



Best Dressed (L to R): Fifth - Rosita, Fourth - Mavis, Third - Punkin, Second - Atlas, First - Blossom. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Carroll County Fair Hosts Annual Dog Show

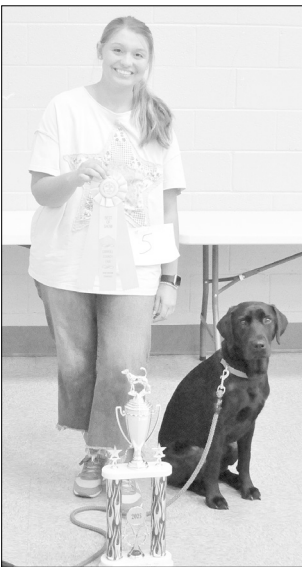
HUNTINGDON (August 9) — The Carroll County Fair Dog Show was Saturday afternoon in the civic center with 17 dogs competing in 17 categories.

Winning Dogs

- Smokey, one, American Bulldog, Crystal Short, Westport.
- Atlas, six, Papillon, Heather Lampi, Memphis.
- Avery, two, Black Lab, Leslie Sanders, McKenzie.
- Blossom, three, Pomeranian, Elaine Culver, Memphis.
- Charlie, one, Yorkshire Terrier, Victoria Campbell, Palmersville.
- Tater, five months, French Bulldog, Crystal Short, Westport.
- Darlene, one, mixed breed, Danielle Covey, Huntingdon.
- Mindy, six, mixed breed, Santana Moore, Clarksburg.
- Punkin, two, mixed breed, Pat Kelley, Huntingdon.
- Rosita, seven, Chihuahua, Misty Moore, Clarksburg.
- Mavis, one, French Bulldog, Crystal Short, Westport.
- Roe Roe (Mr. Rogers), two, Bloodhound, Jill Shomaker, McKenzie.
- Vivi, seven months, Corgi, Stella McIver Higdon, Bruceton.
- Chico, two, Bull Terrier, John Short, Westport.
- Ollie, six, French Bulldog, Kellie Birdwell, Huntingdon.
- Festus, one, Shih Tzu, Sylvia Cary, Huntingdon.
- Chester, four, Maltese, Kathy Stewart, Huntingdon.

Categories

- Prettiest:** First - Smokey, Second - Atlas, Third - Avery, Fourth - Blossom, Fifth - Charlie.
- Puppy:** First - Tater.
- Mixed Breed:** First - Darlene, Second - Mindy, Third



Left, Best of Show: Avery. Right, Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy - Darlene, presented by Sherry Smith (right), daughter of the late Dunn, a former police officer and dog trainer. Darlene's handler, Danielle Covey (left), is training the pup to be a medical alert dog. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Right, Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy: Darlene. The Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy is given in memory of Randall Dunn, a police officer who worked for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Huntingdon Police Department. He trained dogs and was a K-9 officer. Before his death, he also served as a judge in the dog show.

Best Dressed:

- First - Blossom, Second - Atlas, Third - Punkin, Fourth - Mavis, Fifth - Rosita.

Working Group:

- First - Roe Roe.

Sporting:

- First - Avery, Second - Roe Roe.

Herding:

- First - Vivi.

Hound:

- First - Roe Roe.

Look-alikes:

- First - Blossom, Second - Rosita, Third - Atlas.

Terrier:

- First - Chico, Second - Charlie.

Non-Sporting:

- First - Ollie, Second - Smokey.

Toy:

- First - Mavis, Second - Festus, Third - Chester, Fourth - Blossom, Fifth - Atlas.

Showmanship (19 and up):

- First - Avery, Second - Punkin, Third - Chester, Fourth - Atlas.

Showmanship (18 and under):

- First - Darlene.

Most Unusual:

- First - Chico, Second - Vivi, Third - Smokey, Fourth - Mavis, Fifth - Punkin.

Best of Show:

- Avery.

Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy:

Darlene. The Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy is given in memory of Randall Dunn, a police officer who worked for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Huntingdon Police Department. He trained dogs and was a K-9 officer. Before his death, he also served as a judge in the dog show.

The award is selected and presented by Dunn's daughter, Sherry Smith, based on the bond she sees between dog and handler.

Unbeknownst to Smith until after her selection, Darlene's handler, Danielle Covey, is training the pup to be a medical alert dog for her own heart condition. The 16-year-old is planning to be a dog trainer by trade and is currently training several other dogs as well.

For photos of all categories and winners, visit mckenziebanner.com.

Highway Resurfacing Begins in McKenzie



MCKENZIE — Construction crews began removal of the top layer of asphalt last week on U.S. 79 (S.R. 76) through McKenzie, ranging from the Henry County line then south just past Sydnor Road. Soon, paving crews will resurface the highway. Pictured is the pavement grinder removing the top surface.

McKenzie Students Receive Free Admission to Sporting Events

MCKENZIE (August 5) — Following in the footsteps of several local schools, the McKenzie Special School District announced Tuesday that its students can attend all 2025-26 regular season home sporting

events for free.

In August's school board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Justin Barden said the district had to reposition some funds to make this long-awaited feat possible. "We hope that this will

encourage families to attend a variety of sporting events and support our Rebel athletes all year," said Dr. Barden. "This is hopefully something we can continue to do."

All elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for admission. Free admission only applies to students.

McKenzie School Board Installs Aird as Student Representative

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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The McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) Board of Education met August 5 at the MSSD Board Room, just hours after the first day of the 2025-26 school year concluded. The Board welcomed a new student representative and approved a new tax rate, budget amendments and district policy amendments.

Gracie Aird is the new MSSD Board of Education Student Board Representative. Aird, the daughter of Matt and Misty Aird, recited the student representative oath to the Board, cementing herself as this year's school liaison. The senior will give reports representing McKenzie High School in future meetings.

The school board voted to approve the \$0.7483 per \$100 assessed and property value certified tax rate for the 2025-26 school year. Of this tax rate, \$0.4898 is distributed to the general purpose fund and \$0.2585 is distributed to the debt service fund.

The Board approved two budget amendments, transferring \$2,200 to the undesignated fund balance for maintenance ef-

fort and breaking down a \$217,206.15 budget increase for teachers' bonuses.

The Board voted to approve amendments to 19 policies in the MSSD Board of Education Policy Manual in accordance with new state laws which went into effect July 1. These amendments affected School District Records; Surplus Property; Threat Assessment Team; Instructional Program; Discrimination/Harassment of Employees (Sexual, Racial, Ethnic, Religious); Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying and Intimidation; Virtual Education Program; Interscholastic Athletes; Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, Textbooks, Library Materials; Use of the Internet; Reporting Student Progress; Employment of Retirees; Family and Medical Leave; Substitute Teachers; Attendance; Questioning Students and Searches; Use of Wireless Communication Devices; Student Wellness and Student Records.

The Board approved a memorandum of understanding between the McKenzie Police Department and the MSSD for school resource officers, marking an

other year of collaboration between the two entities.

The Board approved the MSSD Disciplinary Hearing Authority: Tonya Brown or designee for McKenzie Elementary, Josh Kee or designee for McKenzie Middle and Kelly Spivey or designee for McKenzie High School.

The Board agreed to allow fundraising groups like the Elementary PTO, Home Run Club and Soccer Club to serve the schools.

The Board acknowledged the retirement of former MMS Principal Dorethea Royle and the in-house appointments of new MMS Principal Josh Kee and Vice Principal Beth Mathis.

They listed new hires, from June 5 to August 5: Jenna Tucker, MHS STEM, head softball coach, assistant girls basketball coach; Jeremy Allen, MMS science, assistant football coach; Chloe Glass, MMS educational assistant; Charro Keenan, MHS educational assistant; Brandi Parham, MHS nurse; Alec Meddings, MES physical education, MMS assistant football coach; and Mary Beth Carlock, MHS special education math.

The Board recognized the resignations of Bobbie Sykes, MHS nurse, and Colin Williams, MES physical education teacher and MMS assistant football coach.

Baptist Hospital Fights Against Human Trafficking with Red Sand Project

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Baptist Memorial Hospital - Carroll County and the Carroll County Health Department collaborated on Tuesday, August 5, to host a Red Sand Project event.

The event, which took place at the main entrance of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon, attracted hospital staff, local leaders and community member participants.

Sarah Pitcher, manager of marketing at Baptist Memorial Hospital, said, "This event is part of our hospital's commitment to being not just a place of healing but also a voice for justice and advocacy."

The Red Sand Project, in which participants fill sidewalk cracks with red sand,

is meant to raise awareness about human trafficking and exploitation. The red sand in the sidewalk represents the victims who slip through the cracks of current social systems.

"Human trafficking isn't just an urban problem. It happens everywhere, including in Tennessee's rural counties," said Pitcher.

Human trafficking is defined as the use of force, fraud or coercion to exploit someone for labor or sex. The Tennessee Department of Health describes human trafficking as modern-day slavery. On average, a child is bought or sold for sex every two minutes in the United States. In 2024, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation reported 1,170 human trafficking tips — with over 500 tips involving

minors.

The Carroll County Health Department had a table at the event offering handbills and information cards about indicators of human trafficking and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline.

"Raising awareness is the first step toward prevention, identification and intervention," said Pitcher. "Small acts like today's demonstration can start big conversations and potentially save lives."

The National Human Trafficking hotline is 1-888-373-7888. Tennessee's hotline is 1-855-558-6484 and connects callers to local law enforcement, victim services and resources within the state. Both hotlines are confidential, toll-free and available at all times.

State Rep. Brock Martin Secures \$49K for Carroll, Gibson Counties

NASHVILLE — State Rep. Brock Martin, R-Huntingdon, today announced arts organizations in Carroll and Gibson counties will receive a combined \$48,700 in state funding to support education and outreach programs.

Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon will receive \$40,000 while the Nite Lite Theatre in Trenton will receive \$8,700. The Tennessee Arts Commission administers the grants.

"These grants reflect our ongoing commitment

to strengthening communities through the arts," Martin said. "Investing in local creative programs not only supports education and tourism but also helps preserve the unique culture that makes West Tennessee special."

The funding is part of \$12.3 million allocated by the Tennessee General Assembly in the state's 2025-26 budget for arts initiatives across all 95 counties.

The commission selects grant recipients through a competitive review process that includes input from citizen advisory pan-

els with expertise in various arts disciplines.

Tennessee's nonprofit arts and culture sector generates \$1.4 billion in annual economic activity, supports more than 23,400 full-time equivalent jobs and plays a key role in education, tourism and community development.

For information about arts grant programs, visit tnartscommission.org.

Brock Martin represents House District 79, which includes parts of Carroll, Gibson and Henderson counties.

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# 1C4NJPBB2ED868138

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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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

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Drug

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The agencies began investigating six months ago to target individuals actively distributing methamphetamine and illegal narcotics in the Carroll County area. Authorities developed information that Angelo Reece Edwards (DOB 11/8/1989) distributed methamphetamine from his residence in the 300 block of Walnut Circle. On Friday, officers executed a search warrant at the home, with the assistance of the McKenzie Police Department, the 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the DEA, and found Edwards in possession of methamphetamine, mar-

ijuana, drug paraphernalia, and a handgun.

Agents arrested Edwards and charged him with one count each of Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent for Resale, Possession of Schedule VI with Intent for Resale, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Authorities subsequently booked him into the Carroll County Jail, where, at the time of this release, he remained in custody on \$87,500 bond.

The charges and allegations referenced in this release are merely accusations of criminal conduct and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

School

...From Front Page



Above Left, Alan Villalta begins his first grade journey, arriving at HPS with parents Diana and Edwin. Above Right, Carli Woods (left) is ready for her first day of Kindergarten at Huntingdon Primary, with sister Maci heading to third grade. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner Right, McKenzie Elementary School students Faith Lynn French (left) and Alisha Smith arrive for their first day with French's parents, Ryan and Carissa. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner Below Left, First grader Willow Douglas (left) and Kindergarten-er Shadow Brown arrive for their first day at HPS. Below Right, Huntingdon Primary School Principal Vicki Crossno gives Kaliber Hargrove a big hug before her first day of Kindergarten. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Increase

...From Front Page

The board approved the compensation portion of the contract for Director of Schools Preston Caldwell. The new package offers a three percent increase in pay and an adjustment in benefits to match the rest of the district employees. However, Caldwell's insurance premium is being moved to salary, as Caldwell has declined the insurance package through the district.

The cost difference to the district per year for the new contract is \$2,926.60. The change from insurance to salary will also save the district money, as the cost of insurance typically increases from year to year, while Caldwell's salary will not increase with insurance premiums.

The package also offers a performance incentive for scoring a 3 or higher on his evaluation.

"I feel like this helps the accountability factor that he has to the school. I like that, and he does as well," Board Chairman Williams Robinson stated about the incentive requirements.

The board approved the compensation package

for the director of schools' new contract with a 5-0 vote. The final contract will be presented at the September board meeting.

West Carroll Special School District has seen a five percent increase in enrollment for this school year. Caldwell spoke during the meeting about the positive changes that the system has made that have led to the increase in enrollment numbers.

"This growth is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the entire West Carroll team. From our outstanding school board members and central office staff to our dedicated administrators, faculty and support staff, it takes a unified effort to build the kind of educational environment that draws families in and keeps them engaged. We are also incredibly thankful for the continued support of our local community, which plays a vital role in our district's success," Caldwell said.

Caldwell also highlighted the success of the Pre-K program at the primary school in laying a solid foundation for the youngest learners, the academic growth seen at the elementary school in recent years, and the robust ACT awareness and pre-

paredness program at the high school.

"West Carroll is on the rise, not just in numbers, but in the quality of education and opportunities offered. Whether it's through academics, the arts or hands-on learning, West Carroll is preparing students not just for tests, but for life," Caldwell said of the system. "Our growing enrollment is a testament to the trust our families place in us and the quality education we strive to deliver every day. As enrollment continues to grow, one thing is clear: Great things are happening at West Carroll."

The board took time to discuss funding for athletic programs at West Carroll from the school system. There were questions from various board and community members about funding and where money goes from gate and fundraising. Caldwell presented data to show the funding given to each sport and what each sport brings in from gate revenue and fundraising.

Caldwell promised to give further attention to athletic funding and look closer into how to improve retention for coaches in the West Carroll Special School District.

batteries to improve profitability.

Ford announced its \$5.6 billion investment in the BlueOval City campus in Haywood County in 2021, pledging to create 5,800 jobs in return for a nearly \$1 billion incentive from the state. The Tennessee Electric Vehicle Center where the electric pickup truck will be manufactured plans to employ rough-

ly 3,000 of those workers. Courtesy of Tennessee Lookout, tennesseelookout.com.

The company has teased a "Model T moment" announcement about its plans to "design and assemble breakthrough electric vehicles in America" at an appearance in Kentucky slated for August 11 at 9:20 a.m. CT.

Ford

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delayed production of the truck from its initial production goal of 2025 to 2027. At the time, Ford said the decision was part of a shift toward prioritizing hybrid vehicles and producing lower-cost



Left, Mayor's Award — Bailey Cooper received the award from Mayor Chad Edwards. Center, Allison Cummings was honored as the Carter-Holbrook Award recipient presented by Aileen Davis. Right, Jeff Mazik was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award presented by Aileen Davis.

Dixie

...From Front Page

The Center said goodbye to three ushers, who died during the year. They were Deborah Thorne, Frank Hartman, and Billy Carnell.

During the past season, volunteers logged over 2,000 hours of service.

High-achieving ushers for the season included: Rick Jahnke: 91.75 hours, Jeane Jahnke: 86.75 hours, Sherrye Hudson: 74.75 hours, and Denise Pendergrass: 72.5 hours.

Ms. Davis said total volunteer hours over 19 seasons total in excess of 40,000 hours.

Recognition of Volunteers by Service Milestone

10-year recognition: Gaye Coleman, Lyda Hudson, Barbara McDonald.

15-year recognition: Denise Coleman, Melissa Powell, Amy Rangnow.

20-year recognition: Geneva Johnson, Linda Wallace.

The Carter-Holbrook Award For Excellence in Organizational Leadership of the Arts

Allison Cummings was honored as the Carter-Holbrook Award recipient. She has served seven years and volunteered 200 hours. Last year, she volunteered 53 hours and served as lead usher.

The Mayor's Award For Good Humor and Patience in the Public



Above, 15-year recognition: Denise Coleman, Melissa Powell, Amy Rangnow with Dixie representative Aileen Davis. Below, 10-year recognition: Gaye Coleman, Lyda Hudson, Barbara McDonald along with Dixie representative Aileen Davis.



Service of the Arts

Ms. Bailey Cooper received the award from Mayor Chad Edwards. She has served for over 10 seasons and volunteered almost 400 hours with 47 of those last year.

The Brooke S. Hodges Award

For Excellence in Providing A Positive Patron Experience

Ms. Pam Bergeron was the recipient. She has served four season and volunteered over 100 hours. T

Volunteer of the Year Award

For Excellence in Volunteer Leadership of

the Arts

Jeff Mazik was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award. He has served one season and volunteered over 53 hours. That's not just impressive—it's a clear testament to their commitment and reliability.

Whether it's assisting someone to their seat or stepping in to prevent a fall! - he is always there in an instant!

Krista Martin, president of the Friends of the Dixie Board, said the board is now taking over many administrative functions of The Dixie. She thanked everyone for their volunteer service.

Policies

...From Front Page

use their phones during instructional time unless authorized for educational purposes. While some schools have implemented cell phone "pockets" in classrooms for storage, McKenzie schools allow students to possess these wireless communication devices (cell-phones, smart watches, Airpods, laptops, tablets and gaming devices) under specific instruction.

Students in grades K-8 may possess wireless communication devices if those are turned off and stored away for the entirety of the school day.

Students in grades 9-12 may possess wireless communication devices if those are turned off during instructional time. These devices are allowed in the hallways, between class breaks, during lunch time and during activity period.

There are exceptions in case of an emergency, when authorized by a teacher, to manage the student's health as documented in their individual healthcare plan or when the device is used to assist a disabled student's functional capabilities.

Use of a camera on any of these devices is strictly prohibited on school property or at school functions unless authorized by a school employee.

Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device results in confiscation and potential disciplinary action. In the event of an emergency, parents or guardians will be alerted through NotifyMe, MSSD district website/district phone app, district or school social media outlets or the county's school phone call system.

Student Wellness — All elementary school students are mandated to have a

minimum of 40 minutes of unstructured physical activity — outside, if weather permits — each full school day. Time spent in a physical education class, walking to- and from class and time spent on an electronic device does not count as unstructured physical activity.

Additionally, physical activity must not be withheld from a student as a form of punishment.

Similarly, middle and high school students must receive a minimum of 90 minutes of physical activity each full school week.

Dr. Barden said it was a struggle to fit the new play time into the school schedule while keeping a balance of instruction time and play time, but he and Mrs. Tonya Brown, McKenzie Elementary School principal, found a way to make it work by scattering the 40 minutes of playtime for each grade level throughout the day. Dr. Barden said the adjustment "makes for a very tight daily schedule for each grade."

Attendance — Students may have up to ten excused absences each school year for non-school sponsored extracurricular activities. This policy only applies if the student provides documentation of the absence at least seven business days prior to their absence. Dr. Barden said that a student had taken several absences to participate in semi-professional bull riding competitions in the past. Under the rewritten policy, these absences would be excused.

Use of the Internet — Students are prohibited from accessing social media platforms while using district internet unless expressly authorized by a teacher for educational purposes. While this amendment is new to the Board's policy manual, district schools have implemented this policy for several years. Dr. Dianne Anderson is working to find

a failsafe way teachers may use social media platforms, like YouTube, while keeping students blocked.

Interscholastic Athletes — Students enrolled in virtual school (like Clarksburg's Virtual Academy) may participate in sports at the school they are geographically zoned in.

Virtual Education Program — Virtual education may be used for academic remediation or enrichment, in the event of dangerous or extreme weather conditions, an emergency, or for continuity of educational services for homebound students or students who are quarantining. Eligibility to participate in virtual programs depends on a student's attendance, grades, technology survey and building-level administrator approval.

Dr. Barden said the district would mostly provide virtual education services for homebound students, specifically for students with medical issues or in the special education department.

Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyberbullying and Intimidation — The district amended its definition of discrimination, adding antisemitism to a list that included race, color, religion, sex, national origin and disability.

This policy covers employees, employees' behaviors, students and students' behaviors while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided equipment or transportation or at any official school bus stop. If the act takes place off school property or outside of a school-sponsored activity, this policy is in effect if the conduct is directed specifically at a student or students and has the effect of creating a hostile educational environment or creating a substantial disruption to the education environment or learning process.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

The Hairy Catfish Caper

Patrick had an easy smile and a winning way about him. He was easy to like. But his Achilles heel was his gullibility. Not that being gullible is a bad thing. As a matter of fact, it can often be an endearing quality.

However, for a pair of pranksters like Jim and me, taking advantage of a gullible person is something we simply could not resist. The summer that Patrick began working with us, little did he know what he was getting himself into.

One morning, he entered our office with his usual broad smile.

“Have you all ever seen someone feed their pond-raised catfish?” he asked, his eyes dancing with excitement. “I was at Glen’s this weekend and he took me out with him when he fed his fish. It was amazing! The way they come to the surface and gobble up the feed they look like piranha!”

Jim and I concurred with Patrick’s description, having seen the same display in the past.

Then, without a change in expression or tone, Jim asked Patrick, “Did you see any hairy catfish?”

I cut a quick glance at Jim and saw a tiny twinkle in his eye.

Patrick, on the other hand, was befuddled. “A what?”

Jim calmly went on, “Hairy catfish. They’re unusual but occasionally you’ll see them around here.”

Patrick tried to treat Jim’s comment as a bluff. “You’re crazy! I’ve never heard of such a thing.”

But you could see in the back of Patrick’s eyes the doubt that came from being gullible. So, he turned to me to help get some confirmation of his position.

Clearly, he turned to the wrong place.

Not knowing for certain what direction Jim was going to spin his yarn, I decided to give it my own twist.

“Jim’s right. They’re more common the closer you get to the Mississippi River, but I’ve seen some around here.”

Patrick protested, “My dad and his friends are always fishing and I’ve never heard them talk about hairy catfish. You guys are just pulling my leg.”

Jim dismissed Patrick’s protests with a casual, “You can believe what you want.”

Nothing more was said about the issue in the ensuing days, though Jim and I shared an occasional chuckle about Patrick’s

almost believing us.

Three weeks later, Patrick came in and announced, “I went home this weekend and talked to my dad about hairy catfish, and he says there ain’t no such thing.”

I couldn’t help but think what his dad must have thought about his son who considered hairy catfish a real thing.

The key to a good practical joke is stringing the person along the narrow line between plausible and impossible.

I couldn’t help myself. I had to see how far we could take this thing.

“I’m not surprised Patrick,” I said. “Has your dad ever fished any ponds or lakes close to the Mississippi?”

Ah, there was the faint flicker of doubt in Patrick’s expression that I was looking for. He couldn’t help himself either.

Jim chimed in, “It’s not like they’re hairy all over like a dog. They just have a little hair. So sometimes people don’t see it.”

Patrick tried to appear resolved. “I just don’t believe it.”

But it was clear to Jim and me that our young apprentice was on shifting sand.

A few days later, Jim and I were fishing. Suddenly I get a tug on my line. Raising it up, a small catfish about twelve inches long danced and wiggled on my hook.

Normally we’d throw a fish that size back in the water, but as soon as we saw it, we looked at each other and said, “There’s our hairy catfish.”

Another thing about a good practical joke is that it takes on a life of its own. Neither Jim nor I had ever talked about “making” a hairy catfish. We hadn’t intended to take things that far. But when the perfect specimen virtually dropped in our lap, we decide to take things to another level.

I agreed to take the fish home and freeze it whole until we could figure out how to create our “hairy catfish.”

As the alignment of the planets would have it, the ideal prosthesis presented itself the next week.

Jim’s attic had become infested with a family of flying squirrels. Those creatures are small and cute and don’t mind being around humans, which is fine until 3 a.m. when they start doing calisthenics and creating more noise than a marching band.

To save his marriage and his sanity, Jim declared war on the critters. (At this point in the sto-

ry PETA people should probably stop reading.)

Jim placed traps and poison in the attic, and his efforts were immediately rewarded.

He came in one morning and handed me the tail of a flying squirrel and said, “This is for our hairy catfish.”

In case you aren’t familiar with the anatomy of a flying squirrel, let me enlighten you. Its tail is about three inches long and when laid flat actually resembles a feather.

We heard Patrick driving up so I quickly stuck the tail in my pocket, still unsure how I was going to use it.

That night, I took the catfish out of the freezer to thaw by morning but forgot to tell my wife I had laid it in the sink. Her shriek from the kitchen the next morning got me out of bed quicker than a cattle prod.

After she left the kitchen (her color looked a little ashen to me), I laid the fish on some newspaper on the kitchen counter. Measuring the squirrel’s tail, I saw it was a perfect fit, running from just above the eyes to the dorsal fin.

How to get it to stick — that was my challenge. Catfish are as slick and slimy as the upper lip of a two-year-old with a runny nose.

I got my wife’s hair dryer, laid it beside the fish, and scrounged through our “junk drawer” until I found the hot glue gun.

As my wife was heading out the door to take the girls to school, the high pitch whine of her hair dryer coming from the kitchen caused her to pause. She peered into the kitchen and saw me slowly waving her hair dryer back and forth over the catfish.

She opened her mouth to speak, but I held up my hand.

“Just keep on walking,” I said.

I was on a mission! Once the fish was dry to the touch, I put a bead of hot glue from his dorsal fin to his head and carefully put the squirrel tail in place and patted it gently.

The moment of truth came a moment later when I tried to pick up the catfish by the hair.

It worked perfectly! Burt Reynolds never had a better fitting toupee.

... *The Hair Catfish Caper will conclude in next week’s edition.*

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

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Don’t Get Caught Up In the Terminology

I was driving up to Tennessee yesterday when an old gospel song you probably won’t remember came blasting over the airwaves, “Everybody’s gonna have religion in glory, Everybody’s gonna be singing that story....”

Now, if I was a normal thinking guy, rational and orderly, you would well suspect that the song would have shifted my mind around to its author, Lee Roy Abernathy. But it didn’t. I got to thinking about Karl Marx, who famously wrote, if you allow me to loosely translate his German, “Religion is the opium of the people.”

Karl Marx also famously wrote, “The Communist Manifesto.” I never read this pamphlet all the way to the end, but a lot of Russian folks did. It didn’t help them a bit. They are currently in year two of a five-year plan they started in 1919.

But it is not about governments today, I’m pondering on what religion Marx was referring to.

Pastor L. H. Hatcher was big. He had wide shoulders, a barrel chest, and, to a scrawny six-year-old, he was taller than all outdoors. He wore a double-breasted blue serge suit on most every occasion, and he could look a bit intimidating. Until he smiled.

I’m telling you, his smile was wider than he was tall.

It would take him a minute or two to get all of himself down on one knee in front of me. His big ole hand would engulf mine, “How is H. K. Colbert doing this morning?” I would shake with all my might, “Fine. And how is Brother L. H. Hatcher today?”

Every single Sunday of my young life, without fail, he made me feel like the

most important person in the whole church!

He would come through the basement when we were doing crafts during Vacation Bible School. He’d study on the assorted popsicle sticks I was attempting to glue together to make an ash tray, pat me on the back, and tell me how good I was doing. I figured he needed those horn rim glasses he was wearing.... My ash tray kinda resembled a fallen over Leaning Tower of Pisa, with two or three bites taken out of it.

L. H. Hatcher didn’t have a discouraging word in his system.

When he came by the house for his Monday afternoon slice of chocolate pie, he would ask me all sorts of baseball questions. Or we’d discuss escaping the summer heat by jumping into Archie Moore’s Pond. He seemed to always know what was going on inside my mind.

Of course, like a lot of Baptist, we didn’t see eye to eye on everything. It would take him an hour and a half to tell that story about the man who got robbed on that road down to Jericho, and there weren’t but three other people passing by that day! He’d about put me to sleep chasing those Israelites across the desert trying to herd them into the Promise Land. They’d about make it, and then someone would mess up, and Bro. Hatcher had to start all over again!

Before I could doze off, he’d step out from behind that pulpit to shout out something Moses said and I could see that grass stain on the knee of his pants....

He was such a good guy, I could spare him a few more minutes.

Mr. Ed Wiley taught my

Sunday School class from junior high until I graduated from high school. I don’t believe you could have a group of years more important than those when you were trying to figure out up from down, in from out, right from wrong....

He didn’t do one backflip. No sleight of hand. He certainly didn’t preach. And he made no attempt at entertaining us. Mostly he listened. And taught quietly. And if we were having a problem, he’d read to us, “thus saith the Lord....”

I was in his class for six years. In person. I have realized with the wisdom that comes with the passing of time, Mr. Wiley is still ever before me. Quietly, patiently, and humbly showing me the way.

It is the same for Miss Floy Coleman. She was our Training Union teacher on Sunday evenings. She was young, so beautiful she glowed, and actively getting her own life going, but she still turned aside for us. And you talk about unconditional love. Everybody was her favorite! She knew one song on the piano. We sang, “What A Friend we have in Jesus” every week come rain or shine, Heaven or highwater.

It is, to this day, my all-time favorite hymn.

Bro. Hatcher, Mr. Wiley, and Miss Floy earnestly and sincerely cared for my eternal soul.

I never heard any one of them ever say the word religion. Not one time! In my whole life! Boy howdy, that lets the air out of Karl Marx’s bag. And a lot of other folks, too.

They talked about faith, love, peace, joy, hope, and understanding. And they lived that talk right before my eyes. They shared Christ with all their hearts. They didn’t dwell on much else. And that, brothers and sisters, is the message.

Respectfully,
Kes

General Baker to Speak at Huntingdon Historical Society

HUNTINGDON — Major General Tommy H. Baker, a much-decorated Tennessee soldier, will be the next speaker at the meeting of the Huntingdon Historical Society on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 9 a.m. in the conference room of City Hall, Huntingdon, Tennessee

Major General Tommy H. Baker (USA Retired), will give a presentation on the local National Guard Unit.

MG (retired) Tommy H. Baker is the Commissioner for Tennessee’s Department of Veterans’ Services. In December of 1980, MG Tommy H. Baker began his military career as a 19D Cavalry Scout in Troop B, 230th Cavalry in Huntingdon, Tennessee. He served for four years and then entered the Tennessee Military Academy. He was commissioned as an Armor Officer in 1985. From 2014-2018, General Baker served as the Assistant Adjutant General-Army at Joint Force Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a 1995 graduate of UTM, and he received his Master’s in 2003 from Touro University. General Baker is also a 2011 graduate of the United States Army War College with a Master’s in Strategic Studies in National Defense Policy. He was deployed to Kuwait in 2004 and then again in 2008. In 2008, he served as the Commander of the 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion at Q-West, Iraq.

General Baker has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal, to name just a few.

The local National Guard Unit in



Huntingdon, Tennessee, is Troop B, 230th Cavalry Unit within 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. It is part of the Tennessee Army National Guard and the total Force of American Defense. As a force for defense, they participate in domestic and international operations.

The Tennessee National Guard was formally established in 1887 by the 45th General Assembly. The Tennessee National Guard is known for its volunteerism and for responding to state emergencies and to national security needs.

Please come join us as we share and learn about the history of our local National Guard. We look forward to seeing you!

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Obituaries

JIM CROCKETT 1943 – 2025

Mr. James “Jim” Crockett, 81, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, August 7, 2025, at his home in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Flatwoods Cemetery in Camden.

Mr. Crockett was born December 31, 1943, in Big Sandy, to the late Alexander Campbell Crockett and Mildred Cagle Crockett.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Crockett, and two sisters, Alice Arnold and Posetta Mayo.

He is survived by, a daughter, Diana Walker (Matthew) of Huntingdon; a son, Larry Crockett (Gina) of Nashville; a sister-in-law, Jo Ann Beard, of Knoxville; and three grandchildren.

GARLAND ELLIS 1928 – 2025

McKENZIE — Graveside services for Garland Ellis were Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Ellis, 96, died at his residence on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

He was born in Greenfield on November 4, 1928, to Robert and Brinnie Eleanor Cantrell Ellis.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Ellis; a daughter, Starla McCallister; son-in-law, Johnny Davis; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughters, Brenda Ellis Davis, Ruth Ann Ellis, and Susie Motheral; a son, Tommy Ellis; a grandson, Jason Davis; and two brothers, John Ellis and Melvin Leon Ellis.

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

SHIRLEY CONNELL 1947 – 2025

MEMPHIS — Graveside services for Shirley Connell were Monday, August 11, 2025, at Meridian Cemetery, Greenfield.

Ms. Connell, 77, died at Methodist Germantown Hospital on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

She was born in Memphis on October 3, 1947, to the late Albert and Cecil Harrington Connell.

She is survived by her cousin, Beverly Ellis of McKenzie; and special friend, Debbie Brown of Memphis.

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ZERYL L. CLARK 1934 – 2025

McKENZIE — Graveside funeral services for Zeryl L. Clark are Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Everett's Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Clark, 90, died at his residence on Saturday, August 9, 2025. He was born in Weakley County on September 21, 1934, to the late Raymond and Nova Lee Montgomery Clark.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nancy Winters Clark; and his children, Steve Clark, Debbie Jo Denton, Terri Clark, and Parker Kevin Smith.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

DIANA GOURLEY 1945 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Diana Lee Roam Gourley, 79, residing in Huntingdon, died August 2, 2025, from natural causes.

She was born on December 10, 1945, in Saint Louis, Mo.

At 19 years old, Diana married her childhood sweetheart, Nathanael Gourley.

Diana is survived by her two children, their spouses, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her life was celebrated at New Life Saint Louis, 11570 Mark Twain Ln, Bridgeton, Mo., on Sunday, August 10.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

WANDA SHERRON 1949 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Wanda McDaniel Sherron were Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at noon at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Tuesday at 10 a.m. until service time. Interment followed at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Henry.

Mrs. Sherron, 75, died at Cherrywood Post Acute on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

She was born in Paris on August 21, 1949, to James J. McDaniel and Madeline McDaniel Mitchell.

She is survived by two children, Nick (Candi) Lowe and Holly Burnine, both of McKenzie; a brother, David (Debbie) McDaniel, of Martin; and a granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jimmy McDaniel.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

McKenzie’s Nights on Broadway Presents Wallace & Company



McKENZIE (August 7) — Downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continued Thursday with Wallace & Company. The band entertained the crowd with an eclectic set, inspiring some to turn Banner Row into a dance floor. Nights on Broadway continues with Fajita Brothers on Thursday, September 4. Flashback closes out the summer series Thursday, September 18. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Henry Co. Hospital Offers Alzheimer’s 101 Workshop

PARIS (August 8) — West Tennessee Healthcare Henry County Hospital, in collaboration with Alzheimer's Tennessee, will host an Alzheimer's 101 Workshop on Thursday, September 25th. The event will take place from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm and will be in the lower level of the hospital in classrooms 1 and 2. If you are a caregiver, part of a support system, concerned for your own well-being or simply want to know more about Alzheimer's and dementia – this event is for you.

Amanda B. Leitch, Certified Dementia Practitioner, and West Tennessee Regional Director for Alzheimer's Tennessee, will facilitate the workshop. She began her career with Alzheimer's Tennessee in 2006

as the Alzheimer's Tennessee Cumberland's Regional Director and has worked in the aging community for over 25 years. Amanda became Regional Director of Alzheimer's Tennessee in 2019 and is instrumental in providing services and programs to families in 21 counties that make up the West Tennessee region.

During the workshop Amanda will cover:

- What Alzheimer's Tennessee is all about
- The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia
- How this organization

can support families and individuals in our community

- Live Q & A – bring your questions!

West Tennessee Healthcare Henry County Hospital, along with Alzheimer's Tennessee, wants to partner with you on your journey to learn more about these ever-increasing progressive brain disorders. We look forward to seeing you at this event. If you have questions regarding the workshop in advance, please contact the WTH-HC Hospital Marketing Department at 731.644.8567.

Gasoline Prices Increase

TENNESSEE(August 11) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 2.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.75/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 5.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 21.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 1.8 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.690 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.37/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.69/g, a difference of \$1.32/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.37/g while the highest was \$3.69/g, a difference of \$1.32/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.08/g today. The national average is down 7.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 32.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

August 11, 2024: \$2.97/g (U.S. Average: \$3.41/g)

August 11, 2023: \$3.42/g

(U.S. Average: \$3.82/g)

August 11, 2022: \$3.51/g (U.S. Average: \$3.95/g)

August 11, 2021: \$2.85/g (U.S. Average: \$3.18/g)

August 11, 2020: \$1.88/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g)

August 11, 2019: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.63/g)

August 11, 2018: \$2.61/g (U.S. Average: \$2.85/g)

August 11, 2017: \$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g)

August 11, 2016: \$1.90/g (U.S. Average: \$2.13/g)

August 11, 2015: \$2.30/g (U.S. Average: \$2.58/g)

“After rising for two straight weeks, the national average price of gasoline saw a slight decline in the last week as oil prices fell below \$64 per barrel, paving the way for prices to ease in most states,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Price-cycling markets again saw the largest weekly swings, with Florida and Michigan cycling upward, while Indiana and Ohio experienced sharp declines but may be due for jumps this week. As we approach the peak of hurricane season, forecasts are showing favorable conditions for tropical development, so we'll be watching closely for any potential impact on supply and prices as Labor Day nears.”

GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

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Essary Named Conference Athletic Trainer of the Year

COURTESY BETHEL SID

BOWLING GREEN — Bethel University's Jason Essary is the 2024-25 Mid-South Conference Above and Beyond Athletic Trainer of the Year, MSC officials announced Wednesday.

The honor is Essary's third of his career. He also earned the recognition during the 2020-21 and 2022-23 academic years.

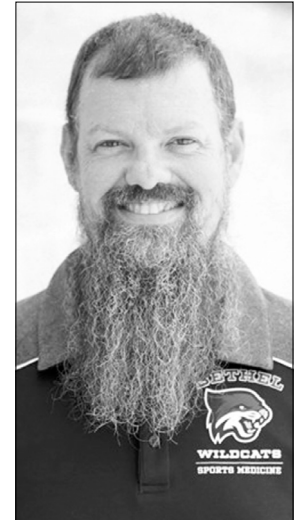
“It's an honor to be selected for this award by my peers,” Essary said. “I am only trying to do what God has put me on this earth to do and follow his lead of being a servant leader.

“I feel like every athletic trainer should be awarded this on a yearly basis for our dedication, hard work, long hours and endless challenges that we face,” Essary added.

“The landscape of college athletics is continuing to change and our knowledge and abilities have to keep up with these changes in order to see our student-athletes and teams succeed.”

His Bethel colleagues complimented Essary as a knowledgeable individual who exhibits a great degree of pride in his work.

“All of us in the athletic department are proud



of and for Jason,” Bethel Athletics Director Dave McCulley said. “His work ethic and commitment as our Head Trainer and Director of Sports Medicine remain amazing. He is undaunted in serving almost 700 athletes on a daily and weekly basis.

“He has the respect of our athletes, coaches and staff,” McCulley added. “He cares and protects their safety and well-being. One of the biggest factors about Jason is that I know our athletes trust him. We all congratulate Jason on this well-deserved honor.”

The Mid-South Conference Above and Beyond award is voted on by each institution's head athletic trainer. They are not allowed to vote for themselves.

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Strawberry Shortcake Parfait

1 pt fresh strawberries, sliced
2 tablespoons sugar
Pound cake
Whipping cream

Mint leaves

Place the strawberries and sugar in a bowl. Toss well. Allow to set for about 20 minutes. Place large pieces of pound cake in the bottom of 4 wine glasses. Top with 2 tablespoons of strawberries. Top with 2 tablespoons of whipped cream. Repeat until all ingredients are used. Garnish with mint leaves. Serves 4.

Hawaiian Delight

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup evaporated milk
1 2 cup crushed pineapple
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts or coconut

In heavy saucepan, cook sugars, milk and pineapple to soft ball stage (235 degrees). Remove from heat. Add margarine and beat until creamy. Add nut meats or coconut and stir well. Drop from spoon onto wax paper. Makes about 25 pieces.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL AT GREATER ENON

Don't cook! On Friday, August 15 from 1:30-5:30 p.m., Greater Enon Baptist Church Center, 103 Chestnut Ave., McKenzie (behind the church) will have Food for the Soul. BBQ ribs, smoked chicken, fried catfish, pulled pork and pork steaks with all the fixings. Donations only! Love to see you there.

NIGHTS ON BROADWAY ON THURSDAYS

McKenzie's downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continues Thursday, September 4 with the Fajita Brothers. 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 Flashback on Thursday, September 18.

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 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.

McKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD TO MEET

McKenzie Industrial Board meets Thursday, August 21, 6 p.m., at The Railyard, 9 Broadway, McKenzie.

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 carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

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.

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.

McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL DECADES REUNION

McKenzie High School is hosting the annual football Homecoming on Friday, September 19, 2025. The Rebels will play Camden Lions at Rebel Stadium. In conjunction, the MHS Alumni Association will host its second annual Decades Reunion. 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.

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.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

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

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

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 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.

'TN Direct Admissions' to Simplify Path to College, Technical Training

NASHVILLE (July 23) — The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) announced the launch of TN Direct Admissions, a new pilot program that automatically accepts eligible high school seniors into in-state public and private universities, as well as the state's community and technical colleges (TCAT), using existing academic data. Clarksburg, Huntingdon, West Carroll and Gleason schools are some of Tennessee's 230 high schools participating in TN Direct Admissions. In this pilot program, 41,000 randomly selected

high school seniors will receive a TN Direct Admissions letter from Governor Bill Lee in November. In this letter is a list of the in-state colleges and TCAT institutions where they have been automatically accepted — without having to complete traditional college applications. More than 20,000 of those letters will also outline the state and institutional financial aid available to students. Students only need to complete the Tennessee Promise application by November 1 to be eligible. A total of 53 higher education institutions will participate in the TN Direct Admissions program and pilot initiative, including all of Tennessee's Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), 13 community colleges and 17 public and private colleges and universities. Participating colleges and universities include Austin Peay State University, Bethel University, East Tennessee State University, Freed-Hardeman University, TCAT Henry/Carroll, Jackson

State Community College, Tennessee State University, Union University, University of Memphis, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and University of Tennessee at Martin. Research shows that the college application and financial aid process often feels too complex, causing many students to give up before completing their applications. One in four students start an application but never finish. Tennessee's Direct Admissions Pilot is the first in the nation to directly connect automatic college admissions with state-supported and merit-based financial aid. The goal is to help students clearly see where they've been accepted and how they can afford to enroll, increasing the likelihood they'll attend college in the fall. THEC and partners will use this pilot initiative as a research study to assess how different types of information affect students' decisions to enroll in college.

CARROLL ARTS, INC. PRESENTS

SOUTHERN FRIED FUNNIES

A CLASSY REDNECK VARIETY SHOW AT THE PARK THEATRE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 2 P.M.

2025

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Carroll Arts to Present 'Southern Fried Funnies' At Sweet Tea Festival

McKENZIE — Carroll Arts, Inc. will once again present Southern Fried Funnies: A Classy Redneck Variety Show, during the City of McKenzie's annual Sweet Tea Festival. Shows are at the historic Park Theatre on Thursday, August 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 23 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Carroll Arts members or cast members. The show includes sketches from and based on Hee Haw, The Carol Burnett Show, Abbott and Costello, The Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis Comedy Hour, The Tim Conway

Comedy Hour, Minnie Pearl and Ray Stevens. Cast members include: Carol Armpriest, Scott Armpriest, Alene Ball, Darryl Ball, Nancy Davenport, Veronica Giaimo Davis, Andrew Evans, Mayor Ryan Griffin, Thomas Keenan, Marlene Kreuter, Destiny Lane, Lynda Lankford, Patricia Lee, Brittany Martin, Melissa McDonald, Fran Musser, Joanne Ownby, Martha Sue Peters, Gina Rainey, Glynda Rich, Brad Sam, Jesse Turner and Isaac Stephen Walker. The production is directed by Glynda Rich and Denise Sam.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Failure to Appear/Warrant Service — On 08/07/2025, Assistant Chief Trey Boucher located Kenneth Whitson at 59 Walnut Circle. Whitson was arrested for a Capias (F.T.A.) warrant out of Carroll County General Sessions Court (Bond \$2500).

Warrant Service — On 08/08/2025, McKenzie Officers were at 169 Spruce Street in an attempt to serve a warrant. Contact was made with a female subject at the residence and asked if Thesia Powers was there. The female stated that Powers was in the back bedroom, asleep. Officers on scene then made entry into the residence and located Powers. Powers was then placed under arrest for her active warrants out of Haywood County General Sessions. Powers was then transported to Carroll County Jail for proper booking procedures.

Burglary — On 08/07/2025, a call came into the McKenzie Police Department regarding a possible burglary and attempted theft on Hamilton Street. Upon arrival, Ptm. Raspberry made entry to the residence with Lt. Brister and Sgt. Davis in an attempt to make sure the residence was clear of unwanted guests. Assistant Chief Boucher made contact around the rear of the residence with an individual who stated that he came to the residence to check on it and noticed that some tools were taken out of the shed and set out as if someone was getting ready to steal them. There were two ratchet sets outside of the shed by the shed door, a rolling toolbox, and a box of assorted tools found by the back gate.

Also located near the front porch of the residence was a purple backpack hidden behind the bushes. Located inside this backpack was a camo colored ghillie suit and some small tools under it. It is believed at the time that someone made an unlawful entry in an attempt to steal these tools and may have gotten spooked off by something. At this time there are no suspects, the backpack was left behind where it originally was, and the address has been placed on Extra Patrol.

Theft — On 08/06/2025, Ptm. Raspberry, spoke with an individual in the lobby of the McKenzie Police Department regarding a theft that had occurred earlier in the day. He stated he was asleep during the time of the theft but that his Everstart Plus 78 car battery was stolen from his residence on Booker Street in McKenzie, TN. He stated that his roommate advised that a Roommate Dean Sweatt II had come by the residence sometime during the night and then left. A receipt from Walmart was made available as proof of purchase for \$109.76.

At the time of this report, McKenzie PD was still looking for him to attempt to recover the stolen battery.

Driving on Suspended/Revoked License —On 08/06/2025, Ptm. McClure observed Kevin L. Milton traveling North on Highland Dr. in a gold 1999

Mercury Grand Marquis. Having prior knowledge that Milton had a suspended license status, he initiated a traffic stop on the above-mentioned vehicle at Casey's (16125 Highland Dr.). Milton also did not have his seat belt on during the traffic stop initiation.

Milton did not have a license on his person but did advise that his license was good. Dispatch confirmed the license was suspended out of McKenzie City Court for Failure to File Insurance Certificate. Milton was advised to report to Carroll County Jail to be booked within the 10-day booking period.

Driving on Suspended/Revoked — On 08/06/2025, Ptm. McClure observed a silver / gray 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis. The vehicle ran the stop sign at Walnut / W O Warren Dr.

A traffic stop on the above-mentioned vehicle at Domino's Pizza (15660 Highland Dr.) for the above-mentioned traffic infraction. Dispatch advised the license was revoked out of the Tennessee Administration for Failure to Comply with Financial Responsibility.

Alexander was asked if he had insurance on the vehicle, he did advise that at this time, he did not have insurance. Dispatch advised he had prior convictions for not having insurance. Ptm. McClure requested dispatch to have D&D Towing en route to location. Alexander was advised of his license status and advised the tow.

Michael Alexander was advised of the 10-day booking into the Carroll County Jail for the proper booking procedure on the following: Driving on Revoked (1st) - CITE; Failure to stop at a stop sign - CITE; Financial Responsibility - CITE.

The vehicle mentioned above was towed to the city impound lot pending proof of insurance. Alexander's license was seized to be returned to the state.

Driving Under the Influence — On 08/05/2025, Officer Henderson observed a White GMC Sierra traveling southbound on TN-22 that appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the driver who was identified as Jose Antonio Hernandez Nava via his Mexico ID.

While speaking with Nava, he was observed to have slurred speech, glassy eyes, and strong odor of an alcohol intoxicant coming from his person and vehicle. Nava if he has had any alcohol tonight and Nava stated he had not.The back floor board of Nava's vehicle were cans of Michelob Ultra. Nava was asked again if he had had anything to drink because I did see alcohol on the floorboard and he stated he had drunk two hours ago.

Nava was requested to exit the vehicle and I asked if he was willing to perform (SFST) Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Nava did agree to perform (SFST). Nava was very unsteady on his feet when walking to the back of his vehicle. Nava moved to a flat surface to

perform the (SFST).

During the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, Nava performed poorly. During the Walk and Turn test, Nava performed poorly. During the One Leg Stand test, Nava performed poorly.

Nava was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence 1st offense. He was then asked to provide a blood or breath sample for chemical testing where he did agree to provide a blood sample. A tow sheet was given to Nava at the jail. Nava was advised by officers that his truck was towed by D&D Wrecker Service to the impound lot.

Following a blood draw at Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon, Nava was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — On 08/04/2025, Officer Cunningham responded to Randle St to a verbal dispute between neighbors. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant. He stated that his neighbor, Clinton Hoard, was once again in the backyard of his residence. He stated that he had instructed Hoard on multiple occasions not to be on his property. He further stated that when he asked Hoard to leave, Hoard started getting loud and yelling.

Contact was then made with Clinton Hoard. Hoard stated that he was instructed by the property owner not to be there about a year ago, but went on to say that he owned 1.5 acres and that it was his property. Hoard was then cited for criminal trespass and advised he had 10 days to report to the Carroll County Jail for proper booking procedures.

Criminal Trespass — On 08/04/2025, the McKenzie Police Department received a call from The McKenzie Banner in reference to a criminal trespass at 3 Banner Row. The reporting party stated that Clinton Hoard was at this location. Hoard had been served a ban letter for this location by Sgt. Coleman on 07/22/2025.

Sgt. Coleman arrived on scene and observed Hoard standing in the lobby of The McKenzie Banner. Upon contact, Hoard was advised to step outside.

Hoard was placed under arrest at this time. Officer Batchelder transported him to the Carroll County Jail in Huntingdon, TN. Hoard refused to sign the bond accommodation notice and was held without bond per Judge King.

Warrant Service — On 08/05/2025, Officer Burson made a traffic stop on a Black Toyota Camry bearing for window tint. Officer Henderson backed up Sgt. Burson on the traffic stop, approached the passenger side. Officer Henderson asked a male in the passenger seat for his driver's license. He stated he did not have a driver's license but provided his name.

He was identified as Kenneth Beckham, Sgt. Burson ran a warrant check. Dispatch advised officers that Beckham had warrants out of Henry county and Milan.

Beckham was placed under arrest. Henry County officers agreed to come to the Henry/Carroll County line to pick up Beckham and transport to the Henry County Jail.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (August 6) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on August 6.

Two defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Terry Brown, Henley Park Lane, Big Sandy, was bound over to the Grand Jury on charges of Forgery and Theft of Property.

Dwayne Patrick Jones, McDonald Avenue, McKenzie, was bound over on charges of Criminal Impersonation of Law Enforcement, Harassment, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess with Intent, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases resulted in a finding or plea of guilt.

Thomas R. Cannon, Little House Road, Camden, guilty, Theft of Merchandise-Shoplifting, \$364.64 restitution to retailer, 48 hours jail, probation.

Jacquelyn Hornbuckle, Kirkwood Dr., Murray, Kentucky, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation.

Michael Huff, Kirby Loop, Clarksburg, guilty, Allowing Dog to Run at Large, \$50 fine, probation.

Dwayne Patrick Jones, McDonald Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail.

Larry Joe Prather, Jr., Highway 19, Brownsville, guilty, Flotation Device Required for Persons Aged 12 and Under.

Nicholas L. Rainey, Woodlawn Avenue, Huntingdon, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, \$50 fine, probation, \$191.09 restitution to retailer, no contact with retailer.

Lissa Wells, Woodlawn Avenue, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, Theft of Merchandise, \$191 restitution to retailer, no contact with retailer, probation.

Isiah G. Willis, Cheatham Street, Bruceton, guilty, Driving While Revoked, probation, must obtain license, \$100 to Bruceton to replace road sign, \$5,800 to replace utility pole.

The following cases were dismissed.

Marquis Anderson, Shaylin Loop, Antioch, Tenn., dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Clinton Hoard, Randle Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Theft of Merchandise — On 08-08-25, Officer Brad Allen was contacted by Walmart store security that a carnival worker identified as Erik Siliezar, 42, came into the store on August 4 and took an East Sport backpack without paying for it. Erik admitted to taking the backpack and was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — On July 30, officers were dispatched to Huck's gas station about a male subject who had previously been trespassed from the property. The subject was Maurice Lawrence, 32, homeless. He was found at McDonald's, where he was also trespassing, so he was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Revoked License — On July 24, Officer Angie Barker held a traffic stop on Chasidy Robinson, 28, for a violation of the Hands-Free Law. After pulling her over, Barker learned that Chasidy's license was revoked. Chasidy was given 10 days to report and book into Carroll County Jail for driving on a revoked license.

Driving on Revoked License — On July 26, Officer Malachi Arline was conducting radar enforcement when he observed a 2007 Ford F150 traveling 50 mph in a 30-mph zone. The driver, Mary Gordon, 50, had a suspended license. She was given 10 days to book into Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — On July 27, Officer Richard-

son was dispatched to Hill Court for a report of Tyler Davis, 30, stealing bicycles belonging to children. Davis admitted to taking the bikes because he had believed the children tampered with his motorcycle, so he was trying to "teach them a lesson." Davis was staying with a girlfriend but didn't have legal residency, so he was arrested for criminal trespassing and taken to Carroll County jail.

Domestic Assault — On July 13, Sgt. Tony King responded to a call on assault in Hunter Ridge Apartments. Aussie Welch, 52, was the alleged offender and had left the scene. Officers found him several miles from the scene. The victim stated that Welch punched her in the head out of anger. He also backed into another victim's vehicle before leaving the scene and had stated it was intentional. He was booked and transported to Carroll County Jail.

operating the vehicle. He initiated a traffic stop and the driver, Patrick Harris, 47, had a revoked driver's license. He was arrested for Driving on a Revoked License, 1st offense.

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Property Transfers

Robert L. Moore Jr. to Arnold S. and Catherine Jackson in District 1.

Barry and Terri Larkins to Jason Beecham in District 16.

Jean Ellen Furr and Donald T. McMackin to Paul T. and Paulette Allen Crew in District 11.

Michelle Lowery to Stuart P. Massey in District 11.

Haley Dawn Fullington to Joshua A. Fullington.

Laurie and Leslie Andrew Turnball to Beverly Brooke Smith in District 4.

Autumn Madyson Barger to Dalton Ray Barger in

District 4.

April Dawn Berryhill to Brent A. Rhodes in District 22.

Christian O. Ferguson to Lilli N. Taylor in District 4.

Anna Walls to Tracy Allen in District 11.

Christi Lambert and Barry Moore to Barry Moore in District 1.

Jeremy D. Little to Beaver Dam Farms, LLC.

Teresa Goodrum to Teresa and Douglas R. Goodrum in District 4.

John B. and Margaret E.

Hesford to Blueberry Farms, LLC in District 15.

James K. Snyder and Katheryn Wilwohl to Phat Tan and Thi Kieu Lam Nguyen in District 4.

Alexander Blake to Scott Brinkley. No district listed.

Rhonda Harrell to Grayson H. and Briley P. Arrington in District 11.

Luis F. and Andrea L. Salazar to Barry and Janice Reed in District 12.

John O. and Linda K. Hightower to Daniel and Tammy Carrington in District 4.

Jessie Eveleyn Jones to Rita Janette Gateley in District 6.

Carroll County Sheriff Reports

Larceny — On August 1, Timothy Crotzen reported to the Carroll County Sheriff's office that he thought he had purchased a 2019 Kia Stinger GT from Robin Marshall of Gonzales, Louisiana, through Facebook Marketplace. He has sent over 2,700 dollars through Chime. He has spoken with the lady who he believes to be Robin, and she said she would refund his money, but she has not since she never delivered the Stinger. It appears that this is a scam, and someone stole her information to receive the money.

DUI — On August 3, Deputy Thomas reported he was traveling in Atwood when he observed a vehicle

swerving throughout lanes. He initiated a stop and encountered the driver, Elquin Aulio Perez, 26, of Medina, who did not speak English. An odor of alcohol came from him, and he did poorly on the tests. He was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Stolen Property — On August 3, deputies were dispatched to Leach Road about a theft that occurred at the residence. A victim had held a party and then noticed the next day that over \$56,000 worth of jewelry was gone. This is still an ongoing investigation.

Aggravated Assault — On August 7, the Carroll County Sheriff's office was dispatched to Wortham

Loop in Huntingdon regarding Courtney Wortham, 27, of Huntingdon, breaking into the residence without consent from the homeowner, Beford Forrest Wortham III. Mr. Wortham stated that when he woke up, he saw Courtney in his residence and stated that she had stolen items out of his house. When he confronted Courtney, she sprayed him with "Pepper Power Bear Deterrent" spray. Deputies found Courtney at the edge of a cornfield near the residence. She stated that "I would have sprayed him with mace but I ran out so I used my bear spray." And "He knows I steal gas out of his boat, and he doesn't care." She was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, aggravated burglary, and theft.

Marriage Licenses

Trinity Lee Ballard, 20, of Huntingdon, to Joselito Manuel Santiago, 22, of Huntingdon.

Quintin Maurice Bond, 60, of Jackson, to Melba Coble Bond, 55, of Jackson.

Michael Wayne Beasley, 36, of Trezevant, to Jennifer Kaye Hipp, 35, of Trezevant.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA150

ESTATE OF: WILLIAM ODELL CAMPBELL, JR., LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **6TH** day of **AUGUST, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **WILLIAM ODELL CAMPBELL, JR.** deceased, who died **SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2023**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

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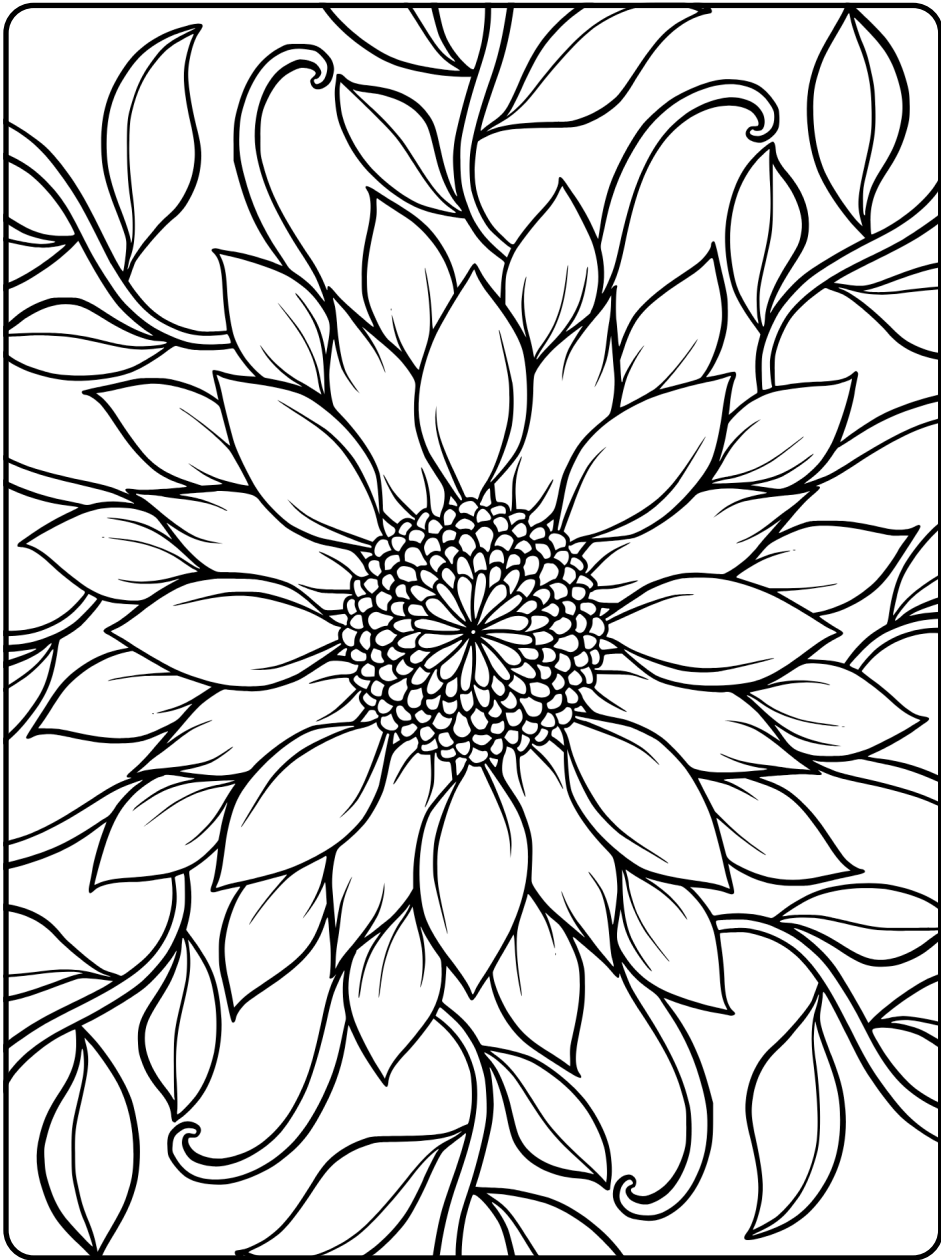
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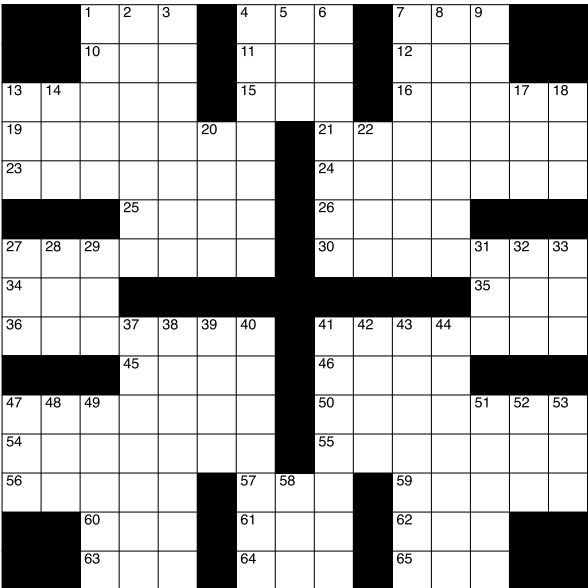
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Auto manufacturer
- 4. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 7. Two-year-old sheep
- 10. Member of indigenous people in Asia
- 11. Airborne (abbr.)
- 12. Actress de Armas
- 13. Not moving
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Plants of the arum family
- 19. Perceptible by touch
- 21. Rorschach test
- 23. Monetary units
- 24. Art
- 25. Cardinal number
- 26. Dueling sword
- 27. Hates
- 30. Fixed in one place
- 34. Pie ____ mode
- 35. Moved on foot
- 36. Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
- 41. A way through
- 45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 46. Leader
- 47. Flowing
- 50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
- 54. Solution for all difficulties
- 55. Soft clothing fabric
- 56. Building material
- 57. Sea bream
- 59. A way to cause to be swollen
- 60. One and only
- 61. Skin color
- 62. Wreath



- 63. Nevertheless
- 64. They ____
- 65. Sea eagle

- 28. Super Bowl winner Manning
- 29. Small amount
- 31. A way to save for your future
- 32. A way to travel behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Head pain
- 38. Loud lawn insect
- 39. Actress Hathaway
- 40. Boat race
- 41. About fish
- 42. Nursemaid in India
- 43. Marketable
- 44. Tinier
- 47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 48. Paddle
- 49. Oneness
- 51. Bitter compound
- 52. Not around
- 53. Very fast airplane
- 58. Swiss river

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Policemen (French)
- 2. Toy dog
- 3. Inflamed colon disease
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. References
- 7. Takes down
- 8. Facilitates
- 9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. Chemistry solution
- 17. Written account
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Coming after all others
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. Government lawyers

Week 32

See solution in next week's edition.

Family Fun Word Search

A I U R E T O G M T D M B T W E K Y V C
V T W O P D H S G G T W B L R O Y Z N G I E
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Adventure
Barbecue
Birthday
Board Games
Camping
Celebration

Dance
Game
Hiking
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SUDOKU

WEEK 32

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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!

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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 the family fun. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = A)

A. 6 4 8 4 19 10 7 25

Clue: Getaway

B. 24 16 7 11 19 24

Clue: Athletics

C. 17 18 24 20 18 17

Clue: Showcases art

D. 4 13 6 20 25 19 18 11 20

Clue: Thrilling activity

Answers: A. vacation B. sports C. museum D. adventure

LETTER MIX-UP

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

BOARD GAMES

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
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- 14. _____
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- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

What is a surgeons' favorite game?

Answer: Operation.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

CHAEB

Answer: Beach

GUESS WHO ?

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Top, K'Shun Carter stares down a South Fulton in the scrimmage. Above, Three Mustang defenders tackle a South Fulton runner in the scrimmage. Below, Zayden Connelly goes high for a catch in the Mustangs' scrimmage with South Fulton. Photos by Russell Bush/The McKenzie Banner

Mustangs Dominate in Second Scrimmage

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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HUNTINGDON (August 8) — In their second scrimmage of the season, the Huntingdon Mustangs flexed their muscles both offensively and defensively in their matchup with South Fulton at Paul Ward Stadium.

Despite being on the wrong end of the score last week against Westview in their first scrimmage, the Mustang offense seemed to be in midseason form against South Fulton, and the defense came to play as well.

The Mustangs defeated the Red Devils 56-7 and scored in the passing game, the ground game and on defense.

The Mustangs racked up 307 yards on the ground against the Red Devils and passed for 170 yards.

The defense held South Fulton to 62 yards on the ground and 90 yards through the air. The Mustang first-team offense scored seven times and the JV once, and South Fulton's only TD came from their second-team offense.

Mustang QB Braylin Dearmon and receiver Zayden Connelly had big days on



offense. Dearmon rushed for 61 yards and scored a TD, completed 4 of 4 passing for 108 yards and two touchdowns. Connelly caught two passes for 127 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Tyreke Hutch ran for 68 yards on three carries and scored once. Kenton Smith ran for 28 yards and caught a TD pass, and completed a pass for 62 yards and a TD.

Defensively K'Shun Carter had a big day as he intercepted two South Fulton passes and returned one for

a touchdown. Kenton Smith also intercepted a pass. The Mustang defense recovered a South Fulton fumble and held the Red Devils to only six first downs in nine South Fulton possessions.

The Mustangs first score came on a 50-yard run by Hutch. Carter then returned an interception 62 yards for a touchdown. On the Mustangs' third possession, Dearmon scored on a three-yard run. Connelly then caught a Dearmon pass for 65 yards and a touchdown. On the Mustangs next possession, Connelly caught a Kenton Smith pass for 62 yards and a TD. Dearmon and Smith then teamed for a 50-yard pass play for a touchdown. Sophomore Ayden Woods then got in on the act on the Mustangs' next two possessions as he scored on a 31-yard run and a 4-yard run.

Greyson Anderson was 8-for-8 on extra points.

South Fulton's touchdown came on a 20-yard touchdown pass.

The Mustangs travel to Lexington this Friday for the state's oldest Jamboree. Kick-off is 7 p.m.

The Mustangs open the regular season on the road at McKenzie on August 22.

Davis Joins MTSU Coaching Staff



Shelby Davis

BY BRAD SAM
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MURFREESBORO — McKenzie High School alum and basketball stand-out Shelby Davis recently joined the Middle Tennessee State University women's basketball staff as an assistant coach and coordinator of basketball relations.

After graduating from MHS in 2020, Davis played

two years of collegiate basketball at Williams Baptist University before transferring to MTSU in 2022. She joined the Blue Raiders as a manager.

She graduated in December 2024, earning a degree in Integrated Studies with a minor in Athletic Coaching. She then became a graduate assistant for the basketball program while pursuing her Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

As a high school player, Davis earned All-District honors four times and All-Region twice. She also earned the team's Leadership Award three times.

As a collegiate player, she earned All-Academic honors in both of her seasons.

Davis told The Banner, "Basketball has always been a passion of mine, and I've always known that I wanted to build a career in this field. As a child, my dad and I would come to the state tournament every year at MTSU, and I always dreamed of one day playing on this gym floor. While I wasn't fortunate enough to win state championships here like my sister [Savannah, now a Blue Raider herself] did, I never imagined I would get the chance to return as a coach. Proud to be a Blue Raider, but always a Rebel at heart."

Edlin Earns Silver at National Senior Games

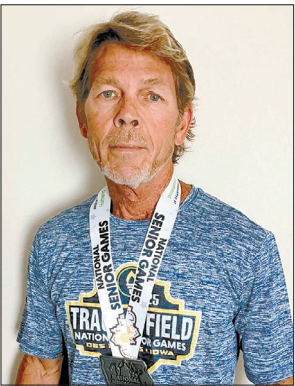
AMES, Iowa (July 28) — McKenzie's Chris Edlin earned the silver medal Monday in the 1500-meter Power Walk (ages 60-64) at the National Senior Games.

The event was held at the Cyclone Sports Complex on the campus of

Iowa State University.

This was Edlin's first national competition in the category. He finished with a time of nine minutes, 14 seconds.

Edlin also competed in the Discus Throw, finishing 12th.



Chris Edlin

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Top Left, Rebel Aiden Mason makes a contested catch. Top Right, Rebel Xander Johnsey spins a Tiger player down in the open field. Above Left, Rebel Avery Brown outruns defenders after a catch for a 70-yard touchdown. Above Right, Rebel Kason Brown comes down with a catch in double coverage. Below, Rebel Jayden Callis scores a touchdown in the JV contest. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels, Tigers Evenly Matched in Scrimmage

BY BRAD SAM
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LEXINGTON (August 8) — The McKenzie High School Rebels got some valuable reps and learned a lot about their strengths and weaknesses during their second of three preseason scrimmages Friday night at Lexington High School.

The Rebels and the host Tigers played one hour of varsity football followed by a half hour of junior varsity. Play was full contact for offense and defense, but no-contact on special teams plays.

Both the varsity and JV matchups proved even, ending in scores of 21-21 and 6-6, respectively.

McKenzie began on offense, but went three-and-out.

Lexington moved the ball with ease on their first possession, scoring on three plays for a 7-0 lead with the no-contact point-after kick.

The Rebels' second possession ended with an interception that gave the Tigers great position near midfield.

The Tigers capitalized quickly on the turnover, scoring on two plays for a 14-0 advantage.

McKenzie shook off the early struggles and scored on their first play, a 70-yard pass from Cole Brown to Avery Brown. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and the Rebels cut the deficit to 14-7.

The Rebel defense also found its footing, forcing a three-and-out for their first stop of the night.

The Tiger punt set McKenzie up at the far 36. Matteo Tabada ran for a short gain, then C. Brown scrambled for nine yards and a first down. Brown threw to Parker Ross for another first down, then found A. Brown for a 46-yard touchdown. Mason kicked, and the contest was tied at 14-14.

Lexington regained the lead, 21-14, with an extended drive, eight plays for 70 yards.



McKenzie needed 12 plays to knot the score, including a gutsy fourth-down keeper by C. Brown to set up an 18-yard passing touchdown to A. Brown. Mason's kick made it 21-21.

The Tigers went three-and-out and punted.

After a long pass from C. Brown to Kason Brown for a first down, the Rebels quickly faced fourth-and-one. A fumble spoiled the conversion, and Lexington took over at their 20.

McKenzie kept the Tigers in check, forcing an incomplete pass on fourth down that was nearly intercepted.

Varsity play ended, and the JV squads took the field. McKenzie fumbled on their first possession, but stifled the Tiger offense to get the ball back.

Ross passed to Mason for a first down, and Jayden Callis carried twice to get it in the end zone. The JV squads skipped special teams plays, so the Rebels led 6-0.

Lexington finished strong with a long touchdown to make it 6-6.

Following the contest, McKenzie Head Coach Keith Hodge spoke to The Banner about the team's progress as the season approaches.

"Well, you're always learning this time of year. I think that's the main thing. You're always trying to figure things out. You've got to move pieces around in scrimmages. We had to do that tonight.

"We learned that we can't

wait around. We've got to play faster right from the get-go. We just waited too long to get going, but I'm glad we responded the way we did. We came back and started playing hard, playing faster, settling in.

"And that's a sign of youth. We've got some inexperience in a lot of places. The only way you can get experience is to keep playing, keep getting reps and keep practicing hard. Hopefully that light switch comes on, and I think it will for a lot of them."

Hodge complimented the Tigers on a great scrimmage. "I knew that Lexington was going to be pretty good and get after it. They've got some speed in a lot of spots. I think this is a great matchup for us, it's always a good scrimmage. We've enjoyed playing against them. It definitely makes us better, there's no doubt about that. They made us better tonight, and I hope we did the same for them."

The coach also praised the performance of the junior varsity players. "Our JV guys got in there and played really hard and got after it. They didn't make excuses, they just played. I always enjoy watching JV play and try to figure things out and gain experience."

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