



Above, West Carroll Elementary School employees who have dedicated 20 plus years of service: Shelia Hilliard, Barbara Coleman, Shanna Pafford, Sherry Cobb, Tammy Lovel, Jonathan Wheeler, Marcia Miller, Tina Seaton, Beth Bridges, and Sherry Cockrill. Below, West Carroll Primary School employees who have dedicated 20 plus years of service: Angie Morris, Sherry Haywood, Jackie Wester, Sharlanda Emerson, Jeanie Hooper, Brandi Tolley, Gerald Mauldin and Johnathan Wheeler. Photos submitted by Michelle Robinson, West Carroll Special School District



West Carroll Recognizes Staff With 20 or More Years of Service

ATWOOD (September 4) — The West Carroll Special School District recently recognized staff members who have each served 20 or more years in the district. Representing all three campuses, these individuals were honored for their long-term contributions to student learning and school culture.

Dr. Jessica Williams, WCES principal stated, “We are proud to have such a large group of teachers and staff who have worked at West Carroll Elementary School for over twenty years. These educators have built lasting relationships in the West Carroll community that benefit our students, families and school culture. We are grateful for their longevity and their commitment to our students’ success.”

The following team members were honored for their long-term service: high school employees Linda Hatfield and Bernard Lykes; primary school employees Angie Morris, Sherry Hay-



West Carroll High School employees who have dedicated 20 plus years of service: Bernard Lykes and Linda Hatfield. Photo submitted by Michelle Robinson, West Carroll Special School District

wood, Jackie Wester, Sharlanda Emerson, Jeanie Hooper, Brandi Tolley and Gerald Mauldin; and elementary school employees Sheila Hilliard, Barbara Coleman, Shanna Pafford, Sherry Cobb, Tammy Lovell, Marcia Miller, Tina Seaton, Beth Bridges, Jonathan Wheeler

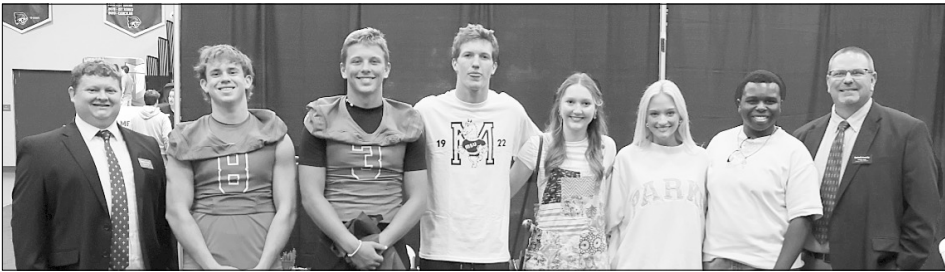
and Sherry Cockrill.

Many of these educators and staff members have worked with students across multiple generations. Several are now teaching children whose parents were once in their classrooms.

“These employees have served with steady leadership and a strong sense of purpose,” said Director of Schools Preston Caldwell. “They know our schools, our families and the community we serve.”

The district-wide recognition reflects West Carroll’s appreciation for those who have supported students year after year and contributed to the continuity of school culture and community engagement.

These staff members represent an important part of the district’s story, helping maintain the small-school environment that is central to West Carroll’s mission of preparing students for life beyond the classroom.



McKenzie representatives with Blake Bernier and Craig Lunn. Students are Xander Johnsey, Cole Brown, Avery Brown, Molly French, Carli Beeler, and Carlton Townes. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Local Schools Celebrate College Application, Exploration Month

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September is College Application and Exploration Month in Tennessee, and local schools are taking measures to ensure students make progress in their post-secondary application experiences.

To promote this statewide initiative, information about College Application and Exploration Month — like how to find application fee waivers — is posted not only throughout high school hallways but also on many schools’ social media pages. School staff, especially guidance counselors, are leading the information roll-out and inspiring students’ excitement about post-secondary education and skill development.

At McKenzie High School, guidance counselor Ashley Lowe hosted a senior parent meeting with representatives from the University of Tennessee at Martin, Bethel University, TCAT Henry/Carroll, the Army and the National Guard on August 25. There, Lowe and the guest representatives informed parents and students of important senior year information while giving students the option to discuss post-secondary plans with recruiters.

Bethel University hosted an on-campus college fair on August 29, also pushing high school students to consider their post-secondary decisions. Students from



Huntingdon High School representatives Brooklyn Barnhill, Abbigail Sykes, Rowan Dunbar, and Lilah McBride. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie, Huntingdon, West Carroll, Clarksburg and Bruceton schools attended the event to speak with recruiters from 30 different colleges and career fields. Students also had a chance to tour Bethel University’s campus and housing options.

During September 15-19, all Tennessee schools’ application fees are completely waived. That week, Lowe plans to visit with students in the Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) program and the senior class to make sure they all complete their Tennessee Promise scholarship application, UT Promise scholarship application and at least one college or TCAT application.

Thursday, September 25, McKenzie High School has “College T-Shirt Day,” which promotes awareness of college education and post-secondary success in its staff. While staff wear t-shirts representing their alma mater, students are encouraged to wear t-shirts from their chosen post-secondary

institutions.

While local schools keep their focus on high school seniors and JAG students, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has also built ways for younger students to explore their future opportunities. On their website, parents can find activities for elementary school students to learn about career paths and clusters, for middle school students to learn their strengths and prepare for high school and for high school non-seniors to explore majors, compare college options and map out a course plan.

Across the country, a majority of colleges’ application deadlines are in the middle of October or November. The deadline to apply for UT Promise is November 1, and the deadline to apply for Tennessee Promise is November 3. Pushing students to begin working on these applications in September is an assured way for students to reach post-secondary success.



McKenzie Police officers and members of the McKenzie Fire Department were at the annual McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival to raise funds for the annual Shop With A First Responder program. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Clay Target Shoot to Benefit Children’s Christmas Program

McKENZIE — A clay target shoot at the Carroll County Shooting Sports Park in Huntingdon will benefit the annual Shop With A First Responder children’s Christmas program hosted by the McKenzie Police, Fire, and Rescue departments, plus TWRA.

McKenzie first responders

host the annual event to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children in the McKenzie area. They work with the McKenzie Special School District and Beta Sigma Phi to identify children who might otherwise not have gifts under their tree at Christmas.

First responders raise

money throughout the year for this event.

Saturday, September 13 is the shoot to raise money for the program. Flights are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for teams of four. Individual shooters can participate for \$60.

For more information or to pre-register, phone Lacey Lane at 731-415-0641.

Nights on Broadway Presents The Lowdown



McKENZIE (September 4) — Downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway continued Thursday with The Lowdown. The band performed an eclectic set as the crowd enjoyed the beautiful weather and the downtown businesses that stayed open late. Flashback closes out this season of Nights on Broadway Thursday, September 18. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Carlton Townes Makes McKenzie DECA History

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On a drive home from Chattanooga, on the way back from the 2025 DECA State Career Development Conference, Carlton Townes spoke with McKenzie High School’s DECA sponsors Susan Dyer and Brittany Colotta. He had just become the state chapter’s newest vice president of marketing.

“Mama Sue,” he asked Dyer. “Am I the first African American from McKenzie to hold a state position?”

As it turned out, he was. Not only was he the first African American student, but he was only the third student from McKenzie High School to ever win an elected position at the state conference. Only Jill Renfro and Brandon Hill preceded him.

DECA, short for Distributive Education Clubs of America, is a club meant to teach different facets of business — marketing, finance, hospitality and management — to high school students. But in the past year, Townes has learned more from the club. He’s realized his inner strength and ability to persevere.

Townes’ idea to run for state officer originated as a joke just a few months before the February conference. It didn’t take much convincing from the club’s sponsors to make him see it as a real option. He talked about it with his great-grandmother, Marsha Townes, and they prayed about his decision together.

From there, Townes’ journey to becoming a DECA state officer was steered by his faith and love for community. When he officially decided to run, Townes realized the important work he could do for the DECA community and his hometown.

At the annual state DECA conference, small schools are typically under-represented. When competing amongst schools like Brentwood High School, which have hundreds of students involved in their chapters and more business-oriented classes, McKenzie students are typically at a disadvantage.



Carlton Townes is McKenzie High School’s first African American student to win a state office at the DECA State Career Development Conference. Photo submitted by Carlton Townes

want something when you start bawling,” he said. “You fought so hard to be here and now you’re nervous because you don’t know [how it will go].”

He found out he won the vice president of marketing role over email. Reading the message, he cried even more. Of the five elected officers, he was the only one from a small town. The other four were from schools in Brentwood, Franklin, Memphis and Spring Hill.

“This is not for me,” he said. “This is for everybody in McKenzie. This is for kids who grew up like I did, who grew up thinking they could never be anything special because of their background.”

Townes has taken his new role with the utmost seriousness. He creates Canva designs for social media and posts weekly “Motivational Monday” videos in which he presents different topics to inspire people to make a difference in others’ lives.

“It’s more than just DECA,” said Townes. “It’s more than that. I post on my DECA pages and my personal Facebook. When I sit down on Saturday or Sunday night and write these, I think, ‘What is something I can talk about that will be able to touch the lives of other people?’”

Every day he is inspired by his late brother, Lorenzo. He pours into others, treating them with love and respect, not only in the context of DECA but in his everyday life.

Townes is the senior class president this year. Aside from DECA, he is a member of McKenzie High School’s Minority Council; Future Teachers of America; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Health Occupations Students of America, McKenzie Maniacs and Rotary Interact.

He hopes his accomplishments inspire the next generation of students.

“I never thought, in my whole entire life, I would be the first African American to do something here at McKenzie,” said Townes. “It’s not just an accomplishment. It’s a breakthrough.”



MSSD school board’s 2025-26 leadership (L to R): Superintendent Dr. Justin Barden, Vice Chairman Spiros Roditis, Chairman LaShonda Williams, Treasurer George Cassidy, Tennessee Legislation Network Member Karen Fowler and Tennessee Legislation Network Alternate Misty Aird. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Elects

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member and Misty Aird to remain as Fowler’s alternate.

An anonymous election was held for vice chairman when Bobby Young and Spiros Roditis were both nominated. Spiros Roditis won the office in a 5-2 vote.

Chad Brown previously held the vice chairman position.

Following the elections, the board considered amendments to the Vacations and Holiday policy, which was issued in 2000, in the Education Policy Manual.

The amended policy clearly differentiates between district-level, building-level and non-certified personnel vacation allowances. It also creates greater vacation flexibility, allowing building-level employees to take vacation during the summer when school is not in session. The amended policy also establishes Juneteenth, the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve as paid holidays.

The school received \$859,207.75 in federal grants for the 2025-26 school year. Of these grants, the district will allocate \$228,281.80 toward teachers’ pay and supplies, \$438,639.59 toward special education teachers and supplies, \$10,082.99 toward contracting work,

\$73,380 toward bus drivers, \$87,823.37 toward supervisors, \$18,000 toward contracts with public agencies, \$2,000 toward in-service and staff development and \$1,000 toward bus drivers and gas.

Dr. Eric Lipford, assistant professor of Education at Bethel University, was a special guest at the meeting. He addressed the board, thanking them for allowing his students to student teach in the district.

In Superintendent Barden’s director’s report, he informed the board that elementary and middle school students received their TCAP incentive money in August. He reported middle school sport updates and said all middle school students were placed in their new “houses.”

Gracie Aird, McKenzie High School student representative, was absent from the meeting due to a cross-country meet. The board reviewed her prepared PowerPoint presentation, which included updates on high school sports and informed the board about Bethel University’s recent college fair.

In other updates, the door/window replacement project at the middle and high schools is complete. Any broken panes of glass will be replaced over fall break.

The high school’s roof project is in its final stages. The new field house

replacement is almost finished.

The high school’s new outdoor pavilion near the soccer field is already being used for its restrooms, ice and water fountains. Susan Dyer is soliciting local businesses for sponsorships for picnic tables and other accessories to make the space fully-functional.

The district recently received the TN Public School Security Grant to finish adding security film to the remaining windows and doors at the elementary and middle schools with help from Dickson Graphics.

The district also plans to add two exterior cameras at the middle school and one exterior camera at the high school.

The district will purchase bleeding control kits to add to various locations in all three buildings and LifeVac units to add to each school cafeteria or office to assist in the event of someone choking.

The board approved two trips for McKenzie High School sport teams. The football team may travel out-of-state via school bus to Hopkinsville, Ky., to play against Christian County High School on September 5. The cheer team may travel and stay overnight in Knoxville for the TSSAA Cheer State Competition on November 5 and 6.

The next MSSD school board meeting is Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m.



Top, A CSX employee assesses the scene following the collision on Saturday. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner Above, The crossing at Harris Road was closed to traffic Monday, September 8. Below, CSX workers were on site Monday as the Harris Road crossing was closed to traffic. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Train

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Funeral arrangements for Luke Scott were Tuesday at McKenzie Church of Christ.

Local businesses have partnered in support of the young men’s families.

LaLa’s BBQ, of Huntingdon, will set up at McKenzie’s Phipps Pharmacy on Thursday, September 11, at 10 a.m., to sell 250 pulled pork and smoked bologna

sandwich meals until sold out. The restaurant will set up again at Cashesaver in Huntingdon on Friday, September 12, from 10 a.m. until it runs out of supplies.

All donations will go toward both men’s funeral and burial costs.

Lee

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Governor Bill Lee helps to place some fish attractors to their new underwater homes at Lake Halford.

Gun

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age-appropriate metrics determined by the state government. While all schools must provide training, their methods could look slightly different.

The annual gun safety training is meant to be treated similarly to fire safety training. While the guidelines vary by grade, themes for all ages include safe firearms storage, school safety and injury prevention. The mandate also creates firearm safety rules for children, which all students should be able to list following training. The rules are, “Stop!” “Don’t Touch!” “Leave the Area,” and “Tell an Adult.”

Students of all ages must learn the definitions for the terms “firearm,” “safety,” and “responsible.” They must also be able to “demonstrate a mature attitude regarding firearms.”

Children in kindergarten through second grade will learn to identify the difference between toy guns and real firearms. Teachers will emphasize that any firearm, regardless of looks, can be real and should be treated as such. Students must also learn the difference between the trigger, barrel and muzzle of a gun.

Students in third through fifth grade will learn to describe the differences and

similarities between toy guns, air guns, BB guns and modern firearms. Similarly to younger students, they must learn the different parts of a gun.

Students in grades six through 12 must learn the proper storage of firearms and ammunition in the homes. Instructors must review the fire safety rules for those unfamiliar with them.

Training cannot include live ammunition, live fire or live firearms, but state law does not prohibit non-functioning model weapons. Teachers may use instructional videos, online resources or external instruction by School Resource Officers, local law enforcement, public health educators, TWRA officials or other local partners. Teaching is also required to be neutral on political topics like gun rights, gun violence and the Second Amendment.

Tennessee is the first state to mandate gun safety training, so schools had to set their own precedent based on guidance from the Tennessee Department of Education.

The McKenzie Special School District is working through the process of teaching the required firearm safety rules to students at each school, according to superintendent Justin Barden.

“Admin, SROs, counselors, and other staff are for-

mulating plans to deliver instruction to students using the state-provided materials and resources, ensuring that we deliver [to each] grade appropriately,” said Barden. “It is our intention to have the materials covered in the first semester.”

Huntingdon Special School District superintendent Jonathan Kee said he anticipates this training to appear in Huntingdon schools in January.

“We plan to have our School Resource Officers and Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency collaborate and offer the training,” said Kee. “Sergeant Drake Whitworth, our School Safety Coordinator, will be overseeing the training. We anticipate this being a short assembly or daily lesson in class.”

The gun safety training mandate follows findings from the Tennessee Department of Health’s Child Fatality 2024 Annual Report. This report revealed that Tennessee had a 37.1 percent higher firearm-related child death rate in 2022 than the national average. In Tennessee, there was an 11.6 percent increase in firearm-related child deaths between 2018 and 2022.

The law does not mandate that parents be notified of when, exactly, training will occur or what it will include. However, state guidance does recommend open communication and transparency with parents.



West Carroll School Board Officers: Betty Wallace — TLS Representative, Kelly Wagner — Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman — William Robinson, and Vice-Chair — Jeremy Jackson.

Budget

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The nearly \$12 million budget is as follows: General Purpose Fund \$9,876,654; Cafeteria \$799,449; Debt Service \$410,600; and \$900,00 from federal funds.

The budget also includes \$800,000 for ongoing renovations at West Carroll Primary School and another \$800,000 for renovations at West Carroll Elementary School in Trezevant in the summer of 2026.

In the annual election of board officers, board members chose to retain the same office holders.

Chairman - William Robinson, Vice-Chairman - Jeremy Jackson, Secretary - Kelly Wagner, and legislative representative - Betty Wallace.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Brittany Fowler, the director of technology at the school. Fowler has accepted a position with the Jackson Energy Authority as the training and development specialist.

Mrs. Fowler started her career in 2007 at West Carroll as a teacher’s assistant, and over the years, she worked with students, families, and colleagues who all became ‘like family to me,’ said Fowler. She noted her love for education was founded by many of her own teachers - Mrs. Pam Joyner, Mrs. Betty Welch, Mrs. Rutha Williams, and Mrs. Pam Bryant, all of whom taught her the value of hard work, high expectations, and meaningful relationships.

“Although my path is taking me in a new direction, my love for this community and my commitment to supporting its young people will never change. I am deeply grateful for the encouragement, love, and support I have received and I look forward to the many ways I can continue to serve in the days ahead,” concluded Mrs. Fowler.

The board approved a field trip for the girls’ basketball team to travel to Panama City, Florida. FFA members were approved for a trip to Indianapolis,

Indiana on the first of two readings. FFA instructor Noah Rogers said students would meet agribusiness leaders, tour industrial farms, and network with colleges that offer agricultural programs. The trip is October 28-31.

Chris Hayden, attorney for the board, said the Tennessee attorney general issued a memo that suppliers of textbooks had improperly charged some smaller school districts higher rates than the larger school districts. The costs are to be equal, regardless of the size of the order. West Carroll could possibly receive a refund for being overcharged for textbooks.

Each of the three principals gave updates of the schools and their students.

Dr. Adam Douglas, principal of West Carroll Junior/Senior High stated the school has made significant improvements in math. He noted the Teacher Academy to mentor new teachers is going well. Also, he announced the school will have a tailgate party ahead of the September 26 football game.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Holding Three Horses Wasn’t Hard Work

I spent Labor Day thinking about Mrs. Boaz’s walnut tree. She gave me my first ever paying job. I was six years old. I picked up walnuts one afternoon for 17 straight hours. It seems like there were maybe eight thousand walnuts spread out all over that big yard....

I worked as hard and as fast as I could till there wasn’t one walnut showing on the ground.

She paid me a dime.

One lousy dime! My back hurt. My fingers were permanently bent in a circular shape. And it took 30 cents worth of lye soap to get SOME of the stain off my hands. The rest of it wore off about the time I started into the third grade.

I determined very early in life that this work thing was something a fellow ought to figure on before he jumped into it.

Our school back in the early 1950’s would start in August and then close for two weeks in September for cotton picking. To the town students it was a holiday. Me, Leon, and David Mark walked over to Mr. Brooks’ field and picked cotton from very early till one of us passed out, and the other two had to tote him home.

I have told you many times about dragging that big sack along, bleeding from every finger on both hands, back breaking with every step, knees hurting when I had to crawl, taking shots from dirt clods Leon was throwing at me from two rows over....

It is, to this very day, the hardest job I’ve ever had. We got paid a penny-a-pound for going through that ordeal. I’m sure you realize how little cotton shirts weigh. I could pick from daylight till Leon fainted around 3:30 in the afternoon and wouldn’t have 20 pounds.

It would send you back to school with a whole new appreciation for education....and all you could avoid by gaining one!

My first “hourly” wage gig was at the local swimming pool. Miss Belle Alexander paid me a quarter an hour to sell candy and cold drinks out of the pool store. I was confined in a small room with no view as I passed Snicker Bars and NuGrape Sodas over the counter and collected the cash. It could be a bit boring.

But my fingers were not bleeding and no one was flinging dirt clods at my head!

I grew into the lifeguard position. And the pay was raised to 50 cents an hour. That doesn’t sound like much today. But most weeks over the next three summers I walked out on payday with 35 dollars in my pocket.

I will be forever grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, and the help they gave me along my working career.

I pumped gas at Tommy Hill’s DX station after the pool closed. I unloaded lumber out of railroad box cars. I hauled hay for different farmers on Saturdays in the fall. I was a clerk for Colonel James T. (Bird dog) Reed. He was an auctioneer working at house estate sales. I learned to write down what he sold, and to whom, and the amount, as quickly as he “auctioneered” it away.

I waited tables in college for money. And refereed intramural basketball games. And washed cars when I had time at Mr. Terrill’s Texaco station.

The best job I ever had was working at the world-famous Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. I have worn you guys out telling stories about all those great country music

artists I got to see up close and personal.

I taught school and coached a few years. Worked at a radio station. And once took a low paying job telling stories in the newspapers about growing up back home.

If you people think I can spin a yarn, you should have heard Leon expounding on how rapidly the congregation VACATED the Fall River Pentecostal Church when he and Tommy Thompson pulled those heavy log chains across the rafters just about the time Pastor Huntley got to the part where Heaven was a lot nearer than you think....

Now, listen, I know you are not interested in my work history. And that is not the purpose of this little blurb. But I thought if I told you about picking up walnuts in Mrs. Boaz’s backyard, it might rekindle a memory of your first paying job.

Our picking cotton days might recall the worst job you ever had. The Alexanders’ monetary touch on my young life might put you in mind of someone who helped you in a like manner along the way.

The Grand Ole Opry should, hopefully, remind you of the one great job you ran across in your working past.

I try to always make this about the reader.

Except for the Fall River Church part. I just needed a smile this morning. And, hear me plainly, I was not up in the rafters with Leon and Tommy when they were “creating” a word from on high. I had better upbringing than that!

I was semi hidden under two willow trees next to the back fence of Bud Smith’s dairy farm, holding the get-away horses....

Respectfully,
Kes

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Fred’s Place

Picking up from the previous week’s edition... (Sign #4)

Knowing Jimmy’s penchant for getting a joke over on someone, I said, “You’re kidding me.”

Brenda said, “I smell it.”

“Come with me and let me show you,” Jimmy answered. “It’s all cleaned up now. I rented a carpet cleaner last night and cleaned it three times. You can’t even tell where it was.”

Have you ever noticed how “clean” to a man isn’t “clean” to a woman? A man can wear the same T-shirt for days, adding new stains like a Jackson Pollock portrait, and it won’t bother him. Women? Not so much.

As we followed Jimmy down the stairs, the “aroma” got stronger.

In the bedroom, Jimmy proudly flung open the closet door like it belonged on a limousine. “See? You can’t tell there was anything there.”

Peering in, all I saw was a large bag of Kingsford charcoal with its side torn open lying on the floor.

What—

I didn’t get the question out before he explained, “That’s to filter the smell out, you know, like a charcoal filter.”

Even though I had serious doubts, experience had shown me many times how ingenious Jimmy could be in fixing and repairing things, so I decided to go with it.

I looked at Brenda. “It’ll be fine. It may just take a few more hours for the smell to be completely gone.”

She looked unconvinced.

Back in the hallway, Jimmy’s wife, Tenia, called out, “The kids are wanting to go out on the boat.”

The boat. Swimming and skiing. That would certainly take all our minds off “the smell.”

We all quickly changed, loaded up some snacks and drinks, and headed down the cliff to the boat.

Five hours later, having eaten and drank everything, we returned to the dock sunburned and rubber-legged from skiing so much.

I know you’ve noticed how much easier it is to walk down some stairs than to walk up them. But have you tried to walk up (and I’ll admit this is an estimate) 147 steps? With rubbery legs?

My calves and thighs threatened to quit working as the wives and children climbed past me and Jimmy.

During one of the several stops to rest and catch our breath, I asked Jimmy, “I guess we need to go to the grocery store and get some groceries.”

“Well, when we got here and looked in the refrigerator, it was full of half-used jars of mayo, mustard, and pickles, and already opened packages of sandwich meat and half a gallon of left over milk. It looked like whoever was here before us left in a hurry, like they were fugitives on the run. I called Fred and asked him what we should do about it, and he said to go ahead and feel free to use it.”

(Sign #5)

“That’s weird,” I said.

“Yeah, but it’ll save us some money.”

(Jimmy and I had a history of singing from the

same songbook when it came to saving money. On one of our trips to the ocean, we searched through a phonebook in a phonebooth and found the cheapest motel we could find and felt proud of it.

Until.

Until Brenda and I went in our room, looked in the bathroom, and saw a large hole in the wall where the bathtub faucets were located. I bent down and saw that the hole went all the way through to the adjacent bathroom, giving a clear view for a voyeur. (You’re probably ahead of me on this, but you’re right; we didn’t spend the night there.)

By the time Jimmy and I dragged ourselves into the cabin, the refrigerator had been emptied, and Brenda was halfway inside it, scrubbing and cleaning, and muttering under her breath.

Tenia and Brenda left to go buy groceries while Jimmy and I watched the kids—when we weren’t napping.

After supper that night, what do you think everyone (except me and Jimmy) wanted to do? Of course, they wanted to go for a sunset cruise on the pontoon boat.

It was on that trip down the steps that I realized there’s an entirely different set of muscles that get used in the process, especially your shin muscles. They felt like someone was stabbing knives into them. Jimmy groaned. I whimpered.

Lying in bed that night never felt better.

Until... *The story will conclude in next week’s edition.*

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



Destiny Henry died at the Harris Road railroad crossing on August 13, 2025. She was 24 years old. Less than a month later, on September 6, Luke Scott, 18, and Martin Perez, 26, died at the same crossing. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner

Editor’s View

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A Desperate Plea

Editor’s Note: I published this call to action on The Banner’s Facebook page on Saturday, September 6, 2025 after two young men died in a truck-train collision on Harris Road, raising the death toll to three in the past three weeks at that intersection.

9/6/25 — At Harris Road in McKenzie at the railroad crossing after another tragedy today.

Three people have died at the Harris Road railroad

crossing in the past three weeks and three days. Destiny Henry on August 13, and Luke Scott and Martin Perez on September 6.

There are no words to adequately describe the heart-break we feel as a community as we grieve for those we’ve lost due to the recent accidents at this intersection and others, but one question remains, why?

Why does this keep happening and how can we make it stop?

These accidents have already taken too much from our small communities and unless something is done, the loss of life will continue.

So the question is, what are we going to do about it and when?

No time like the present to make some changes.

Additional warning signage, lights, crossing bars? There are no lights at this crossing.

I realize the hornet’s nest this might trigger in responses, I’m sorry, but it is necessary.

The enormous burden on the hearts of the families and the first responders who are working these scenes... this has got to stop.

The cost is too high.

The Banner grieves with the families and everyone affected by these tragedies.

DeMaris Begins New Chapter at Discovery Park

UNION CITY (September 4) — After more than 20 years at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon, Angela DeMaris has turned a new page and began working as Discovery Park of America’s Education Events and Content Manager.

DeMaris, of McKenzie, has a long history in arts administration, public programming and event production. She is a board member for West TN PBS and the Carroll County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. She formerly had a role with the Town of Huntingdon. At The Dixie, she held leadership roles in event coordination and academic enrichment. She has managed cross-department timelines, volunteer coordination and run-of-show logistics for community events of varied scale.

“Our mission is to inspire curiosity through experience. Angela’s role is to translate that into well-executed events for members and visitors throughout the year,” said Michael Larkin, education director at Discovery Park of America.



Discovery Park of America has named Angela DeMaris as Education Events and Content Manager. Photo courtesy of Discovery Park of America

In this role, DeMaris will plan and produce Discovery Park’s flagship educational events, from large festivals and themed weekends to special programs that highlight the park’s collections, with a focus on clear, repeat-worthy experiences that bring visitors back. She will coordinate cross-department timelines and volunteers, finalize scripts, signage and web listings, manage set, show and strike and use

attendance and post-event feedback to refine formats and strengthen signature events.

“I’m looking forward to building programs that are clear, accessible and enjoyable for guests of all ages,” DeMaris said. “Discovery Park offers a unique setting for learning through experience, and my priority is to produce events that run smoothly and feel worth the trip.”

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CORRECTION

In the September 2 edition of The Banner, the story “Rebels Rout Lions, 44-

7” misidentifies McKenzie High School Rebel Cooper Davidson as “Cooper Cunningham” in reference to Davidson’s interception and long return late in the

first half.

The Banner regrets the error and has made the correction to all digital iterations of the story.



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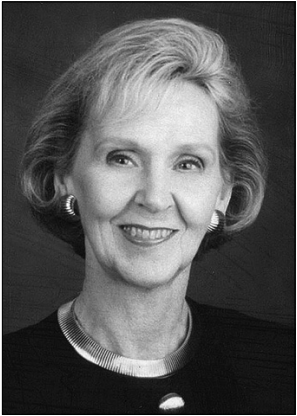
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Obituaries



VIRGINIA McDADE MANNER
1928 – 2025

McKENZIE — Virginia McDade Manner died on September 3, 2025, at her home in Nashville. She was 97.

Funeral services were Sunday, September 7, with visitation at 2 p.m. followed by the 3 p.m. service at First Baptist Church of McKenzie. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie.

Virginia was born on February 13, 1928, to John and Kathleen McDade. She was married to Wendell Manner. She is survived by her children, Marta McDade Manner of Nashville and Mark (Anne) Manner of Nashville; two grandchildren, Virginia Manner (Chris Waidmann) of Los Alamos, N.M., and John (Melanie) Manner of Denver, Colo.; and four great-grandchildren.

Virginia was an active member of the First Baptist Church of McKenzie since 1940, having given her heart to Jesus at 12 years of age.

She loved her church and enjoyed singing in the choir, directed several Easter and Christmas pageants and was a teacher of many Sunday school classes, plus a Sunbeam class leader. She was also asked to join several church committees such as Decorating, Building and Grounds, and Committee on Committees.

She also thoroughly enjoyed designing and making 12 banners for the Banner

Ministry. These banners depicted some of the names of Jesus, such as Prince of Peace, Creator, and The Good Shepherd.

In addition, she volunteered in many civic activities, such as being a charter member and officer of the McKenzie Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies and a charter member of the McKenzie Beautification Committee. She served on the Act II Committee, Historic Committee, among others.

Another proud moment was when she served as the grand marshal of the Hometown Christmas Parade and was asked to chair the four-day Bicentennial Celebration in 1996.

Virginia loved flowers and joined the Morning Glory Garden Club in 1955, and held many offices, including President for many years. She continually sought to make her beloved hometown full of beautiful flowers. She actively participated in the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, serving on the state board, chairing committees, organizing Conservation Camps, and eventually serving as TFGC District Director from 1999-2001.

Her enjoyment of reading led her to become a member for 67 years of the Inglenook Book Club, serving as President for several years as well.

She was also very proud to have been instrumental in protecting Veteran's Park from being made into a parking lot.

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Presbyterian Church.

He was born on November 12, 1955, in McKenzie, to Harold and Jean Canaday. Kevin married Carolyn on November 17, 1979. They had two sons, Kelvin and Jacob (Coach Canaday), and two daughters-in-law, Sarah and Autumn, and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Gleason Cumberland Presbyterian Church, PO Box 511, Gleason, TN 38229.

Williams Funeral Home of Gleason had charge of arrangements.



LUKE SCOTT
2007 – 2025

HOLLOW ROCK — Funeral services for Luke Scott were Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 1 p.m. at McKenzie Church of Christ. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Scott, 18, died Saturday, September 6, 2025. He was an apprentice lineman and attended Huntingdon High School. He was born on July 23, 2007, at McKenzie to Nicky and Kim Drewry Scott.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Addie Scott of Hollow Rock and Karlie Carroll of McKenzie; two aunts, Amanda (Joey) King of McKenzie and Delaine Robertson; an uncle, Casey (Terri) Drewry all of McKenzie; nieces and nephews, Greyson, Tate, Cassidy, Trace, Tripp and Bentlee; and paternal grandparents, Jackie and Brenda Scott.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Susie Drewry Daniel and

Donald and Sandra Drewry.

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ROGER LEE HUDSON
1946 – 2025

GLEASON — Funeral services for Roger Lee Hudson were Monday, September 8, 2025, at Gleason Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Interment was at Hopewell Cemetery, Gleason.

Mr. Hudson, 78, died at Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

He retired from Goodyear. He is survived by his children, Jill (Doug) Scott of Paris, and Trent (Sherrye) Hudson of Gleason; a brother, Steve (Sylvia) Hudson of Lincoln, Neb.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Billie Sue Ozment Hudson; and his sister, Kay Bohmont.

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ERMALENE LATHAM
1947 – 2025

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Ermalene Latham, 78, were Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Ermalene died peacefully in her home on August 31, 2025.

She was married to Eddie for 43 years.

They shared their home and their love with six children: Marilyn (Mike) Morgan, Jimmy (Robin) Brown, Kevin (Laurie) Latham, Dean (Angie) Latham, Mike (Kim) Latham and Robert (Carla) Latham.

She is survived by her husband; her children; 14 grand-

children; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Nise (Bruce) Borovicka and Karla (Robert) Smoot; and four brothers, Buck (Sharon) Hopkins, Hank (Kim) Hopkins, Jim (Amy) Hopkins and Joe Hopkins.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Bill Hopkins and Dickie Smith.

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OUIDA WILKES
1953 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Funeral services for Ouida Marshall Wilkes were Friday, September 5, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Ouida Wilkes, 71, died at her home on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. She was born on December 28, 1953, to Joe David and Brooxie Mae Tate Marshall.

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Hershel B. Wilkes, Jr; her children, Dana Crocker, Gina Stevens, Samantha (Tim) Chaney, and Trey Wilkes; her sisters, Betty Price, Shirley Connell, Kay (Dennis) Reed, and Tammy Winston; brother, Jeff (Dana) Marshall; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Carolyn Baker; and brother, Larry David Marshall.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

VALENTIN GROSS
1938 – 2025

McKENZIE — Valentin Gross, 86, died on September 3, 2025.

He was born on November 3, 1938, in Krivoj Rog, Ukraine, and c. Heo the United States in 1950 with his mother (Tatiana), Father (Pius), Sister (Erika-Angelo Christofilis), and Brother (Walter), at the age of 12. He was drafted into

the U.S. Army in 1961 and served for two years, leaving as a Specialist (E4) in the 1st Armored Division (Old Ironsides) out of Fort Hood, Texas.

When Val wasn't working, he and Becky enjoyed time at Braidwood Recreation Club, camping and fishing. They eventually retired, fell in love with the home and neighbors of McKenzie, and remained there until their final days.

Val was preceded in death by his wife, parents and sister. He is survived by his brother, Walter (Susan) of Gassville, Ark.; his daughters, Tiana (Scott) Shelton of Sebree, Ky., and Monica (Roger Wampler) Gross of Ashland City, Tenn.; his grandson, Anthony Ramsey of Clarksville, Tenn.; and his great-grandsons, Luke and Duncan Ramsey.

Family and friends will be invited to a ceremony and Celebration of Life at a later date.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

BETTY JO ESKEW
1938 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Betty Jo Eskew, 87, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Life-care Center of Bruneton.

Funeral services were Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Twin Oaks Cemetery.

Mrs. Eskew was born September 1, 1938, in Yuma, Tenn., to the late Jessie Edward Belew and Pauline (Reed) Belew. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Weinmann; two sons, Michael Eskew and Martin Eskew; a brother, Lee Edward Belew; and a grandson, Randall Eskew.

She is survived by a son, Quent Eskew (Vickie) of Bruneton; and a sister, Patricia Gazaway of Cookeville, Tenn. She also leaves fifteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.

McKenzie High School Decades Reunion is September 19

COURTESY OF MHSAA

The final plans are being made for the second annual McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) Decades Reunion. It is September 19-20, 2025, in conjunction with the 95th edition of the MHS football homecoming. The first football homecoming at MHS took place in 1930.

Last year's event drew an estimated 500 alumni and friends to McKenzie, and more are expected this year.

All alumni, as well as past faculty and staff of McKenzie High School, are invited to attend the events of the weekend, which include a golf scramble, a popup 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, as well as other gatherings and events.

A tailgate party inside Rebel Stadium for alumni, faculty and staff will take place before the Friday night homecoming football game against Camden, beginning at 4:30 pm.

Price of admission is \$7, and the kickoff for the game is at 7 pm. Limited seating will be available at the event, but everyone is asked to consider bringing a lawn chair. Food will be available for purchase with nearby food trucks and the stadium concession stands.

Nine class reunions are being planned by respective class members for Saturday of the reunion weekend.

The MHSAA will also



The Happy Book Stack in downtown McKenzie is the location of the alumni display.

host a casual reunion gathering for McKenzie High alumni of the 1950s and '60s. It will take place from 9 am until noon on Saturday, September 20, at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall in downtown McKenzie.

At the tailgate party and the 1950s and 60s reunion, the MHSAA will be selling pieces of original hardwood flooring from the McKenzie Middle School gymnasium that was installed when it was built for McKenzie High School in 1954.

The flooring was removed in July after 71 years of use. Each flooring section is approximately 18 inches long and 2 inches wide, and the cost is \$20 each.

Any McKenzie High alumni who are interested in joining the MHSAA or in making donations will have the opportunity to do so at the tailgate party on Friday night, as well as the 1950s and '60s event on Saturday.

Annual dues are \$10, or alumni may also become lifetime members for \$100.

The MHSAA was established in 2023, and has since made financial contributions in support of programs at McKenzie Elementary, Middle, and High schools to help students in need. Annual MHS Alumni Scholarships were first awarded in 2024 to help deserving graduates as they further their education.

Cheryl Oglesby-Townes graduated from McKenzie High in 1988 and is a board member of the MHSAA.

She is excited for this

year's weekend and said, "Time is quickly approaching for our 2nd Annual MHS Decades Reunion! Last year's reunion was a great success and I enjoyed having the opportunity to not only be involved in the planning, but also participate in the Homecoming parade and assist with registrations.

"It was great to see so many faces from over the years as well as make connections with those who were classmates of some of my family members.

"If you missed this event last year, make sure you get

it added to your calendar for this year...September 19-20, 2025!

"Also, we remind you that reunion dues are due once again, unless you have already taken the opportunity to join as a lifetime member!

"We look forward to seeing you on September 19th!"

Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars, follow the McKenzie High School Alumni Association Facebook page for updates, and help spread the word with their classmates and fellow graduates.

You may also email any questions to mckenzieh-salumni.tn@gmail.com.

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association hopes to see everyone on the weekend of September 19-20!

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Eighth-grade Lady Rebel soccer players and their parents (L to R): Callie O’Rourke, Lauren Burlison, Nevaeh Hennis, Caitlin Umstead, Bella Batton, Mahelet Rivera and Calista Diller. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Lady Rebel Eighth-Graders Honored

McKENZIE (September 4) — Eighth-graders on the McKenzie Middle School Lady Rebels soccer team were recognized Thursday night during their final home game of the season.

Tim McBride announced the recognition ceremony, calling each player up to meet with her parents. Parents gave their player a bouquet of red and white flowers courtesy of Petals Azola.

Lady Rebel eighth-graders were Bella Batton, Lauren Burlison, Calista Diller, Nevaeh Hennis, Kallie O’Rourke, Mahelet Rivera and Caitlin Umstead.

Batton (#7) is a captain this year. She has played with the Lady Rebels for three years and is a striker. She is the daughter of Chad and Josefina Batton. Her favorite middle school soccer memory is scoring goals with her sister, Lola.

Burlison (#2) is a midfielder and has played with the Lady Rebels for three years. She is the daughter of Wayne and Jennifer Burlison. Her favorite middle school soccer memory is enjoying every moment and having fun while improving

with the team.

Diller (22) plays midfield. This was her first year on the team. She is the daughter of Angela and Cliff Diller. Her favorite soccer memory is getting to learn and grow with her teammates.

Hennis (#13) plays defender. This was her first year on the team. She is the daughter of Melissa and Keith Hennis. Her favorite soccer memory is just being on the field.

O’Rourke (#5) is a captain this year. She has played with the Lady Rebels for three years and plays left wing. She is the daughter of Brittanie Shell. Her favorite soccer memory is being selected as captain this year.

Rivera (#11) plays in the midfield. This was her third year playing with the Lady Rebels. She is the daughter of Cynthia and Frank Ramirez. Her favorite soccer memory is making friends and playing with everyone.

Umstead (#20) was the final eighth-grader recognized. She plays defense. This was her first year on the team. She is the daughter of Joseph Umstead and Ashley Corvin. Her favorite soccer memory is when she gives

all her friends a hug and congratulates everyone after a game.

Mary Davis coaches the 2025-26 McKenzie Middle School Lady Rebels soccer team with assistance from Kathey Keys.

“It’s always bittersweet on eighth-grade night because it means the end of soccer season, and their transition to high school is that much closer,” Davis wrote in a Facebook post following the game.

Following the eighth-graders’ recognition, the Lady Rebels faced Henry County’s Lady Patriots. Though the game resulted in a 7-0 loss for the Lady Rebels, goalies Anna Summers and Layla Arnold recorded several saves. Addie Brown, Lola Batton, Bella Batton and Kallie O’Rourke had scoring chances. Davis applauded Sophie Pierce and Kaylee Keys, along with the defense, for doing a great job.

The Lady Rebels return to action Thursday, September 11, at Lexington and Tuesday, September 23, at Trenton.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Remain Atop Class 1A

NASHVILLE (September 8) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association and USA Today Network released their Week 3 football rankings Monday.

In Class 1A, the McKenzie Rebels (2-1) remain at number one with 15 first-place votes. South Pitts-

burg (1-1) also held steady at number two and earned two first-place votes. Dresden (1-2) is tied at number eight with Cornersville (2-0) after holding the position solo last week. South Fulton received points in the poll but is outside of the top ten.

In Class 2A, Milan (2-0) holds steady at number two with four first-place votes behind Marion County (3-0). Huntingdon (2-1) slips from number four to number six.

In Class 3A, Westview (2-0) is still the unanimous number one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL

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

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

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.

NIGHTS ON BROADWAY ON THURSDAYS

Nights on Broadway continues Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. with Flashback. Stage is set up on Banner Row; lawn chairs are encouraged.

CARROLL ARTS, INC. UPCOMING EVENTS

Carroll Arts, Inc. has a packed schedule of events: Storytelling during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in September; A Mistletoe Christmas Program during McKenzie’s Christmas Celebration in December; the 15th Annual Trivia Bowl in January 2026; and a new event announcement coming later this year. For more information, please email carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

MHS CLASS OF 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following list of events was provided by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Specific information about events may be available at a later date.

October 13-17 — Local Schools Fall Break;
October 27 — County Chamber Banquet;
November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market;
November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet;
December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CARROLL 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 MHSA 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.

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The day kicks off at 8 a.m. at City Hall’s parking lot with the Heritage Hustle, a 5K with proceeds going to St. Jude. Starting at 10 a.m., downtown streets will be filled with artisan vendors, delicious food, and activities for all ages, celebrating the town’s proud history and vibrant community. The Huntingdon Middle School Community Network will be set up in the police station parking lot, hosting a cake walk, a bake sale, and a dunking booth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At 1 p.m., a special ceremony honoring this year’s Outstanding Citizen, Jimmy Crossett, and the 2025 Pioneer Family, the Carter Family, will be held 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 will take the stage at 7 p.m. and meet fans for autographs and photos inside The Dixie Carter PAC after his performance.

Festivalgoers can explore a variety of activities throughout the day, including Huntingdon Historical Museum tours, ISTEA train rides, a petting zoo and pony rides, and the “Small Town Cruisers” Car Show stretching along West Main Street. The Carroll Arts Storytelling series will offer engaging tales in The Dixie’s Lower Level, while face painting will add color and excitement for younger visitors. Mudslingers Pottery Studio will open its doors for studio walkthroughs and free, hands-on pottery activities, and at 1 p.m., The Dixie Carter PAC will host a special Artist Reception showcasing the work of students from the

9th 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 Festival 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 (facebook.com/huntingdon-heritagefestival) 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, Huntingdon Animal Clinic, Huntingdon Insurance Agency, HTP, Taylor Real Estate & Auction, CupKate’s, 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.

TWO WEEK LONG ESTATE Sale

420 PARIS STREET
McKENZIE, TN 38201

SEPTEMBER 1-13
8 A.M.-5 P.M.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — Joseph M. Long, 39, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Failure to Maintain Lane on September 2.

Officer Jaden Rembert observed Rembert driving on University Drive and crossing the double yellow lines three times.

Long had no license with him. A check with the MPD dispatcher revealed the suspended status. Long was cited into General Sessions Court on the two charges.

Violation of Probation — Steven A. Savoy, 36, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding warrant of Violation of Probation issued in Weakley County.

Patrolman Dalton Rasp-

berry and Patrolman McClure responded to a report of a dog running at large on Walnut Avenue. When they arrived, the dog had returned to the residence and ran inside. Officers warned the resident of the possible charges if it happens again. While at the residence, officers confirmed that Savoy was at the residence. He was located inside a bedroom closet inside a sleeping bag. He was arrested and turned over to Weakley County officers.

Vandalism — A Forrest Street resident reported that someone had pushed his small window air conditioner from the window onto his floor inside the house on September 5.

Sergeant Cody Coleman filed the report.

Assault — Melissa J. Moreno, 43, McCall Street, Huntingdon, was charged with assault on September 5.

Officer Matthew Cunningham filed the report indicating Moreno shoved one of her rental tenants as she was attempting to collect rent and to repair items in the house on Forrest Avenue. Moreno was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Theft — A theft of a \$5,000 bicycle was reported on August 31 on Walnut Avenue.

Officer Billy Burson took the report from the resident, who stated she was keeping the bicycle for her friend who was incarcerated. The owner gave a description of the bike that has red front forks and a black sticker with metal flakes that wrap the crossbar.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Left, Huntingdon goalkeeper Maddie Brinkman makes a sliding save on a sharply kicked ball. Right, Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla scores the go-ahead goal on a lengthy free kick. Padilla had two goals in the win. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Top Fillies, 3-1

BY BRAD SAM
brad@mckenziebanner.com

HUNTINGDON (September 4) — Huntingdon High School hosted McKenzie Thursday for a district soccer contest. The Fillies struck first, but the visiting Lady Rebels responded with three unanswered goals for a 3-1 win.

Three of the game's four goals came in a flurry late

in the first half.

Huntingdon's Madelyn Anderson scored first with 12:32 remaining in the first half, but Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla answered in just eleven seconds for the tie. Padilla gave McKenzie the lead three minutes later on a free kick.

The Fillies controlled the ball for long periods in the second half and made several good attacks on

the goal, but couldn't tie it again.

Lady Rebel Sophie Dameron added an insurance goal with three minutes left in the match.

Besides Padilla's two goals and Dameron's one, Ava Hastings had an assist. Goalkeeper Alleigh Britt recorded eight saves.

Huntingdon goalkeeper Maddie Brinkman had five saves.

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on September 3.

John Othello Hightower, Jr., Cole St, McKenzie, was bound over to the Grand Jury on charges of Financial Exploitation Elderly/Vulnerable Person - Attempt; False Reports - Attempt; Forgery - \$1,000 to < \$2,500 - Attempt; Forgery; Forgery; Forgery; Theft (Up to \$1,000).

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Drew Logan Autry, Ephesus Church Rd, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendation, 23 days credit, extend probation for three months.

Jeffrey Keith Goodrum, Rolling Hills Ln, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation - Not Booked, no fine, report to jail September 12 at 8 a.m., sentence may be served on consecutive weekends, last 10 days can be on weekends, probation extended for six months, shall not miss probation meeting until paid in full and all conditions met.

Stacey Hilliard, Oaklawn Dr, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, extend probation for three months.

Dalton Manhart, Cotton Creek Rd, Bruceton, guilty, Leaving Scene of Accident - Property Damage - Less than \$1,500, \$50 fine, six months supervised probation, responsible for any unpaid expense after insurance.

William A. Staggs, Cole St, McKenzie, guilty, Sexual Offender Form Violation - Attempt, \$350 fine, 11/29, supervised probation, no contact with McKenzie schools, cognitive behavioral course; dismissed, Sexual Offender Form Violation - Attempt; dismissed.

Christopher Stewart, Donnell Ave, Greenfield, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, \$150 fine, supervised probation for 11/29 or until paid, transfer to unsupervised probation upon payment of fine costs and conditions of probation.

Courtney Nicole Wortham, Wortham Loop, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While License Cancelled, \$100 fine, cannot pay fine costs and taxes today due through probation, supervised probation for balance of six months, must obtain a valid drivers license; dismissed, Seatbelt Violation - 18 and Older; dismissed, Registration Expired.

The following cases were dismissed.

Randy Lynn Anderson, Morris St, McKenzie, dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange (Marijuana <½ ounce or 14.175 grams); dismissed, Meth - MFG, Deliver, Sell, Possession with Intent.

Thomas Ballew, Mitchel Rd, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While License

Revoked.

Donald Gordon, Ball Creek Rd, Huntingdon, dismissed, Theft (Up to \$1,000), dismissed upon payment of restitution of \$665.

Isabel Marisol Guzman, Claytontown Rd, Buchanan, dismissed - traffic school, Speeding; dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Registration Expired.

Rodrigo Atkinson Reyna, Ash St, Bruceton, dismissed, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Heather Smith, Hwy 79 S, Paris, dismissed, Driving While License Revoked.

Trent M. Townes, Linden St, McKenzie, dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked.

The following case was rescheduled: Ja'Shawn Louis Turner.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE169

ESTATE OF: DARTHINE JOYCE HOUSE, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **29TH** day of **AUGUST, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **DARTHINE JOYCE HOUSE** deceased, who died **JANUARY 4TH, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This **29TH** day of **AUGUST, 2025**.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

MELENA MARIE HOUSE, Executor/Administrator
W. KENT JONES, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R26310/36-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE170

ESTATE OF: LARRY GLYNN WILLIAMS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **29TH** day of **AUGUST, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **LARRY GLYNN WILLIAMS** deceased, who died **JUNE 8TH, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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KYLE WILLIAMS, Executor/Administrator
PAM F. WRIGHT, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R26311/36-2

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 33 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 55 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 233.30 feet to a Point; runs thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 1000.00 feet, a chord direction of North 42 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West, a chord length of 450.18 feet an arc length of 454.07 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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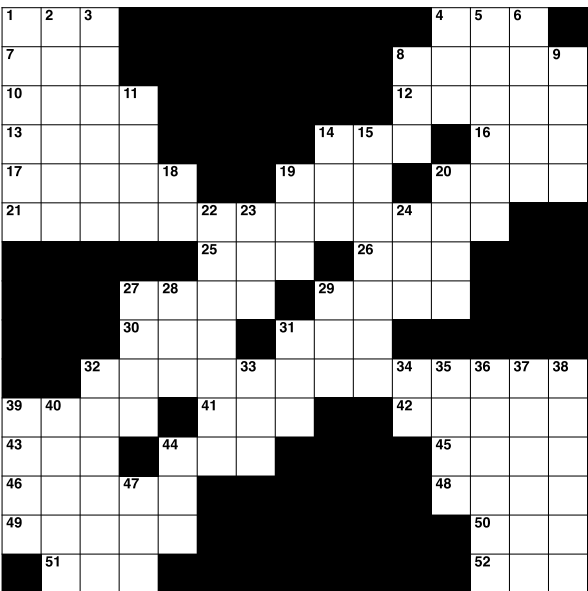
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
- 4. Engine additive
- 7. Macaws
- 8. Listens to
- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
- 12. Made of wood
- 13. Chinese lute
- 14. Beginning military rank
- 16. Indicates near
- 17. Ties the score
- 19. Chum
- 20. Long ago
- 21. Localities
- 25. Midway between northeast and east
- 26. Make fun of
- 27. Tennis great Arthur
- 29. Construction location
- 30. Cow's noise
- 31. Blue
- 32. One of the Fab Four
- 39. Formula 1 team
- 41. Dash
- 42. Lifting device
- 43. Basics
- 44. Keyboard key
- 45. Old Irish alphabet
- 46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
- 48. Covered stadium
- 49. Sword handles
- 50. Longing or yearning
- 51. Creators' social network
- 52. Boxing's GOAT



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Ocean
- 5. Givers and ____
- 6. Gets ready
- 8. Ad ____
- 9. Fit of irritation
- 11. Criminal organization
- 14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 15. American state
- 18. Sensor hub
- 19. Before
- 20. The boundary of a surface
- 22. Witnesses
- 23. Singular
- 24. Type of meal
- 27. Music awards show
- 28. Former French coin of low value
- 29. A bag-like structure in an animal
- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 32. Calm down
- 33. Partner to cheese
- 34. Cola brand
- 35. Stepped on
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Type of coating
- 38. A citizen of Yemen
- 39. Popular breakfast item
- 40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 44. First responders
- 47. Short-term memory

Week 36

See solution in next week's edition.

School Year Word Search

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

Assignment
Backpack
Blackboard
Calculator
Chair
Chalk

Classroom
Desk
Exam
Grade
Highlighter
Homework

Lesson
Library
Marker
Notebook
Principal
Recess

Ruler
Schedule
Student
Teacher
Textbook
Whiteboard

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1846: Elias Howe is granted a patent for the sewing machine.

1937: Nine nations attend the Nyon Conference to address international piracy in the Mediterranean Sea.

1960: Abebe Bikila becomes the first sub-Saharan African to win a gold medal, doing so in bare feet.

SUDOKU

WEEK 36

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

Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to the school year. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = S)

A. 26 18 25 21 20 7 26

Clue: Teach

B. 11 26 6 6 14 4 6

Clue: Plans for teaching

C. 21 11 20 6 6 12 14 14 13

Clue: Where students gather

D. 6 16 11 11 20 23 25 6

Clue: Course outline

Answers: A. educate B. lessons C. classroom D. syllabus

LETTER MIX-UP

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

HOMEWORK

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

Riddle Me This

What's the first thing a dolphin learns at school?

Answer: A-B-Seas

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

AEMXS

Answer: Exams

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on September 11, 1958. I studied literature at Rutgers University. I also was a minor league baseball pitcher in the 1980s. I've been on various television shows and also in the "Saw" films. But I'm best known as a gruff diner owner with a heart of gold.

Answer: Scott Patterson

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 35 Crossword Puzzle Solution

A	M	P	L	E		B	P	D		S	P	A	N
S	A	L	A	D		G	A	U	D		E	L	L
P	R	O	S		S	E	A	L	S		P	E	L
S	I	D	E	L	I	N	E	S		S	A	B	E
		S	I	R	E	D		T	A	R		N	E
S	O	D		P	E	R		H	O	R	A	S	
U	T	A	H		S	A	M	A	R	I	T	A	N
S	I	D	E	S		T	A	M		S	O	B	E
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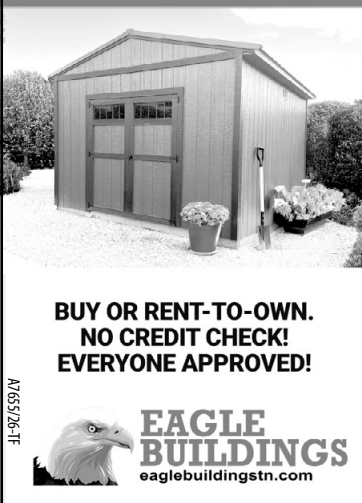
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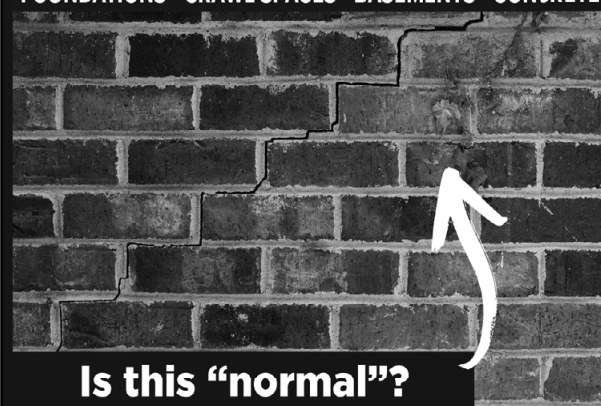
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Dominate on Kentucky Road Trip

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HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (September 5) — The McKenzie High School Rebels made a long road trip for a short game Friday night at Christian County High School. The game was called after the first half due to lightning, but McKenzie had already amassed a 42-12 lead over the Colonels.

The Rebels received the opening kick and scored on the first play from scrimmage, a 65-yard pass from Cole Brown to Kason Brown. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 7-0 in the first minute.

McKenzie's defense set the tone on the Colonels' first drive, forcing a three-and-out. The punt was downed at the Rebel 39.

Timmy Arline got the first touch on the second McKenzie drive, gaining about 14 yards, plus additional yards from a personal foul penalty against Christian County. C. Brown took a keeper into the red zone, and Arline took two tries to punch it in. Mason kicked, and the Rebels led 14-0 with nine minutes to play in the first frame.

The Colonels quickly faced fourth down again in their own territory, but a 63-yard pass got them on the board with seven minutes on the first quarter clock. A fumble on the PAT left the score 14-6.

The Rebels started deep but wasted no time as Cole threw to Kason again for an 85-yard touchdown. The Mason PAT put McKenzie up 21-6 with 6:46 to play in the opening frame.

Christian County moved the ball well on the ensuing drive, but stalled out at the Rebel 29 with an incomplete pass on fourth down.

McKenzie managed a first down, but was forced to punt. The Colonels also moved the sticks once before punting again.

The teams then swapped three-and-outs as the game



Left, Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was four of seven, passing for 190 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed three times for 45 yards. Right, Rebel Timmy Arline had a dozen carries for 122 yards and three touchdowns. File photos

moved into the second quarter.

The Rebels took over near midfield, but were immediately backed up by a penalty. Arline made a short gain, then went 52 yards to paydirt. Another good kick by Mason put McKenzie up 28-6 early in the second.

The Colonels quickly faced fourth-and-three deep in their own territory and turned the ball over on an incomplete pass.

McKenzie capitalized on the short field quickly, as C. Brown threw to Jacobi Melton for a 28-yard touchdown on the first play. Mason kicked to make it 35-6 with 8:21 to go in the first half.

After another three-and-out and punt by Christian County, the Rebels took over near midfield.

Arline had all the gains in a six-play, 48-yard scoring drive, including a 13-yard touchdown. Mason completed a perfect night with another PAT, and the Rebels led 42-6 with five minutes left in the second quarter.

The Colonels put together a five-play, 80-yard scoring drive, earning two first downs before scoring on a 49-yard pass. Rebel Xander Johnsey blocked the PAT, and McKenzie led 42-12 with a minute to play in the half.

The Rebels ran one play

before intermission.

During halftime, severe weather moved into the area. Facing a lengthy lightning delay after an already long first half (and a long ride home for the visiting Rebels and fans), the game was called for a 42-12 McKenzie victory.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was four of seven, passing for 190 yards and three touchdowns.

Timmy Arline had a dozen carries for 122 yards and three touchdowns. C. Brown rushed three times for 45 yards.

Kason Brown was the leading receiver with two catches for 150 yards and two touchdowns. Jacobi Melton had one catch, a 28-yard touchdown.

Maddox Shiell led the Rebel defense with three tackles and one assist, including two for a loss and one sack. Dawson Reeder had three tackles and five assists, one for a loss. Cole Brown had three tackles and two assists. Mason Batton had two tackles and one assist, two for a loss.

Avery Brown had two tackles and four assists. Aiden Legens had two tackles and two assists, two for a loss.

Cooper Davidson had one tackle and two assists, including a sack. Davarion Gilbert had one tackle, a sack.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Mustang Hayes Eubanks looks for running room against Milan. Right, Mustang Owen King tackles a Milan ball carrier. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

Mustangs Corralled by Bulldog Defense

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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MILAN (September 5) — Lightning struck the Huntingdon Mustangs from two different directions Friday in Milan as the Mustangs lost their first game of the season, 34-9, to the Milan Bulldogs to fall to 2-1 for the season and 0-1 in region play.

It was the third straight game on the road to start the season for the Mustangs.

Lightning came in the form of Mother Nature as the weather created over an hour delay with 3:19 remaining in the third quarter with the Bulldogs leading 27-9 and from the legs of Milan senior running back Jaydon Peete, who scored two touchdowns and intercepted a pass to lead the Bulldogs.

Peete, who was named Mr. Football in Class 2-A last season, provided a second half spark for the Bulldogs, who trailed 9-6 at the half, when he returned the second half kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and the Bulldogs' first lead of the night.

Peete scored again just as the game was interrupted at the 3:19 mark of the third quarter on a 19-yard run to give the Bulldogs a 27-9 lead. The touchdown drive came after the Bulldogs had taken over at the

Mustang 28 following an interception of a Kenton Smith pass by Peete.

The Mustangs seemed to be in control for the first half despite a poor night offensively. The Mustangs had received the opening kickoff and started at their own 28, but punted after three plays, but for the second week in a row the receiver fumbled the punt and Mustang Keimonte Strayhorn recovered it at the Bulldog 35. The Mustangs, with the aid of 20 yards of penalties against Milan, moved to the Bulldog 3 with a first down, but the Bulldog defense eventually stopped a Braylin Dearmon run at the 1 to keep the Mustangs out of the end zone.

The Bulldogs, with their backs to their own goal line, moved out to their 23, but Huntingdon's Tyreke Hutch stepped in front of a Zak Summers pass and returned it 32 yards to the end zone for the Mustangs' only touchdown of the night. Greyson Anderson's PAT attempt bounced off the upright and the Mustangs led 6-0.

Milan answered with a 12-play, 80-yard drive that ended in a 21-yard run by Carson Kelley. Aiden Pennington attempted the extra point, but his kick hit the left upright and the score remained tied at 6-6.

The Mustangs then

mounted their only sustained drive of the game offensively as they moved from their 28 to the Bulldog 12. The Mustangs converted four first downs on the drive that lasted 16 plays and ate 9:08 off the game clock. The Mustangs completed their only pass of the game on fourth down to the Bulldog 22, but the drive eventually stalled, and Anderson knocked through a 29-yard field goal to give the Mustangs a 9-6 lead.

The Bulldogs then would go on to score 28 unanswered points in the second half and shut down the Mustang offense to claim the win.

After the Peete return for the TD, Kelley scored his second touchdown of the night on an eight-yard run. The Bulldogs final score of the game came on a Terrence Moses 15-yard run with 3:07 left in the game.

The Mustangs were held to 107 yards on the ground and Hayes Eubanks carried eight times for 32 yards.

The Mustangs passed for 20 and K'Shun Carter recorded 14 tackles. Milan rushed for 240 yards and passed for 35.

The Mustangs hit the road for the fourth straight week Friday as they travel to Halls for a region match-up with a kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



The McKenzie Lady Rebel team finished second at the cross country meet. Photo courtesy Beth Mathis

Lady Rebels Finish Second, Team Wins Four Medals

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ALAMO (September 2) — McKenzie High School's cross country teams traveled to a meet hosted by Crockett County Tuesday and returned home with hardware.

As a team, the Lady Rebels placed second behind Obion County.

Abigail Wallace finished first by over a minute, while Autumn Haywood (sixth) and Bella Sass (ninth) also earned medals. Ava Hastings and Sophie Dameron rounded out the team's scoring.

For the Rebels, Cal Fawcett was his team's first medalist at an official meet



McKenzie medalists at the Crockett County cross country meet (L to R): Cal Fawcett, Autumn Haywood, Abigail Wallace and Bella Sass. Photo courtesy Beth Mathis

this season, finishing in 20th place and running his personal best for the season.

Rebel Brody Berryhill and Lady Rebel Gracie Aird also ran personal bests for the season.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lady Rebels Win First Road Match

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JACKSON (September 4) — The McKenzie High School volleyball team traveled for the first time in their inaugural season and earned a 3-1 district match win over Jackson Central-Merry.

The road victory came two days after the Lady Rebels swept JCM at home. McKenzie nearly swept

the Lady Cougars again, winning the first two sets 25-16 and 25-23, but JCM rallied to take the third set, 25-21. The Lady Rebels sealed the victory with a 25-17 score in the fourth set.

The Lady Rebel JV team won their first set, 25-14, but the Lady Cougars took the next two, 25-18 and 15-13.

Leading McKenzie's varsity win was Kynadie Brown with ten aces and 14 assists.

Jaycee Stafford had nine kills and four aces. Molly French had seven kills and two blocks. Addison Milam had six kills and four blocks. Braylin Auvenshine five kills and two assists.

Ridley Holt had a combined 12 aces and two kills in the JV and varsity matches, and Kynlee Barden had 12 aces.

McKenzie moves to 3-1 on the season, 3-0 in District 12A.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



Left, Lady Rebel Molly French elevates at the net for a return. Brown had five kills in the match. Right, Lady Rebel Kynadie Brown serves for one of her six aces in McKenzie's win. Brown also had six assists. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Sweep JCM in Straight Sets

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MCKENZIE (September 2) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels hosted Jackson Central-Merry Tuesday for a district volleyball match and took the win in straight sets.

McKenzie dominated the first set, 25-6, and won the next two comfortably, though the visiting Lady Cougars fared better (25-13 and 25-15, respectively).

The Lady Rebel JV team also won straight sets, 25-9 and 25-20.

McKenzie's varsity win was led by Jaycee Stafford with a dozen aces and five kills, Kynadie Brown with six aces and six assists, Molly French with five kills, Braylin Auvenshine with two assists and five kills and Addison Milam



Lady Rebel Addison Milam goes up for one of her two kills in the win. Milam also had two aces. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

with two aces and two kills. Kynlee Barden had a combined 16 aces in the JV and varsity matches, and Ridley Holt had ten aces and two kills.

In JV play, Ava Newman

had four aces and two assists, and Natalia Taylor had two assists.

With the win, the Lady Rebels improve to 2-1 (2-0 in District 12A).

War Eagles Shut Out by Lions

ATWOOD (September 9) — West Carroll High School hosted Dresden Friday for a region football contest, and the visiting Lions shut out the War Ea-

gles 35-0.

Dresden scored a touchdown in each of the first two quarters, then pulled away with three in the fourth quarter.

The War Eagles were held to eight yards of total offense, while the Lions had 407 yards.

All of the West Carroll yards were on the ground, while Dresden had 338 yards rushing and 69 yards in the air.