- 26. Ponds
- 28. Samoa's capital
- 30. Partner to "Pa"
- 31. Adult male
- 32. Cool!
- 34. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 35. No No No
- 37. Hosts film festival
- 39. British place to house convicts
- 40. Made of fermented honey and water
- 41. Chief
- 43. College army
- 44. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 45. Consume
- 47. One point north of due east
- 48. For instance
- 50. Brews
- 52. Alaskan river
- 54. Not soft
- 56. Atomic #22
- 57. "The Golden State"
- 59. "The world's most famous arena"
- 60. Larry and Curly's pal
- 61. One billion gigabytes
- 62. Conducts inspections
- 63. Malaria mosquitoes
- 66. Unit to measure width
- 67. Features



- 70. Affairs
- 71. Letter of Semitic abjads

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Follower of Islam
- 2. Trauma center
- 3. French young women
- 4. Norse god
- 5. U.S. commercial flyer (abbr.)
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Peyton's younger brother
- 8. Jungle planet in "Star Wars" galaxy
- 9. Tree-dwelling animal of C. and S. America
- 10. "Pollack" actor Harris
- 11. Stuck around
- 12. Put on
- 13. Influential Norwegian playwright
- 14. Christian ___ designer
- 15. Fulfills a debt
- 25. Style
- 26. More (Spanish)
- 27. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 29. Remedy
- 31. Disturbance
- 33. "The Martian" actor Matt
- 36. Express delight
- 38. Brooklyn hoopster
- 39. 1900 lamp
- 41. Motionless
- 42. One's mother (Brit.)
- 43. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 46. Compels to act
- 47. Gardening tool
- 49. Ancient country
- 51. Frightening
- 53. Wimbledon champion Arthur
- 54. Popular plant
- 55. Database management system
- 58. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 60. Where soldiers eat
- 64. Tenth month (abbr.)
- 65. Illuminated
- 68. Atomic #18
- 69. Adults need one to travel

Week 26

See solution in next week's edition.

Swim Team Word Search

E B M O B T W D N L O V B P I M K R N I
N E U B I A L F R E T O U B A Y S M S A N O
G C D I A C K F S T R O K E M K W G D A N S
P N P E I O P E C A P K K D O I Y T Y S
U A I A C F A L G T A V D M O M L M N F
F T L I Y K C L P O O L D R V M D E S B
V S F R U I F I W E S R U O C I U D D L
A I N T M K G B V A S T T R C N U Y V D
A D I F D R I L L R D U S R U G L D A F
K W N F R B N M K I C E A L A P L W L G
F C M Y W E R T F V E P T E F P C D T W
M F I Y N T E K O R T S T S A E R B E L
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S T K U Y E W V T K E E G C S E A D M E
U K W W C E L W R Y T N W N G U E N L E
O R A B A F A G K C L M A F I M S D D U
Y N I S P E W V G P F E T L I V D N N V
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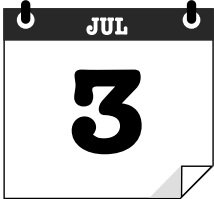
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Cap
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Distance
Diving
Drill
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Float
Freestyle

Goggles
Kick
Lane
Lap
Pace
Paddle

Pool
Swimming
Team
Timed
Turn
Wade

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1608: Quebec City is founded by Samuel de Champlain.

1819: The first savings bank in the United States opens. It is the Bank for Savings in the City of New-York.

1973: David Bowie retires his stage persona "Ziggy Stardust."

SUDOKU

WEEK 26

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

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to swimming. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = R)

A. 23 12 1 1 11 13 17
Clue: Movement of water

B. 21 25 9 16
Clue: Swimming length

C. 16 17 1 18 10 11
Clue: Method of swimming

D. 15 1 11 25 17 6
Clue: Air flow into lungs

Answers: A. current B. laps C. stroke D. breath

LETTER MIX-UP

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

SWIMMING POOL

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____
- 15. _____
- 16. _____
- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

How do caterpillars swim laps?

Answer: They do the butterfly.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

SICKK

Answer: Kicks

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in New York on July 2, 1986. I began my professional career as a Ford model at the age of 3. I rose to fame in a remake of a movie about twins separated shortly after birth, and later starred in a movie about unfriendly girls at school.

Answer: Lindsay Lohan

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 25 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 25

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

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Rotary Banquet: Honorees include William Milam, Jr., Rotary Champion of the Year; Ryan Griffin, Humanitarian Award; Christy Williams, Immediate Past President; and Ricky Price, Rotary President.

Ricky Price Becomes New Rotary President

MCKENZIE (June 24) — Ricky Price has been named the new president of the Rotary Club of McKenzie. He was officially inducted into his position on Tuesday, June 24, during an installation banquet at the Hometown Hangout. Price's term will begin on July 1. Jason Martin, the president for 2023-24, conducted the induction ceremony and highlighted that Price is the first African-American to serve in this role.

Previously, Price held the positions of vice president and program chairman during the 2024-25 year. Armand Hebert will serve as the new vice president and program chairman.

The other officers include:

- Jason Martin, Secretary
- William Milam, Jr., Sergeant at Arms

- Ed Perkins, Chairman of the Fannie Baxter Moore Fund
- Joe Neumair, Treasurer
- Jason Martin, Rotary Foundation and Polio-Plus Campaign Chairman
- Joel Washburn, Public Image Chairman
- Christy Williams, Immediate Past President

During the banquet, President Williams presented awards for outstanding service. Susan Dyer received the Oscar Owen Rotarian of the Year award, while Ryan Griffin was honored with the Ed Perkins Humanitarian of the Year award. William Milam, Jr. received the Clark Brown Rotary Champion of the Year award.

Williams expressed gratitude to club members for their contributions and service, which made the 2024-

25 year a success in supporting both the local community and Rotary International. The club achieved many of its goals throughout the year.

Price emphasized the honor the club received for its donations to Rotary District 6760, which encompasses areas of middle and western Tennessee, as well as to Rotary International. The club achieved "Every Rotarian, Every Year" status by making contributions to Rotary International on behalf of every member. Price credited Jason Martin for leading the focus on international giving.

Looking ahead, Price expressed his enthusiasm for his upcoming year as the leader of the local club. The McKenzie Rotary meets each Tuesday at noon at the Vera Low Center on Bethel University's campus.

Two Local Professionals Graduate From WestStar

Madison Endres and Rakaya Humphreys recently graduated from WestStar Leadership.

Endres is marketing manager with the West Tennessee Public Utility District of Huntingdon, graduated June 17 in Jackson as a member of the WestStar Leadership Program's Class of 2025. She also received the C.P. Boyd Leadership Award, presented to a class member who demonstrates the compassion, leadership and love for West Tennessee exemplified by the late Haywood County educator for whom the award is named. She was voted by her classmates to receive the award.

Humphreys is program director for the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council Head Start program in McKenzie, graduated June 17 in Jackson as a member



Madison Endres



Rakaya Humphreys

of the WestStar Leadership Program's Class of 2025. The University of Tennessee at Martin program held seven sessions from Jan. 30 through June 17 for its 34 participants, including an orientation and the graduation ceremony. WestStar Leadership Program participants learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities

in solving problems and maximizing potential. The program was established in 1989 and has more than 1,000 graduates. For more information about the WestStar Leadership Program, visit www.utm.edu/weststar or call 731-881-7298. For more information about UT Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861).

Charles Kemp Honored by Shiloh Cemetery Board



Charles Kemp was recently honored for his 34 years of outstanding service as secretary and treasurer of the Shiloh Cemetery Board in McKenzie. Being such a valued board member, all were appreciative of his willingness to continue to remain on the board. Tracy Webb will serve as secretary and treasurer going forward. Shiloh Cemetery was established circa 1820 and is a perpetual care cemetery administered by the Shiloh Cemetery Commission, Incorporated. Pictured (L to R) are board members Tommy Chandler, Tracy Webb, Rev. Gwen Warren, Mary Ann Baker and Charles Kemp being presented a plaque from Board President Steve Baker. Not pictured are Tommy Surber, Scott York and Susan Hill. Photo courtesy Rev. Gwen Warren



Members of Beta Sigma Phi adorn the pier at McKenzie City Park with American flag swags. Pictured are (L to R): Bonnie Dillon, Gina Roegge, Sandra Spires, Amanda Lifsey, Judy Davis, Lisa Page, Jennifer Waldrup and Mistee Cooper. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Beta Sigma Phi Marks 40 Years of Community Service

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MCKENZIE — Beta Sigma Phi is a ladies' international service organization. The McKenzie chapter was organized May 28, 1985.

The chapter made a name for itself in 1989 with the organization of the Angel Tree program, but now may be most well-known in McKenzie for the annual Breakfast with Santa during downtown Christmas festivities.

Besides those highlights, the list of contributions, many recurring annually, is extensive.

Each summer, members adorn the pier at McKenzie City Park with American flag swags ahead of the Fourth of July celebration.

In the fall, they decorate the gazebo at Veterans Park

and the city's welcome signs with beautiful fall displays.

The organization purchased the Pocket Park property on Main Street, donated it to the city and donated funds for renovations.

Beta Sigma Phi has made multiple contributions to the Gordon Browning Museum, including the purchase of a computer, funding of interior and exterior repairs and painting and funding of HVAC repairs.

The club bought the concrete flower pots previously used around downtown and donated funds for the new pots now in place.

They purchased the Christmas wreaths with candles hung along Highland Drive and have purchased many of the new Christmas decorations mounted to

poles downtown.

Members donated \$4,500 to the purchase of McKenzie's first tornado sirens and \$5,000 to the renovation of the Park Theatre.

Beta Sigma Phi has left an indelible mark on the beauty, identity and culture of McKenzie.

Jennifer Waldrup, chapter president and a charter member, told The Banner, "We love the City of McKenzie, and through the years, we have hoped to make a difference."

Other current members include: Bonnie Dillon, Gina Roegge, Sandra Spires, Amanda Lifsey, Judy Davis, Lisa Page, Mistee Cooper, Letha Basford, Brenda Berryman, Fay Garrett, Karen McCaleb, Karen Moore, Jennifer Taylor and Sheila Willis.

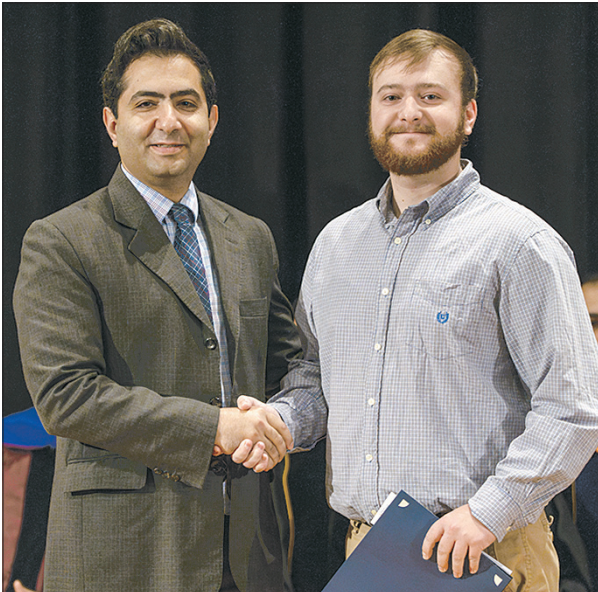
24 Seven Draws Big Crowd For Nights on Broadway



MCKENZIE (June 19) — Downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continued Thursday with 24 Seven. The popular local band drew a great crowd on the square and many showed off their dance moves in front of the stage on Banner Row. This was the last Nights on Broadway event in June. Crooked Creek performs Thursday, July 17. Longshot performs Tuesday, August 5. Fajita Brothers performs Thursday, September 4. Flashback performs Thursday, September 18. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

UT Martin Graduate Inducted Into Order of the Engineer

MARTIN (May 3) — Nathan Robison of Bruceton (right), a 2025 bachelor's degree recipient in engineering from the University of Tennessee at Martin, was inducted into the Order of the Engineer on May 3. He is shown with Dr. Ali Nasirian, assistant professor of engineering. The Order of the Engineer was established in 1970 to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession. In the ceremony, graduates and registered engineers are invited to accept the Obligation of the Engineer and receive a stainless steel ring. For more information about the UTM Department of Engineering, visit www.utm.edu/



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McKenzie Seniors Host Bikini Car Wash

MCKENZIE (June 28) — Members of the McKenzie Senior Center turned some heads on Saturday when they hosted a bikini car wash at the Center on South Main Street. For fun, the group had t-shirts imprinted with bikinis as they washed cars for a price of \$5 each.

Also trying to be creative, the new leadership at The Center is always looking for

ways to have fun and experiences together. This week, they are crossing the Tennessee River/Kentucky Lake on a ferry and dining at a Dover, Tenn. restaurant.

Regular events at The Center include: Exercise class weekdays at 9 a.m.; Billiards every day, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Canasta every Monday and Friday afternoon 12:30 p.m.; Line Dance class every Mon-

day and the first and third Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; Every Tuesday — Jam session with Steve Morris, 6 p.m. Open to the public; Dominoes every Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; Game Day every Sunday at 3 p.m.

For more information about The Center, just visit them on South Main Street next to E.W. James Supermarket.