



Above, The 2025 cohort of Creativity Camp students: Dawsyn Allen, Ramsey Allen, Saylor Allen, Alex Bos, Seth Bos, Rowan Conger, Charlie Dillahunt, Lorilei Dillahunt, Aimee Harris, Emilee Harris, Lucy Jones, Kali Keech, Owen Koonce, Brynlee Kreuter, Chase Kreuter, CJ Martin, Savannah Martin, Emerie Monteith, Piper Russell, Kaiya Shaw and Farrah Wyatt. Below, Creativity Camp students pet Buster the Dinosaur. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Creativity Camp Concludes With Showcase, Visit from Buster the Dinosaur

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MCKENZIE (July 11) — Carroll Arts concluded Creativity Camp: The Wonderland of Creativity on Friday, June 11, at McKenzie's First Cumberland Presbyterian Church with a final showcase for students to present their week's creations to their loved ones. Twenty students received "Creativity Diplomas" for their completion of the camp.

The camp, themed the Wonderland of Creativity, took inspiration from Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" to inspire children to think out of the box.

While most local elementary and primary schools have music classes, they are lacking in drama and art. Glynda Rich, founding member and vice president of Carroll Arts, said Creativity Camp was created to "bridge the gaps" in the educational experiences children receive in elementary through middle school.

"Creativity Camp is part of the core beliefs and mission for Carroll Arts," said Brittany Martin, Carroll Arts president. "You want children to not only have exposure to arts but to have the arts become a part of them that turns into a lifelong love and part of their identity."

Each day throughout the week of July 7-11, students separated into their respective age groups and rotated between four different classrooms to learn about art, music, drama, and creative writing.

Dana Wyatt, art teacher at Huntingdon High School, taught art with a little bit of etiquette training. On the first day, she taught each class

proper tea-drinking etiquette as they each made their own Earl Grey tea concoctions. On day two, students created soap out of the remaining Earl Grey tea packets. Over the next few days, students made friendship bracelets out of yarn, bookmarks out of leftover tea packets, and designed paper bags. During the art presentations, Wyatt quizzed the students about tea etiquette.

Emilee Harris, a sixth-grader at McKenzie Middle School and a returning Creativity Camp student, said she enjoys coming back every year because she enjoys being given a project and being given absolute freedom to work on it.

Joanna Turner, music teacher at McKenzie Elementary School, led the students in a musical presentation of nursery rhymes rewritten to be set in Wonderland. Using instruments borrowed from McKenzie Elementary School, the students played ukuleles, rainsticks, rhythm sticks, drums and more. Turner combined all of the age groups for the final presentation because she said, "Music is much more fun when played together."

Glynda Rich and Denise Sam taught each age group different elements of theatrical acting.

Students in pre-K and kindergarten learned how to express their emotions without words by working on facial reactions. In the final presentation, they expressed anger, love, sleepy and cold. First- and second-grade students learned to act using body language. In the final performance, these students mirrored each other's body language, in a practice Sam

said was inspired by an episode of "I Love Lucy." They also acted out different actions like walking a large dog and carrying a smelly bucket.

Third- and fourth-grade students rewrote Alice in Wonderland for a miniature play. In their rendition, called "Another Great Day in Wonderland," Alice became friends with the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, and the Queen of Hearts. The final group, Harris and Alex Bos, performed monologues from "Alice in Wonderland."

Marlene Kreuter taught creative writing to each group. The youngest group was a challenge, she said, since they were only learning to read and write. She taught them how to tell stories through drawings. Kreuter gave students three writing prompts throughout the week: to string a story together using three objects in her backpack, to write a story about what they want to be when they grow up, and to write a story about the Gruffalo — a character from a popular children's book.

"You learn a lot about these kids," Kreuter said, while prompting the students to read their stories to the audience. Piper Russell, daughter of Dr. Travis and Bethany Russell, read a story about wanting to become an artist, a doctor and a dentist.

Following the conclusion of the presentations, each child received a "Creativity Diploma."

To reward students even more, Rich announced a surprise visit from Buster the Dinosaur. The dinosaur walked through the auditorium, giving students the opportunity to meet and pet him.

Carroll Arts has hosted Creativity Camp, instilling a love for art and creativity in the hearts of local children, for over two decades. Past attendees have become graphic designers, drama therapists, writers and more.

Schools

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beginning with a half day on August 5.

Weakley County schools begin on August 6.

Henry County opens the soonest, beginning with a half day on August 1.

All students will have a day off on September 1 for Labor Day.

Carroll County students are out of school on Friday, September 12.

Henry County stu-

dents are out of school on Monday, September 22, for a parent-teacher conference.

Weakley County students will be dismissed at noon on Thursday, September 25, for a parent-teacher conference, which lasts from noon until 6 p.m.

This year, fall break is October 13 through 17 for all local schools.

McKenzie students are out of school on Thursday, October 23, for Data Day and a parent-teacher conference for the elementary

and middle school.

Henry County students are out of school on Friday, October 31, for professional development.

Thanksgiving break is November 26 through 28.

Huntingdon and South Carroll students are out of school on Monday, December 1, for teachers' professional development.

All local students have a half day on Friday, December 19, for the beginning of winter break. Students' winter break lasts through Monday, January 5.



Above, The conceptual design of a new 911 headquarters, as presented to the Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board in 2024. Below, The land parcel at 101 Dillahunt Lane shows the beginning phases of construction on the new 911 Center, including a weather-safe room. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



New 911 Center Takes Shape in Huntingdon

Drivers through Huntingdon might have noticed a new building taking shape on Dillahunt Lane. Construction on the new headquarters for the Carroll County Emergency Communications District (CCECD), commonly known as the 911 district, began earlier this year.

At the moment, the large land parcel shows the beginnings of a weather-safe room in the back corner. But by March 2026, it will be a complete 5,422 square-foot office building with an administrative space, training area, and a backup dispatch center.

The new headquarters

was approved by the district's board of directors in May 2024. The estimated cost for the new building, sketched by A2H designers and architects, was valued at \$2.875 million, which the CCECD had in reserves. Kristy Meggs, director of CCECD, said the district had financially planned for the new building for over a decade.

The new training area will be available for any government agency or nonprofit organization to host training sessions for first responders, shared Meggs.

The backup dispatch center will have backup capabilities for a

multi-console dispatch area and will be used in the event that the county's Emergency Operating Center (adjacent to the Sheriff's Department) is inoperable.

Each of the three areas is isolated from the others. The training room will have separate restrooms and entrances as it could be used for groups other than 911.

The new headquarters is scheduled to be completed in May 2026. Once employees transition into the new office, the existing adjacent CCECD building on Dillahunt Lane will be razed.



Above, Brody Berryhill, Tobey Brooks, Reese Gallimore, Destiny Huitzache, and Wade Chandler worked as a team in the Collaboration Connection leadership competition. Below Left, Anastasia Markham ranked nationally in the Division II Hand Drawn Anime competition with a drawing of an anime character she created. Below Right, Kennedy Hutchens created a picture of a sunset using recycled materials, which she submitted to the Division I Recyclable Art competition. Photos submitted by Brittany Colotta



Students Represent McKenzie Beta at National Convention

Several McKenzie High School students recently returned from the National Beta Conference in Orlando, with one ranking nationally in an art competition.

The Senior National Beta Conference was June 22-26 and challenged high school students from across America with competitions in math, science, reading, writing, art, leadership skills and more. McKenzie's competitors were Kennedy Hutchens, Brody Berryhill, Tobey Brooks, Reese Gallimore, Destiny Huitzache, Wade

Chandler, and Anastasia Markham.

Hutchens competed in Division I recyclable art, creating a sunset picture with recycled materials.

Berryhill, Brooks, Gallimore, Huitzache and Chandler competed as a team in Collaboration Connection, a leadership competition that challenged their critical thinking abilities.

Markham competed in and was ranked in the top 10 for the Division II Hand Drawn Anime competition, for which she drew an anime character of her creation.

The Beta Club is a national academic service club in which students must maintain a non-rounded GPA of 92 or better. These students have annual opportunities to compete at the bi-annual Regional Leadership Summit in the fall and spring and the State Convention in Nashville in late fall. Students who place in state and leadership competitions then have the opportunity to compete in the National Beta Convention, which changes locations each year.

Trezevant Board Considers, Delays Tiny House Regulations

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TREZEVANT (July 8) — A public hearing was held prior to Tuesday’s regular monthly meeting of the Trezevant Board to discuss a proposed ordinance regulating tiny houses in the town. After much discussion between town officials and citizens, the ordinance was tabled to explore increasing clarity in the language of the regulations. The ordinance was drafted by the Planning Commission with assistance from planners from the Northwest Tennessee Development District. David Bryant, chairman of the Planning Commission, told The Banner in a follow-up that several changes needed to be made to the ordinance before aldermen take action on it next month. The planners intend for the ordinance to allow for tiny houses that

are at least 900 square feet. The structure must be built on a land parcel of at least 15,000 square feet. The language of the ordinance as presented Tuesday was not clear on the structure minimum of 900 and mistakenly listed the lot minimum as 5,000. The structure itself must meet certain requirements. Tiny houses must have the same general appearance as required for site-built homes and be installed on a permanent foundation system. The home must be covered with an exterior material customarily used on conventional dwellings. Hitches and towing apparatus, axles and wheels must be removed. The roof must be pitched so there is at least a two-inch vertical rise for each 12 inches of horizontal run and must consist of material customarily used for con-

ventional dwellings. Tiny houses must connect to a public utility system which includes gas, electric, water and sewer. The homes may not exceed one story in height. Sleeping lofts are allowed. Several citizens participated in the discussion with questions and comments. One inquired why homes couldn’t be smaller than 900 square feet. Bryant said that the figure was based on regulations in other towns in the area. Citizens and aldermen alike were concerned about potential clusters of tightly-packed tiny homes. (At the time, they were assuming the lot minimum of 5,000 square feet, which would have allowed for much more density of homes than the intended 15,000.) Bryant clarified that regardless of size, a single lot can only contain one residential structure unless the lot is broken up into separate parcels. The hearing lasted just over half an hour.

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we’re assured that it’s safe because those steps have been followed. They have been put in place for a reason.” Trezevant water operator Erik Grimes responded that he followed his training and state regulations. “I was told in my training that only the dead ends have to be done that way. Noah said, ‘Ok that’s fine. I want you to do every hydrant from here on out.’ And he is the state. I said, ‘Yes, sir. I will do that from now on.’ And here we are.” Galloway noted that she works for another water department. She also said that Reid’s supervisor stated that all of the hydrants should have been done all along. Grimes stated that for the flushing that is in progress now, every hydrant is being treated with the chlorine residual. Galloway said she wasn’t experiencing brown water personally, to which Grimes said it would be remedied as soon as possible if she was. Galloway continued that she received messages “almost every day” that people’s water was brown. Grimes said, “They’re not telling me. Tell them to call city hall.” Galloway said, “I told them who to call, but it’s not city hall.” Grimes replied, “Well, it won’t do any good if they don’t call city hall.” Galloway said, “I just want things done right so when we pour a glass of water from our faucet, we can safely say we’re good, we can drink it.” Grimes replied that he drinks the water every day, “so if somebody gets sick, it will be me.” Galloway said, “Well I won’t.” Grimes noted that the system received a 100 on the sanitary survey, which Galloway says she questions. “You should not have gotten a 100,” she contended. Grimes said that restricting the treatments to dead-end hydrants was “not a pointable offense,” to which Galloway asked, “Ok, then why do it?”

Grimes replied, “I don’t know. Ask the state.” Galloway said, “I don’t know either, but it hasn’t been done and we just want safe drinking water.” Grimes said, “But I’m doing them now like he told me to... I promise you, you have safe drinking water.” Alderman Don Barger asked Grimes if he was following the instructions. Grimes said, “I meet or exceed all state standards.” Barger said, “Thank you, and thank you, Rita, for bringing that up and putting us on the right track. Whether it is or is not required by law, we are doing what is recommended.” Citizen John Quinn raised concerns about the condition and safety of the town’s sidewalks, stating that by ordinance, the town is required to ensure that property owners are maintaining the sidewalks on their properties. Quinn presented photos of several examples of dilapidated sidewalks. He referred to the other issues that have been discussed in recent meetings and asked, “When are you guys going to put some teeth in this and get something done so we can be safe.” Quinn accused the board and mayor of ignoring his concerns because they don’t like him. “I know y’all don’t like me. I don’t care. Get over it. I could care less. This is about safety.” He stated that if someone gets hurt on the sidewalks, he’s going to show them the pictures he has and the town’s ordinance and suggest they go to an attorney and “make sure they come after the town of Trezevant for not doing your jobs.” Alderman Leon Lyell expressed his intention to assess the sidewalks before the next meeting. Mayor Bobby Blaylock spoke about options, including contacting property owners to begin a dialogue about repairing the walkways. He noted that an insurance auditor would be assessing the town before the next meeting. Quinn requested to be on next month’s agenda to revisit the issue. Alderman Don Di-

eringer addressed the need to restrict access to the city’s dumpster while still making proper use convenient for Trezevant citizens. With the gate open all the time, people from outside of Trezevant have been using the dumpster, and items not suitable for the dumpster have been put in it. Dieringer suggested that a city employee could be on call for part of Saturday to give access to residents. Grimes chimed in that he had some duties on Saturdays and could also fill that need. During city hall business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.), residents can gain access from city staff. The town will add signage that indicates restricted items and who can be contacted about disposal of those items, which include refrigeration and AC units, tires, oils and chemicals, certain batteries (power tools, vehicles, ride-on toys), paint, tanks (helium, propane and compressed air), shingles, mattresses and box springs and household food. Another sign will give instructions for gaining access depending on the day and time. Dieringer will draft an ordinance to present at the next board meeting. City recorder Virginia Knott informed the board that the software the town uses for water bills is in dire need of an upgrade. The system is currently causing meter reading and billing issues. Financial officer Gabby Davis said that the upgrade will cost \$14,000, but that price will increase in January. She said that the expenditure wouldn’t require any adjustment to the overall budget. Grimes informed the board that one of the town’s pumps needs bearings replaced. He also reported that one of the town’s two wells was sucking up sand and will have to be turned off. A new well will need to be established within three years. For now, the shut off well will only be used as an emergency backup. The meeting adjourned in just under an hour. Vice Mayor Pam Joyner was absent.



Top, The Peter Pan Jr. cast sings their closing number. Above, Peter Pan (Darcy Rice) grieves Wendy Darling (Ellie Roach) while playing pretend. Below Left, Peter Pan (Darcy Rice) looks down at Tinkerbell (Korbyn Kendall). Below Right, Tiger Lily (Willa Kate Hall) speaks with her tribe. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



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“Peter Pan Jr.” retold the classic story of J.M. Barrie’s “Peter Pan,” featuring Tony-winning music from Morris “Moose” Charlap, Jule Styne, Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green. The young cast performed songs “I’m Flying,” “I’ve Gotta Crow,” “I Won’t Grow Up” and “Never Never Land.” Cari Dill, a teacher at the University School of

Jackson and former theatre director at South Gibson High School, directed the play with the help of several moms and former students. Dill credited the young actors’ persistence while putting the play together, saying the students learned their music and lines independently after being cast in mid-May. They put the show together in one week, meeting in the basement at the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center from 8 a.m. until noon for group crafts, music and choreography classes. Dill extended her

thanks to several helpful assistants throughout the making of the show including Harmony McKee, Abbie Hall, Kenzie McCaig, Sanaa Helper, Elsie Ladd, Anna Badgett, Becca Pyle, Britney Butler and Brianne Taylor. The Dixie Carter Performing Arts & Enrichment Center, located in Huntingdon’s Court Square, holds camps each summer to teach students about art, music, photography, pottery, and theatre. Applications remain open for fourth- to eighth-grade and ninth-grade to adult pottery classes, which are held in late July.

Policies

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school system. The phone usage policy states that cell phones can be used for instructional use; however, they are not allowed to be used in the classroom outside of special circumstances. The new student wellness policy will reflect the new state law requiring elementary students to have at least 40 minutes of physical activity per day, not including time spent in physical education. There were also minor changes made to the discrimination policies as well as a decision for how the board wished to distribute the discrimination policy to students. The board elected to have the policy printed and sent home with students at the beginning of the year, in addition to the information being available in the student handbook as well as on the school website and app. Website and App Update Michelle Robinson shared updates regarding the updated school website and app for West Carroll Special School District. “This was all driven by a focus group we had with parents and admin-



Michelle Robinson shared updates made to the West Carroll Special School District website and app during Thursday evening’s school board meeting. Updates make information easier and faster to access and highlights the good that is happening at West Carroll. Photo courtesy Jean Odom/Mirror-Exchange

istrators, and we wanted to know their feedback about our website and our app,” Robinson shared. “They wanted to know the school announcements, upcoming events, contact information for staff and faculty, reduce the number of steps to find their information, and dining menus.” The updated website includes restructured menus and areas where important information can be highlighted. “We now have this whole section where we can highlight different programs,” Robinson said. This section highlights

different clubs and opportunities happening at West Carroll High School, as well as a list of events happening at all three schools. “We are able to highlight some of the good things going on. We have lots of good things happening, and this is an opportunity to show that,” Robinson explained. The phone app for the school has also been updated with a much simpler format and cleaner look. The app will allow parents to access the same information as the website, as well as documents needed for students for easy access.

Tax

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of a drug investigator vehicle for \$54,500 from Wilson County Motors. The McKenzie Fire Department was permitted to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Carroll County Fire Department for providing mutual

aid. The agreement also allowed for the utilization of apparatuses and equipment. 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. The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is August 14.

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The TWRA has not set a projected reopening date. As with all construction activities, the timeline for completion may be influenced by weather conditions. Following the completion of the construction project, the TWRA will issue a public announcement regarding the reopening of the area.

The Dixie 20th Season Lineup Released

HUNTINGDON (July 14) — In what it considers one of its “most ambitious seasons ever,” the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center (DPAC) made its twentieth season announcement on social media Monday. Beginning August 30, the season features 24 events that span genres from country and doo-wop to rock ‘n’ roll and live theatre.

“This season honors The Dixie’s legacy while spotlighting bold new performances that reflect the diversity, talent and energy of today’s live entertainment scene,” said Rosemary Radford, brand manager of The Dixie.

The 2025-26 lineup features Grammy winners, Broadway stars, comedy legends, and cultural icons.

The season begins strong Saturday, August 30, with “Pop-Up: An Evening with Priscilla Presley” at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this performance went on sale July 7 via DixiePAC.net and at The Dixie’s box office.

After Grace, an Arkansas-based Christian duo, performs Saturday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Grammy-nominated country artist David Nail returns to The Dixie with new music like “Why” and fan favorites like “Red Light” Saturday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.

“Majesty: A Tribute to Queen” is Sunday, Saturday, September 14 at 3 p.m.

“American Idol” winner Taylor Hicks performs at The Dixie Saturday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. as a free community event part of the Huntingdon Heritage Festival.

The eight-piece tribute band Chi-Town Transit

Authority recreates the sounds of Chicago at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3.

Emmy winner Richard Thomas (John-Boy in “The Waltons”) stars in the one-man-show “Mark Twain Tonight,” originated by Hal Holbrook, Sunday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Deana Carter, the country star behind “Strawberry Wine,” performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 10.

14-time Grammy-winners, the Dan Tyminsky Band performs hits including “Hey Brother” and “Man of Constant Sorrow” Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The Bethel University Renaissance Theatre presents Disney’s “Newsies” November 1, 7, and 8 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Lisa Loeb and Joan Osborne join forces Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. to perform songs including “Stay (I Missed You)” and “One of Us.”

DPAC celebrates “Christmas at The Dixie” Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m., featuring local singers performing beloved holiday classics.

The Wizards of Winter, a holiday rock opera featuring members of TSO and Def Leppard, hits the Hal Holbrook stage Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m.

The Dixie hosts “An Evening with Shawn Mullins,” known for his hit “Lullaby,” Saturday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Allen brings his clean comedy to The Dixie Saturday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Doo Wop Project, featuring Broadway stars from “Jersey Boys” and “Motown the Musical,” comes to The Dixie Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Will Hoge performs songs from his newest

album at 7:30 Saturday, February 28.

Saturday, March 7, brings “Beatles vs. Stones - A Musical Show-down” to The Dixie at 7:30 p.m.

The Band of Heathens, an Austin-based band, performs Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Dixie hosts the Designing Women Curated Market Friday, March 20 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Mary Dixie Carter, the daughter of Dixie Carter and step-daughter of Hal Holbrook, presents “An Evening with Mary Dixie Carter” Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Carter will speak about her writing, family legacy and creative journey.

“Twitty & Lynn: A Salute to Conway and Loretta,” presented by the grandchildren of Twitty and Lynn, comes to The Dixie Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Lowry & Friends, known for co-writing “Mary, Did You Know?” performs gospel and comedy Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra closes out The Dixie’s twentieth season with a performance of hits like “In the Mood” and “Midnight Sereenade” on Saturday, June 6 at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the 2025-26 season go on sale Thursday, July 17 at 10 a.m. CT to Nineteenth Season Ticket Holders. Season tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, July 18 at 10 a.m. CT. Tickets for individuals shows go on sale to the general public on Monday, July 21 at 10 a.m. CT.

Tickets are available online at Dixiepac.net or through the box office at 191 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tenn.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

You Don’t Always Have To Be There To Be There

LaRenda Bradfield called to tell me our 60th high school reunion is going to be in late September. I pondered on that for half a second. Late September is three months away! That might be too long for some of us....

I get a little nervous when the young lady at Hunt’s Seafood Restaurant tells me it’s going to be a 40-minute wait for a table. I don’t buy green bananas. I get the half gallon carton of milk. I don’t look at the Farmer’s Almanac to find out when the next full moon is going to be...I’m only interested in how dark it might get tonight.

You get old enough to have a 60-year reunion in anything, you’ve got to consider some possibilities of life that never occurred to you when you were 13, or 21, or even 46. I was fixing to tell LaRenda that we might ought to move this celebration up to the day after tomorrow when she asked if I knew how to get in touch with Ricky Hale.

Well, no, actually, I did not.

And that is a shame. There was a time when we were inseparable. He would make the long walk out to our house to play kick the can. Or we’d hustle down to the big ditch and see if we could find a grape vine big enough to swing across. If we could get Joe and Richard Gooch, George Sexton, David Mark, Kong King, and one of the Williams boys, a baseball game would break out in that field between our house and Aunt Jessie’s.

Ricky was the luckiest guy I’ve ever known. He hit a tremendous drive one afternoon that was headed right for Mrs. Boaz’s bedroom window. She was a nice enough

neighbor but baseball and kids were not her cup of tea. The ball was still in midair when I got to thinking Daddy would whip us all if that window breaks....

The ball hit dead center on the small wooden frame in the middle of the window and bounced all the way back to the walnut tree between the Boaz house and ours. It was a one in a million shot. Nothing was broken! I started breathing again as Kong ran up and retrieved it (We only had one ball.) and the game went on.

I would spend the night during the summers with Rick because they had a TV. Miss Anita would let us carry our Cheerios into the living room and we’d lay on the floor and watch “Captain Kangaroo.” I’m telling you, life with Richard Lynn Hale was always pretty good.

As we got a little older, we’d meet uptown at Woodrow Kennon’s Store. If either of us had a nickel, we’d buy a Root Beer and take turns drinking it down. One Saturday morning he found a quarter in front of the Park Theatre. We had a Pepsi a piece. And two packs of Tom’s Peanuts to pour down the necks. That’s living life about as large as it gets.

We got bicycles the same Christmas. You talk about the world opening us for us! We took clothes pins and stuck baseball cards to our spokes so it would sound like a motor running as we sped past the swimming pool. We’d coast “hands free” down that big hill where Forrest Avenue ran into Main Street. And argue over who “chickened out” and hit their brakes first.

Girls showed up out of nowhere in junior high. Charlotte Melton wouldn’t come right out

and say she liked me. She wanted to know how I felt first. She asked her cousin Pam, to ask their cousin Ricky, to ask me what I thought.

Rick was a bit red faced before he could get it all out. I was stunned. Charlotte’s dad was rougher than a stucco bathtub. I wouldn’t want to upset his daughter. Ricky was supposed to get an answer....

It was the first time in our lives we couldn’t think of nothing to say to each other.

Rick was double dog lucky. His dad ran a service station down in Trezevant. He was into cars, engines, motorcycles, and such. Not long after the girlfriend episode, Mr. Arvie bought Ricky a brand-new Moped bike.

We rode the wheels off that thing! And liked to have gotten ourselves killed a time or two. If it hadn’t a’been for Ricky’s abiding luck, there is no telling how we would have ended up. Naturally, after we turned sixteen, he was the first to get an automobile. We’d cruise around Frank’s Dairy Bar looking like we knew more than we actually did.

I’ve not seen Ricky since we graduated. He is not big on reunions. But I can tell you, not many days go by that I don’t think of something he said, or we did. Life separated us, but it didn’t erase those wonderful memories.

And, you know what, with Rick’s luck, he will make it to late September.

I may not hang on that long, but the mere mention of his name has already kicked off the reunion for me....

Respectfully,
Kes

Inglenook Book Club Held Monthly Meeting

The Inglenook Book Club held its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. at Lakeside Senior Living Community, with 19 members in attendance. President Gail Mack called the meeting to order, and all stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, the club aim and the club’s motto. Gail thanked hostesses Deb Simon and Elaine Williams for serving ice cream cake, assorted chocolates, nuts, and beverages. Birthdays for July are Victoria Ard, Shirley Martin, and Deb Simon and Happy Birthday was sang by all.

Roll call was taken, followed by the June minutes reading, a correction was made to the June minutes and then approved as read by all. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the Treasurer’s Report, which was also approved as

read. Sunshine chair, Telephone chair, Membership chair, and Publicity chair all gave their reports. There is still a vacancy for one new member. There was an update from Mona Batchelor on the new bookstore for possible meetings to be held there. Discussion tabled until next month. President Mack called on Carolyn Potts to present the program. Carolyn spoke to the group about English detective novelist and playwright, Agatha Christie. Carolyn stated Christie is one of the best-selling novelists of all time. Carolyn shared good information with the group. The book passing was completed by Book Chair Mary Newman, with the next book passing date scheduled for July 23. Announcements followed, with the

next meeting scheduled for August 13 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside. Hostesses will be Beverly Mueller and Pedie Pedersen. The program will be presented by Mary Newman. Members are asked to bring individually wrapped food snacks, etc., for the school donation. All recited the Benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

Members present were: Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Jean McKinnie, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Genia Sherwood, Deb Simon, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

The Face of Addiction

PEOPLE WITH AN ADDICTION ARE some of the kindest, meanest, most truthful, most deceitful, gentlest, crudest, quietest, loudest, hardest working, laziest, most giving, most selfish, most loving, most heartless, most caring, most uncaring, most humble, most prideful people on the planet, which simply means they are the extreme versions of ourselves because we all can have any and all of those traits at any given time. But even though they are a mirror of ourselves and should make us say “there but for the grace of God go I,” what people tend to do is vilify those who struggle with an addiction—shaming them, condemning them, making fun of them, marginalizing them, shunning them, telling them to “just say no.” None of which helps.

THERE ARE NO PAT ANSWERS for overcoming an addiction or in dealing with someone who has an addiction because of the countless, multi-faceted factors involved. It’s fascinating to me how much people think they know about addiction when they actually know nothing about addiction.

While there are no simple answers to the complex problem of addiction, **THERE ARE SOME TRUTHS** I’d like to share:

TRUTH #1 — If you’re struggling with an addiction and trying to step out of that black, hopeless life, **YOU CANNOT DO IT ON YOUR OWN.** How long have you been trying to do that? Can’t you see that you’re not strong enough, smart enough, or wise enough to find and follow the path to wellness and wholeness? **YOU NEED HELP**, and that help can, and should, take many forms, as in:

- developing an intimate relationship with God
- Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous
- Celebrate Recovery
- a licensed counselor with experience in treating addictions
- a healthy social support system

TRUTH #2 — If someone you love is lost in the labyrinth of addiction **YOU CANNOT SAVE THEM.** How many times and ways have you tried and seen your efforts go for naught? Countless times, right? You have to accept that **YOU ARE POWERLESS** to make

them change. Rather than focusing on your loved one you need to focus on yourself and your feelings of guilt, shame, regret, anger, or resentment (or all the above). Those helpful resources I mentioned for the addict are also excellent resources for you, except that Alanon is a 12-step program specifically for the family members.

TRUTH #3 — THE FACE OF ADDICTION is the face of your neighbor, your fellow church member, your fellow employee, your boss, your child’s school teacher, even yourself. **ADDICTION IS NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS.** It crosses all socio-economic strata. No one ever made it a goal to become an addict or alcoholic. But step-by-step, slowly but surely, they headed down that road until one day their lives became completely unmanageable.

Sadly, there will never come a time when our world is free from the scourge of addictions. We are too human, too driven for instant gratification, too influenced by the charms of Satan.

BUT INDIVIDUAL BATTLES CAN BE WON; they can be won “one day at a time.”

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

Editor’s

VIEW

BY BRITTANY WASHBURN MARTIN

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Full Moon

Do you think Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR) was talking about a full moon when they wrote “Bad Moon Rising?” I can see how a full moon would inspire someone to write a cautionary tale.

Full moons are wild,

they pull at the tides and if you’ve ever been a teacher or first responder, you know they affect people too.

Friday felt worse than Thursday. Which makes me wonder, what if the effects of a full moon are like the wake behind a passing ship? Doesn’t feel like much when the ship is beside you, but after it passes it shakes everything up.

That is how last Friday felt. In the morning, I asked Jason, “do you feel that?” The kids were wild, work was hectic, everything felt... chaotic.

I’ve heard teachers say that on days when it’s a full moon, the crazy feels... airborne.

The last few full moons have been memorable. I really hope this pattern ends soon.

Editor’s Note: As someone who has been diagnosed with ADHD, I’m just as crazy as the rest of y’all, so calm down. Use of the word “Crazy” is not meant to disparage anyone. However, you should know you are not alone, help is available, and you should always choose life and your health. Stay safe.



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ing a Back To School Clos-et, July 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Webb School, 938 Walnut Avenue W. Chil-dren must attend to re-ceive supplies of clothes, shoes, school supplies, food, and a haircut. For more information, call 731-697-5468.

MHS KIDS FOOTBALL CAMP IS MONDAY

Coach Keith Hodge hosts the McKenzie High School Kids Football Camp Monday, July 21 at the MHS Indoor Practice Facility from 6-8 p.m. for ages 5-12.

Entry is \$20. Pay and register at the door.

The event is open to all youth from the area, re-gardless of city or county.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS DANCE ON SATURDAY

This Saturday, 7 p.m., dance to the music of The Cool Daddy Trio. Admis-sion is \$7, doors open at 6. Free dance class with paid admission. Instructor is Nancy Davenport. Exercise class weekdays at 9 a.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 Sun-day at 3 p.m.

McKENZIE YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS BEGIN SUNDAY

Sign-ups for the McK-enzie Youth Football League begin Sunday, July 20 from 2-5 p.m. at the Farmers Market and continue Monday, July 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the high school (during the youth football camp). The final sign-up session is Satur-day, July 26 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Farmers Market.

Registration for K-Second Grade and Third-Fourth Grade Flag Foot-ball is \$65. Fifth-Sixth Grade Tackle Football is \$90.

Late sign-ups will be charged an additional \$30 administration fee.

For more information, reach out to the McK-enzie Youth Football League Facebook page.

NIGHTS ON BROADWAY PRESENTS CROOKED CREEK ON THURSDAY

McKenzie's downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway con-tinues Thursday, July 17 with the band Crooked Creek. Music begins at 7 p.m. Spectators sit on the town square facing the stage on Banner Row; lawn chairs are encouraged.

Nights on Broadway continues with Longshot performing Tuesday, August 5. Fajita Brothers performs Thursday, September 4. Flashback performs Thursday, Sep-tember 18.

CARROLL ARTS, INC. UPCOMING EVENTS

Carroll Arts, Inc. has a packed schedule of events.

The Southern Fried Funnies are back! Perfor-mances are set for Thurs-day, 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 Hunting-

don Heritage Festival in September; A Mis-tletoe Christmas Pro-gram 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 carrollart-sinc@gmail.com.

CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Junior Golf Tournament is Tuesday, July 22 at Car-roll Lake Golf Course. Four age groups each have a boys and girls di- vision: 8 and under, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17. Cost of registration is \$10 includ-ing golf cart. Carts must be driven by an age-ap-propriate driver. For more information, contact the chamber at 731-986-4664 or cchamber@earthlink.net.

McKENZIE YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Online registration is now open for the McK-enzie Youth Soccer League fall season, and in-per-son registration begins next month.

The online registra-tion form is available on the McKenzie Youth Soccer League Facebook page.

In-person registration will be held at the depot building on Saturday, August 9 from 9-11 a.m.; Tuesday, August 12 from 6-8 p.m.; and Saturday, August 16 from 9-11 a.m. A coaches meeting is Saturday, August 23, and the season begins Satur-day, September 6.

Pictures will be taken on Sunday, September 7. A tournament will be played Saturday, No-vember 1 and a closing ceremony held Monday, November 3.

MHS CLASS OF 1975 TO HOST REUNION

McKenzie High School Class of 1975 is hosting a reunion in celebration of 50 years following grad-uation. 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 con-junction with the MHS Alumni Association De-cades Reunion on Fri-day, September 19, where alumni from many classes gather for an informal

reunion before the Home-coming football game featuring the McKenzie Rebels.

Members of the Class of 1975 will gather on Sat-urday, September 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch and socializing at First Cumberland Pres-byterian Church. Class members can obtain more information by emailing mckenziehigh75@gmail.com.

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN RALLY

Carroll County Repub-licans are hosting a ral-ly at the Inclusion Park, Mustang Drive, Hunting-don, on August 2, 10;30 a.m. It includes music, food, and a rally.

Congressman Tim Bur-chett is one of the guests.

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; Au-gust 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival; Sep-tember 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival; October 13-17 — Fall Break; Oc-tober 27 — County Chamber Banquet; November 7-8 — Carroll County Christ-mas Market; November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Ban-quet; December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of ev-ery month at 6:30 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Repub-lican Party meets month-ly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

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 Associ-ation will host its second annual Decades Reunion. Any MHS class hosting a reunion should contact the MHS Alumni Associ-

ation to help promote the class reunion.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

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

Dog Vouchers

Dog vouchers are avail-able for \$60 each cash or card only. Must be pur-chased at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments will be made at the time of purchase. The participat-ing vet clinic is Hunting-don 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 ani-mals. Puppies must be a minimum of 4 months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

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 North-west TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office at 938 Walnut Avenue W, McKenzie.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Com-mission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll Coun-ty 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, Tues-day, 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.

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Bethel University Begins Fall Semester in August

Bethel students re-turn to campus this Au-gust to begin the 2025 fall semester.

Move-in begins Thurs-day, August 14, and kicks off orientation week for freshmen. That night, freshmen will gather at the Quad for the annual “BU Hangout.”

Orientation official-ly starts on August 15 with registration be-ginning at 9 a.m. at the Dickey Fine Arts Building. The orienta-tion opening ceremony is at 9:30 a.m. with a campus tour following at 11 a.m. At noon, the freshman students will have a lunch break at the Cafe. More activi-ties begin at 2 p.m. with

STAR Time, which lasts until 4:30 p.m. Dinner is at 5:30 at the Cafe. STAR Time continues at 7 p.m., and games and hangout time fol-low at 8 p.m.

Orientation festivi-ties continue on August 16. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., students will get a proper introduction to McKenzie. At 2 p.m., they will watch and participate in fresh-man skits. Finally, the Freshman Fair begins at 5 p.m.

Orientation week concludes on August 17 with a worship service at 10 a.m.

Classes for new and re-turning Bethel students begin on August 18.

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HUNTINGDON — The Carroll County Exten-sion Office is inviting local residents to spice things up this summer with a hands-on salsa canning class on Mon-day, July 21 at 1 p.m. The class will take place at the Extension office, lo-cated at 625 High Street in Huntingdon.

Participants will learn how to make and pre-serve salsa using the wa-ter bath canning meth-od, a safe and effective technique for home food preservation. Whether you're a beginner want-ing to learn the basics or a seasoned canner look-ing for a fun refresh, this class offers something for everyone.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person, which includes all supplies and ingredients. Pre-regis-tration is required. To register, call the Carroll County Extension Office at 731-986-1976.

“This class is always a hit,” said Lacy Yeley, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with UT Extension. “It’s a great way to build confidence in the kitchen, learn safe canning practices, and leave with a product you made yourself. Plus, we always have a lot of fun!”

Participants will go home with valuable skills, a jar of their own homemade salsa, and re-sources to continue can-ning safely at home.

For more information about this or other Ex-tension programs, con-tact the Carroll County Extension Office.

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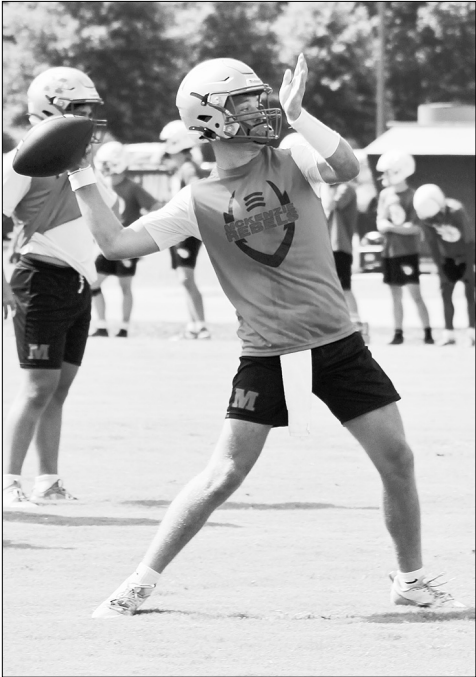
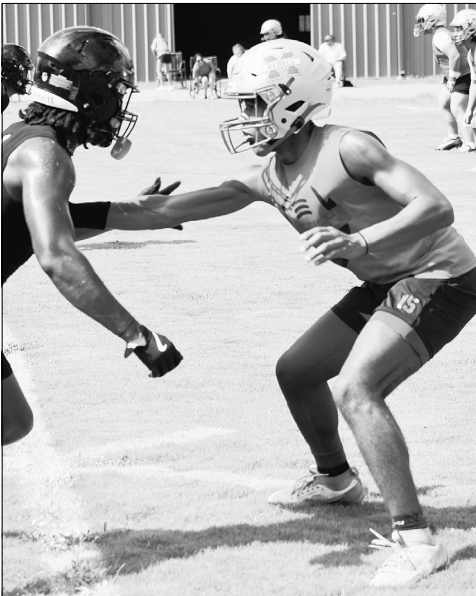
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Rebel wide receiver Jaden Blanton stretches for a sideline catch. Right, Rebel defensive back Gakhari Thomas lines up against a South Side receiver. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



Left, Rebel quarterback Cole Brown sets to throw. Right, Rebel wide receiver Lelan Gordon makes a touchdown catch in the air. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner

Rebels Host 7-on-7

BY DAVARION GILBERT
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MCKENZIE (July 10) — McKenzie High School hosted three teams for a 7-on-7 Thursday as preseason action ramps up.

South Side, South Fulton and Greenfield joined the Rebels at their practice facility for two-hand touch drills.

Teams took turns on offense and defense, with the offense running pass plays from the 40 yard line. Players have four tries to earn a first down and then four more to score a touchdown.

Pictured Right: Rebel wide receiver Kason Brown makes a leaping catch for a touchdown. Photo by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



Marriage Licenses

David Harmon Pleasant, 41, of Huntingdon, to Glenda Faye Bell Laman, 45, of Huntingdon.

Richard Dean Smith, 27, of McKenzie, to Courtney Elizabeth Laraka, 27, of McKenzie.

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Terry Bradshaw to Michelle Pruett in District 16.

Paul Michael Bond to Bryan Scott Bond in District 16.

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Margie Moore to Charlotte Denise Brawner in District 16.

Charles Alan and Becky J. Cox to Graden Kyle and Shanda Miller in District 10.

Patsy Lynn Sellers to Max Wardlaw in District 21.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Domestic Assault — According to a report by Officer Kristen Lee, on June 21, officers were dispatched to Clark Street for a domestic disturbance. A victim reported that her boyfriend, Jonathan Case, 34, of Buena Vista, had put his hands on her and she is currently pregnant. She had visible marks on her arm from where he had grabbed her when she tried to call the police for help. While police were talking to the victim, Case called multiple times demanding that she gets the police “off of him” or he would commit suicide. Case stated during the call he was not going to go back to jail and would harm himself if the police showed up. As deputies arrived at Case’s address, Huntingdon officers heard “shots fired” over the radio. When officers arrived on scene, Case was already deceased.

Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication —

According to a report by Officer Kristen Lee, on June 20, officers responded to a disturbance call on Main Street West regarding a male subject yelling and using profane language outside a residence. Earlier in the day, officers had responded to the same address for a similar complaint involving the same individual, later identified as Michael Walker, 64, of Huntingdon. When officers arrived, Walker immediately began yelling and using profane language at the officers and refused to answer any questions. Officers noted that Walking was slurring his speech and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Due to the continued disturbance to the neighborhood and noncompliance, he was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault — According to a report by Officer Dexter Richardson, on June 24, the Huntingdon Police

Department was dispatched to a trespassing complaint involving Jashawn Turner, 18. A victim informed officers that Turner had gone live on Instagram and Facebook from the location of Bridgeman Street and tagged her in the live stream stating that he was going to shoot up her residence and he had a handgun. Officers reviewed the video, and Turner can be heard stating that he has a Glock 23, however it is not visible in the video. The victim felt scared and threatened.

McKenzie Police Reports

Outstanding Warrants — John Othello Hightower, Jr., 39, Cole Street, McKenzie, was arrested on outstanding warrants of four counts of Forgery, False Reports, and Financial Exploitation of an Elderly/Vulnerable Person on July 10.

Officer Dustin McClure and Assistant Chief Trey Boucher witnessed Hightower driving and knew of his active warrants in Weakley County. They arrested Hightower and transported him to Carroll County Jail.

DUI-4th Offense, Driving on Revoked License — Rodney H. Townes, 56, Sand Mill Road, Camden, was charged with DUI. Driving on a Revoked License, and Driving on Wrong Side of Street on July 9.

Officer Jayden Rembert witnessed Townes’ vehicle stopped in the middle of Walnut Avenue and then proceed on the wrong side of the city street. The

officer stopped Townes, administered a sobriety test and then arrested him. Townes refused the blood-alcohol blood draw. He had been convicted of DUI in 2020 in Benton County. He was transported to Carroll County Jail and his vehicle was impounded.

Driving on Suspended License — Isabel Marisol Guzman, 19, Hidden Acres Road, Paris, was charged with Speeding and Driving on a Suspended License on July 11.

Sergeant Darren Davis stopped Guzman’s vehicle for traveling 51 in a 30-mile-per-hour zone. A check of her license revealed that it was suspended. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving on Revoked — Billy E. Borum, 52, Everett Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License Due to DUI and Seat Belt Violation on July 10.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Borum’s vehicle because the driver was not wearing a seat belt. A check of his license revealed the revoked status. Borum was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Violation of Probation — Nicholas M. Snider, 46, Birmingham Lane, was charged with Violation of Probation on July 11.

Sergeant Darren Davis stopped Snider due to a malfunctioning headlight. When he stopped the vehicle, he learned of the Violation of Probation charge. She was transported to Weakley County Jail.

Vandalism — A Forrest Circle resident reported the vandalism of her vehicle on July 9. Two of the lady’s tires had been flattened by an apparent stabbing of the tires. Investigator Steven Scott filed the report.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Theft from Motor Vehicle — According to a report by Deputy Jason Walker on July 6, Thomas Keele called the Sheriff’s department and reported that his gun was missing from his car after a party he had on the 3rd of July. Mr. Keele stated he took the gun out of his bedroom and locked it inside his car because he was having a party that night. He didn’t know who got in his car and stole it at the time of the report.

Possession of Sch. II Drugs — According to a report by Deputy Bongiovanni on July 6, he observed a black Ford F-150 traveling westbound on Highway 70 through Cedar Grove, with Cody Campbell driving the vehicle. The deputy was aware of Campbell’s license being revoked for a prior DUI conviction. Campbell was arrested for driving on a revoked license and the vehicle was searched before being

towed. Inside the truck there were five suboxone pills, one glass smoking pipe, and a glass jar with meth inside.

Identity Theft — According to a report by Deputy Paul Williams on July 7, he responded to the dispatch lobby for a report. Elizabeth and Ryan Yelverton reported that Ryan’s identity was stolen. His social security number, email address, and old physical address were used.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on July 9.

The following cases were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Justin Tucker, Hillcrest Drive, Martin, bound over, DUI-First Offense; bound over, Possession of a Hand Gun While Under the Influence.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Kimberly M. Arnold, Morton Road, Gleason, guilty, Criminal Trespass, no fine, no contact with victim, unsupervised probation, payment arrangements through clerk’s office; dismissed, Resisting Stop, Arrest or Search (No Weapon).

Caleb Daughtry, Park Ridge, Jackson, guilty, DUI by Allowing, \$350 fine, 90-day probation, jail sentence suspended except 48 hours; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; dismissed, Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Limitations on Overtaking on the Left; dismissed, Driver’s License to be Carried and Exhibited.

Robert Doede, Paris Street, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While License Suspended, no fine, unsupervised probation, may make steps to reinstate license again, payment arrangements through clerk’s office, except litigation tax indigent waived.

Justin Melton, Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 supervised probation until all conditions met then unsupervised probation for balance, 24 hours served already completed, will receive substance abuse counseling; dismissed, Improper Lane Change.

Patrick Jerome Ross, Thompson Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation – Booked, no fine, extends probation four months.

Athena Stafford, Elm Street, McKenzie, guilty, Meth – MFG, Deliver, Sell, Possession With Intent, \$150 fine to run concurrent, may complete rehab and get credit; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Athena Stafford, Elm Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation – Booked, 11/29 jail time, served 14 days, can receive day-for-day credit upon successful completion of inpatient treatment.

Melvin Dartavious Tyson, N Church Street, Reeves, guilty, Speeding, no fine, supervised probation may become unsupervised upon completion of probation terms, must make progress obtaining a valid license, \$50 fine for contempt late for court; guilty, Driving While

License

Suspended, no fine, supervised probation may become unsupervised upon completion of probation terms, must make progress obtaining a valid license, \$50 fine for contempt late for court.

The following cases were dismissed.

Gerald Lee Luther, Vale McKenzie Road, Hollow Rock, dismissed, Seat Belt – 18 and Older; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law; dismissed, Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic; dismissed; Drivers to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

Connie McMillian, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, Assault – Physical Contact.

The following cases were rescheduled.

Randy Lynn Anderson, Dwayne Patrick Jones, Dwayne Patrick Jones.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE135

ESTATE OF: MARTHA LOUELLEN HOLLEY, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of JULY, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of MARTHA LOUELLEN HOLLEY deceased, who died JUNE 6TH, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.
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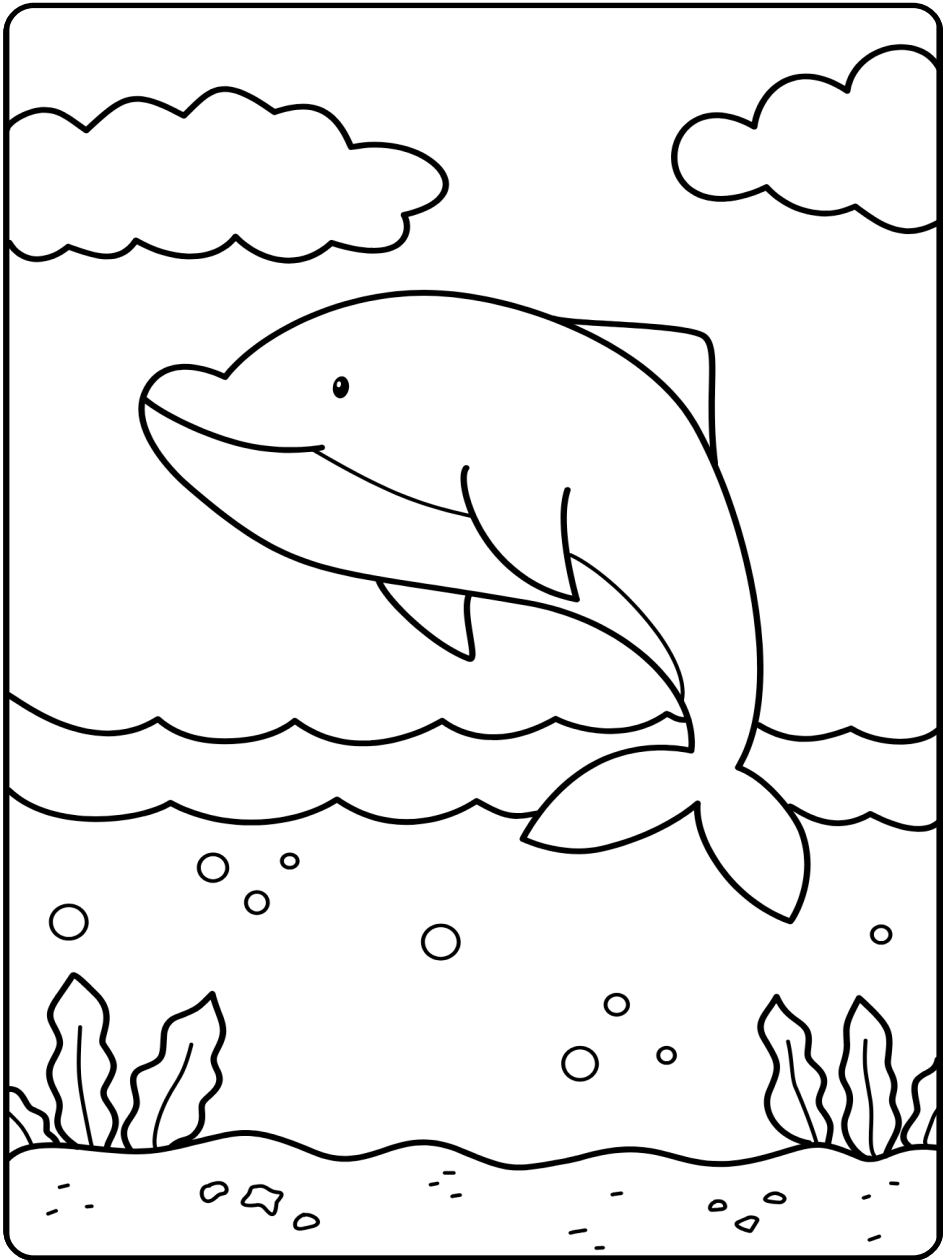
PUBLIC NOTICE

Carroll County Election Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 4:30 p.m. in the Election Commission Office. Main agenda items: Call Republican Primary Election for May 5, 2026; discuss IT needs; discuss revision of List Maintenance policy; and, discuss FY25/26 budget. To address the Election Commission during the meeting, contact the Election Office at least one business day before the meeting. Carroll County Election Commission, 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344, 731-986-1968, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Email: carroll.commission@tn.gov.

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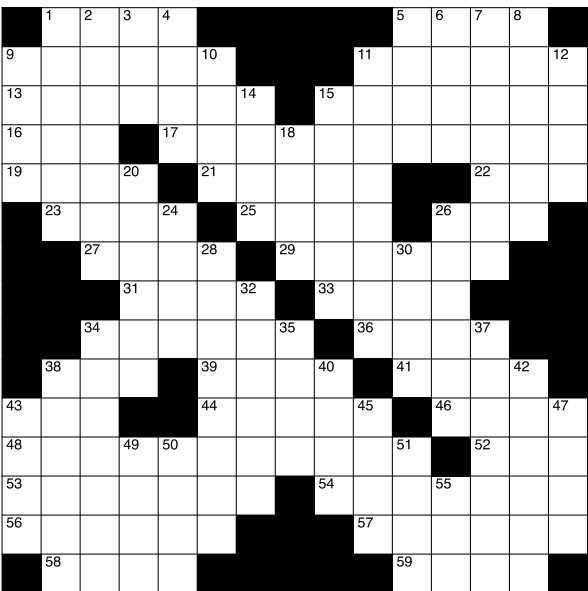
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Resorts
- 5. One point south of southwest
- 9. Musical performances
- 11. Matched
- 13. Four-footed animal part
- 15. Express severe disapproval of
- 16. Type of leaf
- 17. Preparatory
- 19. Walk heavily
- 21. Succulent plants
- 22. Rectangle of grass
- 23. Lump in yarn
- 25. Too
- 26. Foot (Latin)
- 27. Afflicts
- 29. Smoothed
- 31. Mind (Greek)
- 33. Tampa ballclub
- 34. Semitic language
- 36. Sheltered sides
- 38. Ocean
- 39. Electronic point of sale
- 41. Thrust a knife into
- 43. 12th month (abbr.)
- 44. Ringworm
- 46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
- 48. Fighting back
- 52. Cease to exist
- 53. Insects in adult stage
- 54. Freestanding sculpture
- 56. Caps
- 57. Repents
- 58. Brown and Wallace are two



59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Goes bad
- 2. Yard structure
- 3. They ____
- 4. Marine invertebrate
- 5. European river
- 6. Office supplies firm
- 7. Physically abused
- 8. Service stations in Australia
- 9. Kills
- 10. Liquid body substances
- 11. Particular to a given individual
- 12. Brave or noble act
- 14. Sicilian city
- 15. Conqueror
- 18. Elected officials
- 20. Type of "pig"
- 24. Drop of viscous substance
- 26. Monetary unit of Spain
- 28. Guarantees
- 30. Coloring materials
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. Square measure
- 35. Will not
- 37. Canned fish
- 38. Appeared
- 40. Six (Spanish)
- 42. Took off
- 43. Negligible amount
- 45. Posts in a Greek temple
- 47. Witnesses
- 49. Phil ____, former CIA
- 50. Places to park
- 51. Guns
- 55. Dance to pop music

Week 28

See solution in next week's edition.

Stay Cool Word Search

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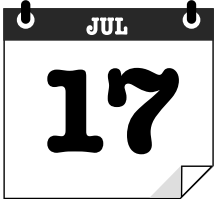
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1850: Vega becomes the first star (other than the Sun) to be photographed.

1902: Willis Carrier creates the first air conditioner in Buffalo, NY.

1955: Disneyland is dedicated and opened by Walt Disney in California.

SUDOKU

WEEK 28

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

Level: Beginner

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 air conditioning. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = O)

A. 9 22 22 24 18 25 17

Clue: Make less warm

B. 5 21 25

Clue: Circulates air

C. 18 25 1 22 22 13 4

Clue: Inside

D. 13 26 16 21 18 13 4

Clue: Fixes

Answers: A. cooling B. fan C. indoors D. repairs

LETTER MIX-UP

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

TEMPERATURE

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

Riddle Me This

Why is the baseball field hot after a game?

Answer: All the fans left.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

SNVTE

Answer: Vents

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born on July 18, 1967 in California. Before finding fame, I worked as a bouncer at bars in New York. I am best known as the protagonist in several films where I played a mechanic and elite street car racer. I'm also the voice of a sentient tree-like creature.

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 27

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9	8	6	5	1	3	7	2	4
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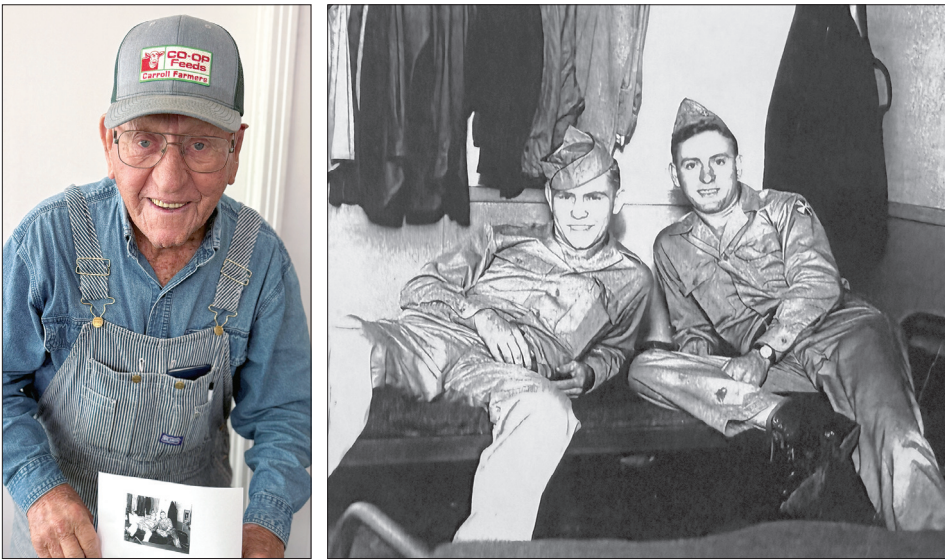
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Left, Wayford Washburn, Sr. to celebrate his 100th birthday on July 21. Right, Brothers James Lloyd Washburn and Wayford O. Washburn, Sr. are pictured together in Japan during the Allied Forces occupation of that country during the post-conflict of World War II.

Washburn to Celebrate 100th Birthday

MCKENZIE — Wayford Otis Washburn, Sr. of McKenzie, is celebrating his 100th birthday on July 21, 2025. He is one of the few World War II veterans remaining in Carroll County. His military service was in post-conflict (Yokohama), Japan.

The centurion was born in Henderson County on July 21, 1925 to Vester and Dovie Ardell Ross Washburn. He was the second born of seven children - Fred, who died at age 99 in January 2023; Leo, who died at age 2 in July 1932; James Lloyd Washburn, who died at age 57 in February 1985; Arlene Washburn Davis, who is the lone surviving sibling; Billy Washburn, who died at age 85 in October 2020; and Helen Louise Washburn Moore, who died at age 87 in January 2025.

The family grew up as children of a sharecropper. They moved from Henderson County in 1938, first moving to a farm, where Lakeside Retirement Community Center now stands and prior to the construction of Carroll Lake, built in 1949-1950.

The family moved to Tennessee Street to the Bateman farm in 1947 and farmed the land around the now McKenzie Elementary School.

In 1947, the family moved and worked the farm of Eulas Pickler, where the family milked cows and farmed the 147 acres in Henry County off Ben Smith Road (Cole Street) McKenzie. The family later purchased the farm using James Washburn's GI Bill money.

Wayford O. Washburn, Sr., is a lifelong farmer, who owned farms on Como Road in McKenzie and Hinkledale Road in McKenzie. Still today, he manages his cattle on the Hinkledale Road farm.

He is known to many former students at McKenzie Schools as their school bus driver, a job he performed each morning and afternoon for many years. His son, Wayford O. Washburn, Jr., was his substitute driver. Wayford, Sr. also served as an elected constable.

Wayford, Sr. married his first wife, Alice Marie Kirksey Washburn in 1947. They had one son, Wayford, Jr., born in 1949.

Prior to his marriage, Wayford Sr. joined the Army on April 16, 1946, and served in Japan as part of the American Occupational Forces. He was assigned to a transportation unit and received a World War II Victory Medal upon his honorable discharge.

He and his younger brother, James Lloyd Washburn, both served in Japan at the same time. James was enlisted on June 7, 1946, in the Army/Air Force and served in Yamato, Japan. He was listed on his Honorable Discharge document as a light truck driver. James enlisted in the inaugural class of Tennessee National Guardsmen in the McKenzie unit.

There is a lone photograph of the two brothers together in Japan. That photo was made in 1946.

When interviewed about his military service, Wayford, Sr. said he worked with the Japanese men who were very respectful to him. "They liked me," said Wayford. During the recent interview, he could recall scant details about his military service, but remembered he received an early discharge from service because his dad was injured on the farm when a team of mules or horses broke loose, fracturing his dad's bones, rendering him unable to work. During World War II and the post-conflict occupation of Japan and in Europe, many young men left the farms to serve their country. The Washburns were two from the same family, serving in the military.



Above, Pictured at the McKenzie farmers market are (L to R) Vol State runners Hui Yang and Kim Drake, McKenzie road angels Al Everett and Chris Nelson, Nelson's niece Remi Burress and runner Jun Lin. Below, Runners passing through McKenzie peaked Friday afternoon, with many taking advantage of the aid station at the farmers market. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Last Annual Vol State Race Passes Through Weakley, Carroll County

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (July 10-12) — Over three days, residents of Weakley and Carroll County saw over a hundred ultramarathon runners pass through in the early stages of an epic journey spanning the state.

The Last Annual Vol State Road Race is a 500k (314-mile) trek from Dorena Landing, Missouri to Castle Rock, Georgia. The race begins on Thursday morning each year (despite the "last" in the name) with a ferry trip across the Mississippi. When the ferry docks, the runners are off. They have ten days to complete the course. This year, 129 stepped off of the ferry.

Along the way, "road angels" make the trip more tolerable, whether it's a cooler of ice cold water on the side of the road or a veritable oasis such as what McKenzie has offered for the last decade.

For the tenth year, McKenzie's Farmers Market has become an aid station for weary travelers, stocked with some essentials and temporary comforts such

as water, Gatorade and pickle juice, light snacks, first aid supplies and cots for sleeping.

Contributing to this year's effort were Al Everett and Chris and Jennifer Nelson.

The quickest of the quick began arriving in McKenzie on Thursday evening, with the bulk of runners passing through on Friday and stragglers (at risk of being paced out of the race) trickling in early Saturday.

Many maintain somewhat normal hours, sleeping at night, but many choose to run more in the cooler nights and sleep and rest during the hottest part of the day.

Although the ranks of the runners include people from all over the world and of all ages (this year ranging from 19 to 87), you'd never know from the scene at the McKenzie aid station. Any combination gathered at a given moment seems like a group of old friends. The same is true for Everett, the Nelsons and other curious locals posted at the Farmers Market when runners stop to take a break.

A New York City couple making the run together spoke to The

Banner about the unique experience.

Jun Lin and his wife, Hui Yang, arrived in McKenzie Friday morning and stopped for a rest at the Farmers Market.

Lin is looking for his second Vol State finish in two tries, while Yang is making her race debut. One or both of the couple have competed in other extreme marathons such as HOTS (Last Annual Heart of the South Road Race, another race from Lazarus Lake, creator of Vol State), the Great New York 100 and the New York City Marathon.

Lin said, "Thank you to these amazing angels. We could not do it without them."

Yang expressed her appreciation for the friendly attitudes. "The people are amazing, even the people just driving by. You won't get that in New York," she said with a laugh.

As of Monday morning, lead runner Addison Hendricks was just 30 miles from the finish, Yang and Lin were near the halfway point, and 27 runners had called it quits.



Above, Summer readers crafted Smokey Bear headbands and pictures, assisted by Library Director Erin Crockett (back left) and children's librarian Grace Hawkins (back center). Below, Children's librarian Grace Hawkins reads a book about Smokey Bear and fire prevention. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



County Library Summer Readers Learn About Wildfire Prevention, Smokey Bear

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HUNTINGDON (July 10) — Carroll County Library summer readers learned about Smokey Bear and wildfire prevention on Thursday.

Children's librarian Grace Hawkins read a book about the true story of Smokey Bear and wildfire prevention.

The Smokey Bear character was created in 1944, but the first real Smokey was a bear cub rescued from a forest fire in New Mexico in 1950. After recovering from his burns,

Smokey spent decades at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. as the living symbol for forest fire prevention.

From the book Hawkins read, Smokey offers five rules for wildfire prevention.

One, as the famous slogan says, "Only you can prevent wildfires."

Two, always be careful with fire.

Three, never play with matches and lighters.

Four, always watch your campfire.

Five, make sure your campfire is completely out before leaving it.

Smokey Bear himself was scheduled to make an appearance at the summer reading event, but was unable. The summer readers had a great time anyway, crafting Smokey headbands and pictures and enjoying snacks.

Hawkins hopes to reschedule Smokey's appearance soon.

Carroll County Library's Summer Reading Program concludes with the "Color Our World" Summer Reading Finale on Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m.



Rotary's flowers for the ladies — McKenzie Rotary Club presented a small bouquet of flowers to the lady members and guests (L to R): Kimberly Bell Webb, Ricky Price-President, Sandi Roditis, Susan Dyer, Armand Hebert-Vice-President, LaShonda Williams, Jan Latimer, Christy Williams, and AnneMarie Tanner, owner of McKenzie Taproom.

New Rotary Year Starts by Honoring Female Members

MCKENZIE (July 8) — McKenzie Rotary Club started its new year by honoring the ladies in attendance, whether a member or visitor.

Ricky Price is the newly installed president of the club and Armand Hebert is the vice president. Both presented a small bouquet of flowers to each of the lady members and visitors. Rotary

was once an all-men's service club. McKenzie Rotary was the first club in the district to induct women into the club and has since had several female presidents.

In other business, the club planned its 2025-26 year of activities, including the annual auction, academic banquets, sponsorship of sports teams, and charitable work.

The club convened on Tuesday noon at the new McKenzie Taproom on Broadway Street.

AnneMarie Tanner welcomed everyone to the new McKenzie business, a sister to Paris Station in downtown Paris. She noted that it is a family-oriented company that seats 50 persons, provides good food, and offers custom brews.