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"Flowers grow out of dark moments."
— Corita Kent

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Six Injured in Head-On Crash

CARROLL COUNTY (July 31) — James Christopher Mills, 32, is facing charges of DUI #2, vehicular assault, and driving left of the centerline after a head-on crash on July 31 on State Route 219 in Carroll County.

According to the report filed by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Mills 2023 Ford F150 hit head-on with a Dodge Caravan driven by China Christine Cox, 26.

The accident created injuries for Cox, Justin Ring, 27, Carol Chamberlin, and three children. All were transported to Baptist Hospital-Carroll County in Huntingdon.

END-OF-SUMMER FESTIVITIES



Children Heidi Workman, Miles Workman, Brennan Alcott and Kaylee Alcott pose in front of Hometown Health Clinic's special Back-to-School backdrop. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Hometown Health Clinic Hosts Back-to-School Blitz

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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Hometown Health Clinic hosted its annual Back-to-School Blitz Wednesday, July 30, in its Pediatric unit on McKenzie's Hospital Drive. At the event, children enjoyed

face-painting, sno-cones and popcorn provided by clinic employees. Insurance companies including BlueCare, Wellpoint and United Healthcare donated backpacks and pencil pouches to visiting children. This year, a few special visitors

from the Bowties and Tutus Mobile Petting Zoo from Sharon, Tenn., attended the blitz.

Animal handler Teala Nooner introduced the visiting animals: a

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LAKE COUNTY



Austin Robert Drummond

Search for Drummond Continues

WEST TENNESSEE (August 4) — Since last Tuesday, July 29, a manhunt has been underway by multiple local, state and federal agencies after four bodies were recovered along Carington Road in Tiptonville in Lake County, Tenn. and

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CARROLL COUNTY

Electric Board Approves New Insurance Coverages

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (July 31) — The Carroll County Electric Department Board approved insurance coverages for 2025-26 during Thursday's regular meeting, including one renewal with a rate increase and one provider change for a rate decrease.

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Matthew Holt Earns Two Nominations for Dove Awards



Matthew Holt

NASHVILLE (July 30) — The Gospel Music Association (GMA) announced on Wednesday the nominees for the 56th Annual GMA Dove Awards, which includes two nominations for McKenzie's Matthew Holt.

Holt and Kevin Williams of Gaither Music produced two albums nominated for Southern Gospel Album of the Year: "Foundations: The Hymns of My Heart" by Chris Blue and "I'm Free: Songs That Wrote My Story" by Joseph Habedank.

The 56th Annual GMA Dove

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Unemployment Rates Ticked Upward in June

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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TENNESSEE (July 24) — Unemployment rates increased in all 95 counties in June, according to new data released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The state's data follows a national trend of increased unemployment.

Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties were not immune to the rise in unemployment.

In Carroll County, 615 peo-

ple from a labor force of 12,146 were unemployed in June. The county's unemployment rate increased by 1.2 points, rising from 3.9 percent unemployment in May to 5.1 percent unemployment in June. In June 2024, Carroll County's unemployment rate was reported to be 4.6 percent.

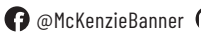
In Henry County, 616 people from a labor force of 13,106 were unemployed in June. The county's unemployment rate increased by 0.8 points, rising

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Carroll County's Fairest of the Fair Pageant Results



Carroll County's fairest filled the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon on August 2 and 3 to compete for royalty titles in the fair's annual pageants. The Fairest of the Fair pageant kicked off the Carroll County Fair festivities. Left, Bailey Rogers is the 2025 Carroll County Fairest of the Fair. Lily Moore, last year's queen, crowned Rogers. Rogers enjoys spending time at the lake and visiting coffee shops. Center, The 2025 Carroll County Fairest of the Fair (ages 16-20) and court (L to R): First Maid Allie Kate Smith, 18, of Huntingdon. Smith is the daughter of Alicia Busby and Terry Smith. Queen Bailey Rogers, 18, of Cedar Grove. Rogers is the daughter of Kelli and Daniel Rogers and attends Jackson State Community College. Second Maid Kylee Weston, 16, of Huntingdon. Weston is the daughter of Justin and Heather Weston and is homeschooled. Right, The 2025 Miss Teen Fairest of the Fair (ages 13-15) and court (L to R): Third Maid Jasmin Dodd, 13, of Cedar Grove. Dodd is the daughter of Nick and Mery Dodd and attends West Carroll Junior/Senior High School. First Maid Ava Grace Gordon, 13, of Huntingdon. Gordon is the daughter of Heather and David Gordon and attends Huntingdon Middle School. Queen Addison Davis, 15, of McKenzie. Davis is the daughter of Chad and Amanda Davis and attends McKenzie High School. Second Maid Carleigh Lunn, 15, of McKenzie. Lunn is the daughter of Traci and Craig Lunn and attends McKenzie High School.



Above Left, The 2025 Young Miss Fairest of the Fair (ages 10-12) and court (L to R): Second Maid Olivia Carey, 12, of McKenzie. Carey is the daughter of Justin and Dawn Oakes and attends McKenzie Middle School. Queen Paisley Bennett, 10, of West Carroll Elementary School. Bennett is the daughter of Dustin and Melissa Bennett. First Maid Camilla Jenkins, 11, of West Carroll Elementary School. Jenkins is the daughter of Cassidy Cozart and Alvin Jenkins. Above Right, The 2025 Little Miss Fairest of the Fair (ages 7-9) and court (L to R): First Maid Ella Kate Green, 9, of Clarksburg. Green is the daughter of Felicia Joyner and Blake Green. Queen Tatum McQuesten, 7, of Huntingdon. McQuesten is the daughter of Ryan and Shelby McQuesten. Second Maid Lilly Jeffries, 8, of Huntingdon. Jeffries is the daughter of Jason and Carla Jeffries. Below Left, The 2025 Little Miss Carroll County (ages 4-6) and court (L to R): Third Maid Piper Lynn McMackin, 4, of Huntingdon. McMackin is the daughter of Justin and Valerie McMackin. Queen Callie Mae Hatcher, 4, of McKenzie. Hatcher is the daughter of Jasmine and Wes Hatcher. Second Maid is Daisy Blaze Baker, 4. Baker is the daughter of Kaleb Baker and Chelsey Smith. First Maid Ella Reynolds, 4, of West Carroll. Reynolds is the daughter of Payton and Rob Reynolds. Below Center and Right, The 2025 Tiny Mr. Carroll County (24-47 months) and court (L to R): King Raylan Crocker, 2, son of Courtney and Josh Crocker. Raylan's favorite hobby is playing with tractors. First Page Jovan Branch, 2, son of Jordan and Aly Branch. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Right, The 2025 Tiny Miss Carroll County (24-47 months) and court: (L-R) Queen Kinsey Mae Prater, 3, daughter of Austin and Alexis Prater. First Maid Georgia Gibson, 3, daughter of Taylor and Rumor Gibson. Second Maid Emery Gene Coleman, 3, daughter of Bryant and Madison Coleman. Third Maid (Tied) Haisley Crocker, 2, daughter of Courtney and Josh Crocker, and Paislee Knox Gowen, 2, daughter of Ian and Brittany Gowen. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Left, The 2025 Fair Friends Baby Show (Girls 0-23 months) and court (L to R): Queen Leighton Gallimore, 18 months, daughter of Heath and Mary Ashton Gallimore. First Maid Ellie Sills, 7 months, daughter of Erica and Brad Sills. Second Maid Oaklee Walton, 21 months, daughter of Tanner Walton and Brianna Moon. Third Maid Mary Helen Foster, 1, daughter of Nick and Lindsey Foster. Right, The 2025 Fair Friends Baby Show (Boys 0-23 months) and court (L to R): King Gunner Gibson, 1, son of Taylor and Rumor Gibson. First Page Mason Carter, 8 months, son of Logan and Jessi Carter. Second Page Emmitt Joshua Williams, 5 months, son of Josh and Savannah Williams. Third Page Spencer Moon, 12 months, son of Katey and Gage Moon. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Rates

...From Front Page

from 3.9 percent unemployment in May to 4.7 percent unemployment in June. In June 2024, Henry County's unemployment rate was reported to be 4.4 percent.

In Weakley County, 690 people from a labor force of 13,801 were unemployed in June. The county's unemployment rate increased by 1.2 points, rising from 3.8 percent unemployment in May to 5 percent unemployment in June. In June 2024, Weakley County's rate was marginally high-

er, with 5.1 percent of the labor force identifying as unemployed.

Carroll and Henry counties were two of 24 counties with unemployment rates of 5 percent or greater. The rest of Tennessee's 71 counties had unemployment rates of less than 5 percent.

Perry, Johnson and Meigs counties had the highest unemployment rates in the state in June. Perry County, ranked last in the state, had an unemployment rate of 6.2 percent.

Sevier, Cheatham and Williamson counties had the lowest unemployment rates in June. Sevier County topped the ranking with an unemployment rate of 3.2

percent.

Tennessee's overall unemployment rate in June was 3.5 percent. It was lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.

Similar data reports from last year indicate that unemployment rates typically rise in the summer months due to seasonal jobs, but some national outlets report concerns about a potentially fragile labor market due to low job availability. Nationwide, the highest growth in jobs appeared in the health sector — with over half of the growing jobs being in ambulatory services, such as doctor's offices and clinics.

Electric

...From Front Page

General Manager Ryan Drewry and S&S Insurance agent Jacob Smothers provided an overview of the policies.

First, they addressed the renewal of property-casualty coverage through the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association Distributors Insurance Program, which covers categories such as workers compensation, general liability, equipment breakdown, commercial crime, property and management and

fiduciary liability.

The cost of the annual premium is increasing by 12 percent, of which four percent is a rate increase and the other eight is increases in coverage due to higher equipment and property values.

Board members approved the proposed policy unanimously.

Second, two options were presented for cyber coverage insurance. Renewal with the current provider, Coalition, would come with a 19.7 percent increase. The deductible would remain \$5,000. The alternative, Cowbell, a company the department has used before, would be a 26.1 percent de-

crease in premium, but with a \$10,000 deductible.

Board member Chris Gurley made a motion to accept the Cowbell policy, which was approved unanimously.

Drewry reported that the Silicon Ranch solar farm in Trezevant was online.

He also updated the board on the progress at the Leach substation. There are several items still to be bid out with lead times of six to eight months. The target to get the substation online remains November 2026.

The meeting adjourned after eleven minutes.

The board next meets on Thursday, August 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Blitz

...From Front Page

goat, sheep, water buffalo, miniature cow, Sulcata tortoise, Velveteine Lop rabbit, chicken and an albino porcupine. Though these animals can withstand more heat exposure than the rest of her farm animals, they could only stay at the event for a little over an hour due to excessive heat.

The animals were posted just in front of the parking lot so children could stop by, pet and feed the animals before or after visiting the health center.

“Every year we do a Back to School Blitz to try and

get kids in the door,” said Ellen Pruitt, marketing and human services lead at Hometown Health Clinic. She said the event helps share a message about health and wellness to kids as they prepare for their return to school. It also provides an incentive for kids and families to schedule their yearly wellness exams.

Insurance salespeople and a representative for the Tennessee Department of Health’s Red Sand Project, an initiative to raise awareness about human trafficking, also had information booths at the event to speak with visiting families.

Carroll County students return to school Tuesday, August 5.



The Back-to-School Blitz was at the Hometown Health Clinic Pediatric Unit. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Carroll County Commission Meets Monday

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, August 14 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex. The following items are on the agenda:

Declare a vacancy for a commission seat in District 7. The seat was held by Manuel Crossno.

Resolution 8-01-2025 — Amend the School General Fund Budget (increase of \$386 to Technology – Other Salaries & Wages from Technology – Administrative Equipment.

Resolution 8-02-2025 — Reappoint Chris Gurley to the Carroll County Electric Department Board.

Resolution 8-03-2025 — Authorize Carroll County to join the State of Tennessee and other local governments in amending

the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement and approving the related settlement agreements.

Resolution 8-04-2025 — Increases the Mineral Severance Tax in Carroll County. Due to factors such as rising material costs, inflation, and supply chain disruptions, the cost of county road and bridge construction and maintenance has increased dramatically and Carroll County needs additional revenue for construction and maintenance of its roads and bridges. The levied increase in mineral severance tax will be twenty cents per ton.

Resolution 8-05-2025 — Authorizes the County Mayor and EMA Director to sign an agreement with Cri-

sis24 for CodeRED which delivers emergency notifications and alerts like severe weather warnings, evacuations, boil water notices, etc.

Resolution 8-06-2025 — Approve the interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing through Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC).

Resolution 8-07-2025 — Authorizes Carroll County to purchase land and building for fire protection in Cedar Grove from Christopher Daniel Smith for \$15,000.

Resolution 8-08-2025 — Authorizes Carroll County to purchase land and building for fire protection in Macedonia from Robin and Tamara Popplewell for \$10,000.



Top Left, Victim Adrianna Williams, 20. Top Center, Victim James Matthew Wilson II, 21. Above, The infant daughter of Adrianna and Matthew. Far Left, Victim Cortney Rose, 38. Left, Victim Braydon Williams, 15.



Manhunt

...From Front Page

an infant related to the deceased was found in a resident’s front yard in Dyer County, unharmed.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), has charged Austin Robert Drummond, 28 (DOB 8/31/96), with four counts of First Degree Murder, one count of Aggravated Kidnapping, four counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and one count of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony. Drummond is a white male approximately 5’10” and 190 lbs. with blue eyes and dark blond hair. He may have altered his appearance.

The homicide investigation has spanned at least three counties in West Tennessee, Dyer, Lake and Madison Counties and prompted the involvement of several law enforcement agencies.

On Monday, the area around Union University in North Jackson was on lock down as authorities continued to search for the fugitive. There was a confirmed sighting of Drummond in the 700 block of Pipkin Road on Sunday night. He is believe to still be in the Jackson area.

The deceased have been identified as: James Matthew Wilson II, 21; Adrianna Williams, 20; Cortney Rose, 38; and Braydon Williams, 15. Matthew Wilson and Adrianna Williams were the parents of the infant, Cortney Rose was the maternal grandmother and Braydon Williams was an uncle.

Three suspects have been arrested and charged with Accessory After the Fact to First Degree Murder, for helping Drummond: 29-year-old male Tanaka Brown (DOB 11/17/1995), 29-year-old male Giovonte Thomas (DOB 3/24/1996) and 23-year-old female Dearrah Sanders (DOB 2/10/2002), all of Jackson, Tenn. Drummond has ties to Jackson as well.

On Saturday, one count of Tampering with Evidence was added to Brown’s charges. Thomas was already being held in the Madison County Jail on an unrelated charge for Failure to Appear. He was transferred to Lake County Jail to be arraigned on the new charges. Sanders and Brown are also being held in Lake County Jail.

This all started on Tuesday, July 29 at approximately 3:11 p.m. when the Dyer



Left, Suspect Tanaka Brown. Right, Suspect Giovonte Thomas.

County Sheriff’s Office received a call regarding a concerning incident on Old Highway 20 near the Tigrett area. A dark-colored minivan or a white mid-size SUV was reported to have dropped off an infant in a car seat at a random individual’s front yard. Thankfully, a witness saw the car seat with the child and called 911.

Medical Center EMS and Crockett County Ambulance Service were called to evaluate the child. A picture was taken of the child in the arms of a paramedic, showing the infant is safe.

The Dyer County Sheriff’s Office quickly identified the infant and around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, stated they wanted to speak with family members Cortney Rose, Matthew Wilson, and Adrianna Williams.

Later that evening, hearts sank as news spread that the family members had been located deceased in neighboring Lake County off of Carrington Road in Tiptonville, Tenn. The TBI and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were requested to respond to assist with the incident.

Dyer County Sheriff Jeff Box expressed his heartache over this tragic situation, stating, “This is a deeply saddening day for our community. We are committed to uncovering the truth and ensuring justice is served.”

On Wednesday, after notifying the next of kin, the identities of the deceased were released. By Thursday morning the TBI had named Drummond as a suspect.

The TBI is offering a reward of up to \$7,500 for information leading to Drummond’s capture; additionally, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) is offering a reward of up to \$10,000. On Monday, Governor Bill Lee’s office added \$10,000 to the reward and Dyer County Crime Stoppers is offering \$2,500. The total combined reward is now \$30,000. Drummond has been added to the TBI’s Most Wanted list.

“Getting Austin Drummond in custody is a priori-

ty. Anyone with information about where we can find him should call us immediately. You will remain anonymous,” said U.S. Marshal Tyreece Miller.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) is the lead agency, and the USMS Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force is assisting TBI and has adopted the case for a fugitive investigation.

The TBI has asked citizens and businesses along Highway 78, from Dyersburg to Lake County, to review their video camera footage from Tuesday, July 29, 2025, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. for any sightings of the following vehicles: White Nissan Rogue, Black Dodge Charger, Older model White Ford F-150 truck (with a red stripe), White Audi and a White Traverse. All vehicles have been recovered, authorities are now requesting video footage.

Agencies working alongside the TBI in this case include the Tiptonville Police Department, the Lake County Sheriff’s Department, the Dyer County Sheriff’s Department, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Tennessee State Parks, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Jackson Police Department, the Crockett County Sheriff’s Department, the U.S. Marshals Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At press time, Drummond remained at large. He should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information concerning his whereabouts is asked to call 731-415-7962, 731-333-0811, or 1-800-TBI-FIND. Tipsters can also call the U.S. Deputy Marshals assigned to the case at (901) 406-2044 or (901) 661-2955.

The infant daughter of Adrianna and Matthew is currently safe and with people that love her.

Johnson-Williams Funeral Home in Newbern, Tenn. has charge of the arrangements for all four of the victims. Please be respectful of the families as they grieve.

Lake Halford Reopens After Paving Complete

LEACH (August 4) — The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) officially reopened Lake Halford Monday following the completion of the paving project.

Lake Halford has been temporarily closed while paving crews replaced the existing asphalt and marked parking spaces with painted lines to enhance access to the lake.

A statement released by TWRA says, “We extend our sincere appreciation to the community for their patience during this period of closure.”

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is responsible for protecting,



Lake Halford has been paved and is now open. Photo courtesy TWRA

managing and conserving fish and wildlife species for the benefit of Tennesseans and visitors. The Agency

also maintains public safety through law enforcement and safety education on waterways.



Left, Huntingdon High School Beta Club members Tylan Johnson (left) and Claudia Cooper on performance night at the national convention. Right, Huntingdon High School Beta Club members Tylan Johnson (left) and Claudia Cooper deliver their second-place performance of “You are the Reason” at the national convention.

Huntingdon Singing Duo Earns Second Place at Beta Nationals

ORLANDO (June 22-26) — Two Huntingdon High School Beta Club members wowed audiences at the National Beta Convention to earn second place in Performing Arts: Solo/Duo/Trio Vocal Performance.

Tylan Johnson, a 2025 HHS graduate, and Claudia Cooper, current HHS student, earned a spot in

nationals competition with a second place finish at the state convention earlier this year.

The duo performed “You are the Reason” by Calum Scott and Leona Lewis in their finalist performance at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center.

The overwhelming response has led the pair to

continue singing together. Their music can be found on Facebook (Tylan Johnson and Claudia Cooper) and Tik Tok (t_c.music). Their first Tik Tok performance, “Don’t Mind if I Do” by Riley Green and Ella Langley had over 115,000 views as of Monday, August 4.

Holt

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Awards, presented in partnership with the Cantinas Arts Foundation, are Tuesday, October 7 at Nashville’s Bridgestone Arena. The broadcast airs exclusively on TBN and the TBN+ App

Friday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. ET and is simulcast on SiriusXM The Message. A re-broadcast will air on TBN and the TBN+ App Friday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. ET.

Holt said in a social media post, “Incredibly honored to be nominated for two Dove Awards this year as a producer! It is such an

honor to make music with some of the very best! We are all very proud of these projects and can’t wait to see how God continues to use them for His glory! Thank you to all of those who support and believe in our music - we are grateful!”

Holt is the executive director of Bethel University’s Renaissance.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Where Have You Gone Joe DiMaggio

“Be home by supper” wasn’t some kind of catchy pastoral phrase back in the days of front porches and lemonade laden afternoons. Nothing homey or idyllic about it. And we never considered it an acronym for, or an allusion to, the old South.

I don’t care how they pictured it in that movie about the fried, green tomatoes. I don’t care how it was portrayed in the book, “The American Dream: The 50’s” by Richard Stolley. And I don’t care how many “Happy Days” reruns you have watched....

In 1956, “Be home by supper” was a command from on high! In every house in our community. Mom and Dad didn’t kid around about family meals. If you were alive, you were expected to be there, washed up and on time. It was more than a ritual. Or an obligation. It fell into the “we all eat together breaking bread fellowshiping around the table with love and Kum-baya” clause that I believe is found in Deuteronomy, or maybe Leviticus. I don’t think it was Ecclesiastes.

My parents didn’t have many rules, especially in the summer. They wanted us to grow, make friends, have fun....and frankly, they probably didn’t want us underfoot in that hot, un-air-conditioned house fighting and squabbling all day long.

We lived in such a safe community, we could go anywhere and do ‘bout anything we wanted as long as it was legal. Leon was the only one of us boys that blurred the lines sometimes. ‘Course, he always had a good excuse when he didn’t make the pre-supper blessing. He was kidnapped and carried off to Paducah by an unknown assailant. Aliens called him up to

the space ship, again. He drowned in the Obion River.

Daddy whipped him anyway. Rules were rules at our house. If Mother worked to prepare the meal, we could, at the very least, honor her by being there to share it.

We were playing baseball in that field of dreams across from the Pajama Factory. We’d gotten in maybe a hundred and six innings that afternoon. We all noticed the sun sinking towards the National Guard Armory. Time was obviously growing late on us.

The problem was the game was tied. We had to have a clear winner. We sped up our “at bats.” We hustled in and out between innings to conserve time. We did everything we could think of short of grooving a pitch right down the middle or making an error purposely to let in the winning run.

It was still baseball. And there is a right way to play it. We were ten years old but we all knew that!

When the lower edge of the sun dropped behind the Armory, I knew we were in trouble. I had blasted what I thought was the game winning hit two innings before which might have gotten us all home on time. But John Ingram made a spectacular diving one-handed catch to keep the game going.

Nobody quits on a baseball game. And no real baseball player ever settles for a tie. Ever!

You play until somebody wins. You don’t flip a coin because it is getting late. You don’t draw straws to declare a winner. You don’t play rock, paper, scissors for it. And a tie ain’t nothing like kissing your sister!

You don’t go home crying after kissing a sister. Baseball is a way of life. Nobody has a right to mess with it!

Buddy Wiggleton

dropped a bloop double over Kenny Butler’s head at third base. Ricky Gene Stafford hit a bullet into center field and the game was over. Nobody had given an inch all day. We had played it to the very end.

But we didn’t have time to celebrate, or cry. Everybody took off for home! I ran the mile out to the end of Stonewall Street knowing my fate was already sealed.

The meal was practically over! Mom disapprovingly reminded me that we eat as a family. Daddy was standing up. I didn’t have a chance. Leon broke the awkward silence, “Well, it don’t appear that you drowned somewhere.”

I was out of breath from the run. Dad was about to take me “out back” when I found my voice. “The game was tied. We tried hard but nobody could get ahead. We had to decide the winner.”

Dad let go of my arm immediately and sat back down. “The boy is right. You cannot quit, win or lose, until the game is over. Wash up quickly son, Mother will fix you a plate.”

Leon near ‘bout drowned on his crumbled-up cornbread in a glass of buttermilk dessert....

I was reminded of this story when last week’s Major League All-Star Baseball Game ended in a tie. Oh, they had some kind of plastic, fake, mean-nothing, home run derby to decide the winner. That is like flipping a coin!

It’s a slap in the face to all the John Ingrams, Buddy Wiggletons, Ricky Gene Staffords, and Kenny Butlers in the world.

It would make a real baseball guy mad enough to spit, but my heart is too broken....

Respectfully,
Kes

Lakeside Living News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

July is all about enjoying summer days and celebrating our freedom. We celebrated with help from a few friends. The McKenzie Church of Christ invited us to their annual Block Party, where we enjoyed great fellowship, delicious food, and a fabulous fireworks show. The Lakeside staff put together a barbecue feast and delighted us with homemade peach and banana ice cream. Sharon Coleman led an activity called “Pick a Tune,” sharing patriotic songs and classics from the Big Band Era. We also created a stars-and-stripes craft to decorate our entryway, living room, and dining room with red, white, and blue décor.

We made a few outings in July, including dancing the night away at the Carroll County Senior Dance held on the first Tuesday of each month. The dance featured a potluck refreshment table with a big spread of food, and the band kept us on our feet. We visited the Weakley County Senior Center for a health fair, where we received blood pressure checks, blood sugar tests, bone density assessments, and fall risk evaluations. In addition to goody bags and raffle tickets for prizes we enjoyed lunch, reunited with old friends, and met new people. Lena Morgan won an Arby’s gift card, and Sue Smith won a flower arrangement along with a three-month membership to Dynamix. We also ventured to Paris, where we enjoyed Asian cuisine at the Golden Dragon. Our Resident Errand Day took us to Dollar General, Dollar Tree, and Save-A-Lot.

Some additional highlights of the month included Lemonade Stand Day, where we played a dice game to win yellow prizes and offered ice-cold traditional and pink lemonades. On National Piña Colada Day, we served frothy co-



conut and pineapple drinks, and during Happy Hour, refills were passed all around. For National Give Something Away Day, each resident had a chance to win a prize but was asked to give it to a resident beside them. At the end of the event, the Activity Director gifted everyone with an Irish blessing, reminding us that it is better to give than to receive and that a simple smile or kind word can brighten someone’s day.

On National Emoji Day, we learned about technology, specifically how to use emojis and their meanings. We also discussed internet safety, reminding residents to be cautious with their phones, Facebook accounts, and downloads to avoid scams. Last year, residents made a large donation of school supplies, so we opened a pop-up jewelry boutique, with all proceeds going toward purchasing school supplies. Thanks to the generosity of residents, staff, and visitors, we raised \$312. Volunteers Sandra Hernandez and Judy & Alex Vargas Gonzales shopped during tax-free weekend to maximize our supply purchases. On National Junk Food Day, we played Penny Pitchers, trying to win our favorite snacks. National Milk Chocolate Day was the

perfect occasion for enjoying Yoo-Hoos while holding our August planning meeting. We also want to congratulate Miss Tri-Star, Meghan Poore, who won Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2025/26 on July 26th. We wish her well as she represents our state.

On July 8th, Marjorie Evans celebrated her 98th birthday, making her our oldest resident. Her family organized a birthday party and invited all the residents to join in. We enjoyed cupcakes, punch, music, and dancing from the birthday girl. Charles Garners celebrated his birthday on the 2nd, and his family provided cake for dessert. Pat Pitt celebrated on the 3rd, and her family treated us to more cupcakes that day. Other birthday celebrations included those for Lonnelle McMillin, Kathy Cook, Elbert Hatley, Phyllis Maddox, and Betty Grimbble. Lakeside recognizes all birthdays with a monthly celebration that includes cake, a song, and a gift.

Sadly, we said farewell to Carol Murphy on July 3rd. He would have celebrated his 95th birthday on July 20th. Mr. Murphy was a veteran who dedicated his life to education as a professor at the University of Martin. Until next time...

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

The Championship

I sometimes feel sorry for people who live in large cities. Actually, I feel sorry for them most of the time, because they’ll never get to experience what the small town I live in just experienced.

You see, we have one school system with one elementary school, one middle school and one high school. Because of that, there’re no divided loyalties when it comes to rooting for a team.

Yesterday, our high school football team won the state championship in their division, a feat never achieved before. Stores, businesses, and all three schools were closed for the day so people could either travel the four hours to where the game was played, or to listen to it on

the radio, or watch it on TV. If you had driven through town while the game was being played, you’d have thought it was a ghost town. In the stadium though, and in individual houses, there was shouting, groaning, and cheering (and probably swearing at officials).

We knew all the players, or if we didn’t know them personally, we knew their parents or their grandparents, or aunts, uncles, or cousins. We thought about how proud their family must be of the boys or how proud they’d be if they were still living. And if one of the players made a bad play, they were given a measure of forgiveness because, “That’s Polly’s boy. I’m sure he’s doing the best he can.”

I imagine the players

view the victory as their team’s. But they need to understand the team is bigger than just them. The team belongs to our town—it’s our team. We all feel like we won even though we never played a down.

As I drove through downtown after the game to pick up a pizza, there were no rioters celebrating by burning cars and looting stores. Who would think of doing such a thing?! Why would we destroy our friend’s business? Why demolish property? Only a fool would act that way.

Today we all get to enjoy the afterglow of the championship.

It’s a good feeling.

Yeah, I like living in a small town.

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



Members of Overflow held signs to encourage motorists to stop and pray.

Drive-Through Prayer

MCKENZIE (August 1) — Overflow Church, Highland Drive, McKenzie, hosted a drive-through prayer event on Friday evening 6-8 p.m. Church members provided food, fellowship and prayer to motorists, who stopped for the event.

During this third annual event, members joined in prayer for each other and for the motorists. Baptism was also available with the on-site baptismal.

Church members also stood along the roadside to encourage motorists to stop.



Food, fellowship, and prayer was offered to motorists who stopped at the third annual Drive-Through Prayer event at Overflow Church.

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Obituaries



FLORA ELLEN FREELAND 1930 – 2025

HOPKINSVILLE — Flora Ellen Elmore Freeland, 94, of Hopkinsville, Ky., formerly of McKenzie, died on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of natural causes. Celebration of Life Service is 11 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025, at First United Methodist Church. Visitation is at the church on Friday, August 8, 2025, from 9 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Mrs. Freeland was born in Fayetteville, Tenn., on August 10, 1930, the daughter of the late Albert Hargis Elmore and Amy Meeks Elmore. She and her late

husband owned several radio stations throughout Florida, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, and Alabama. She earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and then obtained a double master's degree in business and a second master's degree in Speech and Communication.

She was a professor at Hopkinsville Community College, and CPA for the Oak Grove City Council. She served as chair of the Hopkinsville Community College Reaccreditation Committee by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Ellen served on the Board at Hopkinsville Public Library. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she was a part of the Women's Bible Study and was a proud member of the Quilting Club of Hopkinsville.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Rudolph Freeland in December of 2018; her son, Stephen Allen Freeland; and her sisters, Sue Higgins and Lois Chaplin.

Survivors include her sons, Michael R. Freeland, Jr. of Spearfish, S.D., Douglas Lee Freeland (Debbie) of Jackson, David Elmore Freeland (Donna) of Whitehouse, Tenn.; her daughters, Patricia Sharon Freeland Poe (Patrick) of Vonore, Tenn., Cynthia Grey Symington of North Carolina; her brother, Tim Elmore of South Caroli-

na; her sisters, Billie Rowell of Texas, Linda Childres of North Carolina; her brother-in-law, Jim Freeland of Kentucky; her treasured daughter-of-the-soul, Sheila Barnes of Hopkinsville; her ten grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

MABLE D. TERRELL 1931 – 2025

GLEASON — Graveside services for Mable D. Terrell were Monday, August 4, 2025, at Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Gleason. Dr. Phil Mitchell officiated.

Mrs. Terrell, 94, died Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Cherrywood Post Acute McKenzie. She was a domestic engineer and a member of Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church. She was born in Gleason on June 26, 1931, to L.N. and Rosie Stallcup Ward.

She is survived by her children: Cindy (Gabe) Clericuzio of McKenzie, Tony (Tommie) Terrell of Gleason, James Robert (Melissa) Terrell of Gleason and Joanne (Greg) Elliott of Smyrna; eight grandchildren, Annibale (Tiffany) Clericuzio, Trevor Louis (Tonya) Terrell, Teala (Corey) Nooner, Elizabeth (Zach) Cunningham, Emily (Taylor) Barnett, Ethan Terrell, William (Caitlin) Elliot and Ashley (Nick) Costello; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death

by her parents; husband, Robert Louis Terrell; and brother, Ray L. Ward.

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

JAMES MOON 1978 – 2025

HOLLOW ROCK — Mr. James William Moon Jr., 47, of Hollow Rock died Friday, August 1, 2025, at Huntingdon Health and Rehabilitation Center.

There are no arrangements at this time.

James was born May 2, 1978, in Searcy, Ark., to James William Moon Sr. and Linda Hill.

James is preceded in death by his father, James William Moon Sr., of Independence, Mo.; and his brother, Jeff Pettitjan, of Casey, Ill.; grandparents, Cecil Allen and Irene Allen of Camden.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Hill of Hollow Rock; step-father, Charles "Rip" Hill; and one sister, Donna Dawson, of Hollow Rock.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

BRENDA S. JONES 1945 – 2025

GLEASON — Services for Brenda S. Jones, 80, of Gleason, were Sunday, August

3, 2025, at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones is survived by two children, Tracy Gaylord of Gleason, and Jeffery Jones of Memphis. She is also survived by a brother, Tony Grissom, of Gleason. She leaves behind a granddaughter, Katlin Gaylord; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Thomas Jones; her parents, Hugh and Geraldine Grissom; and her brother, Mike Grissom.

MARY NOLES 1927 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Mary Lee Noles, 98, of Huntingdon, died Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, August 1, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Camden.

Mrs. Noles was born July 29, 1927, in Holladay to the late Clayton Ellis and Lula Belle Noles.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Garvin Noles; a son, Kenneth Lee Noles; a brother, Leonard Ellis; and two sisters, Clarice Allen and Nellie Gray Ellis.

She is survived by her son, Keith Noles (Johnnie) of Buena Vista; a daughter-in-law, Mary Elizabeth

Noles, of Paris; a sister, Etta Lou Wilks, of Bruceton; and a brother, Willard Ellis of Huntingdon. She also leaves seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL KYLE 1966 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Michael Lynn "Punkin" Kyle, 58, of Huntingdon, died Monday, July 28, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 31, 2025, at noon in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Humble's Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Kyle was born September 25, 1966, in Camden. He was employed as an equipment operator and a foreman for the Carroll County Highway Department for forty years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jackie Lee Kyle; and two brothers, Charles Russell Kyle and Robert Dale Kyle.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Carol Kyle; his mother, Madeline Brown; three sons, Jamie Kyle (Amber) of Huntingdon, Bradley Fowler (Kayla) of White Bluff, and Daniel Parker (Jazzlyn) of Huntingdon; a brother, Chris Brown; and a mother-in-law, Evelyn Gilliam. He also leaves five grandchildren, Lanndon, Brooklyn, Leland, Annaleigh, and Colton.

Sweet Tea Festival Preview

West Tennessee's annual Sweet Tea Festival returns to McKenzie's Downtown Veterans Park August 22 and 23. Festivities begin Thursday, August 21 with Carroll Arts' Southern Fried Funnies. The "Classic Redneck Variety Show," directed by Glynda Rich and Denise Sam, features sketches inspired by Hee-Haw, Carol

Burnett and Ray Stevens. Catch some familiar faces acting in Southern Fried Funnies on August 21 at 7 p.m. and August 23 at 2 p.m. at McKenzie's Park Theatre.

Craft and food vendors set up in downtown McKenzie on Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23. City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup confirmed the festival will

have a petting zoo and several carnival rides. Saturday evening, the Sweet Tea Festival will have a musical performance in front of the old Wrinkle Hardware building.

While all spots for food vendors are full, there are still spaces for craft vendors. To apply for a craft booth, email madelyn.morris@city-ofmckenzie.com.

Alumni Golf Tournament is September 19

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) Golf Tournament is Friday, September 19, at Carroll Lake Golf Club. The tournament is a 4-person scramble with a limit of 18 teams. All golfers will need to arrive by 7:45 a.m. for the 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fees are \$200 per team of 4, and event sponsorships for businesses are

also available for \$100 each. Sponsorships include recognition at both the golf tournament and the MHSAA Decades Reunion Tailgate Party at Rebel Stadium on September 19. Proceeds from the event will support the goals of the MHSAA, which include providing annual scholarships and other assistance for students of the McKenzie Special

School District.

The deadline for sponsorships is Monday, September 1. Teams may register up until the day of the event. For more information, you may pick up a form at Carroll Bank & Trust in McKenzie or call the tournament director, Brian Winston (Class of 2003) at 731-352-2282.



Blueberry Yum Yum

1 graham cracker crust
1/3 to 1/2 cup nuts
8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
9 oz. cool whip
1/4 cup sugar
Add nuts to crust. Mix together cream cheese, cool whip and sugar; pour over crust. Top with blueberry pie filling. If too thick, add a little milk to cream cheese mixture.

Banana Pie

2 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
1/2 cup melted margarine
1 pkg vanilla pie filling (cooked is best)
1 3/4 cup milk
1 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
1 pkg dream whip, prepared to pkg instructions
2 bananas sliced
Combine vanilla wafer crumbs with melted margarine. Press into 9 inch pie pan and bake 8 minutes at 375 degrees. Prepare vanilla pie filling, using 1 3/4 cup milk. Cover and chill. Fold in miniature marshmallows and dream whip. Slice bananas into crust. Pour filling over bananas and chill overnight. Serve and make your family go bananas.

Watergate Cake

1 box white cake mix
1 box instant pistachio pudding
3 eggs
1 cup oil
1 cup gingerale
Mix all ingredients and stir well. Bake in 3 layers 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool before frosting.
Frosting:
Beat one 3 oz. package dream whip until thick. Add 1 package pistachio pudding and 1 1/2 cup milk. Beat this with mixer until consistency of thick cream. Spread on cake. Keep refrigerated.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Cool Daddy Dance - Saturday, August 9. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Free line dance class at 6 p.m. with paid \$7 admission.

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 Monday 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 Wednes-

OLIVE BRANCH CEMETERY DAY

Olive Branch Cemetery is hosting its cemetery day to elect board members, host a potluck fellowship, and accept donations on August 8, noon to 2 p.m.

EAGLE WING MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

The third annual Eagle Wing Motorcycle Association meets at Tom's Steak House in Paris on Saturday, August 16 at 1 p.m. All motorcycles, two-wheelers, trikes and sling shots welcome. A representative will be there. For more information, text John McComsey at 731-336-4407.

NIGHTS ON BROADWAY ON THURSDAYS

McKenzie's downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continues Thursday, August 7 with the band Wallace and Company. 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 Fajita Brothers on Thursday, September 4. Flashback performs Thursday, September 18.

CARROLL ARTS, INC. UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 carrollart-sinc@gmail.com.

McKENZIE YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Online registration is now open for the McKenzie Youth Soccer League fall season, and in-person registration begins next month.

The online registration 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 Saturday, September 6.

Pictures will be taken on Sunday, September 7.

A tournament will be played Saturday, November 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 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 Presbyterian Church. Class members can obtain more information by emailing mckenziehigh75@gmail.com.

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 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.

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 De-

cadés Reunion.

Schedule:

Friday, 8 a.m.: Golf Tournament at Carroll Lake Golf Club

Friday, 12:30 p.m.: MHS Homecoming Parade, downtown

Friday, 4:30 p.m.: Tailgate Party at Rebel Stadium (\$7 admission to stadium for game)

Friday, 9-11 p.m.: Block Party on Broadway sponsored by the City

Saturday: Class Reunions throughout the day

Saturday, 6 p.m. Live music at Hometown Hangout (Flashback)

The MHS Pop-Up Memorabilia Exhibit will be on display at The Happy Book Stack from Labor Day through the Decades Reunion weekend.

Any MHS class hosting a reunion should contact the MHS Alumni Association to help promote the class reunion.

For more info, follow the MHSAA Facebook page or email mckenziehsalumni@gmail.com.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

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

Dog Vouchers

Dog vouchers are available for \$60 each cash or card only. Must be purchased at the shelter during business hours Tues-

day-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments will be made at the time of purchase. The participating vet clinic is Huntingdon Animal Clinic. You'll be responsible for paying the clinic when you pick up your animal. We do recommend that you have your pet vaccinated due to exposure to other animals. Puppies must be a minimum of 4 months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

Adult Education Classes

Huntingdon Location — Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

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Congressman Kustoff Addresses McKenzie Rotary Club

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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McKENZIE (July 29) — U.S. Congressman David Kustoff (R-Germantown) was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on Tuesday, July 29, on the campus of Bethel University.

Kustoff was introduced by

Rotary President Ricky Price. In a surprise announcement, Congressman Kustoff invited Dr. Ed Perkins to join him at the front of the room. Recently, the McKenzie Rotarians honored Perkins for his 65 years of service in the club. He is the longest-serving member, a former district governor, and heads the humanitarian fund managed by the club.

"Dr. Perkins, we want to recognize you for your 65 years of membership in Rotary. If my math is correct, that means you joined this club in 1960. So, first of all, thank you very much. This is a special Congressional recognition presented to Dr. Ed Perkins in acknowledgment of 65 years of dedicated public service to the McKenzie Rotary Club and the surrounding community. Congratulations on this

remarkable milestone." Dr. Perkins responded, "That's too much, too much." Kustoff continued, "We're very proud of you. Thank you very much, and congratulations."

The Congressman then spoke on a single issue: The One Big Beautiful Bill. "This has been a big priority for us in Congress and for President Trump. I'm going to take a moment to look back. In 2017, during my first year in Congress, we passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This legislation lowered everyone's taxes, reduced individual tax rates, and doubled the standard deduction, allowing 90% of people in West Tennessee to take the standard deduction instead of itemizing. We provided tax breaks for small businesses, lowered the corporate tax rate, and doubled the estate tax exemption to relieve most fam-

ilies from paying taxes when a loved one passes away. If we do not act by the end of this year, many of these tax provisions will expire and revert to the previous rates."

The Congressman credited much of the economic success to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

DOGE exposed a number of spending ills and mis-spending and overspending, that frankly, it was very helpful. And I'm being candid with you. They found things that I didn't talk about, which is good. I'm not trying to oversimplify this. We don't have a revenue problem in this country. We've got a spending problem. Even when we lowered taxes in 2017, we saw revenues to the U.S. Treasury increase. And that's because people were doing better. People made more money, businesses made more money, and they were paying a lower rate, but they were ultimately paying more money. We also saw during those years, especially during the COVID years, that the spending increased

exponentially.

Addressing the lack of domestic manufacturing, Congressman Kustoff said the nation learned during COVID, one thing we found, a lot of us discovered this, a lot of what we consume is not produced in the United States.

Medicine, pharmaceuticals, what happens if the supply chain shuts down again and we need antibiotics and cancer drugs that are made in other places. So the goal of these trade deals is, number one, even the playing field, and two to incentivize manufacturing in the U.S. We've done part of that through the one big, beautiful building. So you're seeing a lot of trade deals being negotiated. You go back a few months ago, April 2, the president announced tariffs on countries around the world. Later on April 19, he paused it until August 1.

As a parting gift, Rotary President Ricky Price presented Congressman Kustoff with a box of cookies imprinted with the Congressman's photograph.

Read the story in its entirety online.

City Council Meets August 14

The McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council will meet Thursday, August 14, at McKenzie's City Hall. The board convenes to discuss and potentially approve a proclamation for State Track Championship Winner Abigail Wallace,

Ordinance 573 revised Zoning Ordinance and a sod/irrigation bid for McKenzie's new soccer complex. Following the discussion of these new items of business, department heads will report news regarding their departments.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Driving on Suspended — Janessa K. Gilbert, 29, Cotham Drive, Huntingdon, was charged with Driving on Suspended on July 28.

Patrolman Dustin McClure initiated a traffic stop on Gilbert, knowing her license was suspended. Ptlm. McClure verified Gilbert's suspension status and cited her to court.

Drug Paraphernalia — Christopher J. Stewart, 45, Donnell Avenue, McKenzie, was charged for Drug Paraphernalia on July 30.

Investigator Steven Scott stopped Stewart's vehicle for due care violation and asked to search the vehicle. In his search, Investigator Scott found one gram of marijuana, a high supply bottle, a metal tray and rolling papers. The high supply bottle and metal tray had marijuana residue.

Stewart received a warning for due care and was cited into court for drug paraphernalia.

Theft — Kendrick D. Wharton, 35, West End Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Theft on July 30.

Patrolman Daniel Pollard responded to a house on McDonald Avenue in regard to a stolen weed-eater. The victim reportedly told Ptlm. Pollard that Wharton stole his lawnmower and Stihl weed-eater. The victim recovered the lawnmower but not the weed-eater.

After two attempts, Ptlm. Pollard was unable to make contact with Wharton. The victim decided to press charges on Wharton when police locate him.

Public Intoxication — Kenneth E. Whitson, 56, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was arrested for Public Intoxication on July 30.

Patrolman Daniel Pollard responded to a call from Walnut Circle regarding a white male cussing out the caller. Ptlm. Pollard identified Whitson, who reportedly had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person and slurred his speech.

Ptlm. Pollard placed Whitson under arrest.

Driving On Suspended

— Susan Carter Coplin, 60, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Financial Responsibility and Expired Registration on August 1.

Patrolman Dustin McClure initiated a traffic stop on Coplin for her license violation, during which he noticed that her vehicle's registration was expired. Coplin advised she did not have her drivers license with her at the time.

Ptlm. McClure verified that Coplin's license was expired and that her vehicle was uninsured. She was cited into court.

Driving on Suspended — Chris M. Moses, Jr., 40, Paris Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on August 3.

Patrolman Dustin McClure initiated a traffic stop on Moses in reference to the license violation and verified the license suspension. Moses was cited into court for Driving on Suspended (2nd).

Marriage Licenses

Tanner Kenneth Pitcher, 23, of Huntingdon, to Anna Claire Williams, 20, of Huntingdon.

Heather Nichole Bradley, 24, of Lavinia, to Blake Patrick Collins, 26, of Lavinia.

Bethel Announces New Softball Coaching Staff

COURTESY BETHEL SID

MCKENZIE — Bethel University is excited to announce the appointment of Craig Massey as the new varsity women's head softball coach and Shasta Emerson as an assistant coach.

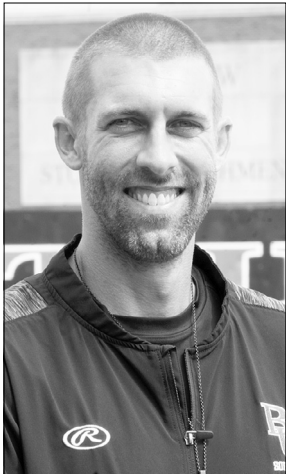
Massey is a former baseball standout for the Wildcats. He was a 1st Team All-TranSouth shortstop and 1st Team All-Region XI shortstop while at Bethel. Massey was named an NAIA All-American his junior season. He graduated from Bethel in 2013.

Massey played professional baseball for 13 seasons, most recently as a player coach with the Florence (KY) Y'alls in the Frontier League. He recently collected his 1,000th professional career hit. Craig was an eight-time all-star in the professional ranks and a three-time batting champ.

Craig is married to Shelby Cummings Massey. They have two children—a four-year-old

Bethel Interim Athletic Director Dave McCulley commented, "We are excited Craig is joining our coaching family. He brings a wealth of talent and knowledge to our program and university. He has worked with various age groups and has served as a hitting coach along with being a player coach in the professional ranks."

Massey spoke about his decision to hang up his spikes to lead the Lady Wildcats. "I'm beyond grateful and humbled for the opportunity to serve as the head softball coach at Bethel University. I believe God has opened this



Left, Bethel University Softball Head Coach Craig Massey. Right, Bethel University Softball Assistant Coach Shasta Emerson.

door for a purpose, and I'm excited to pour into the lives of these young women—both spiritually and athletically. My goal is to build a Christ-centered culture where we pursue excellence, grow in faith, and glorify God in everything we do."

Shanta Emerson returns to her alma mater in her first season as an assistant coach for the Bethel Lady Wildcat softball program. While this marks her debut in collegiate coaching, Coach Shanta brings qualities that make her a valuable addition to the team.

Shanta began her coaching journey serving on the staff of the Humboldt High School Lady Viking program in Humboldt, Tennessee.

Emerson serves with a natural ability to motivate her players. She continues to nurture her love for coaching and passion in mentoring the youth of her hometown high school, West Carroll High.

Coach Shanta said, "I am particularly passionate



about fostering a positive team environment and helping players develop both their skills and their love for the game. I believe in the importance of communication, teamwork, and continuous improvement, encouraging athletes to push their limits while also supporting each other." Coach Emerson added, "I look forward to working with Coach Massey and see good things in the future for our program."

Outside of coaching, Shanta returns to the athletic Department as the Associate Sports Information Director.

Bethel Interim Athletic Director Dave McCulley stated, "We are very pleased to add Shanta to the staff. She has been a loyal part of our Bethel family. She loves softball and has a great passion for working with student athletes. She and Craig Massey will be a great team, and we look forward to seeing them do well."

Shanta graduated from Bethel in 2014 and received a master's in 2017.

Possession of Schedule II Drugs — According to a report on July 25, Deputy Bongiovanni initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Power Station Road in Trezevant on a Red Honda motorcycle. The driver, Cory Dunbar, 37, of Huntingdon, was exhibiting unusual and nervous behavior when the deputy was speaking to him. Cory had admitted he did not have a driver's license and said he had just been working on his motorcycle at a friend's house. Dunbar had a backpack on him, and the deputy asked for consent to search when Dunbar said yes. In the backpack, a white baggy with meth was found inside, there was more inside his wallet, and a cigarette pack also had drug paraphernalia inside. Dunbar was charged with drug possession and taken to Carroll County Jail.

Possession of Weapon — According to a report on July 25, Deputy Jeremy Smith was patrolling Northwood Drive in Huntingdon when he observed a gray Nissan Altima approaching at a high rate of speed, nearly striking the patrol vehicle. Huntingdon police officers also observed the same vehicle drive through and had it pull over. Once on scene, the passenger, Justin Hedge, 32, of Camden, jumped out of the vehicle and said he was checking for a flat tire. He was instructed to get back in the car, and he stated he was "a free man, and checking on a flat tire." Deputies asked the driver,

Lacey Hedge, 27, of Camden, for identification, and Justin Hedge told her not to give it to the officers. He was then arrested for obstruction. Ms. Hedge stated she was driving fast to get to Sharon, Tennessee to a friend's house. She was arrested for reckless driving. During a search, Mr. Hedge was found to possess black brass knuckles in his jeans pocket.

Aggravated Assault — According to a report on July 27, Deputy Coleman responded to a domestic assault in Bruceton. Two witnesses explained to the officers that Wesley Walters, 32, of Bruceton, attacked his wife by grabbing her by her throat. His wife had red marks around her neck, so Mr. Walters was arrested for domestic and aggravated assault.

Domestic Assault — According to a report by Deputy Jeremy Smith, he received a call about a domestic disturbance at Clyde Rd. John Joyner, 48, of Huntingdon, answered the door to the home and stated that he and his wife had just had a verbal argument. After listening to the wife's side and a young witness, it was found that Joyner had struck his wife in the head and was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Aggravated Assault — According to a report by Deputy Bo Ezell, on July 28 the Carroll County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from Atwood regarding a domestic. The victim stated

that her ex-boyfriend, Jason Samples, 54, of Atwood, had kicked her door in and choked her on her bed and tried to hit her current boyfriend. Deputy Ezell found Jason driving around and asked for consent to search his vehicle, which he gave consent, and found drug paraphernalia inside and rifle bullets. Samples is a felon and not allowed to have firearms or ammunition. He was charged with aggravated assault, domestic assault, and possession of drug paraphernalia and transferred to Carroll County Jail.

Public Intoxication — According to a report by Deputy Alex Sherwood, on July 29, deputies were called out to Old Lavinia Road in reference to a domestic dispute. The defendant, Kory Wilbert, 32, of Milan, was seen in public heavily intoxicated from alcohol. He had difficulty maintaining his balance, slurred his speech, and was a danger to himself and others. He was placed under arrest for public intoxication.

Harassment — According to a report by Deputy Sean Bongiovanni, on July 29, Carroll County deputies were dispatched to Hwy 77 in Huntingdon in reference to a possible violation of a no-contact order. After meeting with the victim and looking at all the proof, Stephen Mofler, 35, was given arrest warrants for Violation of No Contact Order and Harassment.

Property Transfers

Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County to Judith Eubanks in District 22.

Richard B. and Christie Chappell to Edward Eric and Marcia Anne Hester in District 7.

Carl R. and Alisa C. Byars to Bobby J. and Linda C. Hollowell in District 11.

William David and Jeanie Ann Brasher to Joshua D. and Noah B. Brasher in District 20.

Christopher Allen and Leah Michelle Cary to Eugene Malcolm Pearson in District 11.

Peggy Gail Hart to Michael and Kristy O. Tymon in District 22.

Shane M. and Courtney R. Oatsvall to Richard A. and Kayla M. Richeal in District 12.

Mai Frances Moore to Andrew and Sierra Moore in District 21.

Deborah Lynn Maness to Misty A. Trevino in District 7.

Michael Dwayne Cooper to James Michael Cooper.

Joe Thomas and Lana Rich Smothers to Jacob A. and Jada B. Smothers in District 11.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in District 4.

Mark S. and Regina A. Simpson to Noah Jay and Ashten Simpson Pierce in District 24.

Linda L. Bevis and David Ray Carter in District 11.

John and Davina Gur-

schick to James Beasley. No district listed.

Bryant and Isabelle Neumair Comer to Jennifer and Lantz Giles in District 22.

Nora Pauline Mitchell to Luke Sweat in District 16.

Harvey R. and Katie D.

Borntrager to Sara R. and John A. Zwerk in District 16.

Hunter Blake Pickler to Jonathan Wayne and Angela Marie Ivy.

Barry and Terri Larkins to Jason Beecham in District 16.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of McKenzie is seeking sealed bids for sod installation of Bermuda sports turf in an area 240 ft. x 360 ft. and an irrigation systems 200' x 320', with an inground fully automative system including pop up sprinkler heads at the soccer complex located at Park Street in McKenzie, TN 38201.

Proposals must be submitted to Billy Hollowell at 2470 E. Cedar, McKenzie, TN 38201-0160 no later than 3 p.m. CST on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. All bids must be sealed and BID written on the envelope.

For questions, call 731-571-5294 or email: billy.hollowell@cityofmckenzie.com

The city reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. McKenzie is an equal opportunity employee and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE146

ESTATE OF: **DANNY COLEMAN TURNER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Notice is hereby given that on the **21ST** day of **JULY, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **DANNY COLEMAN TURNER** deceased, who died **JULY 13TH, 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. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 21ST day of JULY, 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

MARCUS C. TURNER, Executor/Administrator
DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R25950/30-2

PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: CHRISTOPHER THOMAS DUDLEY

PENDING IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BETH GABRIELLE DUDLEY,

Plaintiff,

VS.

DOCKET NO. 25-DR-134

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS DUDLEY,
Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Plaintiff's pleading, which is sworn to, that the residence of Christopher Thomas Dudley is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry or he is a nonresident of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law in the McKenzie Banner, a newspaper of general circulation published in Carroll County, Tennessee, notifying Christopher Thomas Dudley to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Steven L. West, WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS, 19765 E. Main Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, and the Clerk of this Court, an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce filed against him in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of last publication which will be August 27, 2025, or a judgment by default will be entered on October 2, 2025, and the action set for hearing ex parte as to him.

Dated this the 25th day of July, 2025,

Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master, Carroll County Chancery Court

Steven L. West, WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS
19765 E. Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-5551

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McKenzie Police Department

NOTICE

Notice of sell of abandoned vehicles from the McKenzie Police Department impound. The following vehicles will be sold at public auction beginning 8/25/2025 if they are not claimed by the owners and any applicable fees paid and documentation provided.

2021 Axis M200 Mini Bike Vin# LWGPCMLC6MA8C4180

1999 Ford Ranger Vin# 1FTYR14V0XPB59820

2003 Ford Taurus Vin# 1FAFP56S13A248662

1999 Honda Accord Vin# 1HGCG1658XA056582

2005 Nissan Sentra Vin# 3N1CB51D75L502121

2014 Jeep Patriot Vin# 1C4NJPPB2ED868138

2003 Pontiac Grand Prix Vin# 1G2WP52K83F137324

These vehicles will be on www.govdeals.com. This website is open to the public. However, you must register on the website prior to bidding on any items. Items will not be available for viewing prior to auction.

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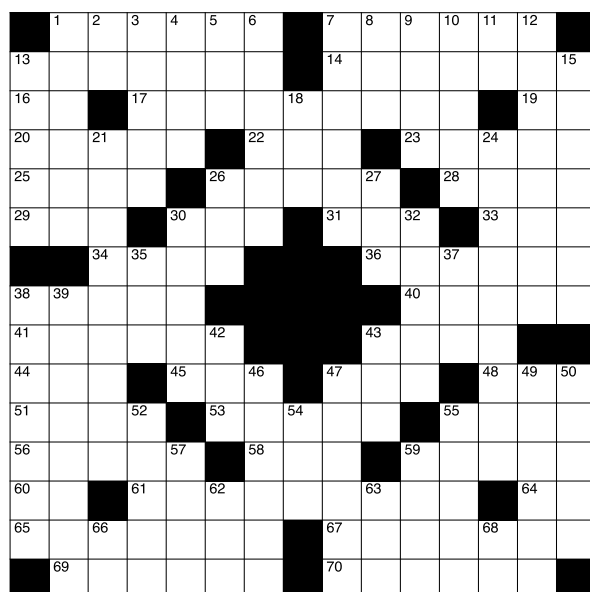
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. Salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. They precede C
17. A way to compare
19. State lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. Eighth month (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. Mountain in New Zealand
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. One of the founders of modern psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. You can get stuck in one
45. Partner to feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankee great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Gold
65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
67. Humor



69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

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|---|--|
| SEES DOWN | 59. Pouch |
| 1. Animal disease | 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.) |
| 2. Commercial | 38. Side by side and facing the same way |
| 3. Necklace materials | 39. Religious conflicts |
| 4. Containers | 42. Touch lightly |
| 5. Investment account | 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress |
| 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner | Gretchen |
| 7. Dipped down | 46. Violent seizure of property |
| 8. Head injury category (abbr.) | 47. One who supports the pope |
| 9. Lay about | 49. Malaise |
| 10. Intestinal | 50. Body fluid |
| 11. Not yes | 52. Inauthentic person |
| 12. Caused to be loved | 54. Title of respect |
| 13. Muslim spiritual leader | 55. Chilean city |
| 15. Showing sincere conviction | 57. Japanese city |
| 18. Not in | 59. Silk garment |
| 21. Number above the line in a fraction | 62. Draw from |
| 24. Lawn pest | 63. Automobile |
| 26. Pouch | 66. The man |
| 27. Ancient language in India | 68. Top government lawyer |

Week 31

See solution in next week's edition.

Eye Health Word Search

Y	E	S	E	Y	E	F	R	P	L	S	A	C	E	F	D	O	W	F	B
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Bacteria
Blurry
Contacts
Cornea
Distance
Drops

Exam
Eyes
Goggles
Health
Lashes
Optometrist

Protect
Regard
Retina
Safety
Scratch
Sight

Solution
Tears
Ultraviolet
Vision
Wash

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1854:** AMERICAN WRITER HENRY DAVID THOREAU PUBLISHES HIS MEMOIR "WALDEN."
- **1907:** THE FIRST BOY SCOUT ENCAMPMENT CONCLUDES AT BROWN-SEA ISLAND IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND.
- **1999:** RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN FIRES HIS PRIME MINISTER SERGEI STEPASHIN.

SUDOKU

WEEK 31

9				2	8	1		
		4			5			
	5	2	9	1				
	4				7			
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7	6	5	1		2	4		9
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Level: Beginner

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See solution in next week's edition.

LETTER MIX-UP

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

OPTOMETRIST

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

Riddle Me This

What did the left eye
say to the right eye?

Answer: Between you and me, something smells.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

RIIS

Answer: Iris

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Malaysia on August 6, 1962. At age 21, I won the Miss Malaysia pageant and represented the country in the 1983 Miss World Competition. I often play an action heroine in movies, and in 2023 I won an Oscar for Best Actress for a role opposite a "Goonies" star.

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Week 30 Crossword Puzzle Solution

C	H	I	P		S	P	H	I	N	X		
R	E	D	E	C	O	R	A	T	I	O	N	
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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 30									
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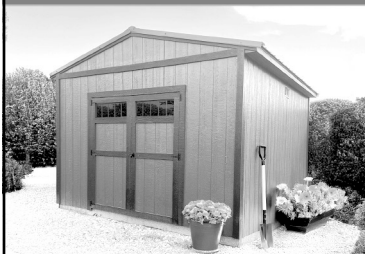
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Top Left, Rebel Makayan Gilbert runs the full 40 yards for a JV touchdown. Top Right, Rebel Jonah Henson elevates for an interception in the JV contest. Above Left, Rebels Fisher Allen (left) and Parker Standridge sack McEwen’s quarterback. Above Right, Mustang Noah Webb makes a catch on the outside for a big gain. Below Left, Rebel quarterback Seth Stafford evades two defenders for one of his two touchdowns. Below Right, A West Carroll player scores a touchdown against Henderson North. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Hosts Jamboree

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (August 2) — McKenzie Middle School hosted its annual preseason football jamboree Saturday at Randy Thomas Field with 12 teams participating in eight total contests.

Games were played two at a time, one on each half of the field, with two halves of 18 minutes each.

Offenses lined up at the 40 yard line and played normal four-down rules. Turnovers of any kind meant the defending team took over and reset at the 40. Touchdowns were followed by two-point conversion attempts.

McKenzie Rebels 14, McEwen Warriors 6

McKenzie’s defense made big plays in the first half to keep McEwen off the board, while Rebel quarterback Seth Stafford ran 21 yards for a touchdown on McKenzie’s first possession. Jake Ghyers converted for two points and an 8-0 lead.

Stafford ran for another touchdown early in the second half, but the two-point try failed.

McEwen got on the board

late in the second half, but failed to convert for two.

Lexington Minutemen 24, Union City Tornados 6

Lexington scored twice in the first half, converting for two both times. The Minutemen scored again in the second half, and Union City got on the board for six.

McKenzie Rebels JV 28, McEwen Warriors JV 6

The JV Rebels also dominated defensively, and the offense gained momentum to pull away in the second half.

Rebel Makayan Gilbert scored the only points of the first half with a long run early in the contest.

Gilbert scored again on the first play of the second half, and a successful two-point try made it 14-0.

The Warriors answered with their lone touchdown, but failed to add two.

Rebel Navadius Owens scored on two long runs, then added two points.

The teams traded interceptions before Khalil Robinson scored McKenzie’s final touchdown. The two-point try was unsuccessful.

Lexington Minutemen JV 20, Union City Tornados

JV 6

Lexington’s JV scored twice in the first half with one two-point conversion. Union City scored first in the second half, but the Minutemen answered in kind. Neither team converted for two in the second half.

Inman Bulldogs 12, Huntingdon Mustangs 0

In a scoreless first half, Huntingdon made a few big plays but was plagued by penalties.

Inman put together a couple of scoring drives in the second half, but failed the two-point tries.

Camden Lions 12, Gibson County Pioneers 6

Camden dominated the first half, scoring twice but failing on both two-point tries.

The second half was a defensive battle, but the Pioneers managed a late touchdown with no two-point conversion.

West Carroll War Eagles 8, Henderson North Cadets 8

West Carroll scored on their first possession and converted for two. Henderson North answered quickly to tie the contest at 8-8.

The Cadets saw a second-half touchdown negated by a penalty, and the half ended with no scoring.

Milan Bulldogs 14, Waverly Wildcats 12

Milan scored and added two on their first possession, and Waverly answered with six points. The Bulldogs added another touchdown and conversion, and Waverly answered again with just a touchdown.

The second half was a scoreless defensive battle.



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Left, Congressman Burchett was the featured speaker for the event. Burchett was recently injured when one of his horses kicked him. Right, Darrell Ridgely, chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party, welcomed everyone to the event.

County Republicans Host Rally Saturday

HUNTINGDON (August 2) — Carroll County Republican Party held a rally on Saturday, August 2 at Sesquicentennial Park on Mustang Drive in Huntingdon. Several hundred party enthusiasts, politicians, and political candidates attended the event that was planned by the newly reorganized local party leadership.

In addition to local party leaders and politicians, attending were Congressman John Rose, a candidate for governor, Tennessee Representative Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon) and State Representative Tandy Darby (R-Greenfield), former State Representative Steve McDaniels, former State Representative Andy Holt, and featured speaker, U.S. Congressman Tim Burchett.

Carroll County Republican Party Chairman Darrell Ridgely welcomed everyone to the rally and picnic.



Above, Kaki Dillahunt was one of the musical entertainers for the event. Below, The cooks were Dr. Murray Butler and Mayor Joseph Butler. Also pictured are Cole and Harlon Butler.



Burchett spoke about the successes of the Trump administration, primarily through the Big Beautiful Bill. He noted the legislation will support farmers and the

economy.

He said that God’s intervention caused Trump to turn his head during the assassination attempt. That turn of the head

saved his life.

Following Burchett’s speech, the attendees enjoyed musical entertainment and a picnic lunch.



Above, Perry Blakeman cuts the ribbon at Walmart the Grand Re-Opening celebration. Blakeman has worked for Huntingdon Walmart for 48 years, since it first opened in the town. Other employees with 30+ years of service helped, along with the store manager and community leaders. Pictured from left are Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards, Carroll County Chamber President Brad Hurley, Ginger Smith (30 yrs), Rita Ringold (35 yrs), Blakeman, Elizabeth Seiber (33 yrs), Store Manager Monica Hill, Michelle Shelton (35 yrs) and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. Below, McKenzie Police Department was presented a grant check of \$3,000 for its “Shop with a Cop” program. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Walmart Hosts Grand Re-Opening Celebration

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (August 1) — Walmart marked the completion of a \$7 million renovation Friday with a celebration and ribbon-cutting, featuring activities and giveaways for the public and recognition of some long-time employees.

The event began with the playing of the National Anthem by the Huntingdon High School band and a flag ceremony by the Veterans Honor Guard of Parker’s Crossroads.

Then the Huntingdon High School cheerleaders performed a special cheer for Walmart.

Ricky Price of Pepsi Mid-America spoke about his positive experience with Walmart in Huntingdon since it first opened in 1977. He noted that the

store contributes to the community in many ways.

Store Manager Monica Hill spoke about the corporation’s investment into the Huntingdon store to better serve customers.

She then presented grant checks to four entities. The HHS Beta Club was awarded \$1,000. Integrity Sports, a youth basketball league, was also presented \$1,000. The McKenzie Police Department was given \$3,000 for its “Shop with a Cop” program. Finally, the Webb Alumni Association was presented \$1,500.

Longtime employees were recognized, including Ginger Smith (30 years), Elizabeth Seiber (33 years), Rita Ringold and Michelle Shelton (35 years) and Perry Blakeman (48 years). Blakeman has worked at Huntingdon Walmart since

it opened.

The ribbon-cutting was then held, with Blakeman having the honors of making the cut. He was joined by the other longtime employees, Hill, Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards, Carroll County Chamber President Brad Hurley and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler.

Drawings were held for several giveaways, including gift cards, televisions and grills.

Activities continued after the official event as several vendors gave away samples of products. Prairie Farms was on hand with a calf and its mother that guests could pet and feed.

Inside the entrance, cupcakes were served in front of the Huntingdon-themed mural added during the renovation.