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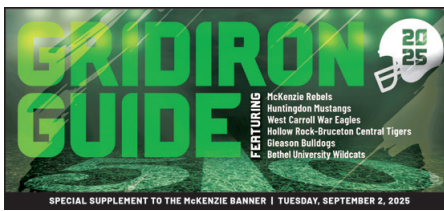
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SUV, Semi-Truck Collision Results in Death



The scene of the fatal wreck near Hollow Rock. The tractor-trailer and the SUV of Tammy Grim collided leaving the smaller vehicle and the truck both coming to rest on the side of the roadway. A block of aluminum was in the roadway that came off a tractor-trailer (not pictured).

HOLLOW ROCK (August 26) — One person is dead following a collision of a SUV and a tractor-trailer truck on State Route 70 East near Hollow Rock on Tuesday, August 26 prior to noon.

According to a report by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tammy Grim, 58, of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, died when her 2001 Ford Explorer collided head-on with a Kenworth tractor-trailer driven by William Watson, 31, of Tennessee. Both vehicles came to rest in a slight ravine adjacent to the roadway.

A third semi-truck was also involved. It had a flatbed trailer

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More Beer in Huntingdon

Cashsaver Submits Petition, Laredo's Receives Permit

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (August 26) — The Huntingdon Town Council and Beer Board reviewed requests to sell beer at Cashsaver (E.W. James) and Laredo's Mexican Grill during their August meetings Tuesday.

In a petition to the town council, Cashsaver store supervisor Jackie Streetman

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TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY



The summer 2025 graduates of TCAT-Henry/Carroll from the McKenzie campus. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

TCAT Hosts Summer Graduation

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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MCKENZIE (August 26) — Thirty-one students from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) received their certificates of completion during a graduation ceremony held on Tuesday, August 26, at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

During the summer graduation ceremony, John Penn Ridgeway, president of TCAT Henry-Carroll, welcomed the graduates and the audience. He highlighted the accomplishments of this graduating class.

Ryan Griffin, the mayor of McKenzie, served as the keynote speaker.

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New Solar Farm Saves Carroll County Electric \$98,000 in July

HUNTINGDON (August 28) — The new solar array by Silicon Ranch located in Trezevant has delivered impressive savings for Carroll County Electric during its first month of operation. Ryan Drewry, the general manager of Carroll County Electric, reported that the solar array generated enough electricity to save the local power distributor \$98,000, an amount that would typically have been paid to TVA. The majority of these savings, \$69,000, came from reductions in peak demand fees charged to CCED during periods of high demand.



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The solar farm located in Trezevant. File photo

HUNTINGDON Heritage Festival is September 27

Courtesy of Rosemary Radford, The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center

The sights, sounds and spirit of small-town Tennessee come alive Saturday, September 27, as the Town of Huntingdon welcomes thousands to the annual Huntingdon Heritage Festival.

The day kicks off at 8 a.m. at City Hall's parking lot with the Heritage Hustle,

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Final Plans Underway For Decades Reunion

MCKENZIE (August 27, 2025) — The final plans are underway for the second annual McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSA) Decades Reunion, scheduled for September 19-20, 2025. This event coincides with the 95th edition of MHS's football homecoming, the first of which occurred in 1930.

Last year's reunion attracted approximately 500 alumni and friends to McKenzie, and even more are expected this year. All alumni, along with past faculty and staff of McKenzie High School, are invited to participate in the weekend's events. These include a golf scramble, a

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Meek Farms’s damaged tractor lies on the side of Highway 22 North. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Tractor Trailer Plows into Tractor

On Friday, August 29, a Case farm tractor, driven by Phillip Venter, traveled down Highway 22 North when a 1990 Kentworth CMV tractor-trailer, driven by Robert Smith of Smith Farms, struck the tractor in the rear. Venter appeared to be driving out of Meek

Farms, where he was employed, when the accident occurred. Emergency crews from the Carroll County Sheriff’s Department, Carroll County Fire Department, McKenzie Police Department and McKenzie Fire Department responded to the accident.

Venter and Smith received minor injuries from the collision. Both vehicles sustained damages, one of them spilling grain on the highway. The Case farm tractor was abandoned on the side of the road over the weekend.



Representatives of the 1963-64 Gleason Bulldogs football team, cheerleaders, and homecoming royalty. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Gleason Honors 1963-64 Undefeated Bulldogs

GLEASON — In the fall of 1963, the Gleason Bulldogs, under the direction of Coach Ed Settlers, had an undefeated season and had the best statistics of any Gleason football team in the school’s history. Several of the team members traveled home to the annual Gleason Gazelle’s Tater Town Special and were honored at halftime of the Gleason-Hollow Rock-Bruceton football game. Each player, cheerleader, manager, and members of the Homecoming royalty were invited to walk out onto the field for special recognition. GHS Principal Lee Lawrence announced each name. Some attended

in person, and some had family representatives to represent them. The 20 young men had a record of 9-0-1, scoring 195 points to 12 points to the opponents and had a scoreless tie with McKenzie. They scored 27 touchdowns during the season while their opponents scored only two during the regular season. Two post-season games resulted in a record of 230 points to 32 for the other teams. The players were Larry Joe Freeman, Johnny Bradberry, Russell Byrd, Ronnie Dilday, James Brawner, Jimmy Belew, Jerry Sanders, George Sawyers, Gary Cooper, Ronnie Taylor, Freddy

Spain, Jere Jeter, Jerry McElhiney, Billy Snider, Jimmy Dellinger, Glen Margrave, Nicky Bowers, Gary Owens, James Morris, and Jeter Trevathan. Team managers were Frank Gibson, Robert Tuck, and Richard Hodges. Cheerleaders were Karen Dellinger, Doris Blassingame, Lucy Hunter, Betty Ward, Kay Roney, and Janice Bookout. The football Homecoming royalty was: Queen - Martha Boone, Senior Maid - Carolyn Travillion, Junior Maid - Bonnie Arnold, Sophomore Maid - Sharon Morris, and Freshman Maid - Lavelle Blassingame.

Reunion

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pop-up memorabilia exhibit at The Happy Book Stack in downtown McKenzie, a Friday night block party hosted by the City of McKenzie, the annual MHS homecoming parade, and various other gatherings. A tailgate party for alumni, faculty, and staff is at Rebel Stadium before the Friday night homecoming football game against Camden. The event begins at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$7, and kickoff for the game is at 7 p.m. Limited seating will be available at the tailgate, so attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Food will be available for purchase from nearby food trucks and the stadium concession stands. On Saturday of the reunion weekend, nine class reunions are being organized by respective class members. Additionally, a casual reunion gathering will be hosted by the MHSAA for McKenzie High alumni from the 1950s and 1960s. This gathering is 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 20, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in down-

town McKenzie. At both the tailgate party and the 1950s and 60s reunion, the MHSAA will sell pieces of original hardwood flooring from the McKenzie Middle School gymnasium, which was installed when it was built for McKenzie High School in 1954. The flooring was removed in July after 71 years of use. Each piece measures approximately 18 inches long and 2 inches wide and is priced at \$20. McKenzie High alumni interested in joining the MHSAA or making a donation will have the opportunity to do so at both the tailgate party and the 1950s and 1960s event. Annual dues are \$10, or alumni may become lifetime members for \$100. The MHSAA was established in 2023 and has since made financial contributions to support programs at McKenzie Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, assisting students in need. Annual MHS Alumni Scholarships were first awarded in 2024 to help deserving graduates pursue further education. Cheryl Oglesby-Townes, a 1988 McKenzie High graduate and board member of the MHSAA, expressed her excitement for the upcoming weekend, stating, “Time is quickly approaching for

our second annual MHS Decades Reunion! Last year’s reunion was a great success, and I enjoyed not only being involved in the planning but also participating in the Homecoming parade and helping with registrations. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces from the past and to make connections with those who were classmates of my family members. “If you missed last year’s event, be sure to mark your calendar for this year—September 19-20, 2025! We’d also like to remind you that reunion dues are due again unless you have taken the opportunity to join as a lifetime member! We look forward to seeing you on September 19th!” Everyone is encouraged to save the date, follow the McKenzie High School Alumni Association Facebook page for updates, and help spread the word among classmates and fellow graduates. For any questions, you may email mckenziehsalumni.tn@gmail.com. The McKenzie High School Alumni Association looks forward to seeing everyone over the weekend of September 19-20! (Information courtesy of the MHSAA)

McKenzie Council Meets September 11

The McKenzie City Council meets September 11 at 6 p.m. On the agenda are the following items: Financial Matters: Police E Force software \$56,759.90. Old Business: Discus-

sion / Approval of second reading of Ordinance 573 revised Zoning Ordinance. New Business: Discussion / Approval to approve street paving bid. Prior to the regular meeting, there is an al-

cohol board meeting at 5:45 p.m. The purpose is to discuss a new certificate for a Type A “Off Premise” permit to Virendra B. Patel, dba: Kriya 01, Inc. 15300 Highland Dr. in McKenzie.



Top, Gleason’s Cheerleaders led the parade with the banner for the Tater Town Special. Above, Gleason’s beauty review royalties were featured in the parade. Below, Eddie and Becky Trevathan were the grand marshals for the Tater Town Parade. Bottom, McKenzie High School Marching Rebels participated in the parade. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Gleason’s Tater Town Special Concludes Week-Long Events

Gleason Gazelle’s annual Tater Town Special concluded Sunday. It includes games, barbecue contests, worship services, cake auctions, a 5K race, barbecue cooking contests, live music, sweet potato cook-off, parades, and a class reunion. Bethel University’s Renaissance helped kickoff the week’s event. This year’s grand marshals were Eddie and Becky Trevathan. Joyce Wray was selected as the town treasure.

Junior Parade Winners: **Best Local Pride:** 1st - Harlon Montgomery, Della Stafford and Mack Stewart; 2nd - Nate Pratt and Rhett Lemonds; and 3rd - Cinch Boane. **Best in Show:** First - The Bennett Bunch; 2nd - Bronnor and Bridger Leo; and 3rd - Andrew and Alyssa Bruce. **Most Patriotic:** First - Zane Hudlow; 2nd - Dawson Fuqua; and 3rd - Zoe Healy and Hayley Roberts. **Most Unique:** Scott Boane.

Grand Parade Winners: **Most Original Float:** First - EW James; 2nd - FBC Gleason; and 3rd (tie) Tumbling Creek Baptist Church and Tumbleweed’s Trading Post. **Most Beautiful Float:** First - Gleason City Drug Store; 2nd - Dresden Senior Citizen Center; and 3rd - Bank of Gleason. **Community Spirit Award:** First - Class of 1975; 2nd - Gleason Basketball Teams; and 3rd - Class of 1985.



Left, Jackie Streetman, Cashesaver (E.W. James) store supervisor, explains the economic benefits of selling beer at the Huntingdon grocery store. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner Right, Laredo's Mexican Grill received a beer permit at Tuesday's Beer Board meeting. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Beer

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requested the council's consideration to allow packaged beer sales for off-premises consumption at the Huntingdon grocery store.

The Town of Huntingdon's municipal code prohibits businesses located within 1,000 feet of a school, church or public gathering place — including public playgrounds and parks — from selling beer for on- or off-premises consumption. Huntingdon's Cashesaver location is situated across the road from Thomas Park, a veteran memorial site. The store's petition argues that the park should not impact

the business's ability to sell beer because it is a memorial site, not a recreational park.

Streetman said other E.W. James stores in the area sell beer and wine products; one specific store's beer sales outsell all other stores' total sales. She said Cashesaver is at a competitive disadvantage to other retailers in the area.

Streetman said the current restriction results in missed revenue opportunities for Cashesaver and the Town of Huntingdon, as increased revenue would translate into more tax dollars reinvested into the local economy.

The council — sans Daniel Eubanks, who was absent from the meeting — voted unanimously to review footage between

the store and Thomas Park and consider amending the municipal code ordinance's language.

Immediately after the town council meeting, the Huntingdon Beer Board considered Laredo's Mexican Grill's application for an on-premises beer permit. The restaurant, located at 21440 Main Street East, is the chain's sixth location and opened in August.

The beer board approved the restaurant's application.

Present Huntingdon Town Council and Beer Board members were Mayor Chad Edwards, Vice Mayor Andrew Maddox, Town Attorney Robert T. Keeton III, Chad Barnhart, John Sanders, Will Atkins, Lori Dillahunty and Kelly Eubanks.



The board of directors for the Carroll County Electric Department.

Solar

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Drewry noted that July was exceptionally hot, leading to the highest electricity usage in the company's history. Fortunately, TVA's system remained stable throughout the month, and no conservation measures were requested from its customers.

In other news, Drewry

said plans for constructing a new substation in the Leach Community are moving forward. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is currently reviewing the plans and soon a bond agency will issue the financing bonds. The good news is that interest rates are lower than what was originally projected. Once construction begins, crews will be on site for approximately 30 to 45 days.

On Thursday, August

26, TEC crews were busy repairing a severed fiber optic cable in the McLemoresville area. As a result of the fiber cut, Carroll County Electric temporarily lost telephone service. TEC estimated that the repair would take about five hours. The CCED staff monitored the service outage map to ensure that all customers had electricity, as they were unable to report outages by phone during this time.

Collision

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loaded with large, heavy blocks of aluminum, some of which landed in the

roadway.

The highway between Huntingdon and Hollow Rock was blocked for hours as emergency crews worked the scene.

Emergency crews involved the Carroll Coun-

ty Sheriff's Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Baptist EMS, Huntingdon Police and Fire departments, Carroll County Hazmat, and Carroll County Fire Department.

Heritage

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a 5K with proceeds going to St. Jude. Starting at 10 a.m., downtown streets will have artisan vendors, delicious food and activities for all ages, celebrating the town's proud history and vibrant community. The Huntingdon Middle School Community Network hosts a cake walk, a bake sale and a dunking booth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the police station parking lot.

At 1 p.m., a special ceremony honoring this year's Outstanding Citizen, Jimmy Crossett, and the 2025 Pioneer Family, the Carter Family, is on Carroll Bank & Trust's main stage. From there the festival will flow with music from an outstanding lineup including Snowbird Street Band, Johnny Mac, the Kimberlie Helton Band and headliner Taylor Hicks—winner of American Idol Season 5—who takes the stage at 7 p.m. and will meet fans for autographs and photos inside The Dixie Carter PAC after his performance.

There are a variety of activities throughout the day, including Huntingdon Historical Museum tours, ISTE train rides, a petting zoo with pony rides and the "Small Town Cruisers" car show stretching along West Main Street. The Carroll Arts Storytelling Series offers engaging tales in The Dixie's lower level, while face painting will add color and excitement for younger visitors. Mudslingers Pottery Studio opens its doors for studio walkthroughs and free, hands-on pottery activities. At 1 p.m., The Dixie Carter PAC hosts a special artist reception showcasing the work of students from the ninth annual summer camp.

"This festival is all about celebrating who we are as a community," said Chad Edwards, Mayor of Huntingdon. "It's a day where neighbors catch up, families make memories and visitors get a true taste of Huntingdon's small-town charm. We're especially excited about this year's lineup and the chance to welcome Taylor Hicks to our town."

Admission to the Huntingdon Heritage Fes-

tival is free, and guests are encouraged to bring family, friends, lawn chairs and an appetite for great food, live entertainment and small-town tradition. For transportation assistance to and from the parking lot areas during the event, call 731-986-5310.

More information—including the full entertainment lineup and vendor details—can be found by following the Huntingdon Heritage Festival on Facebook or by scanning the festival's QR code available on posters around town. This event is sponsored by Carroll Bank & Trust, Watson Lumber Co, West TN Public Utility District, Huntingdon Animal Clinic, Huntingdon Insurance Agency, HTP, Taylor Real Estate & Auction, Cup-Kate's and Espey Oil Co., Inc.

The Huntingdon Heritage Festival is more than just a day of free music and fun—it's a celebration of community, tradition and the people who make this town special. Mark your calendar for September 27 and join us downtown for one of the region's most anticipated annual events.

Huntingdon Council Cedes Church Street to Missionary Baptist

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (August 26) — The Huntingdon Town Council met Tuesday with a lengthy agenda including relinquishing the rights to Church Street to Huntingdon Missionary Baptist and allowing the fire department to increase its number of part-time firefighters. All council members, excluding Councilman Daniel Eubanks, were present for the Tuesday meeting.

Harold Webb, deacon, represented Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church to request the rights to Church Street. The road, owned by the Town of Huntingdon, connects Lexington Street to Moody Street and runs through church property. Webb presented a drawing of the road map for the council's review.

The council unanimously agreed to relinquish the town's rights to the street.

The council also voted to add more part-time firefighters to the town's repertoire. The request, made by Fire Chief John Fordon, asked to increase the number of part-time firefighters from seven to 12.

In his proposal, Fordon said the town's fire department wishes to deepen its pool of part-time employees to fill open shift spots without incurring overtime for full-time firefighters.

Councilmember Chad Barnhart was initially reserved, questioning how the additions would affect current part-time employees. Fordon, who was absent from the meeting, assured Barnhart in a private phone call beforehand that the department's schedule of part-time firefighters will remain



Harold Webb presents a map of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church and its surrounding roads to the Huntingdon Town Council. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

in its rotation.

After reviewing several bid awards for installing a 12 and a half ton rooftop HVAC system unit at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, the council voted to accept J&S Professional Services' bid of \$22,429.00. The installation, which impacts the building's theatre area, is funded by the Hal Holbrook estate.

Another renovation project on the agenda involved the Huntingdon Public Safety Building's re-roofing. After considering bids, the council voted to accept JM Roofing Company's bid of \$62,121. The company, based in Milan, will install a complete Thermoplastic Polyolefin rubber roof.

The council voted to allow Huntingdon's Street Department to purchase a \$147,364.46 John Deere Backhoe Loader from Stribling Equipment through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative program.

The council also approved the emergency procurement of a \$19,750 Lime Feeder from BAR Environment Supply, Inc. for the water treatment plant.

Following the approval of a

new property rate in July, the council held a public hearing regarding the new rate, but no one in attendance spoke on the matter.

The council then approved a decrease in the town's property tax rate, based on the re-appraisal of properties in the town, on its second and final reading. The 2025 Tax Year Property Rate is \$0.7744 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

On its second and final reading, the council approved to change language in the town's municipal code referring to sewer services outside of corporate limits. The ordinance changes language from billing by the gallon to a flat rate monthly amount of \$74.57 for customers not connected to Huntingdon's Public Water System.

Council members approved requests to use Edwards Park for a 3-on-3 basketball tournament August 31 and a kickball tournament between VP Racing and Z-Line September 6.

The next Huntingdon Town Council meeting is Tuesday, September 23 at 5:15 p.m.

TCAT

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Griffin recently joined the Tennessee Board of Regents on September 1 as a full-time workforce development strategist, transitioning from his role at Bethel University, where he worked until August 31. He continues to serve as the elected mayor of McKenzie.

In his speech, Griffin emphasized the value of education and shared how his parents encouraged him to pursue further studies. He reflected on their educational backgrounds—his mother obtained a GED, and his father had an eighth-grade education. Griffin underscored the importance of education and a supportive network, advising graduates to find supportive individuals and create their own personal "board of directors."

The graduates included:

Administrative Office Technology: Grayson Bennett, Felicia Glidwell, Pamela Holt, Kalya Wall.

Automotive Technology: Clayton Buechler, Zacary Totty.

HVAC and Refrigeration: Hatcher Mercer, Caden Moore, Daniel Walcott, Parker Williams.

Industrial Maintenance: Baker Atkins, Paisley Coffman, Jacob Davis, Mack Lawrence.

Information Technology Systems Management: Joshua Hage, Dylan Richardson.

Machine Tool Technology: Sergio Campos, William Parker, Mason Stout.

Welding Technology: Easton Adams, Dirk Jacob Coyoca, Steven Downey, Jayden Fowler, Ross Jackson, David Kirksey, Robert McCaig, Hunter Reed, Joseph Rowlett, Brycen White, Ezra Williams.

Following the ceremony, graduates and their guests enjoyed refreshments.

A History of TCAT-McKenzie

Construction of the McKenzie campus began in the spring of 1964 and was completed in 1965. It opened under the local direction of Guy R. Kirk, who was appointed as the superintendent by the



McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin was the keynote speaker at the summer graduation ceremony for TCAT.

then Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education in Tennessee, Charlie Dunn. The school enrolled its first students in July 1965, offering programs in Automotive Mechanics, Drafting, and Office Occupations. The first graduating class from the center completed their studies in 1966.

In 1999, the center underwent a two-million-dollar

renovation, which included new shop classrooms, an updated heating and air conditioning system, and improvements to the electrical system in the industrial building. The administrative building was also renovated, and two new classrooms were added to connect the shop buildings to the administrative building.

Currently, a new administration building is under construction on the 60-year-old campus. This new complex is located in front of and to the right of the existing administrative building, which will be demolished once construction is complete. The instructional wing at the back of the campus, where classes for welding, automotive technology, HVAC, industrial maintenance, and information systems technology are held, will remain. A walkway will connect the current classrooms to the new administrative and classroom building.

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Joel’s Heart is Bigger than Mine

I am not a soccer guy. And that is not a knock against the sport. I just grew up playing baseball, football, and basketball. It was all we had in McK- enzie, Tennessee, back when Ike was running the country.

I am not counting grapevine swinging across the big ditch, balling yourself up inside an old tire and being rolled off a cliff, or playing mumbly-peg barefooted, with a double-bladed knife, as a sport. And I don’t believe Leon using me as a punching bag in those early days could ever be construed as a sporting event. Although he saw that differently.

Now, the school did build some tennis courts behind the gymnasium when we were in junior high. I borrowed a racket and went down to try this “new” sport out. Emily Scarbrough, who was a grade behind me, beat me something like 23 games in a row.

My tennis career ended forever. In kind of an embarrassing and inglorious manner.

We’d never heard of soccer back then. Kick-the-can might have been as close as we came to that sport. And I can tell you, it was hard to hit that small, cylinder-shaped Pet Milk can with your foot, especially when you were flying across Richard Gregg’s front yard after dark!

Grandchildren are a wonderful breed. And they can get you to do things that you wouldn’t do for anyone else. Max is knee deep into soccer. So, naturally, I found myself this past weekend on the sidelines at a soccer tournament in Savannah, Georgia. Max had called earlier, “We are taking a road trip, KK.”

Boy Howdy. I’m still trying to learn some of the rules. I do ap-

preciate all the running involved in this game. It bespeaks of discipline, hard work, attitude, fortitude, and a certain stick-to-it-ness that you couldn’t learn quite as vividly in a math class.

Max has a great coach, and a whole team of special friends. You don’t have to “know” soccer to see the goodness in that. It was a treat to be around those young boys for the weekend, watching them having fun, on and off the field.

’Course, as the sun rose over a hot Savannah morning, and the sweat began to trickle down my back, I began to wonder about my fortitude....

All of this was rolling through my mind as I watched “our team” run up and down the field, trying to gain an advantage with the next kick, pass, or defensive play. I was sitting about mid-field, a foot maybe off the boundary line, thinking, “I wasn’t this close to the action when I coached high school football!” when my morning took an ethereal turn....

There was a loose ball bounding right at me. The opponents had a young boy racing after it. We had nobody close.... then, seemingly out of nowhere, Joel (pronounced Jo-el’) came flying up from behind, racing with all his heart, attempting with all his might to reach the ball first.

Time stopped entirely. Joel’s face came into focus as clear as a bell and lingers with me still. His eyes alert and sharp. Just the tip of his tongue was out and to the side of his mouth. Sweat beaded on his forehead. His dark hair raised slightly against the wind. Determination like I’ve seldom witnessed leaped out of every pore on his skin.

His legs were literally

flying. His arms racing in perfect sync. He didn’t feel the heat. He didn’t know what time of day it was. He didn’t care if he was in Savannah, or his hometown of Cornelia, Georgia, or Wakefield, Kansas. It wasn’t about his “mother and them.” Or the score. Or the next game. Or swimming later at the motel pool. His whole focus was on the mission. The one right in front of him. At this very second.

You talk about the man in the arena!

It didn’t matter that he was eleven years old. In a junior soccer league. It didn’t matter on this hot August morning that he was playing on a back field 270 miles from home in front of maybe a dozen parents and onlookers.

He was giving everything he had, and then some!

Talk about a moment that transcends a mere sporting event. What if we gave that same effort in our workplace? In our marriage? At church? In the way we treated our fellow man? What if the people who ran our nation put that same honest, straight forward effort into what they were doing?

Shoot, if I had that type of determination telling my little stories I’d be a Pulitzer Prize winner by now!

I stopped in Jacksonville on the way home and bought a soccer ball. Monday morning, I built a makeshift goal by sticking two shovels in the ground about ten feet apart and tying some string around them.

Cathy put on her only pair of shorts with a stripe down the side and Nike shoes with high socks and is defending that goal. I’m practicing being like Joel as I kick that ball across my backyard....

Respectfully,
K.K. and the Boys

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Fred’s Place

I didn’t grow up with Jimmy King, and it’s a good thing I didn’t because I probably wouldn’t be alive today based on stories I’ve been told by the few childhood friends of his who lived to tell about his escapades. Things like burying people up to their neck and turning beetles loose on them or forcing boys to lie on the sidewalk so he could see how many of them he could jump over with his bicycle.

But once we met when we were in our 20’s, Jimmy and I became fast friends with young wives and young children. He was built like a skinned ox, and I was built like a victim of a famine. He and I hunted and fished together, and our families vacationed together. Like the time all eight of us, four in the front and four in the back, loaded up in his car and took two days to drive all the way across the country to the Atlantic Ocean. That was back in the day when seatbelts were optional and kids would curl up in the floorboard or stretch out in the back window.

Our families camped together in a tent that was less than waterproof. And we camped in a tiny, unairconditioned, pop-up camper made for four people. The only reason we didn’t die of heat stroke was because we hung three box fans from a metal rod at the top of the camper and turned them all on High. Some people camped at night serenaded by the sound of treefrogs and crickets. We were serenaded by the sounds of a low-flying prop-engine airplane.

It was during a particularly hot camping trip that we (actually, it was our wives) struck upon the idea of renting a house on the river where we could enjoy hot showers and air

conditioning. So, we patrolled the banks of the river on our pontoon boat with an eye out for a likely looking place to stay.

As we eased into a secluded bay, there, perched high on a rock bluff was a majestic three-story cabin with a crisscrossing stairway built on the side of the bluff, leading from a boat dock to the cabin. It looked perfect.

The question was, was it a private residence or was it something you could rent?

Only one way to find out; climb the steps and knock on the door.

From the vantage point of the bay, the distance between the dock and the cabin up above looked reasonable. But when we tied off our boat to the dock and looked up, the cabin couldn’t be seen. That, my friends, was a sign that we should have paid attention to.

With each adult clutching the hand of a child lest they fall to their death, we embarked upon the climb. Excitement and adrenalin made the trek seem like nothing. (I want you to remember that line.)

I will say this, skinned oxen have a more difficult time climbing cliffs than skinny goats, especially if the ox has a history of asthma.

While our children jerked loose from us and ran up the final twenty steps, whooping and hollering, Jimmy’s breath was wheezing and whistling like a piccolo in a John Phillip Sousa march number. I gladly rested with him at the top as we watched our families circle the cabin like Indians circling a wagon train, peering in the windows and exclaiming how great the inside looked.

Jimmy and I walked to the front door where a

sign said, Fred’s Place, and had a phone number to call about renting it. This was way, way before cell-phones, so calling would have to wait.

Our wives were suspect about renting a place without first looking inside, but the front door was locked. We were just about to walk away when Jimmy took one last look in a window and saw one of his daughters inside waving at him.

“What the—?”

The next instant, his daughter opened the front door.

“How’d you get in?” Jimmy asked.

“The back door was open.”

That was the second sign we should have paid attention to.

We all poured inside and looked in every room on every floor and peered in the bathrooms, too.

It indeed was perfect!

A week later, the cabin was reserved in our names for a week the next summer.

For twelve months, we dreamed and talked about how much we were looking forward to staying at Fred’s Place.

When the time finally came, Brenda and I had somewhere else we had to be the first night, so we arrived a day after the Kings.

Jimmy met us at the door, looking apprehensive and nervous.

“We took care of it,” he said. “You probably won’t even notice.”

“What are you talking about?” I asked.

“Well, when we got here, there was a terrible smell in the cabin.”

(That was sign #3)

“We looked everywhere for it,” he continued, “and finally found it in one of the closets downstairs. It was a dead possum.”

... *To be continued in next week’s edition.*

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

Lakeside Senior Living News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

Greetings, residents kicked off the month with a breakfast outing to Bobby Gees and the delivery of the school supplies to McKenzie Elementary that we had purchased with our jewelry fundraiser. Another big outing for residents this month was the Annual trip to the Carroll County Senior Fair Day. All residents visited the vendor booths and walked away with a bag of goodies. Then we joined in the cake walk and Thai Saul, Clark Brown and Charles Garner won a sweet treat. Bingo Prizes and Raffle Drawings were won by Sue Smith, Lonnelle McMillin, Peggy Work and Clark Brown. Then the competitions started, and Clark Brown rolled up his pants and showed off his legs to win the Ugliest Men’s Legs Contest. Mrs. Peggy Brandon Work won Queen. Clark

Brown and Charles Garner were runners up for King. We had worked up an appetite after all that competing, so we loaded up on some fair food and enjoyed the band before heading home. We traveled back to the Carroll County Civic Center the next week for the Senior Citizen Dance where a tribute was given for Donna Barlow who played a major role in the Senior Dances. There was a huge turnout and 3 tables full of food. We always have a good time dancing and watching all the line dancers and couples.

Lakeside hosted their annual Family Fun Day, with a Cruise theme day filled with games, prizes and décor. A huge thank you to the vendors and volunteers who worked at a booth for the Anchored in Love Family Fun Day they are as follows: Cruise Directors were Cris Staf-

ford, Lakeside Manager and Sheila Willis, Activity Director. Travel Passports by volunteer Charlene Doyle. Guess the Sailor Ropes and Life Preservers by Christy Henson, Tennessee Quality Care. Deep Sea Fishing by Julie Maxwell, Henry County Health & Rehab. Octopus Tentacles by Karen Ross, Touching Hearts. Dolphin Beanbag Toss by Sheila Whitworth, Gentiva. Buoy Targets, Dynamix. Duck Search by volunteer Amanda Ozment. Lucky Whale Scratch Off by Carrie Christian, Amedisys. Cruising Tattooing by Volunteer Lillian Brown. Trail Mix Coral Reef by volunteers Sandra Hernandez and Diamond Collins. Cruising Port Photos by Lisa Griffin. “Docktails” by Kathy McGee & Angie Fitzgerald, Baptist Hospice. Block City Pizza Lunch for Residents, Guests and Staff sponsored



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Activities. Congratulations to our winners and to the vendors who donated. We look forward to “SEA”ing everyone again next year.

This is usually where I tell you about our monthly birthdays, but we didn’t have any in August, so we decided to celebrate everyone’s age on National Senior Citizens Day on August 21st. We have 18 residents in their 90s. 22 residents in their 80s, 6 residents in their 70s, 2 in their 60s and 1 in their 50s. We celebrated with Cupcakes donated by Ella Page, an 11-yr old student who volunteered to do this for Community Service. We appreciate her thinking of our residents. Our prayer is for all our residents to have a long

and joyous life. Job 12:12 With the ancient is wisdom: and in length of days understanding.

Some other fun days we celebrated in August were Vinyl Record Day, Aviation Day, Banana Split Day and on National Kool-Aid Day we had a cooking class and made a 4-tier Decadent Strawberry Dessert that was served with our evening dinner.

We welcomed 3 new residents to our Lakeside family: Linda Brinkman, Barbara Stigall and Barabara Harrison. We are looking forward to getting to know these ladies and telling them all about us. The Skip- Bo and Rook players are always ready to recruit new players.

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OF EVENTS

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MACEDONIA COMMUNITY
CENTER FISH FRY

The Macedonia Community Center, located at 4680 Highway 423, McKenzie, is hosting a Fish Fry on September 6, 4-7 p.m.

MCKENZIE YOUTH
SOCCER REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

Online registration is now open for the McKenzie Youth Soccer League fall season.

The online registration form is available on the McKenzie Youth Soccer League Facebook page.

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 will be held Monday, November 3.

CARROLL ARTS, INC.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Carroll Arts, Inc. 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. For more information, please email carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

MCKENZIE SENIOR
CENTER EVENTS

Exercise class on weekdays at 9 a.m.; Billiards every day, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Canasta every Monday and Friday afternoon 12:30 p.m.; Line Dance class every Monday and the first and third Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; Every Tuesday — Jam session with Steve Morris, 6 p.m. Open to the public. Dominoes every Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; Game Day every Sunday at 3 p.m.

MHS CLASS OF 1970 TO
HOST REUNION

The 55th reunion of the Class of 1970 is Saturday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. at R&R Farms Event Venue, 700 Hill Rd., McKenzie, with a meal catered by Say Cheese. The cost is \$20 per person. To RSVP, text or call Joyce Hayes at 731-697-0681 or Charlotte Verner at 731-414-2705.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH REVIVAL

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church is hosting its Homecoming on September 14.

Special music by Gospelsaires at 10 a.m. and the message by Bro. Derek Frazee. A fellowship meal is to follow. Everyone is welcome. 11375 Fairview Church Road, McKenzie.

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.

CALLING ALL CAR
ENTHUSIASTS!

Small Town Cruisers of Huntingdon is hosting a cruise in during the Heritage Day Celebration in Huntingdon.

Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dash plaques provided for first 50 cars registered. Jan Ostiguy, secretary of Small Town Cruisers Car Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following list of events was provided by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival; October 13-17 — Local Schools Fall Break; October 27 — County Chamber Banquet; November 7-8 — Carroll County Christ-

mas Market; November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet; December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

NIGHTS ON BROADWAY
ON THURSDAYS

McKenzie's downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continues Thursday, September 4. Music begins at 7 p.m. Spectators sit on the town square facing the stage on Banner Row; lawn chairs are encouraged. Flashback performs Thursday, September 18.

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.

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 is on display at The Happy Book Stack from Labor Day through the Decades Reunion weekend.

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

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

CARROLL HUMANE
SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

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

Dog Vouchers

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

Obituaries

JERRY BROOKS
BANNISTER
1940 — 2025

CONNECTICUT — Jerry Brooks Bannister, 85, of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, died at home on August 23, 2025. Jerry was born on May 2, 1940, in McKenzie, Tenn., to the late Brooks and Mary Frances Barksdale Bannister. He lived in McKenzie until 1954, when he moved with his family to California.

Jerry was a doctor of Social Sciences and served as a Professor of Social Science and Chairman of the Social Science Department at Western Connecticut State University until his retirement several years ago.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Priscilla Gamboa Bannister, and their infant son, Jerry M. Bannister. Jerry and Priscilla enjoyed an active life, traveling abroad when they could and after retirement, wintering in the Philippines while summering in Connecticut. During their 60 years of marriage, Jerry and Priscilla lived in Los Angeles, California; Syracuse, New York; Brookfield, Connecticut; and Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

Jerry was also preceded in death by siblings Marjorie Carden Gates and Eddie Carden.

Jerry is survived by his sisters, Diane Bannister Carter of Montana and Martha Carden Gilchrist of New York.

Jerry requested that there be no service and that his ashes be scattered where the Connecticut River meets the Atlantic Ocean near where Priscilla's ashes were scattered four years ago. +

JAMES KNUUTILA
1958 — 2025

BRUCETON — Mr. James Stacey Knuutila, of Bruce-ton, died Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Friday, August 29 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was followed at Jamison Cemetery.

Mr. Knuutila was born February 17, 1968 in Madison Heights, Michigan to the late Jack and Alice Mae

(Boyd) Knuutila.

He is survived by a son, Cody James Knuutila (Katy) of Camden, a daughter, Lacie Smith of Camden, a sister, Jacklyn Lee Bush (Mark), two brothers, Ronald Joe Knuutila (Barbara), Dennis Jay Knuutila (Barbara), all of Huntingdon and two grandchildren.

RANDY PINSON
1960 — 2025

ATWOOD — Mr. Randy Lynn Pinson, 65, of Atwood, Tennessee died Monday, August 25, 2025 at his residence.

Memorial services were on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in the Chapel of Dil-day-Carter Funeral Home.

Randy was born March 5, 1960 to the late Billy Pinson and Mary Pinson.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Cindy Pinson of Atwood, Tennessee; two sons, Ray Pinson of Atwood, Tennessee and Jay Curry of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Terry Pinson of Atwood, Tennessee and Steve Pinson of McMoresville, Tennessee; and three grandchildren.

CHARLOTTE ANN
COBB
1947 — 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Charlotte Ann Cobb, 78, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Thursday, August 28, 2025, at The Waters of McKenzie.

Funeral services were Monday, September 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in the Hebron Cemetery.

Mrs. Cobb was born July 19, 1947, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to the late Henry Howard Youngblood and Nobia Ellen (Sisson) Youngblood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Noel Cobb, one son, James Randall Cobb.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeanne Willis (Doug) of Huntingdon, two sisters, Lynne Keehn (Roy) of Murphysboro, Illinois, and Mardi Meadows of Desoto, IL, one brother, Hank Youngblood of Middleton, Tenn. She also leaves five grandchildren.

DOROTHY SMITH
ELLIS
1937 — 2025

Dorothy Vernell Smith Ellis, 88, of McKenzie, Tennessee, died peacefully surrounded by family on August 31, 2025.

Born on July 12, 1937, Dorothy lived a life full of love, family, and faith. She was a longtime member of Grace Baptist Church. During her younger years, she was a home economics teacher at Southside Christian Academy, seamstress at Thomas Bradford shirt factory and upon retirement she spent time decorating cakes at Dairy Queen in Lexington. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her steady presence, and the way she cared for everyone around her.

Dorothy shared 73 wonderful years of marriage with her devoted husband, Billy Joe Ellis, who survives her. She was the proud mother of JoNell (Steve) Weatherford, Cindy (Chuck) Gaskins, and Tony (Kathy) Ellis, who were the center of her world. She was a devoted grandmother to Mark, Jason, John, and stepson Berry (JoNell's children), Jonathan and Kimberly (Cindy's children), and a cherished great-grandmother to Reed and Levi (Jonathan and Sarah Gaskins' children). She is also survived by her loving siblings, William (late wife Peggy) Smith of McKenzie, Tenn. and Larry (Joyce) Smith of Cumming, Georgia, and many other loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hulon and Ruth Smith. Her family

was her greatest joy, and she leaves behind countless memories of laughter, warmth, and unconditional love.

Visitation is at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 3, from 5-8 p.m. and again on Thursday, September 4, at 1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

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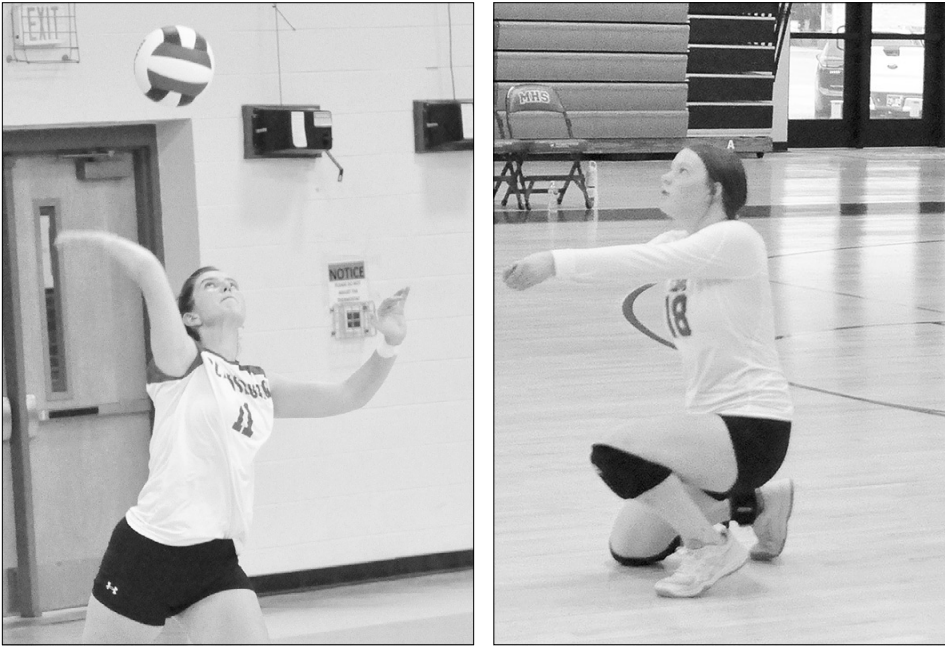
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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



Above Left, Lady Rocket Courtney Gooch makes a return in JV action. Above Right, Lady Rebel Breanna Townsend hits the ball near the line in JV action. Below Left, Lady Rocket Jayanna Martin serves during JV action. Below Right, Lady Rebel Kynlee Barden gets low to make the return in JV action. Barden had three aces and two kills in the varsity contest. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Lady Rebels Earn First-Ever Win with Clarksburg Sweep

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (August 28) — In just their second game of the regular season, McKenzie High School's newest athletic team earned their first-ever win. The Lady Rebels hosted Clarksburg Thursday for a district volleyball game and swept the Lady Rockets in three sets. In the first set, Clarksburg had an early lead, but McKenzie went on a 9-0 run and then pulled away for a 25-11 win. The Lady Rebels would again erase an early defi-

cit in the second set, but the Lady Rockets rallied to regain the lead. After the score was tied 22-22, McKenzie finished the set strong for a 25-23 advantage. The third set began close, then saw big momentum swings in both directions. After another 22-22 tie, the Lady Rebels closed out another 25-23 set win to complete the sweep. Lady Rebel Braylin Auvenshine had three aces, four kills, two blocks and two assists. Ashley Dunavant had five digs. Addison Milam had two kills and a block. Jaycee Stafford had

seven kills. Kynlee Barden had three aces and two kills. Kynadie Brown had two aces and four assists. Molly French had five aces. Maggie Hall had two assists. The varsity sweep followed a competitive JV match, which McKenzie won 3-2. The Lady Rebels improve to 1-1 on the season and 1-0 in district play. McKenzie continues district play with two matches against JCM this week. They travel Tuesday and host Thursday, both days beginning with JV play at 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Lady Rebels Blank Scotts Hill, 5-0

BY BRAD SAM
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SCOTTS HILL (August 28) — The McKenzie Lady Rebels earned a big road win over Scotts Hill High School, 5-0, on Thursday. Lady Rebel Stephanie

Padilla earned a hat trick (three goals), and Kaydynce Barksdale had a pair. Barksdale also had an assist, along with Ava Hastings, Bella Sass and Sydney Rimmer. McKenzie goalkeeper

Alleigh Britt recorded one save in the shutout. The Lady Rebels will host Gibson County Tuesday at 5 p.m., rescheduled due to weather. They travel to Huntingdon Thursday, also at 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Lady Rebel goalkeeper Alleigh Britt scoops up an Adamsville shot for one of her seven saves. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Tie Adamsville, 2-2

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (August 26) — McKenzie High School hosted Adamsville Tuesday for a non-district soccer contest. The teams played a physical match resulting in a 2-2 draw. Lady Rebels Stephanie Padilla and Kaydynce Barksdale each scored a goal, and Bella Sass had an assist. Goalkeeper Alleigh Britt had seven saves in the game. McKenzie traveled to Scotts Hill Thursday. The Lady Rebels will host Gibson County Tuesday at 5 p.m., rescheduled



Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla celebrates a goal, pointing to teammate Bella Sass, who had an assist on the play. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

due to weather. They travel to Huntingdon Thursday, also at 5 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Mustangs Struggle Offensively in 24-8 Loss

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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HUNTINGDON (August 28) — The Huntingdon Middle School Mustangs could never get on track offensively in a 24-8 loss to Milan Thursday to fall to 2-2 for the season. The Mustangs were held to -14 yards on the ground and fumbled three times in the loss. The Mustangs managed to complete 4 of 5 passes for 41 yards in the game. The lone bright spot for the Mustangs came from running back Noah Webb, who scored a touchdown and recovered two Milan fumbles. Webb got the scoring started for the game as he returned the opening kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown to give the Mustangs an early lead. Noah Goble converted the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs an 8-0 lead. Milan answered the Mustang score with a ten-play 75-yard drive to score on a Gray Lockhart two-yard run with 1:37 left in the first quarter. Lockhart also scored on the two-point conversion to tie the score at 8-8.



Noah Webb goes high over a Milan defender to catch a pass in the Mustangs' loss. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

The Bulldogs would build their lead with 6:09 left in the half after blocking a Mustang punt. A Milan defender scooped up the loose football and returned it 28 yards for the touchdown. Dallas Dudley scored on the conversion and the Bulldogs led 16-8. The Mustangs reached the Bulldog 13 on their next possession but failed to convert a fourth-down play and the Bulldogs led at the half. The final points of the

night for Milan came after a Huntingdon fumble at the Mustang 19, and the Bulldogs converted the turnover into points when Lockhart scrambled on fourth down and scored on a 23-yard run with 6:20 left in the game. Dudley ran in the conversion and the Bulldogs left with a 24-8 win. The Mustangs have this week off and will face McKenzie at home on September 11 at Paul Ward Stadium.

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

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By Teresa Washburn

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CREAM CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS

1 (3oz.) can sliced mushrooms, drained
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 tablespoon butter
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/4 cup milk
1 can boned chicken or turkey
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 1/2 cup cooked noodles
Slivered toasted almonds
In saucepan, cook mushrooms and onion in butter. Blend in soup, milk, chicken and parsley. Heat; stir often. Serve over hot noodles. Garnish with almonds.

KING RANCH CHICKEN

1 (3lb) chicken
2 stems celery (including leaves)
1 medium onion
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup Rotel tomatoes and green chillies
1 pkg (10) corn tortillas
2 cup cheese
1 cup bell pepper, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
Cook chicken, celery stems and onion in pot with enough water to cover chicken. Add salt to taste. Cool and debone chicken; cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Save 1 1/2 cup

broth. Simmer broth, chicken soup and tomatoes until well blended. In large baking dish, make layers of chicken, tortillas, celery and pepper. Pour liquid mixture over top and top with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees, covered for about 40 minutes or until done.

CRUNCH CAKE

1 can cherry pie filling
1 pkg white cake mix
1 stick melted butter or margarine
Coconut
Nuts
Grease pan. Pour pie filling over bottom. Pour dry cake mix over pie filling. Pour butter over top of cake mix. Add other ingredients on top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Make 1 sheet cake.

BUTTER CAKE

2 cup flour
2 sticks butter
1 1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix all together and bake at 350 degrees until done. No frosting needed.

FUDGE PIE

1 ½ cup sugar
3 ½ tablespoons cocoa
½ stick margarine melted
2/3 cup carnation milk
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix together sugar and cocoa. Add other ingredients and mix well. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake 40-45 minutes in 350 degree oven.
Spoon on a pie plate. Bake 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack. Cover top with cool whip and sprinkle of pecans on top. Chill well.

GRAPE SALAD

2 lbs. seedless grapes
8oz. sour cream
16 oz. cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans
¼ cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
Cream together cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. Add grapes. Pour into Pyrex dish. Top with brown sugar, then pecans. Cover and refrigerate.



Above, Neal Williamson drove the ladies wild with his moves during his talent show performance of “Ain’t No Stopping Us Now”. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner Below Left, Agnes Gatewood wore a frayed denim ensemble, including a denim cowboy hat, in the “ABC Casual” section of the show. Below Right, Charles “Grasshopper” Williams’s golden ensemble reflected his African heritage. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Top, Kim Bell Webb (center) was honored for her contributions with a Female Ebony Strength Figure, hand-carved in West Africa and full of symbolism of the richness and power of African women. She is pictured with Mary Luter Jordan and Ike Gilbert. Above, Jimmy and Patricia Berry perform “Endless Love” in Saturday’s talent show. Below, Rosetta Clark (center) was honored Saturday for her contributions to the association. She is pictured with her husband, Scottie Clark, and Kim Bell Webb. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Left, Annette McFadden brought out her fan to accessorize her “African Parade” ensemble. Right, William Bigham personally designed this back-to-school outfit, including a skirt made of neckties. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Webb Alumni Show Out For Homecoming Weekend

BY LYNDEY SUMMERS AND BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (August 29-September 1) — Webb School alumni, friends and family had a busy Labor Day weekend, traveling into McKenzie to reconnect and celebrate Webb School’s 56th annual Homecoming.

The historic school’s homecoming began Friday, August 29, with a community hospitality event. Attendees played Spades and Texas Hold ‘Em, line-danced and enjoyed a taco bar.

On Saturday afternoon, alumni gathered again to enjoy a talent show, dancing, food and vendors.

The talent show featured 12 eclectic performances, including singing, dancing, poetry and dramatic readings.

Performers were Jarnell Madison, Daisy Dudley, Gina Atkins, Jimmy and Patricia Berry, Rachel Barnes, Pam Chapple, Scottie Clark, Previce Jamison, Ruby Hunt, Selita McFadden, Neal Williamson and Keshawn Johnson.

Several alumni were recognized during the talent show for their contributions to the association, including James Hunt, Rosetta Clark, Ike Gilbert and Kim Bell Webb.

The eagerly-awaited fashion show, “Night and Day: Stepping in Style,” was Sunday, August 31. Webb School alumni, friends and family became models for the night, exhibiting their takes on casualwear, church clothes, African attire and formalwear. Mary Luter Jordan was dressed to impress as the



Keshawn Johnson of Paris brought down the house with his James Brown-inspired dance moves during the Saturday talent show. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

event’s host, announcing the night’s models in four categories: “ABC Casual,” “We’ve Come This Far by Faith,” “African Parade” and “If Only For One Night.”

The homecoming weekend concluded Monday, September 1, with a picnic at Webb School. The picnic had raffles, food trucks and homemade ice cream. Attendees played in a cake walk and danced in a Soul Train line.

The McKenzie Webb School, a historic Rosenwald school for African-American students, is the only historically black school in Carroll County. Though it closed its doors in 1966, its alumni and their descendants remain active. They formed the Webb Alumni Association in 1969

to preserve the school’s legacy. Two years later, alumni came together to purchase the building. In 2016, they opened a museum within the building to house school artifacts.

Each year, alumni host homecoming events during Labor Day weekend to raise money and provide scholarships to students, ensuring the school’s history and educational impact are kept alive.

Webb School was a vital institution that educated many teachers, business leaders and professionals in a time when opportunities were scarce due to segregation. The school building was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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McKenzie Alumna Dyer Interns With Kustoff on Capitol Hill

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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There were several moments during Dani Dyer's congressional internship with Representative David Kustoff in which she had to stop and give herself a reality check, realizing how lucky she was to be in her position.

It happened on nights she watched the sun go down behind the Capitol building while playing softball with congressional staffers. It happened when she watched Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries complete his eight-hour, 44-minute "magic minute" speech to delay the passing of Donald Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill." It happened again one day later when the bill passed and she celebrated 20 feet away from House Speaker Mike Johnson and Majority Leader Steve Scalise as "YMCA" by the Village People played throughout the room.

Amidst ever-present press-coverage in the United States capitol, Dyer saw political history happen before her eyes. They were moments the McKenzie native never in her wildest dreams thought she would experience.

Dyer, a 2022 graduate of McKenzie High School, was a junior at Mississippi State University when she realized she wanted to work in D.C. Inspired by her Chi Omega sorority sisters' on-line posts about working on Capitol Hill, she researched and found a girl from Jackson, Tenn., who interned with Representative Kustoff the summer before.

As a double-major in supply chain logistics and marketing, Dyer did not necessarily have much legal experience when she applied. She had thought about attending law school post-grad and took several legal classes, but that was the extent of her experience. Unlike her fellow interns, she didn't have any familial connections to Kustoff or any congressional staffers. She had never even traveled to Washington, D.C., before.

When she arrived at the nation's capitol in May, Kustoff and his staffers were wrist-deep in work for the "One Big Beautiful Bill." Dyer and four other interns were tasked with answering phone calls and emails from constituents and giving Capitol tours.

The tasks were a big learning curve for Dyer, who said she had to relearn many facts about America's history to give Capitol tours.

"When we learned history in school, it wasn't taken very seriously," Dyer said. "Getting up there [to D.C.]



Representative David Kustoff and Dani Dyer in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Photo submitted by Dani Dyer

and having to give these tours...Something I'll know and will talk about for the rest of my life is the history of our great country."

She also learned the ins and outs of Kustoff's office, learning who to pass information to while answering phone calls and emails from constituents. At times, she said, she would take a more secretarial role. She would write memos and conduct research on bills getting passed, passing information along to staffers.

"Nothing is easy here," Dyer said she learned, "and constituents' voices really matter. When they say, 'Call your congressman,' call them. They listen."

Sometimes, she would be asked to follow alongside Kustoff in his Ways and Means Committee hearings and press interviews.

Representative Kustoff noticed Dyer's interest and willingness to learn. He also took note that Dyer was his only intern from small town west Tennessee, Kustoff's congressional district.

"You don't hear about people from around here going to D.C.," Dyer said. "That was a big deal to our congressman, that we had someone in our office who could really represent and be a face to this area."

Halfway through the first summer session, Dyer received a call from Kustoff's chief of staff asking if she wanted to extend her internship.

"I wasn't opposed to staying longer," said Dyer. "I wasn't ready to leave yet. I was just getting into the groove of things."

After calling her parents

— Susan and Ryan Dyer — it was settled. Dyer would spend the second summer session in the capitol, honing her skills.

Giving Capitol tours became second-nature, as did talking to any office visitors — from CEOs and head lobbyists to history teachers who wanted to quiz her history knowledge. Soon enough, Dyer found herself helping run a campaign, the Kustoff Cookout at Snyder Farms on July 20.

"We got to make lots of phone calls, just talking to people back home and inviting them," said Dyer. She helped Kustoff organize RSVPs and, eventually, found herself flying back home to west Tennessee for the event. It was the first time she had been home all summer.

She returned from her internship on August 1 with an entirely new perspective on politics:

"From west Tennessee, I thought we were forgotten sometimes. I thought nobody in D.C. worried about us," said Dyer. "But no. He [Kustoff] is, and he is very respected on the Hill. It was very rewarding to see that who's representing us has the utmost respect from others."

Going into her senior year at Mississippi State University, Dyer's focusing on completing her degree and interning with her dean's office, marketing and creating content for the business college's social media pages. But her experience in D.C. will live in her mind, no doubt influencing her post-graduation plans.

West Tennessee Healthcare to Reopen Renovated Psych Unit at Lake Haven

PARIS (August 29) — West Tennessee Healthcare is proud to announce the reopening of its Geriatric Psych Unit at Lake Haven Behavioral Health on Tuesday, September 2. The unit, a vital part of the organization's behavioral health program, has undergone significant renovations to better serve patients and families across the region.

Originally closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the unit has been redesigned and refreshed to provide a safe, therapeutic environment for older adults experiencing behavioral symptoms related to dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other cognitive conditions. The 10-bed unit is the only geriatric behavioral health facility of its kind in Henry County.

"Our team is excited to reopen this unit and return these important services to our community," said Shelby McMillin, Director of Behavioral Health at West Tennessee Healthcare Lake Haven Behavioral Health.



Shelby McMillin, Director of Behavioral Health

"We've enhanced the space to provide both emotional and medical support for seniors and their families, right here at home."

The unit is designed to serve patients who may struggle with wandering, combativeness, disorientation, agitation, and other behavioral symptoms that require a structured and supportive setting.

Highlights of the renovated unit include:

- Private, safeguarded rooms, each with a personal

bathroom

- 24/7 nursing care to assist with medications, detox, and activities of daily living
- Access to physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and wound care as needed
- Daily group therapy led by licensed social workers
- Individual behavioral health support from West Tennessee Healthcare providers
- Social activities designed to encourage engagement and well-being

The Geriatric Psych Unit complements Lake Haven's existing Adult Behavioral Health Unit, which serves patients ages 18 to 55 with a wide range of mental health needs.

Visitation hours are offered daily, and most insurance plans are accepted. The unit will officially welcome patients beginning Tuesday, September 2.

For more information about referrals, admissions, or available services, please contact the Lake Haven Behavioral Health team at 731-644-8420.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Fall to Lexington

BY DAVARION GILBERT
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McKENZIE (August 28) — The McKenzie Middle School Rebels hosted Lexington Thursday night. The visiting Minutemen were in control most of the game and took a shutout into the fourth quarter before the Rebels scored two late touchdowns for a 34-16 final.

In the first quarter Lexington kicked it off to the Rebels to start their first drive. McKenzie quarterback Seth Stafford kept the ball for a gain of two, then kept again and fumbled to start Lexington's first drive on the Rebel 22 yard line.

Lexington ran the ball in for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, making it Lexington 6, McKenzie 0.

Lexington kicked off to McKenzie to start their second drive on their own 35 yard line.

Stafford kept it for a nine-yard gain, and running back Jake Ghyers ran the ball for a loss, but an offside penalty against Lexington made it first-and-10. Stafford kept the ball for a gain of three to make it second-and-7, then kept again three times for gains of three, five and four to end the first quarter.

Stafford kept again to start the second quarter, but McKenzie soon punted.

Lexington punted on their next possession, and the Rebels started their drive on the 42 yard line.

A fumble on the McKenzie drive was recovered by the Minutemen.

Lexington scored on a 40-yard run and converted for two points to lead 14-0.

McKenzie punted the ball to Lexington on the next drive.

Two false starts pushed Lexington back, and Rebels Stafford and Fisher Allen sacked the QB for a loss, but an outside run resulted in an 89-yard touchdown. The two-point try was good making it McKenzie 0, Lexington 20.



Top, Rebel Jackson Barden comes down with an interception against Lexington. Above, Rebel Dierks Ghyers makes a catch for two points following a McKenzie touchdown. Below, Rebel quarterback Seth Stafford makes the toss for a two-point conversion. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



ington 20.

Stafford threw to Lane Brown, then scrambled for a first down, but was sacked on the final play of the half.

McKenzie kicked it off to Lexington to begin the second half, but Rebel Jackson Barden intercepted the ball and went down to the 32 yard line to start the first drive for McKenzie.

The Rebels went three-and-out and punted.

A personal foul penalty against Lexington led to a punt, and McKenzie took over at the 40 yard line.

After another McKenzie punt, Lexington scored on a run down the sideline for a 59-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was good, making it McKenzie 0, Lexington 28.

Stafford kept, then threw incomplete before finding L. Brown for a first down.

A personal foul gave the Rebels another first down. J. Ghyers got the ball for a gain of five, then Stafford ran the ball to the outside down the sideline for a 17-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion by D. Ghyers made it McKenzie 8, Lexington 28.

McKenzie kicks it off to Lexington, which was returned for a 50-plus-yard touchdown. The two-point try was no good, making it 8-34.

The teams traded fumbles, setting up McKenzie at the Minutemen 35. Stafford threw incomplete, then found L. Brown for 21 yards. Stafford kept the next snap for a five-yard touchdown. J. Ghyers ran for two points, and the score was 34-16.

Lexington took a knee three times to run out the clock.

Huntingdon Historical Society to Meet at The Dixie

The Huntingdon Historical Society's next meeting is Wednesday, September 17, at 9 a.m. at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center.

In 1999, Mayor Dale Kelley and business leaders met to address the revitalization of Huntingdon's Central Business District, placing an emphasis on bringing in a new restaurant and a theater for citizens of Huntingdon and its surrounding area to enjoy. That December, Mayor Dale Kelley revealed plans for the theater to be called The Dixie Carter Performing Arts And Academic Enrichment Center. The

Dixie is named after Dixie Carter, a famous actress and known resident of Carroll County.

The Dixie was to be housed in four of the original buildings downtown that were 125 years old. However, in 2004, during construction, a portion of the south wall collapsed. For safety reasons, it was decided that the original buildings would be demolished and a new building erected. Bricks from the original building have been used throughout The Dixie.

The theater within the Arts Center was named after actor Hal Holbrook,

Carter's husband. Both Holbrook and Carter supported The Dixie through fundraisers and live performances.

The Academic Enrichment Center provides educational and cultural opportunities for area children. The Dixie provides the following programs for children: dance classes, Dixie Youth Theatre, Dixie Children's Chorus, Mudslinger's Pottery Studio and summer camps. The Dixie also partners with Huntingdon Middle School to offer after-school classes.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License-Third Offense — Dillon Edward Ray Gregory, 31, Park Cove, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on Suspended License and Violation of Financial Responsibility on August 25.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Gregory driving in reverse on Park Cove. Gregory advised that he was returning to his house to retrieve his license. A check on Gregory's license revealed the suspended status. He also could not verify any insurance. He was cited into General Sessions Court.

Simple Possession — Laura Jean Nichols, 36, Hopewell Street, Gleason, was charged with Simple Possession and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after a traffic stop on August 29.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Nichols' vehicle cross the center line several times before making the traffic stop. The officer questioned Nichols which led her to admit one marijuana cigarette was in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle re-

vealed a glass pipe, a pill bottle with someone else's medicine, fake urine sample and a warmer for the urine. She was cited into Henry County General Sessions Court.

Harassment, Disorderly Conduct — Christopher J. Stewart, 45, Donnell Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Harassment and Disorderly Conduct on August 29.

Officer Timothy Dillon responded to a business where Stewart had entered and created a verbal disruption aimed at one of the employees. A verbal order to ban him from the store was issued in June. An official written ban was issued following the August 29 event.

Speeding, Simple Possession — Guy Thomas Wyatt, 22, Bells, Tenn. was charged with Simple Possession, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Speeding on August 29.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Wyatt's vehicle traveling at 65 mph in a 55 mph zone. He also wit-

nessed the window tint was too dark. A traffic stop resulted in Wyatt admitting to some illicit drugs in the vehicle. He was charged with Simple Possession of Schedule 6, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Speeding, and Violation of Window Tint. He was cited into Carroll County Jail.

Violation of Probation — Stacy R. Hillard, 50, Oaklawn Drive, McKenzie, was arrested on August 26 when MPD officers served a search warrant on the charge of Violation of Probation. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Contempt of Court — Russell Eugene Townes, 58, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding Contempt of Court warrant on August 29. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Lawrence, 32, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass on August 28. He was inside one of several businesses in which he is banned in McKenzie. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

Deborah Jane Martin to William Benjamin Blanchard in District 16.

Jacquelynn Conklin to Donald Perkins in District 4.

Eddie M. Bolton and others to Cassie L. Bolton in District 21.

James Harold Powers as Executor to Fry Trust Dated Aug. 19, 2005 in District 6.

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David G. Magnum as Sub-

stitute Trustee to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, INC. in District 2.

James Lyn Lessenberry and others to Julia Lessenberry in District 13.

Nancy M. Bean to Nancy M. Bean as Trustee in District 4.

John Steven Boston to Kevin L. and wife Jennifer J. Freeman in District 19.

Debra Price to Wesley V. and Leslie Q. Proce in District 19.

Joel D. King to Vanessa Roberts. No District listed.

James Kenneth and Brenda Hampton to Paul and wife Jennifer Horton in District 22.

Kenneth Chandler and wife Riley Parker Padgett to William George Davidson in District 22.

Pao and wife Kang Thao Lor to Pao and wife Kang Thao Lor and others in Dis-

trict 2.

Elizabeth Rae Bates and others to Paul and wife Jennifer Horton in District 22.

Adam Cooper to Mikel Jones in District 4.

Paul and wife Jennifer Horton to Lane Horton in District 22.

Lacoste Holdings, LLC. to Humble Builders, LLC. in District 4.

Lacoste Holdings, LLC. to Skyview Homes, LLC. in District 4.

Donald R. Perrigo to Ervin J. and wife Inez D. Yoder in District 23.

Susan Martin and others to Lynn Martin Jr. in District 16.

John Scott Taylor to John Scott Taylor and others. No District listed.

Harold Wayne Brannon to Warren Driggers Sr. and others in District 17.

Carla Sanders to Thomas Sanders. No District listed.

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Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on August 27.

Angelo R. Edwards, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, was bound over to the Grand Jury on charges of Schedule VI Drugs: MFG, Del, Sell, Possession; Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon; and Meth - MFG, Deliver, Sell, Possession with Intent.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Kenneth Ray Beckham, Dollar Hill Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, booked, credit for all time served, can receive day-for-day credit upon completion of 90-day inpatient rehab.

Stephen Moffler, Hwy 423, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, booked, time served credit 136 days.

William D. Moore, Terry Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, Probation Violation, not booked, credit towards sentence is 144 days including inpatient treatment.

Arden M. Simmons, Hickory Flat Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, DUI: Second Offense, \$350 fine, supervised probation until conditions met, alcohol drug evaluation, no driving in Tennessee for one year, ignition interlock, DUI school, forfeits interest in handgun seized to the THP; dismissed, Possession of a Handgun Under the Influence; dismissed, Drivers to Exercise Due Care.

Megan Smith, N. 24th Avenue, Humboldt, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia - Attempt, \$250 fine, supervised probation, cognitive behavioral course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendation; dismissed, Driving While License Revoked; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Trent M. Townes, Linden Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, not booked.

Hanna M. Wells, McCree Road, Paris, guilty, Driving While License Revoked; dismissed, Light Law - Motor Vehicle.

The following case resulted in judicial diversion.

Romeo Perez, Rolling Hills Park Cove, Yuma, judicial diversion, Vandalism of Highway Structures, \$100 fine, supervised probation until conditions complete, 50 hours of community service.

The following case resulted in pre-trial diversion.

Crystal Porter, Milan Hwy, Trenton, pre-trial diversion, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities, \$750 fine, review date 8-19-26 at 9 a.m., supervised probation until conditions met, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

The following cases were dismissed.

Joshua Mason Levi Cochran, Moss Creek Lane, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Window Tinted; dismissed, Bumper Law.

Dustin Martin Conley, Mount Pisgah Road, Bradford, dismissed, Driving

While License Suspended.

Justin E. Hedge, Highland Heights Avenue, Camden, dismissed, Prevent/Obstruct Service of Legal Process; dismissed, Prohibited Weapons - Explosives or Explosive Weapons.

Maurice Lawrence, homeless, Huntingdon, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

William Moore, Terry Road, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Driving While License Revoked Due to Conviction of DUI; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Jonathan Navarro, Stone-wall Street N, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

Terry Mikael Reindl, McLemoresville Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Drivers License to be Carried and Exhibited.

The following cases were rescheduled.

Cory Craig Dunbar, Gwendela Hampton, Justin E. Hedge, Kestin D. Horton, Joshua K. Reeves, Heath Rhodes, Yvonne Marie Savov, Brandie White.

CITY OF MCKENZIE PUBLIC WORKS ACCEPTING BIDS

The City of McKenzie Public Works is seeking bids for paving city streets. For additional information contact Johnny Mercer at 731-352-3009 or 731-415-4455 between 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bids opening is September 11 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

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LEGAL NOTICE: CALL OF PRIMARY ELECTION

The Commissioners of Elections for Carroll County, Tennessee hereby Call the Republican and Democratic County Primary Elections to be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, for the purpose of submitting to qualified, registered voters of said county the candidates for the following offices: County Mayor, countywide (4-year term); County Commissioner, all districts (4-year term); Assessor of Property, countywide (4-year term); County Trustee, countywide (4-year term); Sheriff, countywide (4-year term); Circuit Court Clerk, countywide (4-year term); County Clerk, countywide (4-year term); Register of Deeds, countywide (4-year term); Road Supervisor, countywide (4-year term); and, Special School Districts. Special School Districts include Hollow Rock-Bruceton: District 15; District 16-Bruceton; District 16 At Large (all 3 HR-B civil districts vote for 1, 4-year term); Huntingdon: At Large (vote for 2, 6-year term); McKenzie: At Large (vote for 4, 4-year term); South Carroll: At Large (vote for 2, 4-year term); West Carroll: Old Atwood, Old County, Old Trezevant (all WCSSD civil districts vote for 1, 4-year term).

The Qualifying Deadline is Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 12:00 noon. Withdrawal Deadline is Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 12:00 noon. The 1st day nominating petitions may be issued is Monday, December 22, 2025. NOTE: the deadlines apply to primary and independent candidates.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A REVISED MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MCKENZIE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing which will be held before the McKenzie Board of Mayor and Aldermen on the proposed adoption of a revised Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

Said hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Sections 13-7-203 and 13-4-302, Tennessee Code Annotated, during the September 11, 2025 meeting of the McKenzie Board of Mayor and Aldermen at 6 p.m. The hearing will be held at McKenzie City Hall and all interested parties are invited to appear and be heard in objection or in favor of the adoption, thereof. The documents proposed for adoption are available for public examination at McKenzie City Hall during normal business hours.

Further pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, 13-7-203, the following zoning caption summarizes the revisions being made to Zoning Ordinance proposed for adoption by the McKenzie Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

Page numbers were re-formatted (to a continuous numbering system) and updated in the table of contents.

The sign ordinance was condensed by removing all charts (which contained wording duplicitous to the actual text of the provisions) (Chapter 4 - General Provisions).

Added RV/Travel Trailer Park clarification (Chapter 4 - General Provisions).

Condensed and simplified landscaping regulations (Chapter 4 - General Provisions).

Added recently adopted fencing requirements (Chapter 4 - General Provisions).

Added site plan requirements for industrial zoning districts (Chapter 9 – Provisions Governing Industrial Districts).

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Possession of Methamphetamine — Crystal Porter, 40, Milan, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine on August 16.

According to a report by Deputy Alex Sherwood, he made contact with a suspicious subject near the intersection of Highway 77 and Highway 79 in Atwood. The subject, identified as Porter, told the deputy she had methamphetamine in her possession.

Porter retrieved a small clear bag containing a crystal-like substance and a makeshift pipe with residue. She was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Warrant Arrest — Veri Samuel Weaver Jr., 54, Holaday, was arrested for an active warrant on August 18.

According to a report by Deputy Christopher Adams, Hollow Rock Police Officer Barry Larkin stopped a vehicle driven by Weaver. A NCIC check

revealed that Weaver had an active warrant out of Seminole County, Florida, for violation of probation. The warrant was confirmed as active with extradition limited to southern states.

Weaver, who was already incarcerated at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in Huntingdon at the time of the report, will be extradited on the warrant.

Assault on Officers — Matthew T. Dillingham, 27, Hollow Rock, was charged with three counts of Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Interference with an Emergency Call, Resisting Arrest, and Aggravated Cruelty to Animals on August 24.

According to a report by Deputy Paul Williams, deputies responded to a 911 call at Kee Street in Hollow Rock. The caller, later identified as the suspect's grandmother, reported her grandson was “going crazy” before the call dis-

connected. When officers arrived, Dillingham came out of the home, yelling and threatening officers. Deputies initially believed he was holding a weapon, but it was later determined to be a phone.

Dillingham then ran back into the house. When deputies forced entry into the residence, Dillingham attempted to strike Deputy Williams and resisted arrest. During the struggle, a dog bit Deputy Williams, causing a laceration to his arm. Sergeant Mike Smith also sustained an injury to his hand.

Dillingham was eventually subdued and taken into custody. While on scene, deputies discovered a pool of blood inside the house and later found four dead dogs outside the residence. Family members advised that Dillingham had killed the animals in the days prior.

He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Chancery Court of Carroll County, Tennessee

Donald L. Perkins vs. Stanley Higdon and the Known Heirs of Stanley Higdon, Freeman Cole, Thomas Hardy, and any Unknown Defendants

Civil Action No. 2025CV161

Notice by Publication to Stanley Higdon and the Known Heirs of Stanley Higdon, Freeman Cole, Thomas Hardy, and any Unknown Defendants

TO: **Stanley Higdon and the Known Heirs of Stanley Higdon, Freeman Cole, Thomas Hardy, and any Unknown Defendants**

Any responsive pleadings you wish to file in the case styled Donald L. Perkins vs. Stanley Higdon and the Known Heirs of Stanley Higdon, Freeman Cole, Thomas Hardy, and any Unknown Defendants, Carroll County Chancery Court No. 2025CV161, must be filed with Kenneth Todd, the Carroll County Court Clerk & Master, whose address is 99 Court Square, Suite 105 Huntingdon, TN 38344, within (60) days after the last date of publication hereof, and a copy of said pleading should be mailed to Allison S. Whitedge, Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell, PLLC, the attorney for the Plaintiff, Donald L. Perkins, whose address is 226 South Lindell Street, Martin, Tennessee 38237.

This is a Complaint for Claim of Abandoned Mineral Interest to real property located at 192 Pond Branch Road, Buena Vista, Tennessee 38318 and of record in Book 401, Page 144 in the Register of Deeds' Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Beginning at an iron pin found in the west margin of Rowland Mill Road (25 feet from center), said point being the northeast corner of the Ronnie M. Fowler and wife Patricia A. Fowler property as recorded in Deed Book 386 page 409; runs thence with the north line of the Fowler property North 82 degrees 12 minutes 42 seconds West 447.78 feet to an iron pin found, said point being the true point of beginning; runs thence with the west line of the Fowler property the following calls; South 01 degrees 34 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 229.19 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence North 72 degrees 49 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 124.90 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 66 degrees 02 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 300.42 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 10 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 206.41 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 51 degrees 05 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 213.83 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 07 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 100.32 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 69 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 261.53 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 37 degrees 55 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 259.84 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 32 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 95.17 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 30 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 178.49 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence South 72 degrees 21 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 229.72 feet to an iron in found; runs thence South 45 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 459.78 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence North 82 degrees 08 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 303.53 feet to an iron pin found; runs thence North 64 degrees 58 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 235.27 feet to an iron pin found, said point being the northwest corner of Albert Reinikis property as recorded in Deed Book 329 Page 894; runs thence with the west line of the Reinikis property generally with a fence South 02 degrees 23 minutes 07 seconds West a distance of 1048.03 feet to an iron pin set (all iron pin sets are ½ inch i: 18 inch rebar with identification cap stamped Surveying Services); runs thence continuing with the west line of Reinikis property South 09 degrees 42 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 1106.95 feet to an iron pin set in the north line of the Glenn M. Plummer and wife Beth B. Plummer property as recorded in Deed Book 116 Page 259 ; runs thence with the north line of the Plummer property North 87 degrees 21 minutes 46 seconds West a distance of 1194.00 feet to a ½ inch angle iron found in the east Hoe of the Karen Frazee property as recorded in Deed Book 264 Page 108 ; runs thence with the east line of the Frazee property North 01 degrees 17 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 221.00 feet to an iron pin set, said point being the northeast corner of the Frazee property; runs thence with the north line of the Frazee property and continuing with the north line of the Hollis Ledbetter property as recorded in Deed Book 172 Page 331 South 71 degrees 42 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 942.83 feet to an Iron pin set, said point being the southeast corner of the Dwayne 1). Maddox property as recorded in Deed Book 244 Page 65; runs thence .with the east line of the Maddox property North 15 degrees 43 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 209.00 feet to an iron pin set, said point being the northeast corner of the Maddox property; runs thence with the north line of the Maddox property South 71 degrees 43 minutes 59 seconds West passing an iron pin set at 601.77 feet and continuing for a total distance of 627.00 feet to a P.K. Nail set in the corner of Pond Branch Road, runs thence with the center of Pond Branch Road the following calls; North 10 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 130.54 feet to a Point; runs thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 600.00 feet, a chord direction of North 01 degrees 04 minutes 49 seconds West, a chord length of 197.78 feet and arc length of 198.69 feet along said curve to a Point; runs thence North 09 degrees 56 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 139.67 feet to a Point,

said point being the southwest corner of the Paul Hollingsworth and wife Dawn Hollingsworth property as recorded in Deed Book 281 Page 410 ; runs thence with the south line of the Hollingsworth property South 85 degrees 40 minutes 4S seconds East passing an iron pin set at 21.32 feet and continuing for a total distance of 515.00 feet to an 3/8 inch iron pin found (Marshall Turner); runs thence with the east line of the Hollingsworth property North 02 degrees 31 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 281.00 feet to an 3/8 inch iron pin found (Marshall Turner); runs thence with the north line of the Hollingsworth property North 85 degrees 40 minutes 45 seconds West passing an iron pin set at a distance of 482.31 feet and continuing for a total distance of 515.00 feet to a Point in the center of Pond Branch Road; runs thence with the center of Pond Branch Road the following calls; North OS degrees 40 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 453.26 feet to a Point; runs thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 250.00 feet, a chord direction of North 18 degrees 57 minutes 16 seconds West, a chord length of 20S.07 feet an arc length of 211.30 feet along said curve to a Point; runs thence North 43 degrees 10 minutes 05 seconds West a distance of 59.08 feet to a Point; runs thence North 39 degrees 36 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 95.00 feet to a Point; runs thence North 36 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 101.57 feet to a Point; runs thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 800.00 feet, a chord direction of North 45 degrees 45 minutes 03 seconds West, a chord length of 258.56 feet an arc length of 259.70 feet along said curve to a Point; runs thence North 28 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 297.55 feet to a Point; runs thence North 26 degrees 38 minutes 24 seconds West a distance of 163.15 feet to a Point; runs thence North 20 degrees 20 minutes 08 seconds West a distance of 128.34 feet to a Point; runs thence North 06 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 49.31 feet to a Point; runs thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 14.46 feet to a P. K. Nail set, said point being the Southwest corner of the Rodney Hargrove and wife Cindy Hargrove property as recorded in Deed Book 256 Page 266 ; runs thence with the south line of the Hargrove property the following calls; North 84 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds East passing an iron pin set at 25.06 feet and continuing for a total distance of 553.75 feet to a 12 inch Elm tree with fence; runs thence South 81 degrees 21 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 243.00 feet to a 12 inch Oak tree with fence; runs thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 757.00 feet to a 15 inch tree with fence; runs thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 531.89 feet to an car axle found, said point being the south east corner of the Hargrove property; runs thence with the east line of the Hargrove property with a partial fence found north 04 degrees 03 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 1037.61 feet to an wooden fence corner post found, said point being the southwest corner of the Richard Wayne Norden property as recorded in Deed Book 252 Page 462; runs thence with the south line of the Norden property and continuing with the south line of the Sandra Hensley, Jacquelyn Prince, Zachary S. Spivey and Torri Hensley property as recorded in Deed Book 364 Page 888 generally with a fence South 86 degrees 50 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 508.87 feet to a 15 inch Oak Tree found; runs thence South 82 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 965.22 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 192.10 acres or 8368086.84 square feet more or less. Surveyed by Bryan J. Batte, R.L.S. 2190, Surveying Services Inc., 41 Heritage Square, Jackson, TN 38305.

This property is subject to the Carroll County Highway Department Easement along the east side of Pond Branch Road from the centerline to 25 feet east.

Being the same property acquired by Ronnie Fowler and wife, Patricia Fowler, by Warranty Deed from Byrd Fowler dated August 18, 1988, recorded August 18, 1988, at 2:25 p.m., of record in Deed Book 233, page 681, and deed from W. Kent Jones, Trustee dated July 17, 2003, recorded February 2, 2004, at 2:08 p.m., of record in Deed Book 319, page 991, both in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Being Map 88, Parcel 6.03

A hearing on Plaintiff's Verified Complaint to Quiet Title shall be heard on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., in the Chancery Courtroom at the Carroll County Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee. Your failure to appear or assert your rights may result in a default judgment being granted in favor of the Plaintiff and any interest you may have in the property being divested in favor of the Plaintiff.

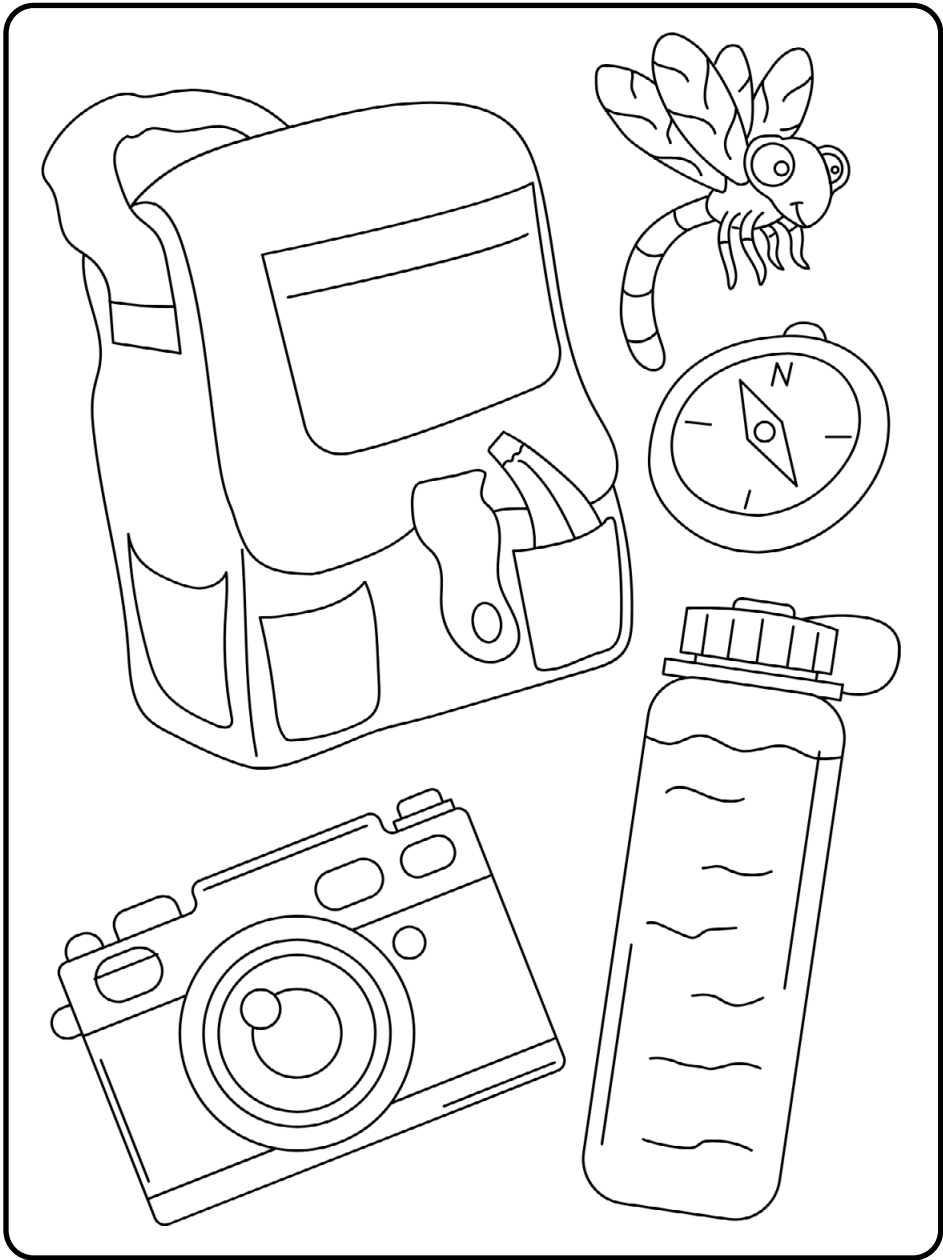
Pursuant to TCA § 66-5-108(e)(3), it is ordered that publication of this notice be made for three (3) consecutive weeks in the McKenzie Banner, a daily newspaper published in Carroll County, Tennessee. The mineral interest identified in the Complaint shall lapse in sixty (60) day after publication.

This the 19th day of August, 2025.

By: Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

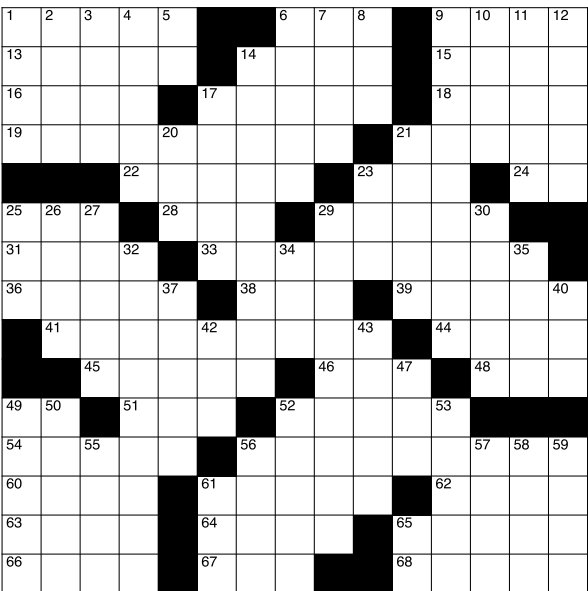
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Weekly Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Fairly large
 - 6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
 - 9. Cover the entirety of
 - 13. Leafy appetizer
 - 14. Showy ornament
 - 15. Norse personification of old age
 - 16. Athletes
 - 17. Closes tightly
 - 18. Attack via hurling items
 - 19. Where the reserves stand
 - 21. Sword
 - 22. Begat
 - 23. Damage another's reputation
 - 24. Northeast
 - 25. Turf
 - 28. For each
 - 29. Hours (Spanish)
 - 31. Western state
 - 33. One who offers help
 - 36. Flanks
 - 38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
 - 39. Free from drink or drugs
 - 41. Tunnels
 - 44. Mature
 - 45. More dried-up
 - 46. News organization
 - 48. Steal something
 - 49. Forms one's public persona(abbr.)
 - 51. Female fish eggs
 - 52. Small petrel of southern seas
 - 54. Edible starches
 - 56. Historical
 - 60. In a place to sleep
 - 61. Horse grooms
 - 62. Off-Broadway theater award
 - 63. Chinese dynasty
 - 64. Resembling a wing
 - 65. Small projection on a bird's wing
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Vipers
 - 2. Ancient city in Syria
 - 3. Slog
 - 4. Emits coherent radiation
 - 5. "Pollock" actor Harris
 - 6. Bleated
 - 7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
 - 8. Tooth doctor
 - 9. One who takes apart
 - 10. Commoner
 - 11. Beat poet Ginsberg
 - 12. Cave deposit material
 - 14. Home energy backup
 - 17. Begets
 - 20. Face part
 - 21. Frocks
 - 23. Hill or rocky peak
 - 25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
 - 26. About ear
 - 27. Male parents
 - 29. Popular grilled food
 - 30. Vaccine developer
 - 32. Not conforming
 - 34. Polite address for women
 - 35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
 - 37. Astronomical period of 18 years
 - 40. One who fights the government
 - 42. Center for Excellence in Education
 - 43. Watches discreetly
 - 47. An electrically charged atom
 - 49. Hymn
 - 50. Arabic given name
 - 52. Popular pie nut
 - 53. City in Zambia
 - 55. Species of cherry
 - 56. John __, British writer
 - 57. Be next to
 - 58. Make angry
 - 59. Give birth to a lamb or kid
 - 61. Unhappy



- 66. Of the Isle of Man
- 67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
- 68. Plate for Eucharist

Week 35

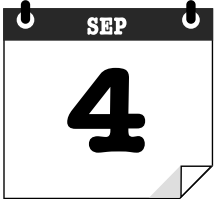
See solution in next week's edition.

On the Trail Word Search

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SUDOKU

WEEK 35

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

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See solution in next week's edition.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to hiking.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = O)

- A. 1 15 15 14 22**
Clue: Footwear
- B. 14 3 20 10 5**
Clue: Path
- C. 11 3 6 11 20 3 6**
Clue: Get ready
- D. 15 25 14 8 15 15 3 22**
Clue: Nature

Answers: A. boots B. trail C. prepare D. outdoors

LETTER MIX-UP

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

BACKPACKING

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____
11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. _____

17. _____

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____

Riddle Me This

How far can a man
hike into the woods?

Answer: Halfway, then he'd walk out of the woods.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

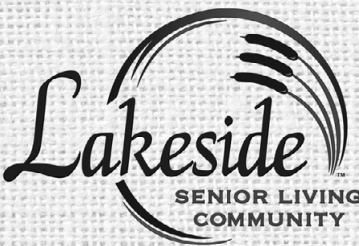
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Answer: Pack

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in New York on
September 6, 1964. I attended Los Angeles
City College, and debuted as an actress in
a 1989 film directed by Spike Lee. I also
worked as a choreographer for Janet
Jackson. I'm known for my prominent New
York City accent.

Answer: Rosie Perez



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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 34 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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B	L	O	C	S		U	C	A		S	A
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F	D	R			D	E	N			B	A

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 34

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

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Area Teams Rank High in Latest Poll

NASHVILLE (September 1) — Several area teams are ranked highly in the latest poll by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association and the USA Today Network. McKenzie (1-1) is the unanimous number one in

Class 1A after a big win over Dresden, moving ahead of South Pittsburg (0-1), who lost their season opener Friday. Dresden (0-2) sits at number eight. In Class 2A, Milan (2-0) is ranked number two be-

hind Marion County (2-0), while Huntingdon (2-0) is fourth. Milan and Huntingdon meet Friday night to begin region play. Westview (1-0) is the unanimous number one in Class 3A.

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Top, Hayes Eubanks tries to get through two defenders. Above Left, Kenton Smith goes high in the air to intercept a pass. Above Right, Kenton Smith looks downfield for a receiver. Below Left, Braylin Dearmon finds a path for a touchdown in Mustangs. Below Right, Braylin Dearmon jumps in an attempt to deflect a pass. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner



Mustangs Hold Lions Scoreless in 35-0 Win

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CAMDEN (August 29) — The Huntingdon Mustangs overcame a night in which they committed seven penalties, several bad snaps, and fumbles that were recovered by the boys in blue, to defeat a good Camden Lions team 35-0. Both the Mustangs and Lions were coming off wins over teams that had been on the winning side the last few years, as Camden was coming off an overtime win over Riverside, and the Mustangs defeated McKenzie for the first time in six years. Even though the Mustangs at times seemed a little out of sync offensively, they rushed for 321 yards on the ground and completed 2 of 3 passes for 23 yards. The Mustangs, who were battling the injury bug, got a huge game from backup running back Colt Wood. Wood, a sophomore, rushed seven times for 110 yards and scored a long TD on the final play of the first half. Braylin Dearmon, the Mustang senior QB, turned in a stellar performance against the Lions. Rushing for 128 yards on 11 carries and scoring twice in the game. Dearmon reeled off a 68-yard run for a TD against Camden. The Mustangs' defense for the second week in a row had a good night. The Lions only threatened to score twice, and the last came at the end of the game. The Mustangs, who had held McKenzie to 63 yards on the ground, bettered that

against Camden, holding the Lions to 45 yards on the ground and 7 of 17 for 89 yards in the air. The Mustangs took advantage of two Lion turnovers, with the first one coming to start the game. The Mustangs received the opening kickoff, but after three plays, failed to gain a first down and punted. Hayes Eubanks' punt was fumbled, and Huntingdon's Wood recovered at the Lion 34. Six plays later, the Mustangs found the end zone on a three-yard run by Kenton Smith. Greyson Anderson kicked through the point after to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead. On their ensuing possession, the Lions moved to the Mustang 16 behind the running of Amari Rogers, but a fourth-down pass fell incomplete, and the Mustangs began one of their patented 11-play drives to increase their lead. The Mustang touchdown came on a 12-yard pass from Dearmon to Owen King with 9:08 left in the half. Anderson tacked on the point after, and the Mustangs led 14-0. With 3:35 left in the half, Smith intercepted a Jake Reynoldson pass at the Lion 34-yard line, and it only took two plays for the Mustangs to cash in the mistake. Wood ran for four yards before Dearmon set sail for a 43-yard run to paydirt. Anderson was again true on the point after, and the lead grew to 21-0. The Mustangs managed another score just before half after taking possession on a Lion punt that landed at the Camden 37. The Mus-

tangs lost five yards to penalties on two consecutive plays before Wood found a lane down the sideline and cut back to the middle of the field for a 47-yard run for the touchdown with six seconds left in the half. Anderson's kick was good, and the Mustangs took a 28-0 lead at the half. The second half was played with a running clock, but the Mustangs managed one more score in the half. The first came after a Lion punt, and Dearmon again performed his magic with a 68-yard run that came on the first play after a Camden punt. Anderson booted through the PAT and a 35-0 lead. The Mustangs came close to another score to start the fourth quarter after an eight-play drive stalled. The Mustangs had reached the Lion six, but a bad snap lost 11 yards to Lion 17. On the next play, the snap again was bad and resulted in a loss back to the 30. Then the Mustangs lost five yards to penalty and on fourth down, Anderson attempted a 52-yard field goal that sailed just wide left. The Lions almost scored at the end of the game, but with the clock running, a pass was completed to the Mustang five, but the clock ran out before the Lions could get a play off, and the Mustangs left Wright Field with a 35-0 win. The Mustangs, now 2-0 for the season, will travel to Milan this week in a key region matchup. Camden 1-1 will be at home and face a 1-1 Dyersburg Trojan team.

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Above Left, Rebel Avery Brown battles double coverage to make the catch in the end zone for the touchdown. Above Right, Rebel Timmy Arline sheds a defender for extra yardage during a long McKenzie scoring drive. Below Left, Rebel Dawson Reeder wraps up a Lion ball-carrier for the stop. Below Right, Rebel Aiden Legens dives into the end zone with a Dresden fumble for the first points of the game. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Rout Lions, 44-7

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (August 29) — The McKenzie High School Rebels bounced back in a big way from a season-opening loss with a dominant win over Dresden, 44-7. A defensive touchdown got McKenzie on the board early, but Dresden scored on their second possession. From there, the Rebels scored on six consecutive possessions for the lopsided victory. McKenzie won the toss and deferred possession. The teams traded punts, with Rebel Cole Brown booting one 57 yards to pin the Lions deep at their own 6. On third down, a Dresden fumble was recovered by Rebel Aiden Legens, who dove into the end zone for a touchdown. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 7-0 with 7:10 to play in the first frame. Dresden would punt again, but McKenzie fumbled early in the drive, with Lion Jacoby Sutton making the recovery at the Rebel 31. The Lions quickly faced fourth-and-long, but McKenzie was flagged for pass interference and Dresden got a fresh set of downs. Quarterback Bruce Willis kept for a 16-yard touchdown, and the PAT by Vlad-

imir Hammer Pederson tied the score at 7-7 with 3:08 to play in the opening quarter. McKenzie took the lead for good with a six play, 63-yard drive capped by a 40-yard pass from C. Brown to Avery Brown. Mason kicked, and the Rebels led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. Dresden started the second frame with a quick three-and-out. A. Brown made a good return on the punt to the Lion 38. C. Brown took the first snap 27 yards, and, two plays later, he threw to Kason Brown for an 11-yard touchdown. The Mason PAT gave McKenzie a 21-7 lead with 8:30 to play in the first half. After another quick Dresden three-and-out, Rebel Jacobi Melton made a ten-yard punt return to set McKenzie up near midfield. The Rebels went 52 yards on eight plays, the last a nine yard pass from C. Brown to Lelan Gordon. With Mason's kick, McKenzie led 28-7 with three minutes to play in the second quarter. The Lions put together a promising drive, including a 39-yard pass from Willis to Aiden Carrington, to get to the McKenzie 17 before Willis' second pass attempt was intercepted by Rebel Cooper Davidson and returned to the Dresden 22. With under a minute on the clock, McKenzie needed a fourth-down conversion to get a first-and-goal. A holding penalty negated a touchdown, but Mason kicked a field goal as time expired to give the Rebels a 31-7 halftime lead. The Rebels received the second-half kick and went 57 yards on five carries by Timmy Arline and a one-yard keeper by C. Brown. Mason missed the kick, but McKenzie led 37-7 with 9:13 to play in the third quarter, triggering a running clock. The Lions managed a pair of first downs, but the drive stalled near midfield. McKenzie took over and exhausted the third quarter clock on three plays. The first play of the final frame was a 12-yard touchdown pass from C. Brown to A. Brown. Mason hit the point-after, and the Rebels led 44-7 early in the fourth. Dresden went three-and-out, and McKenzie sent out its offensive reserves. The Rebels turned the ball over on downs, but used up enough clock to allow the Lions just two plays before time expired. Team and player statistics were unavailable before The Banner's press deadline due to the holiday. McKenzie hits the road this week for an out-of-state game at Christian County High School in Kentucky. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

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Left, Gleason's Gage Byington rushes. He had two touchdowns during the contest. Center, Central's Seth Thomas rushes with the ball as defender Eli Barber holds tight. Right, Central's Braxton Howard rushes as Gleason's Ashton Morgan gives chase.

Central Tigers Edge Gleason for 19-14 Win

GLEASON (August 29) — Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tigers (2-2) edged Gleason Bulldogs (1-1) in a Class 1A contest at Gleason on the second game of the season. Scoring began on the first play from scrimmage when Gage Byington scored for Gleason. The point-after-touchdown failed and Gleason led 6-0 with just 15 seconds expired on the clock. The Tigers soon matched the score on a touchdown by Brady Roberts with Tanner Walters adding the PAT for the go-ahead score of 7-6 at the 10:44 time mark. Braxton Howard added the next score for the Tigers late in the second quarter to advance the Tigers' lead to 13-6. As the second quarter was expiring, the Tigers attempted a field goal. The Bulldogs blocked the attempt, and Gage Byington caught the blocked punt and advanced



Gleason's Brody Sanders #89 makes good yardage before being tackled by Grayson Thompsonson. Rock-Bruceton in the third quarter until Byington scored as the time expired. Drake Lehmkuhl punched in the two-point conversion and Gleason took the lead 14-13. The final score of the game came as Seth Thomas hauled in a pass and scored, making the score 19-14.