



Top Left, MHS freshmen represent their class in the parade. Top Right, The DJ had everyone dancing at the block party downtown following the football game, including McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin (left). Above Left, Longtime McKenzie educators Dan and Sheila Ridley were the grand marshals for the Homecoming parade. Riding along is their granddaughter, Ridley. Above Center, The MHS cheerleaders rode on a different kind of “float” in the Homecoming parade. Above Right, MHS juniors represent their class in the parade. Below Left, Warren Hartz drives fellow alumni (L to R) Sue Page, Kesley Colbert and Barbara Elinor in the parade. Below Center Left, Steve Berryman drives fellow alumni (L to R) Paula Doster, Courtney Kee and Susan Askew in the parade. Below Center Right, Lesa Roberson drives fellow alumni (L to R) Cheryl Oglesby-Townes, Ricky Price and Joel Washburn in the parade. Below Right, MHS alum Bobby Young rides in the parade. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above Left, MHS seniors represent their class in the parade. Above Center, From (L to R): Emily Young, Kim Moss, Karen Fowler and Tammy Haywood work the registration table at the tailgate party. Above Right, The Rebel football team rode two fire engines in the parade. Below Left, McKenzie alums gathered for pregame festivities. Below Right, The MHS Homecoming royalty rode in style in the parade. Pictured are (L to R): Charli Weatherford, Nadia Sisemore, Morgan Little, Olivia Cantrell and Carli Beeler. Photos by Joel Washburn and Brad Sam/The Banner



Left, MHS alum Sue Page donated her majorette uniform to the McKenzie High School Alumni Association. It was hand sewn by her mother. Center Left, The McKenzie Marching Rebels participated in the Homecoming parade. Center Right, (L to R): Kathy (Edwards) Meyers, Jerry Scott and Debra Scott are all smiles. Right, The Lady Rebel basketball team rode in style at the parade. Below Left, From (L to R): David Webb, Wesley Beal Jr., Terry Howell and Charles Beal caught up at the tailgate party. Below Right, Martin Paschall (left) and Karen Camp were all smiles at the tailgate reunion. Photos by Joel Washburn and Brad Sam/The Banner

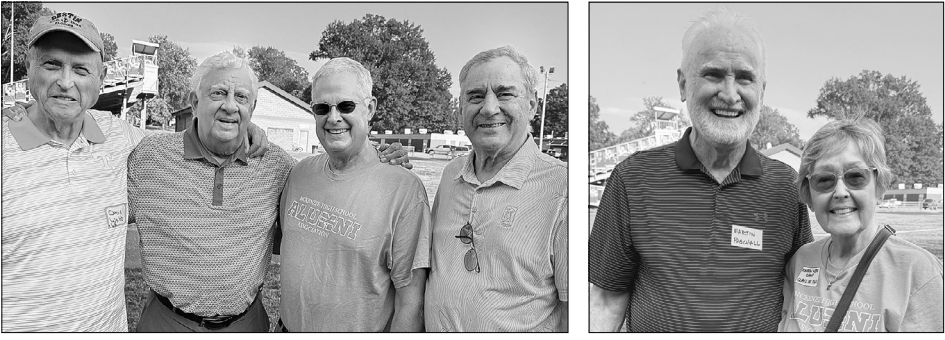
Reunion

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at the stadium for alumni, faculty and staff.

The presentation of the Homecoming royalty and crowning of the queen preceded the football game (a big win for the Rebels).

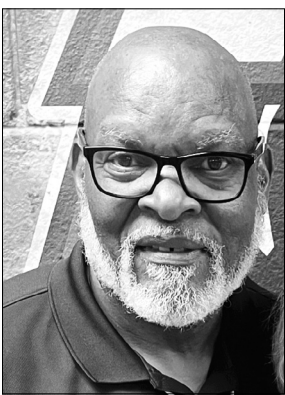
After the game, the city hosted a block party downtown with a DJ and several businesses staying open late.
Nine classes of MHS graduates hosted reunions on Saturday, and the MHSAA hosted a casual reunion for alumni from the 1950-60s at First United Methodist Church.

For several weeks leading up to the big weekend, a popup memorabilia exhibit was displayed at The Happy Book Stack.
(For additional coverage and photos from this weekend, check out mckenziebanner.com and subsequent editions of The Banner.)



Educational Assistant Charged at West Carroll

ATWOOD — Bernard Lykes, a retired teacher now working as an educational assistant at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School, was charged with assault of a 15-year-old student at the school in Atwood.
The affidavit says Mr. Lykes assaulted a 15-year-old student in the lunchroom. “Bernard Lykes committed the above offense (assault) by slapping and punching a 15-year-old during an altercation that occurred in the lunchroom at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School.



Bernard Lykes

Bernard is also accused of coercion or persuasion of the witness, according to court documents. Bernard Lykes committed the

above offense by going to the office where a 15-year-old student was waiting to speak with the assistant principal in reference to the assault against him in the lunchroom. “Mr. Lykes tried getting big on him and told him he needed to drop it or he would be suspended,” according to the affidavit.
Lykes was arrested under a \$10,000 bond in Carroll County General Sessions Court. He made bond and was released from the Carroll County Jail at 7:50 p.m. on September 17.

Gleason City to Install New Security Cameras

GLEASON (September 15) — Gleason Board of Mayor and Council had a light agenda with no actionable items on which to vote.
Mayor Charles Anderson, Councilman James Hines and Councilman Mike Stafford were in attendance while Shawn Francisco and Mike Bennett were absent.
Assistant Police Chief Mike Lowe reported the city’s matching grant for the replacement of security cameras on city-owned property is allowing the city to replace existing cameras and install cameras in new locations at city-owned facilities.
The city is also utilizing a Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant that pays the city \$50 per man-hour for extra patrols for traffic



Wylan Gustafson, a senior at Gleason High School and a member of the Tennessee National Guard with Gleason Mayor Charles Anderson. Gustafson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

enforcement.
During the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Charles Anderson invited Wylan Gustafson to lead the Pledge.
Gustafson is a Gleason High School senior who joined the Tennessee National Guard. He is a member of the Gleason football team.

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Heritage

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a bake sale and a dunking booth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the police station parking lot.

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

There are a variety of activities throughout the day, including Huntingdon Historical Museum tours, ISTEA train rides, a petting zoo with pony rides and the "Small Town Cruisers"

car show stretching along West Main Street. The Carroll Arts Storytelling Series offers engaging tales in The Dixie's lower level, while face painting will add color and excitement for younger visitors. Mudslingers Pottery Studio opens its doors for studio walkthroughs and free, hands-on pottery activities. At 1 p.m., The Dixie Carter PAC hosts a special artist reception showcasing the work of students from the ninth annual summer camp.

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

Admission to the Huntingdon Heritage 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 on Facebook or by scanning the festival's QR code available on posters around town. This event is sponsored by Carroll Bank & Trust, Watson Lumber Co, West TN Public Utility District, Huntingdon Animal Clinic, Huntingdon Insurance Agency, HTP, Taylor Real Estate & Auction, CupKate's and Espey Oil Co., Inc.

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



The 2025 MHS Homecoming royalty includes (L to R): Charli Weatherford, Carli Beeler, Queen Olivia Cantrell, Nadia Sisemore and Morgan Little. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Queen

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was crowned prior to Friday's football game.

Other members of the royalty are senior Carli Beeler, 17-year-old daughter of Tim and Ashley Beeler; senior Morgan Little, 17-year-old daughter of

Patrick Little and Ashley Bell; senior Nadia Sisemore, 17-year-old daughter of Brittani Esch and Kris Sisemore; and senior Charli Weatherford, 17-year-old daughter of Kelly and Clara Weatherford.

The ladies were driven onto the field by Steve Berryman in a stylish convertible.

McKenzie City Florist provided the beautiful

flowers and the sash for the queen.

Members of the royalty were selected by nominations from each homeroom. The M-Club narrowed down the nominees to five.

The royalty were escorted by senior football players. Other senior players, along with senior cheerleader Tobey Brooks, presented the crown and sash to Cantrell.

Eubanks

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22 years as the skipper of the school's Huntingdon Mustangs baseball team.

His record:

- 16 district championships
- 7 regional championships
- 9 state appearances
- 3 state runner-up trophies
- 16 players who also played collegiate ball
- 1 pro player

Dr. Kee said Eubanks dedicates many hours to maintaining the field and coaching the young athletes. Kee also said Eubanks is not retiring; the naming is to honor his success and commitment.

A formal ceremony will

dedicate the naming of the field and the completion of the new combination press box, concession area, and restrooms.

In other business, the Board heard a TISA accountability report concerning student progress for the preceding school year.

The Tennessee Department of Education requires each public school district to report student progress, which includes four goals:

- Third-grade reading proficiency,
- (2) Reading for grades 3-12,
- (3) Math for grades 3-12, and
- (4) High School Ready Graduate.

The school continues to increase its target goals, but actual achievement varies from each year's peer group. Dr. Kee said

the school is intentional in its teaching methods and plans to retain the teaching method instead of varying it year-to-year.

The Board approved an additional educational assistance position at Huntingdon Primary School as requested by the HPS administration.

The Board was advised that Homecoming is October 10, and a STEM Fair is November 4.

The school system received a \$26,000 public safety grant for the installation of security cameras and additional keyless security entries at doors.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 8, 5 p.m. at the Board Office, High Street, Huntingdon.



McKenzie Elementary School donation recipients: Lauren Flannery, Brandy Turman, Cari Moore, Emily Bolin, Lauren Banuelos, Kelsey Brown, Morgan Shell, Ashley Crowell, Rachel Edlin and Kelly Simmons. Not pictured: Jana Stafford. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Sonic

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area schools, students and educators. The donation funded educational projects on DonorsChoose, a website that allows people to donate directly to classroom requests submitted by public school teachers across the U.S.

This local funding is part of a larger nationwide effort to honor the Top 50 teams in the DR PEPPER SONIC GAMES, an annual SONIC training initiative. In total, the SONIC Foundation will donate \$500,000 in September to fund educational projects in schools across the country in honor of the Top 50 SONIC locations.



McKenzie Middle School students use outdoor equipment from Beth Mathis' "Student Movement" project, donated to the school by the SONIC Foundation. Photo submitted by Beth Mathis



Staff of Hometown Health in Greenfield received a plaque to display as members of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are (L to R): Amber Davidson, PA-C; Emily Atkins, front office associate; Ellen Pruitt, marketing director; Tammy Etheridge, COO; Drs. Bryan Merrick and Terry Colotta, owners and medical directors; Anna Madison, LPN/radiology tech; Suzanne Cole, radiology tech; and Jessica Shelton, front office associate. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

HHC

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the clinic's provider and a Greenfield native.

The ribbon-cutting was sponsored by the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and attended by Erica Moore, director; Justin Crice, CEO/ECD director; and Angie Lasiter, administrative assistant.

Moore expressed the Chamber's excitement and gratitude for the addition of Hometown Health.

Also present were Hometown owners and medical directors Dr. Bryan Merrick and Dr. Terry Colotta. Dr. Merrick expressed appreciation for the supportive and welcoming environment provided by Greenfield and the Weakley County Chamber.

Guests at the grand opening enjoyed refreshments,

bags of Hometown swag and tours of the facility.

The Greenfield clinic is located at 1731 S. Meridian Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed for lunch from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m.

The clinic adds to the expanding company's footprint of clinics in McKenzie, Gleason, Dresden, Huntingdon, Bruceton, Camden and on the campus of Bethel University.

Police

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Griffin have worked in tandem to increase the department's officer allotment to 22 personnel — all certified. The department's growth in personnel numbers contributed to a significant drop in McKenzie's crime rates in 2024.

The staffing needs were clear: with only nine certified officers, the department couldn't address all crime in McKenzie. The eight uncertified personnel could assist with arrests but spent most of their time in training, which takes six months to a year.

"We would do the best we could," said White. "We just didn't have the manpower"

Since 2022, the McKenzie Police Department has added three school resource officers, a dedicated drug position and an administrative sergeant for grant management. The

department merged animal patrol and codes officer roles and secured new patrol vehicles through grants.

Currently, the department consists of 22 certified officers, one uncertified codes enforcement officer, five dispatchers and two K9 officers—Gotchi and Toby.

During the August city council meeting, White reported a decrease in crime statistics from 2023 to 2024, citing the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Crime Insight database. White attributed the declining crime statistics to the city's increased officer presence.

Cases of sex offenses and robberies decreased by 100 percent. Cases involving law enforcement officers being assaulted decreased by 66.67 percent. Burglary cases dropped 56.52 percent. Other significant reductions included domestic violence (56.14 percent), fraud (45.45 percent), motor vehicle thefts (33.33 percent), aggravated assaults (30.43 percent),

and DUIs (20 percent). Notably, there were no reported hate crimes in 2024.

The only category that increased was weapon law violations, which rose by 25 percent, totaling five cases.

"I think that people are seeing that it's safer now to be in McKenzie," said Mayor Griffin. "Our crime rate has dropped drastically, and we're very proud of our officers and the work that they've done."

White emphasized the importance of teamwork in their success.

"We have a good team of people who do a great job," said White. "If it weren't for those guys, we wouldn't be where we are today. We've got a lot of support and we've got a lot of good people."

The McKenzie Police Department, located in McKenzie City Hall at 2470 Cedar Street, operates with three officers on patrol during each 12-hour shift, supported by the chief, chief assistant, investigators, and specialized officers during the day.

Henry County Man Sentenced to 25 Years for Child Pornography

JACKSON — Levi Edward Hamilton, 23, of Mansfield, Tennessee, has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for creating a fictitious social media account via Instagram and using that account to solicit sexually explicit images and videos from several individuals, including minor children. Joseph C. Murphy, Jr., Interim U.S. Attorney for the Western District of

Tennessee, announced the sentence today.

Hamilton was charged with five counts of production of child pornography, five counts of coercion and enticement of a minor, five counts of receipt of child pornography, three counts of transferring obscene material to a minor, and one count of possessing child pornography. Following his guilty plea

to two of the production of child pornography charges, United States District Judge S. Thomas Anderson sentenced Hamilton to 25 years in prison and five years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the FBI Memphis Child Exploitation Task Force and the Henry County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Josh Morrow prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Think You Used Enough Dynamite There, Butch?

This is the prototypical good news/bad news story. The bad news is Robert Redford died. What an actor! He looked like the Sundance Kid in that terrific historical movie he made with Paul Newman. He talked like the Sundance Kid. He walked like the Sundance Kid. He could shoot better than the Sundance Kid. I THOUGHT he was the Sundance Kid!

The good news is, I got my wife back.

As one could gather by the opening here, I'm a Robert Redford fan. My wife took it to a whole 'nother level.

We had known each other for years but did not start dating until she graduated from college. The storied university added a certain maturity and assurance to her that did not always work in my favor. And living in the big city (Nashville) could easily sway anyone away from their down-home West Tennessee upbringing.

From any logical slant I put on it, it just seemed as natural as rainwater bouncing off a henhouse tin roof that her expectations of what life held for her had skyrocketed based on her higher educational experiences. I needed to up my game.

I let my hair grow out. Hopefully, it would give me a decidedly cosmopolitan look. I rubbed in a little dab of Brylcreem for bounce and containment. I ran my fingers through my hair a few times, lowered my head so she could get a better look at the Brylcreem sheen lighting up each individual hair follicle, and asked, "What do you think?"

"It's OK. But if you were going for the Robert Redford look, you missed by a country mile....and then some!"

Ouch!

When I finally got around to asking her to marry me, she readily agreed, but added, "Let's put the wedding off for six months in case Robert calls."

Listen, I had an epic size crush on Hayley Mills back when I was thirteen. I would imagine her "just happening by" Mr. Archie Moore's Pond on many a lazy summer afternoons. We'd wade out and pet the cows. I'd show her where me and Bobby Brewer buried the horseshoes. Her beauty, charm, and British accent would enthrall my little heart....

But it never one, single, solitary time crossed my mind to marry the blooming girl!

Suffice it to say Cathy and I have seen a lot of Robert Redford over the years. Sometimes at the movies, but mostly on TV reruns. She leans toward "Out of Africa" and "Barefoot in the Park." Give me "The Great Waldo Pepper" and "Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here."

And some, like "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," are classics. There can't be a scene in a movie any better than when Newman and Redford are peering back down their trail at the persistent posse who won't quit, asking, "Who are those guys?"

Unless it's the scene where they are trapped on the high cliff by the same posse and their only way out is to jump into the raging river a mile or so below ... and Sundance admits that he can't swim....

If "Jeremiah Johnson" isn't your all-time favorite movie, something is wrong with you. You can't beat a story of a young fellow fed up with "life below" so he heads up into the Rocky Mountains to trap beaver in the 1840s. It is exactly what I would have done if I had been lucky enough to have lived back then.

Plus, Redford wore that huge bearskin hat to ward off the subzero weather in most of the movie. You couldn't see his hair at all.

"The Natural" was an instant classic. Let me tell you, nobody could hit a baseball like Roy Hobbs! Unless it was Robert Redford's real life baseball hero, Ted Williams. Redford was a lifetime Boston Red Sox fan.

I have never held that against him.

One of his later movies, "An Unfinished Life" costarring Morgan Freeman, is a hidden gem. "The Electric Horseman" was an excellent movie. I even broke my "never watch a movie with Jane Fonda in it" vow to see this one. "The Sting," with Paul Newman again, was another great adventure.

I could go on and on, but certainly you have some of the same memories. My wife is not the only person who was in love with Robert Redford.

Our collective hearts are saddened by his loss. But he was 89 years old. And what a full life he had lived!

I am not sure Robert Redford and I were ever on the same wavelength when it came to politics, personal beliefs, who's on first, etc. That was never the point, or an issue. He was an actor who gave us so much wonderful entertainment. He allowed us to escape for a moment and be carried along in whatever grand escapade he was flashing at us from across the big screen.

Much like Gary Cooper, Clark Cable, Steve McQueen, and Lash LaRue did before him.

Our lives have been enriched by his cinematic touch. And oh, how the joy lingers of riding along with him and Butch as they robbed banks, trains, and anybody else they could.... from Colorado all the way down to Bolivia....

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

Hail to the 1963, '64 Gleason High School Bulldogs

BY FRANK GIBSON

GLEASON — More than three dozen Gleason High School graduates gathered here over the Labor Day weekend for the Tater Town Special with many not accepting the notion of an American novelist and rock band that "you can't go home again."

It did not take long for two classes of Bulldogs from the mid-1960s to be reminded of a blessed time in our lives. This year's celebration began at the Bulldogs game with Bruceton-Hollow Rock when nine members of the school's historic 1963 football team were honored on the field at halftime. The three players, two cheerleaders, a manager and two members of the homecoming royal court represented the highly-decorated team that won the school's first Reelfoot Conference championship and its first bowl game.

On Saturday, 20 members of my Class of 1965 gathered at the Masonic Lodge after the annual Tater Town Special parade to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation. Classmates from as far as Novi, Michigan, and Land 'o Lakes, Florida (near Tampa), came to catch up with those folk they had spent 12 years with in school. They remember the glory days of the mid-1960s. Most agreed it was a blessed period in our lives.

The event that reinforced the "going-home" notion most strongly came on Sunday when the four-year-old Gleason School Alumni Association honored the 63-64 and 64-65 classes in a true Reunion. Members of those classes were asked to submit their favorite school memories.

Perennial 1965 class leader Bonnie Arnold Bullock, a Dresden CPA, and Martin resident Martha (Mott) Boone Sublett of the class of 1963-64 condensed and shared samples from each classmate with the other assembled Bulldogs. It brought home dozens of memories.

The most repeated memory was the smell of peanut butter cookies and hot rolls — fresh out of the oven — wafting from the school cafeteria. That brought smiles to the faces of those who remembered that aroma, but did not include it in their survey.

I was honored and flattered when Kathy Williams Lawrence, alumni association president, asked me to speak at the Sunday Reunion on "how great the 1963 football team was." That was easy, it was simply the "greatest."

So it doesn't get forgotten, we were honoring two classes of GHS students. Together, they made up a team of young men who gave Gleason the best football team ever. It had seven seniors from the class of 1964, nine juniors from the class of 1965, three sophomores, and freshman Jere Jeter.

I was flattered that the alumni president was giving me credit for being able to remember enough 60-year-old facts to do the assignment justice.

Indulge me a little. I did not play on the 1963

team. I was a team manager with Robert Tuck and Richard Hodges. Did not play until my senior year because my grandmother, who had raised me, was afraid I would get hurt. I got knocked out cold in the fourth game of the season, but I never told her.

I covered the 1963 team's success and exploits as the sports correspondent for the Dresden Enterprise and McKenzie Banner. And my classmates let me do it again my senior year when I was somehow chosen to be class reporter. It's the stats I reported then that you'll hear later.

That two-year experience launched a five-decade career in journalism. One of the first things I learned was that no matter how small a newspaper is its publication is the first draft of history.

I need to say thanks to my pals and classmates Diane Black Mayo and Bonnie Arnold Bullock for digging into their closets for much-needed research material. The clips were on yellowed newsprint and were stories written for The Banner and Enterprise. They came just in the nick of time.

The Fall of 1963 was a magical time and indeed brought historic events to Tater Town, particularly leading up to the 14th of November. I was a UT-Vols season ticket holder for over 30 years and I can tell you proportionally, the Bulldogs' '63 season ranks up there with the Vols 1998 championship run in excitement factor.

Carolyn Travillian Roney was the senior class reporter in 1963, so she did the Gleason High School News column in the Enterprise and Banner. I did most sports as a junior and phoned in scores of all games — football and basketball — to the Nashville Tennessean and Memphis Commercial Appeal for \$2 a game.

I deferred to Carolyn on sports one week and was glad I did. She was the better writer.

"Thursday night, Nov. 14, was the highlight of the Gleason football season," she reported. "The regular school day ended at 1 p.m. There was a motorcade through the county at 1:30 and a bonfire following that. It was the most exciting game of the season. The Bulldog fans were wild with joy" as the game ended: Gleason 20, Parsons Red Tigers 14.

Since GHS did not have a band, the host team — Lexington High School — provided its pep band for the Rotary Bowl. Other fun facts: Parsons front line outweighed us by 20 pounds per player. The backfield players were 10 pounds heavier.

The mood in town was electric all season. People hung out at Hattie's Dairy Bar, the only eatery in those days, long after every game and on Saturdays, talking about football and reliving the glory from the previous night. Edgar Settlers, the new coach and a star quarterback at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, had the town abuzz.

The team was undefeated going into the Reelfoot

Conference championship game. Its defense had allowed only two touchdowns in nine games. And then we beat Martin 15-6 for the championship title, pushing opponents' TD total to three in nine games.

The Bulldogs dominated every team in eight of the first nine games. McKenzie was the only blemish — a scoreless tie. We scored 195 points to 12 in the regular season for an 8-0-1 record. That's 27 touchdowns to two for the other side. When the season ended, we had scored 230 points to opponents' 32.

Now for the heroes and heroics. The game provided plenty of drama. In first half, Junior Jimmy Morris intercepted a pass thrown by the Red Tigers 205-pound quarterback. Fullback Jerry Sanders then "dashed" for a 3-yard touchdown. We missed the extra point. Russell Byrd recovered a fumble.

Parsons scored a touchdown and point after before halftime to lead us 7-6.

On the first play of the second half, Junior halfback Jimmy Belew "scampered" for a 68-yard touchdown that "brought everyone to their feet." Sanders ran the extra points.

The Bulldogs held Parsons on the next possession and moved the ball 73 yards to set up a 9-yard touchdown run by Belew. In my story, I said he "ram-paged," later to learn that was not one of the accepted sports-writing clichés.

Parsons scored a second touchdown on a 45-yard pass play, and Bulldog Quarterback Johnny Bradbury hit Junior Freddie Spain on two passes for 30 yards.

As Carolyn reported in the GHS News: "The Bulldog fans were wild with joy."

We had 17 first downs to Parson's 7. We had no penalties and no fumbles.

This "bunch of boys" as I described them, had a two-year combined record of 16-2-2.

I have no documents to prove it, but this team was certainly the most decorated in school history. It was runner-up in the Reelfoot Conference standings in 1964.

Stalwart Junior Glen Margrave, the amazing center and captain, was All Reelfoot Conference for three of his four years. He was Honorable Mention All-State, second team All-West Tennessee, Mr. Football and received the Dr. Jeter Award.

Freddie Spain was an all-conference end two years and honorable mention All-West State.

Senior Ronnie Dilday, heart of the defense, was All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-West State.

Junior Russell Byrd was all-conference at tackle and Most Valuable lineman.

Jimmy Belew, all-conference at fullback as a junior and honorable mention all-West-state, was a hard-running halfback who scored 96 points with the 1963 team.

Jerry Sanders was second team All-Reelfoot Conference, but with 98 points was the team's scoring

leader.

Larry Joe Freeman, last and certainly not least, was second team all-conference and received honorable mention for the All-West Tennessee team.

I was asked to say a little about Coach Edgar Settlers. Some may not know, but he passed away in 2020 back in Clarksville where he played college ball at Austin Peay State University. He was 94. He was obviously a good coach. Look at the results he got out of what he had — at a small school in a very aggressive conference.

Coach was also our senior class sponsor with Suzanne Heath Russell. I had a unique relationship with him. I was a team manager for three years, almost like an assistant to him. He was many things. If I had to pick one word to describe him, it would be personality.

Finally, to close the conversation about whether you can or can't go home again, I asked my favorite teacher and class sponsor, Suzanne Russell in McKenzie to weigh in:

"Here are my thoughts as best I can express them on paper," she wrote. "I finally captured the phrase that rings in my brain when I go back to the place where I grew up. It is from the novelist Thomas Wolfe who said, 'You can't go home again.' Because the place and I have both changed, a true return to what I once knew is impossible. Those beloved familiar faces I once knew—those who loved, nourished, and sheltered me — are no longer there. Circumstances have changed; landmarks are altered or gone; so much of the environment is different.

"Yes, I can physically return to 'my hometown,' the place where I grew up, but it is no longer HOME!"

I moved away in 1965 to go to college. I returned occasionally — whenever I could — and friends in Gleason — even at the 10th, 40th, 50th and now the 60th reunion — made me feel that I had come home. Then I read Ms. Suzanne's comments on the subject and rode up North Cedar Street in Gleason, where I grew up.

The four-room house with the closed-in back porch has been torn down and replaced by the one-big-room Rotary Community Center. The large yard I played in and the two gardens my grandmother toiled in hour after hour are now part of a sports complex.

By Ms. Suzanne's circumstance and standard, I don't have a "home" to go to either, but I cling to the "home is where the heart is" overly-used adage. Thus, for me, "home" is with my friends in Gleason and its environs who claim me as one of their own and always invite me to return "home."

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Above, Martha Taylor's children — Chad Taylor, Jennie Smith and Vicki Williams — pose with Carroll County Inclusion Park Playground Board Head Chair Lori Dillahunt, town council member Kelly Eubanks and Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards in front of the Martha's Musical Garden sign. The sign was designed by Nicki Cunningham and printed by Jason Martin at Tri-County Publishing. Below, Martha Taylor's family, friends and coworkers gathered at Martha's Musical Garden's ribbon cutting Friday morning. Taylor's son, Chad, cuts the ribbon. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Martha Taylor's Legacy Immortalized At Musical Garden Ribbon Cutting

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (September 19) — The ribbon cutting at Martha's Musical Garden Friday morning was a memorial to Martha Taylor, a lifelong public servant to the town of Huntingdon. Taylor's family and friends joined Huntingdon town officials at the Carroll County Inclusion Park for the special commemoration.

Martha's Musical Garden is a small area attached to the left of the Carroll County Inclusion Park playground. It has several large percussion instruments, many shaped like plants, on which children can hit to make different musical noises.

The ceremony celebrated Taylor's legacy of vision and attention to detail, and the contributions of her children — Chad Taylor, Vicki Williams and Jennie Smith — who each received their mother's dedication to service. Taylor's daughter, Jennie, serves as treasurer on the Carroll County Inclusion Park Playground Board.

Since the Inclusion Park opened in April 2024, several of the park's board members' mothers have passed away. The board voted to

dedicate places within the playground to the moms they lost — starting with Taylor.

Taylor, who passed away in November 2024, had a decades-long career working for the Town of Huntingdon. She began working in the water department and held several different positions before retiring as a city recorder.

"This ribbon cutting is more than just a ceremony," said Lori Dillahunt, chairman of the Carroll County Inclusion Park Board. "It's a reminder that Martha's legacy lives on in her children and grandchildren, and in the ways this community continues to grow stronger through their commitment."

The ribbon cutting drew in Taylor's family members, friends and past coworkers, many who praised Taylor's commitment to Huntingdon.

Jerry Nolen and Toni Sawyers each vouched for Taylor's dedication and friendship as the town recorder. Nolen recognized Taylor's efforts to bring street lights to Huntingdon's main streets. Sawyers shared that while Taylor was her boss for many years, she also became a close friend.

"It was such a pleasure to get to work with her but also be her friend," said Sawyers, payroll personnel clerk for the Town of Huntingdon. She worked with Taylor for more than 46 years.

"I'm so proud of this in memory of her. She was a great lady," Sawyers said.

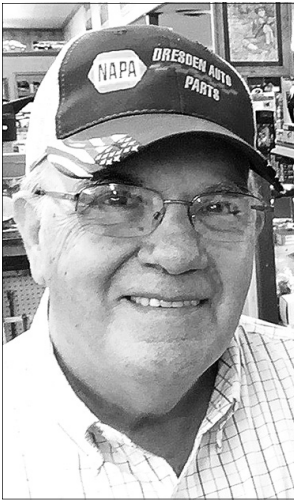
Kelly Eubanks vouched for Taylor's welcoming spirit. "Ms. Martha was a mama to everybody who walked in her house," Eubanks said.

Rhnea Hall, one of Taylor's five siblings, thanked the Carroll County Inclusion Park Playground Board on behalf of her late sister. "This would have made Martha so happy," Hall said.

To close the ceremony, Dillahunt extended her thanks to Town of Huntingdon employees Ronnie Breeden and Starr Rawls for their work overseeing the park's facilities and the new playground. She also thanked Jason Martin and Tri-County Publishing for providing a sign to mark the space in Taylor's honor.

The Carroll County Inclusion Park opened in April 2024 as a place for children of all abilities to play. It sits at 450 Mustang Drive (formerly Fairgrounds Road) in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Obituaries



DELBERT GAIL RAINY 1945 – 2025

DRESDEN — Delbert Gail Rainey, born on July 28, 1945, in Trezevant, Tennessee, died peacefully at his home on September 16, 2025. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather who dedicated his life to his family and community.

Delbert was not only an elder at the Liberty Church of Christ but also a well-respected business owner, having operated Dresden Auto/Napa since 1972. His commitment to serving the community through his business was one of his proudest accomplishments, as he fostered relationships with many local residents.

Delbert was blessed with a close-knit family. He leaves behind his devoted wife, Doris Rainey, and their children: son, Dustin (LeeAnn) Rainey, and daughter, Dawn (Randal) Walker. He took immense pride in his role as a grandfather to Morgan (Hunter) Orman, Alivia Rainey, Megan Walker, and Dax Rainey. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Wray King and several nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory.

Delbert had a lifelong passion for tractors, long-horn cattle, and antique cars. His enthusiasm for these interests reflected his vibrant personality and love for the simple pleasures in life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Omer Herbert Rainey and Roberta Cole, as well as his brothers, Doris Rainey and Dwight Rainey.

A graveside service was September 18, 2025, at Liberty Cemetery in Dresden, Tennessee.

Bro. Steve Boone and Phil Meeks officiated the ceremony, and Delbert was honored by pallbearers Dana Cooper, Mark Cooper, Jason Baucum, Cory Baucum, Shawn Rennison, Rick Willis, Clay Higgs, and Casey Drewry.

Delbert Gail Rainey's legacy of kindness, service, and love will live on in the

hearts of all who knew him. His presence will be deeply missed, but the impact he made on his community and family will endure forever.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Liberty Church of Christ at 349 Hopper Road, Gleason, TN, 38229.

Bowlin Funeral Home, Dresden, Tenn.+

ny, Baleigh, Tyler, Madison, Haley, and Ashton.

He leaves behind his sisters, Tina Hodges of Gleason, Tonya Duncan of Huntingdon, and Tasha Gurley of Clarksburg. Funeral services for Terry were at First Baptist Church in Gleason on Saturday, September 20.

Williams Funeral Home, Gleason, Tenn.

SETA ROSS OXFORD 1965– 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Seta Darlene Oxford, 60, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Monday, September 15, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, September 19, 2025, in the Chapel of Dillard-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was at Liberty All Cemetery in Huntingdon.

Mrs. Seta was born May 10, 1965, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Dale and Sue Ross. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Ross Hilliard; maternal grandparents, Arthur Lee, Mary Crews and George Morgan; paternal grandparents, James and Mary Ross; one brother, Terry "Bubba" Ross.

NANCY E. CONNELL 1949 – 2025

GLEASON — Services for Nancy E. Connell, 76, of Gleason, Tenn., were Sunday, September 21, 2025 at Sandhill Baptist Church in Gleason. Burial was in Sandhill Cemetery.

She was born March 30, 1949 and died September 18, 2025.

Mrs. Connell is survived by three children, Kimberley (Tony) Coble of Gleason, Greg (Baronica) Williams of Martin, Tenn., and Tim Williams of North Dakota. She is also survived by two siblings, Ruth Casey of McKenzie, Tenn. and James Travis of Paris, Tenn. She leaves behind six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Connell was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Connell, and parents, Earl and Artie Travis.

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She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Kenneth Oxford of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one daughter, Arlanna Oxford of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one son, Oliver Oxford of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one brother, Rusty (Joy) Ross of Huntingdon, Tennessee; three sister-in-laws, Judy (Grant) Oxford of Franklin, Tennessee, Karen Khosravian of Greenville, Texas and Lisa (Ronnie) Hall of Olive Branch, Mississippi; one brother-in-law, Jeffrey (Raquel) Oxford of Wichita Falls, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 731-986-8281

TERRY 'T-RAY' PARHAM 1965 – 2025

GLEASON — Terry Ray "T-Ray" Parham, lovingly known as "T-Ray," died at the age of 60 on September 18, 2025.

He was born on September 4, 1965, in Trenton, Tennessee, to Larry Parham of McKenzie and Linda Coble of Gleason.

Terry is survived by his wife, Marisa Parham of Dresden, Tenn.; his son, Nicholas Caleb Parham of Dresden, and wife, Brittany, along with their children Ella, Kinsly, Gracelyne, Kylen, and Gatlin; and his daughter, Courtney Shea Parham of McKenzie. He is also survived by his stepdaughters, Tremanda Johnson and Monica Dick, and their children, Isabella, Brooklyn, Brittany, Betha-

MARVIN RAY WISE 1941-2025

YUMA — Marvin Ray Wise, 84, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on July 1, 1941 to Raymond Ella Wise. He was a faithful member at Rock Springs Christian Fellowship at the time of his death. He entered into eternal rest at his home in Yuma, Tennessee on September 15, 2025.

He is survived by 10 children: Lloyd (Lizzie), Charlotte, Howard (Dorcas), Carl (Christine), Julia, Philip (Phebe), Timothy (Nancy), Matthew (Susanna), Priscilla, Aquila (Elizabeth); 36 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Ella Wise, his wife, Miriam of 53 years; two brothers, Raymond and Walter; and two grandchildren, Rachel Wise and Michael Wise.

Surviving are three brothers, Edwin, Lloyd, and Jay Paul, and one sister, Ruth-Ann Wise.

As a family, we express our deep appreciation for the love, help and prayers you offered in our behalf and for your support in sharing the day with us. We ask an interest in your continued prayers in the adjustments ahead. +



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BAKED BEAN CASSEROLE

1 lb ground beef
1/3 cup onions chopped
3 tbsp brown sugar
3 tbsp chili powder

(optional)
1/3 cup diced celery
1 lrg can pork and beans
1/2 bottle ketchup
garlic salt to taste
In skillet, lightly brown meat, celery and onions. Add remaining ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Bake 1 hour at 375 degrees.

BEEF CHEESE BALL

3 -8oz. cream cheese
4-5 green onions chopped
2 (2 1/2oz.) jars dried beef chopped
1 tablespoon accent
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
Mix together and shape into a ball. Roll in finely chopped pecans.

CHEESE SAUSAGE BISCUITS

1 lb sausage
1 lb sharp cheddar cheese

1 small box bisquick
2 to 3 tablespoons water
Brown sausage and drain. Mix all ingredients together. Form into 1 1/2 inch balls. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

SALMON BALLS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ANNUAL MEETING

Union Primitive Baptist Church, 2020 Ross Rd, McKenzie, hosts an annual meeting on September 26-28: Friday night at 7 p.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Elder Graham Simms.

STORYTELLING AT THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents Storytelling during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in The Dixie PAC lower level from 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Speakers include: Kim Bell Webb, Ike Gilbert, Janice Crawford, David Johnson and more. Emcee is Joel Washburn.

Other upcoming events include: A Mistletoe Christmas Program during McKenzie's Christmas Celebration in December; the 15th Annual Trivia Bowl in January 2026. For more information, please email carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

HERITAGE DAY CRUISE-IN

Small Town Cruisers of Huntingdon is hosting a cruise in during the Heritage Day Celebration in Huntingdon. Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dash plaques provided for first 50 cars registered.

MMS TITLE I/PARENT INVOLVEMENT MEETING

McKenzie Middle School's annual Title I/Parent Involvement Meeting is Wednesday, October 1 from 4:30-5 p.m. in the MMS Library. All parents and guardians of MMS students are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jill Renfro, Parent Involvement Coordinator for MMS at renfroj1@mckenziebannerschools.org or 731-352-2792.

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.

September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival; 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.

EVERETT'S CHAPEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Everett's Chapel Cemetery Association meets Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church, 1185 Union Church Road, McKenzie. All interested persons are invited to attend.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the

Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. No meetings in February and July.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Annual Fall Yard Sale
Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4 at the shelter, 8 a.m.-Noon.

We will be accepting donations until Saturday, September 27th. We will not accept donations after that date because we must have time to sort through and set up. Please no mattresses, car seats, undies, socks, bicycle helmets. The shelter will be closed September 30 and October 1-2 except by appointment.

Halloween Bingo

Monday, October 13, 6-9 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon.

We have other events planned for October, November and December and will update later but go ahead and mark your calendars for Friday, January 9, 2026. We are planning an exciting new fundraising event, Casino Night!

Cat Vouchers

Cat spay/neuter vouchers are always available for \$60. To purchase by phone for

use at Paris Vet Clinic, call 731-514-0878 and leave a message. These are available to anyone regardless of residency. We now offer cat vouchers to Carroll County residents for use at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic for \$60. These must be purchased in person at the shelter with cash or card and proof of residency required. However, Carroll Co. residents can still use Paris Vet Clinic if preferred.

Dog Vouchers

Dog spay/neuter vouchers are still available for \$60 and must be purchased in person at the shelter using cash or card. We have lots of neuters available so those are available regardless of residency. Spay vouchers are currently for Carroll Co. residents only and appointments are backed up into November. 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. We do recommend that you have your pet vaccinated due to exposure to other animals. Puppies must be a minimum of four months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

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.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Cakewalk and Dinner — Saturday, September 27. Dinner at 5 p.m. \$5 for a hot dog, beans, chips and a drink. Cake auction at 5:45 p.m.; Cakewalk at 6 p.m., \$5. Come meet our new auctioneer and enjoy live music!

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.

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Top, Congregants stood outside the church to witness the burning of the note. Left, Bethel University Renaissance Choir conducted the worship service at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 21. Right, Reverend Rob Harris, pastor, and Tracy Webb, chairman of the Nehemiah Building Committee, 'burned the note', to signify the retirement of the debt on the church. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

First Cumberland Presbyterian Celebrates Loan Retirement with Note-Burning Ceremony

Congregation Retired Mortgage, Celebrated with Renaissance

McKENZIE (September 21, 2025) — The congregants at the First Cumber-

land Presbyterian Church in McKenzie celebrated a significant milestone on Sunday with the official note-burning ceremony, a worship service led by Bethel University's Renaissance Choir, and Communion.

Reverend Rob Harris, pastor of the church, and Tracy Webb, chairman of the Nehemiah Building Committee, had the pleasure of burning the paid-off promissory note that funded the construction of the third and final phase of the building program. Congregants gathered outside the church to watch Mr. Webb take a propane-fueled torch to the paper document.

The retirement of the financial loan was made possible by the church family and a generous donation by the estate of Ruth and John Morris.

The first phase of construction was the Family Life Center, which is often used by the church family and community.

The second phase was the construction of the outer shell of the sanctuary.

The third phase was the completion of the sanctuary.

The church leadership was judicious in construction by only starting each new phase after each of the prior phases was paid.

History of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church-McKenzie

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie, Tennessee was organized on July 17, 1867 with the Rev. J. M. Davies and 19 charter members, using the name "Bethlehem congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at McKenzie, Tennessee. In 1872 land was purchased from J. M. McKenzie on Stonewall Street for \$400 (1-1/3 acres). The congregation did erect a frame building at the back of the property, but met building difficulties and actually worshiped at Bethel College for some years. In 1892, after a 5-year building program, the congregation moved into their new building with Gothic architecture, a high vaulted slate roof, tall steeple and memorial art-glass windows. The building still stands at 647 Stonewall Street and now houses Bethel University's Bethel Perform-



ing Arts Center, where the Renaissance Theatre has performances.

In 1920, a seven-room brick manse was constructed on the northeast corner of the church property for \$8,000 and was used as a pastor's residence through the years. The original Educational Building with Fellowship Hall named after Fanny Baxter Moore, was built in 1960.

This building now houses Bethel University's Nursing Program.

In 1997, the congregation felt it was time to remodel and enlarge their facilities or build. After much research and with conflicting emotions, the session recommended that the congregation build a new church facility. Approximately 18 acres of land were purchased at 16835 Highland Drive in McKenzie, and a new church building was erected.

On February 2, 2002 (the birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denom-

ination founded in 1810), the congregation had their final worship service in the old church on Stonewall St. and carried the altar, pulpit, baptismal font, brass cross, candlesticks, altar cloths, offering plates and other items to the new church where everyone gathered for a Service of Communion and a potluck lunch. The stained glass windows were also moved to the new location.

In 2013, the church family held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new 450-seat sanctuary. The exterior was completed in 2015. The people of the church decided to retire the debt for the cost of the exterior before finishing the interior. Construction of the interior commenced in 2020.

On January 10, 2021, the first service in the newly erected sanctuary was held. The stained glass windows from the original location as well as the pipe organ, are installed in the new building.



Left, Teresa Ann Davis Carter. Right, In the hospital as a newborn in the hospital.

Switched at Birth

*Teresa Davis Carter
Learns She Was
Switched at Birth*

BY STEVE CORLEW
Courtesy of The Lexington Progress

Have you ever had a nagging feeling that something was not just right pertaining to your life?

You had different characteristics than your parents, siblings, and other family members and that maybe, just maybe, you could have been switched at birth?

Well, for one former Henderson Countian, who now resides in Huntingdon, those feelings turned out to be real as DNA testing later proved. She discovered that her parents, although loving and caring, were not her real birth parents. But it took 57 years to find out the truth about who she really was.

“Not many people go through this kind of thing in life... I hope,” Teresa Ann Davis Carter said about her experience.

According to Teresa Ann Davis’ Certificate of Birth, she was born on September 14, 1962, at the Lexington-Henderson County Hospital. Supposedly, the day before, another baby girl was born, weighing only one ounce different than Teresa.

“My birth mother stated she birthed her child on September 13 at about 5:30 in the evening. She saw her baby immediately but not again for at least 5 hours. She also asked many times the next day but was told that baby was asleep, feeding, or being bathed.”

Her recollection is disturbing and likely indicates that something was going on at that time.

The switch, while as improbable as it sounds, wasn’t discovered until many years later, after Carter decided to take advantage of a special being offered by Ancestry.com. Those DNA test results proved not only life-changing for Carter, but it opened a window into a life she had suspected for years.

“The first time I realized something was different... my brothers and sisters had dark hair, but I didn’t,” said Carter. “And I was blond as a baby.”

At age 9 or 10, it was apparent that others no-

ticed she looked different when she attended family reunions. Family members asked her dad who she favored in the family and he responded laughingly... “The Milk Man.” She knew she looked different than everyone else in her family.

Carter grew up in Huron with her parents that brought her home from the hospital, Tommy and Patricia Ann Horton Davis. She attended Westover Elementary, graduated from Lexington High School and Jackson State Community College as well as The University of Tennessee at Martin and worked at FirstBank for 19 years.

It was after she married Dr. Lee Carter of Huntingdon that he became very interested in his family history and purchased DNA testing kits from Ancestry.com. He had taken advantage of a buy one, get one free offer.

In 2019, Carter took the DNA test from Ancestry.com, which is the largest for-profit genealogical company in the world, and provides tools for researching family history, genealogy research, and setting up a family tree.

A year after taking the test, Carter said she started receiving odd email messages. She ignored these emails until May 23, 2020, when she received a message stating that her parents had done nothing wrong, but there was something she needed to know about her life. It turns out the emails were from her birth half-sister. The curiosity got the better of Carter and she picked up the phone and dialed the number.

“I’m your half-sister,” the voice on the other end of the line said. “You were switched at birth.” She and my birth brother had done the research as far as checking out my FaceBook page photos and birthdate.

Connecting with that mysterious person changed Carter’s life. That simple phrase, “switched at birth,” kept going through her mind. She began doing more research, trying to figure out how it happened and who she really was.

She started looking closer at family photos, checking Facebook accounts, and searching for more information about her birth family

and other relatives.

This sister sent Carter photos to compare. One was of Carter’s own son, and the other that of the biological brother. The resemblance was “striking.”

“My son looks like he is my brother’s child,” Carter said. “That’s freaky.”

Then came the picture of her birth mother. “I look like her,” Carter said.

She began to realize why so many people thought she looked different than her family members.

“I looked different, because I was different,” Carter stated.

The more she looked at photos on Facebook, the more she realized she really had been switched at birth.

Carter doesn’t know how the switch occurred. Child-birth was different in the early 60s, and hospital stays were much longer then.

The most common identity method for babies used in the 1960s was the armband that was put on immediately after birth.

Carter has the photo of her mother holding her baby and that armband was attached tightly.

In that era, most women were given twilight anesthesia for childbirth, a sedation technique that doesn’t deeply sedate patients. In those days doctors did not go into the nursery immediately after the mother gave birth so one of the nurses would take the baby to the nursery and attach the identity armband as soon as possible. Note that nurses would rotate all positions during this time period, including the nursery, according to a nurse who still lives in Lexington and worked at this time at this hospital.

“There is no way this happened by accident,” Carter said she was told by several doctors and the above-mentioned nurse.

“The armband just didn’t fall off the arms of two babies,” Carter said. “How would it come off of two of them?”

For Carter, her father did not believe the results of the first DNA test, so she took another through 23andMe.com. Those results were the same...

The remainder of the story will run in next week’s edition.

West Carroll Elementary Principal Chosen For Tennessee Rural Principals Network

The Tennessee Department of Education, in collaboration with Belmont University, has announced the selection of 71 school leaders for the 2025-26 Tennessee Rural Principals Network (TRPN). Among those chosen is Dr. Jessica Williams, principal of West Carroll Elementary School.

The TRPN program unites principals from across the state to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing rural schools. Participants engage in professional learning designed to strengthen rural education, including strategies for high-quality instruction, teacher recruitment and retention and effective support for educators. The network also provides principals with opportunities to build



Dr. Jessica Williams, West Carroll Elementary Principal.

meaningful relationships with other rural district leaders while accessing resources tailored to rural communities.

“I am honored to be selected for the Tennessee

Rural Principals Network,” said Dr. Williams. “I am thankful for the opportunity to connect with other rural principals and grow as an instructional leader to support students, teachers and staff at West Carroll.”

Her selection highlights her role in educational excellence and leadership at West Carroll Elementary and in the wider community. West Carroll Elementary is proud of this achievement and confident that her participation will benefit both the school and the district. The school community congratulates Dr. Williams on this honor and looks forward to the perspectives and experiences she will share with students, staff and the community.

Flashback Closes Nights on Broadway



McKENZIE (September 18) — The downtown summer music series Nights on Broadway concluded Thursday with local favorites Flashback. A good crowd filled Veterans Park to enjoy the waning summer evening, great music and downtown businesses staying open late to be a part of the fun. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



CASA volunteers speak to McKenzie Rotary. (L to R): Rotary VP Armand Hebert, CASA representative Annie Searock, Carroll County Judge Michael King, CASA representative Cammy Estes, and Rotary President Ricky Price.

Rotary Learns about CASA in Carroll County

McKENZIE (September 16) — CASA, Court-Appointed Special Advocates (for children) was the featured program at the September 16 meeting of the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

Cammy Estes and Annie Searock represented the local organization that serves as the advocates for children who are removed from their home and placed in foster care or with other family members.

CASA volunteers are trained to advocate for the child and are appointed by

the judge. General Sessions and Juvenile Judge Michael King supports the program and shortly after he was elected, he encouraged the agency to expand to Carroll County.

Many times, children are removed from their homes, placed in foster care, and often are relocated from their schools and friends. CASA volunteers are the eyes and ears for the children. They work independently of the Department of Children’s Services to best serve the child. CASA members in

Carroll County work with the child and report their independent findings to the judge.

Estes said it is often overwhelming for the child to be placed in a new home, away from their parents and siblings. CASA serves as a special friend to the child.

CASA operates with volunteers. For more information, contact Cammy Estes, volunteer supervisor, at 731-358-5774, or email carrollcasa.volunteers@gmail.com.



Attendees at the September meeting of the Huntingdon Historical Society toured The Dixie and heard about its history and significance.

Huntingdon Historical Society Visits The Dixie

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (September 17) — Huntingdon Historical Society’s September meeting was held at the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center and provided a recap of the 26-year history of the center from concept and construction to 20 years of performances.

Susan Cary and Jean Newsome provided some highlights of the history of the building.

The Center has served to enrich the arts - performing and visual. An annex, Mud-sliggers, converted from an old automotive service station, now serves for training in pottery.

In 1999, Mayor Dale Kelley and business leaders met to address the revitalization of Huntingdon’s Central Business District, placing an emphasis on bringing in a new restaurant and a theater for citizens of Huntingdon and its surrounding area to enjoy. That December, Mayor Dale Kelley revealed plans for the theater to be called The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center. The Dixie is named after Dixie Carter, a famous actress and well-known resident of Carroll County.

It was a bold move by the late Mayor Dale Kelley, who had dreamed of a performing arts center in Huntingdon after his service in the military, where he had seen one in a small community in Europe.

The Dixie was to be housed in four of the original buildings downtown that were 125 years old. However, in 2004, during construction, a portion of the south wall collapsed. For safety reasons, it was decided that the original buildings would be demolished and a new build-



In 1999, Dixie Carter stood in front of the row of buildings that stood where the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center now stands. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner.

ing erected. Bricks from the original building have been used throughout The Dixie.

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

Mayor Kelley proposed to Dixie and Hal Holbrook the naming of the performing arts center and theatre within the performing arts center in honor of Hal Holbrook. Both Dixie and Hal were visibly moved and graciously accepted.

“We were delighted to include this honor for Mr. Holbrook, who was an invaluable consultant to the architect in designing the theatre at the Center.”

Both Dixie and Hal graciously supported The Dixie throughout the years by performing fundraisers. Dixie performed her Cabaret show in 2002, and Hal has performed numerous Mark Twain Tonight! shows

all to packed houses and overwhelmingly grateful audiences.

The Dixie has presented hundreds of performance and education Series events in the Hal Holbrook Theatre to over 200,000 patrons.

Some of the performances include the New York City Ballet, Nashville Symphony, Richard Marx, Lady Antebellum, Ronnie Milsap, Midtown Men, Carol Channing, Jason Isbell, Sara Evans and the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

The Dixie is also home to The Dixie Players, a community theatre troupe.

The Dixie hosts numerous free events every season for the region, which have included the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit, U.S. Army Field Band Concert, Huntingdon Heritage Day Music and Arts Festival, Derby Day, and Main Street Christmas, to name a few.

The Ballroom Gallery provides art exhibitions for various media, honoring Tennessee artists.

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center, Home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre, has become a premier cultural venue of West Tennessee.



McKenzie High School golfers (L to R): Seated - Cayden Ownby, Eli Vinson, Morgan Little, Landon Otis, Charli Weatherford, Owen Walker and Brady Allison; Standing - Head Coach Tyler Holt, Hudson Garrett, Routon Wilson, Madelyn Morris, Ethan Bradberry, Nolan Fawcett and Ace Brown. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Wraps Regular Season with Wins

BY BRAD SAM
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SHARON/MILAN (September 15-16) — The McKenzie High School golf teams wrapped the regular season with two dominant performances on Monday and Tuesday and are looking to carry that momentum into the upcoming district tournament.

Monday, the teams traveled to Persimmon Hills Golf Course in Sharon to face three district opponents, Westview, Union City and Dresden (boys only).

The Lady Rebels bested Westview and Union City by 17 and 24 strokes. Charlie Weatherford was the match medalist, shooting a 40. Madelyn Morris scored a 46 for the team total of 86.

The Rebels defeated their three opposing teams with a score of 151. Westview was six strokes back for second place. Ethan Bradberry's 33 was good for match medalist with Ace Brown just behind with a 34. Nolan Fawcett's 37 and Brady Allison's 47 filled out the team score.

Tuesday, the teams visited Milan Golf and Country Club, facing only the host Milan teams.

The Lady Rebels again shot an 86 for the win, this time by 21 strokes. Weatherford was the match medalist with a 34, two under par.

The Rebels scored a 158 to claim the win by 39 strokes. Brown had the edge for match medalist with a 36, followed by Bradberry

with a 38. Fawcett shot a 40 and Allison a 44 for the team total.

For three seniors, it was their final regular season match. Landon Otis had a score of 47, Eli Vinson shot a 48 and Owen Walker had a 51.

The final regular season records are 26-8 for the Lady Rebels and 44-6-1 for the Rebels.

The District 14A tournaments were Monday, September 22 at Persimmon Hills. (Results were not available prior to The Banner's press deadline.)

The three top teams from each tournament advance to the Region 7A tournament, along with the top five individual players from nonqualifying teams.

Andy Holt is Tennessee's New Commissioner of Agriculture

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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NASHVILLE — Beginning October 1, Andy Holt will become Tennessee's first, first-generation farmer to serve as the Commissioner of Agriculture at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA). Holt replaces Dr. Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M., who retired after nearly seven years of service as commissioner and more than 21 years of state service. Governor Bill Lee announced the leadership change in a press release September 3.

Holt, a former member of the Tennessee General Assembly, is a self-made farmer. His interest in agriculture sprouted when he was in the fourth grade, growing with his involvement in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. After graduating from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Holt and his wife, Ellie, began farming together. Their farm, Holt Family Farms, has since become an oft-visited destination in West Tennessee for locally-grown pork, a fall pumpkin patch and a spring tulip festival.

Holt began his service at the TDA in 2021 as the Director of Business Development. He moved up in ranks, becoming the Assistant Commissioner for

Business Development for a few years. In January 2025, Holt became the Deputy Commissioner of the TDA.

In his time at the TDA, Holt has worked to build international relationships in the agriculture sector, contributed to the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program, guided legislative initiatives and regulatory protections and more.

Holt succeeds Hatcher, who was sworn in as Tennessee's 38th Commissioner of Agriculture in January 2019. During Hatcher's tenure, he made record investments to strengthen food and fiber supply chains, expand rural businesses, conserve natural resources and create rural jobs while supporting nearly 70,000 farming families.

Holt enters his new role as Commissioner with expansive knowledge of the economic struggles today's farmers face. While he aims to lead similarly to past commissioners, he also intends to push Tennessee to open new market opportunities internationally.

"Agriculture is by far the largest and, in my opinion, the most important industry in the state of Tennessee. It provides more jobs and provides more economic output than any other industry. My goal is to not only protect that and to pre-

serve that, but it is to grow that," Holt said.

In 2024, agriculture was by far Tennessee's most profitable industry, bringing in \$103 billion worth of economic output.

"Andy is a committed public servant who brings a personal understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Tennessee farmers," said Governor Lee. "I'm grateful for his leadership and am confident he will serve Tennesseans with integrity by strengthening rural communities and supporting our agriculture industry."

Holt thanked Governor Lee for selecting him for the role and praised his contributions to the agriculture business.

"I think Governor Lee is really, without question, the most pro-agriculture governor in the United States. He has demonstrated that not only with his words but with the budgetary priority he's placed on agriculture...He's not only a friend, not only a mentor, but he's honestly an inspiration to me," said Holt.

Prior to joining TDA, Holt represented House District 76 in the Tennessee General Assembly for ten years. Holt lives with his wife and their seven children on the family farm near Dresden, Tennessee.

McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Cruelty to Animals — Thomas A. Walker, 20, McDonald Avenue, McKenzie was charged with Aggravated Cruelty to Animals on September 16.

Officer Jayden Rembert filed the report stating that witnesses observed a dead dog in a trash bag and then phoned the police. The witnesses stated they had a recording of Walker admitting to the act because the dog had bitten one of his children. Walker stated he had intended to dispose of the dog's remains.

Sexual Battery — Christopher Blake Poole, 26, Walnut Circle, McKenzie is accused of Sexual Battery following an incident in downtown McKenzie.

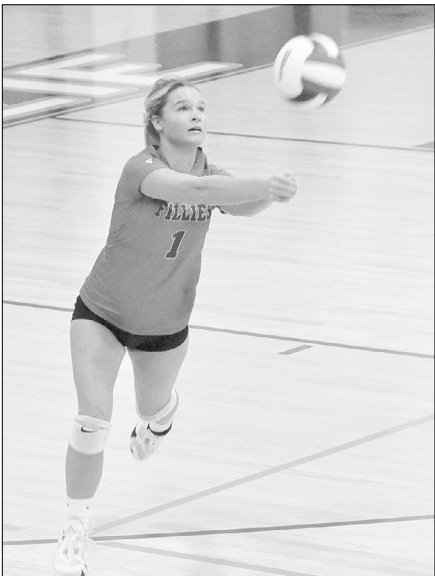
Officer Timothy Dillon filed a report stating that a female was at the Nights on Broadway on September 18 when Poole asked her to accompany him to a vacant, but open-air building on Lee Street, where he reportedly made unwanted physical contact with her. The female stated the advances toward her were unwanted.

ed. She and a female friend went to the MPD station to report the incident.

Poole denied the accusation.

Driving on Suspended License — Emily Tindall, 31, McCall Street, Huntingdon, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of the Light Law and Violation of Financial Responsibility on September 20.

Officer Jayden Rembert stopped Tindall's vehicle for an inoperable right headlight. During the stop, he learned of her license suspension and the lack of insurance. She was cited into General Sessions Court.



Top Left, Huntingdon's Kylie Tippitt makes a return from the corner. Tippitt had an ace, three digs and an assist in the Fillies' win. Top Right, Lady Rebel Addison Milam makes a return. Milam had two kills in the contest. Above Left, Sunny Carter serves for the Fillies. Carter had ten kills in the match. Above Right, Lady Rebel Ashley Dunavant dives for a dig. Dunavant had one kill in the match. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Fillies Top Lady Rebels in Straight Sets

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 15) — McKenzie High School hosted Huntingdon Monday for a district volleyball contest. The visiting Fillies took the match in straight sets: 25-13, 25-6 and 25-10.

Huntingdon's Ellie Wilson had three kills, a dozen aces, one dig and one assist. Sunny Carter had ten kills.

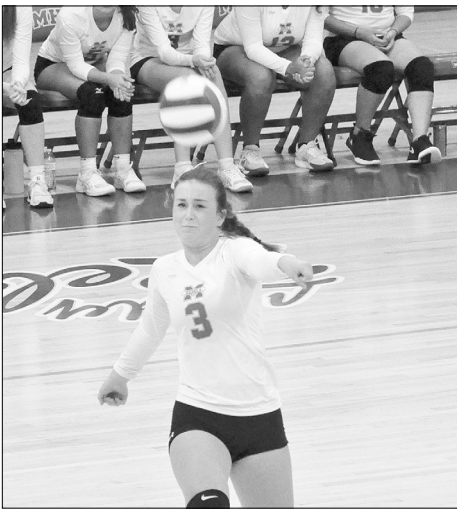
Taylor Canovan had four kills, two aces, five digs, 20 assists and a block. Knox Bennett had one kill, five aces and five digs. Millie Singleton had four kills and two blocks.

Filly Cruz Perez had four kills, an ace and an assist. Emalynn Maness had two kills. Meredith Perritt had an ace, four digs and two assists. Grier Bartholomew had four digs. Kylie Tippitt had an ace, three digs and

an assist. Maylyn Turner had a kill and a block.

Lady Rebel Addison Milam had two kills. Molly French had a kill and a block. Ashley Dunavant and Ridley Holt each had a kill, and Kynadie Brown had an ace.

The two teams will meet again Thursday, September 25 in Huntingdon, beginning with a JV match at 5 p.m.



Left, Lady Rebel Kynadie Brown takes a tough angle to make a strong return. Right, Lady Rebel Natalia Taylor sets up her teammates to attempt a kill. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Fall to Riverside, 3-1

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 18) — McKenzie High School hosted Riverside Thursday for a district volleyball match. The Lady Rebels were defeated 3-1 in four sets, bookended by two thrilling, down-to-the-wire sets.

Momentum shifted several times in the opening set, but McKenzie battled for a 25-23 win.

Riverside was in control for most of the next two sets,

claiming them 25-14 and 25-12, respectively.

The Lady Rebels fell behind early in the fourth set but rallied, and the teams were tied multiple times. Riverside pulled ahead 23-19, but McKenzie earned four straight points to knot the score again. It was tied again at 24-24, but the Lady Panthers scored two straight to take the set, 26-24.

Lady Rebel Kynadie Brown had five aces, one dig and eleven assists. Jaycee Stafford had five kills, four aces,

two digs and an assist. Addison Milam had five kills, two aces and five digs. Ridley Holt had a kill and four aces. Molly French had two kills, two aces and a dig. Ashley Dunavant had a kill and two digs. Haylee Beard had a kill. Kynlee Barden had an ace, and Natalia Taylor had a dig.

The Lady Rebels hosted Madison Academic Monday for a district double-header (after The Banner's press deadline) and will host West Carroll, also a district opponent, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



The McKenzie Lady Rebels earned second as a team at the Lexington Tiger Run. Photo courtesy Beth Mathis

Lady Rebels Earn Three Medals, Second Overall

BY BRAD SAM
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LEXINGTON (September 16) — The McKenzie High School cross country teams traveled Tuesday to compete in the Lexington Tiger Run.

The Lady Rebels earned second overall as a team. Abigail Wallace finished third after overcoming a foot injury in the second

mile. Autumn Haywood earned fourth, and Bella Sass also medaled with a twelfth place finish. Sophie Dameron and Ava Hastings rounded out the team score. Haywood, Dameron and Hastings all ran season personal bests, along with Gracie Aird and Avery Cantrell.

The girls team improved their average from 24:49 to 24:11.

Rebel Cal Fawcett fin-

ished 24th, just missing a medal, but ran a season personal best along with Reed Little.

The boys team improved their average from 23:07 to 22:56.

The competition included 148 boys and 81 girls.

Next for McKenzie cross country is a meet in Huntingdon on Tuesday, September 23.

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Marriage License

Brandon Douglas Baucum, 26, of McKenzie, to Emma Ray Martin, 24, of McKenzie.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Felony Evading, Reckless Driving, Driving While Revoked — According to a report by Deputy Daniel J. Thomas, on Sept. 10 deputies attempted to stop a small SUV at the intersection of Highway 424 and Yuma Road in Yuma after the driver failed to stop at a stop sign and nearly entered the roadway. The driver, later identified as Jared Tyler Baugus, 25, of Holladay, sat stationary for several seconds before reversing and pulling beside the deputy’s patrol vehicle. When questioned, he gave inconsistent names and appeared unclear in his speech, leading deputies to suspect possible impairment.

When instructed to pull forward so a traffic stop could be initiated, Baugus accelerated toward Highway 114 and fled at a high rate of speed. Deputies began pursuit, recalling that the day before a similar white pickup had fled a traffic stop in the same area. Video footage from Clarksburg business and a resident’s statement had identified Baugus as the driver in that earlier incident.

Although deputies brief-

ly lost sight of the SUV, they followed dust trails and tracks leading toward Baugus’s residence on Bible Hill Road. With assistance from Benton County deputies, officers found a dark SUV parked near the white pickup from the previous night. The hood was still warm, and fresh tracks in the grass led to the home. Deputies then encountered Baugus exiting the house while drinking from a gallon of milk. He was taken into custody without further incident.

After being advised of his rights, Baugus admitted to fleeing from deputies the night before and claimed he was “being set up.” A records check confirmed his license was revoked for DUI with an interlock restriction, yet the vehicle he was driving did not contain an interlock device. Baugus was transported to the Carroll County Jail and charged with felony evading, reckless driving, and driving while revoked.

Theft of property — According to a report by Investigator Angel Furr, on Sept. 11, deputies were called to the Dollar General Store

in Atwood after Timothy Lynn Pugh reported losing his wallet in the parking lot. Pugh described the wallet as brown leather and containing approximately \$300 in cash along with multiple credit cards and a bank card. Surveillance footage showed a white male bending down to pick up the wallet before leaving the parking lot in a silver pickup with a female passenger.

Through follow-up investigation, deputies identified the male as Charles Cisco Mann, 73, of Atwood. When confronted, Mann initially claimed he had picked up a pack of cigarettes. After being told the video clearly showed a wallet, Mann later produced the missing wallet but claimed it had been empty. Pugh later confirmed the wallet was his, although the cash and cards were missing.

On Sept. 16 deputies obtained a warrant for Mann’s arrest. He was taken into custody at his residence on Highway 79 and transported to the Carroll County Jail. His bond was set at \$2,500. Mann was charged with theft of property.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on September 17.

Darius L. Hastings, Mansfield Road, Mansfield, bound over, Aggravated Assault; bound over, Aggravated Assault; bound over, Aggravated Assault.

Alan Jastrzembski, Fowler Circle, Hollow Rock, bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; bound over, Possession of Firearm Intent to Go Armed - Dangerous Felony - Sol; bound over, Possession of Weapon - Convicted Felon; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; bound over, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange; bound over, Schedule II Drugs: Fentanyl - 0.5 grams or greater.

Rodrigo Atkinson Reyna, Ash Street, Bruceton, bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon.

Sierra Sauls, Fowler Circle, Hollow Rock, bound over, Possession of a Firearm Intent to Go Armed - Dangerous Felony; bound over, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange; bound over, Schedule II Drugs: Fentanyl - 0.5 grams or greater; bound over, Schedule IV Drugs: MFG, Del, Sell, Possess; bound

over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Joshua Jeremiah Darnell Bailey, W. Forest Avenue, Detroit, Mich., guilty, lesser charge, Theft of Merchandise - Shoplifting, no fine, supervised probation for sentence, no contact with Walmart, cognitive behavioral training course; pre-trial diversion, Evading Arrest.

Matthew Celusta, Bethel Court, McKenzie, guilty, lesser charge, Public Intoxication, no fine, unsupervised probation for sentence, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations.

Matthew Dalton, Craft Road, Olive Branch, Miss., guilty, lesser charge, Theft of Merchandise - Up to \$1,000, no fine, 11/29, \$113.93 to Walmart, supervised probation for until conditions complete, no contact with Walmart for one year, report to Carroll County Jail on October 3, can be transferred to unsupervised after completion of conditions.

Alan Donald Jastrzembski, N. Forrest, Camden, guilty, Driving While License Suspended - Non-resident; guilty, Reckless Driving; guilty, Evading Arrest.

Dennie Jessee III, Hwy. 219, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While License Revoked, no fine, supervised probation until costs are paid.

Wizdom K Laws, Wood Ave., Camden, guilty, lesser charge, Driving While License Canceled, \$50 fine, supervised probation until conditions complete, must obtain valid Tennessee driver’s license; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law; dismissed, Improper Lane Change.

Caleb Riddle, Old Lavinia Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, lesser charge, Driving While License Suspended, \$100 fine, supervised probation until conditions complete, brought proof of proper registration; guilty, lesser charge, Financial Responsibility Law, \$100 fine, supervised probation until conditions complete, brought proof of proper registration; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Display of Registration Plates.

The following cases were rescheduled.

Rashad J. Brown, Deziray Buckley, Samuel A. Jewel, Charlie Long, Desirae Marie Perry, Tasha Marie Simmons, Jonathan R. Sullivan, James D. Warbritton, James Derrick Warbritton.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Theft of Merchandise — According to a report made on Sept. 6, Officer Brad Allen was dispatched to Walmart in Huntingdon for a shoplifting complaint. Store security stated that Laquita R. Baker, 49, had taken a dog bed, a can of Lysol spray, and a woman’s skirt, valued together at \$42.97. The merchandise was recovered, and Baker was cited into General Sessions Court for theft of property involving merchandise.

Criminal Trespass — According to a report made on Aug. 29, Sgt. Ethan Parham cited Angela Daily, 36, for criminal trespass. Daily had previously been banned from all Walmart properties nationwide after an incident in Milan on March 25. She was observed inside Huntingdon Walmart in violation of that notice and was cited in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving While License Suspended, Speeding — According to a report made on Sept. 1, Officer Malachi Arline stopped a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado on West Main Street for traveling 48 mph in a 30-mph zone. The driver, Joshua B. Wyatt, 47, was found to have a suspended license out of Madison County for failure to appear. Wyatt was cited for speeding, driving while license suspended, and receipt of driver’s license for suspension. He was given

10 days to report to Carroll County Jail to be booked and receive a court date.

Driving on Suspended License — According to a report made on Aug. 25, Sgt. Ethan Parham investigated a vehicle accident involving Shawn D. Dill, 60. During the investigation, a check through dispatch confirmed Dill’s driver’s license was suspended following a failure to appear in Huntingdon City Court in 2012. Dill was cited for driving on a suspended license, first offense, and given 10 days to report to Carroll County Jail for booking and a court date in General Sessions Court.

Burglary, Theft of Merchandise, Criminal Trespass — According to a report made on Aug. 29, Sgt. Ethan Parham responded to Walmart in Huntingdon, where Skyla Kelm, 24, was observed attempting to leave the store with unpaid merchandise. Kelm had previously been banned from all Walmart properties on March 25 and had signed a criminal trespass notice. Loss prevention reported that she had taken items on multiple occasions. The total restitution owed to Walmart was \$144.58. After being read her rights, Kelm admitted to taking items because she needed them and did not have a job. She was arrested for Burglary, Theft of Property- Conduct Involving

Merchandise, and Criminal Trespass, and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault, Interference with Emergency Calls — According to a report made on Aug. 31, Sgt. Ethan Parham responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on Forrest Hill Drive in Huntingdon. A woman reported that her boyfriend, Torey L. Watson, 30, had taken her phone multiple times as she attempted to call 911, threw household items causing damage, pushed her, and chest-bumped her during the altercation. She also stated that Watson had frightened her and that she had been fearful for her safety for several months. Watson was arrested at the scene and transported to Carroll County Jail, where he was charged with domestic assault and interference with emergency calls.

Public Intoxication — According to a report made on Aug. 27, Officer Jonathan McDowell responded to East Main Street in Huntingdon regarding a man lying near the road. The individual, William H. Hollowell, 42, was found intoxicated, with vomit on his clothing, and admitted to excessive drinking and taking over-the-counter pain medication. Hollowell was transported by EMS to the hospital as he was unfit for arrest. Charges were placed on file to be served once he was released from the hospital.

Property Transfers

Britiani Realty Group, LLC to Edd Scarborough in District 4.

Tony James Brotherton Jr. to Denise Brotherton in District 16.

Timbervest Partners III, Tennessee, LLC to Joe Luebcke and Nicole Kathryn Orlowski. No District listed.

Lester V. and wife, Retha Galbreath to William Bradley and wife, Kimberly S. Bynum in District 22.

Francis M. Winebrenner to Francis M. Winebrenner and others in District 4.

K&L Holland 2, LLC to Gary M. and wife Kimberly N. Reed in District 7.

Logan Wade and wife Meredith Drewry to Brandon Charles Hill in District 4.

Toni Marie Davis to J3E Properties, LLC in District 24.

Joyce Ann Scates to Brit-

ney Mowell. No District listed.

Vanessa J. North as trustee to Lesa V. Harris in District 11.

Carolyn Smith to Ernest and wife, Nona McKee in District 45815.

Teresa Suzanne Parris as trustee to James M. Jackson Jr. in District 4.

Terry Volunteer Fire Department to the County of Carroll in District 6.

Edd Scarborough to Jasmine McMackins Hatcher in District 4.

42 Investment Properties LLC to 108 Spruce St. N LLC. No District listed.

42 Investment Properties LLC to 108 Spruce St 2 LLC. No District listed.

42 Investment Properties LLC, to 910 Hammel LN, LLC. No District listed.

Robin M. Campbell (now Eves) to Lori and husband Jacob Henderson in District 22.

Bobby Joe Mann to Bobby Joe Mann and others in District 10.

Bobby Joe Mann to Sandi K. Mann in District 10.

Jessica Chandler to Lee T. Chandler. No District listed.

Mikel Jones to Mikel Jones and others. No District listed.

Emily Kelly as trustee to Kimberly Kelly and others in District 15, 16, and 18.

Michael C. Blundell to Micah L. Blundell in District 22.

Kelly and wife Beth Moore to Peyton Moody in District 11.

PUBLIC NOTICE

- **Planning Commission Meeting-Regularly Monthly Session**
- **Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025**
- **Time: 6 p.m.**
- **Location: Community Center**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Trezevant Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 6 p.m.

This month’s agenda will include a discussion on Tiny Houses. Topics may include zoning considerations, placement guidelines, and potential impacts on the community.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment.

The planning commission will have a regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month.

For additional information, please contact City Hall at 731-669-4831



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Carroll County Government (Tennessee)

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayor’s Office shall accept sealed written bids for the following State Aid Roads for the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and work MUST be completed by June 30, 2026:

- **MILLER RD BEGIN AT HWY 22 GO 1.2 MILES**
- **DOLLAR RD BEGIN AT HWY 22 GO 1.6 MILES**
- **HILL RD BEGIN AT ROCHELLE RD GO 1.05 MILES**
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Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 9 a.m. CST, **October 20, 2025**, at which time the bids will be opened and considered at a public meeting of the Purchasing Committee.

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TOWN OF TREZEVANT

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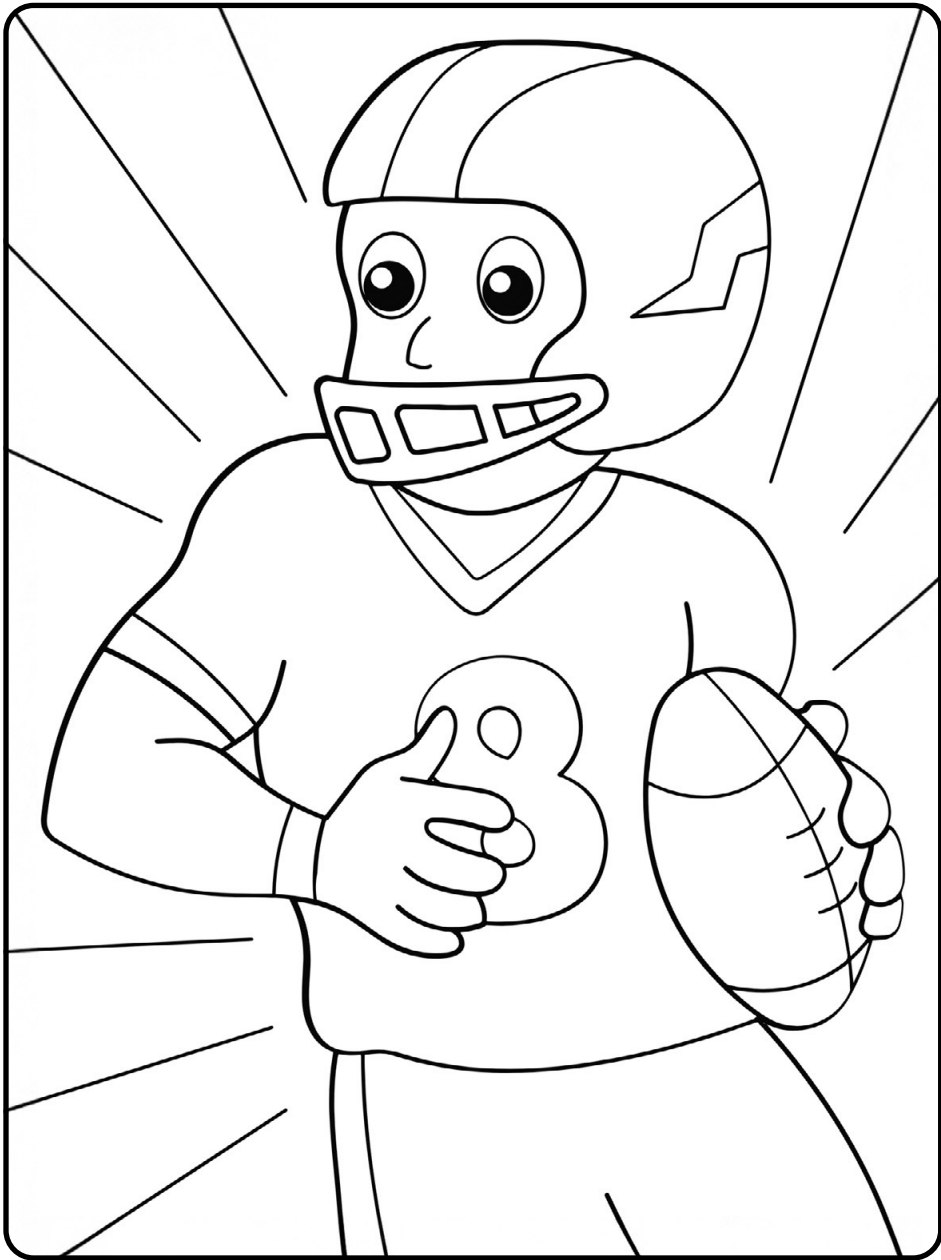
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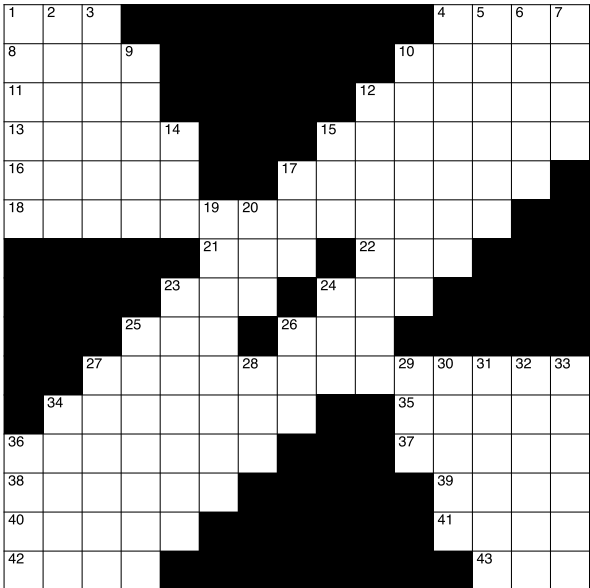
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Gas usage measurement
- 4. Muslim mystic
- 8. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 10. Monday (Spanish)
- 11. Frame for a coffin
- 12. Rub out
- 13. John ___, English educator 1467-1519
- 15. Small round particle
- 16. Chilean seaport
- 17. News service
- 18. Pay for dinner
- 21. Glamorous city
- 22. Subway rodent
- 23. "The Raven" author
- 24. Buddhist festival
- 25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 26. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. Series-ending episodes
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Aquatic mammal
- 37. Unit of measurement
- 38. Eye membranes
- 39. Indian god of dissolution
- 40. People of Scotland
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Rock icon Turner



43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Large hat covering
- 2. "From what is earlier" (Latin)
- 3. Celtic
- 4. Retirement region
- 5. A way to change posture
- 6. Touches
- 7. A small island
- 9. Rubbish
- 10. A citizen of Laos
- 12. A place to dance
- 14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 15. Mild expression of surprise

- 17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 19. Descriptions
- 20. Men's fashion accessory
- 23. Thieves of the sea
- 24. Prohibit
- 25. Card game
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Underling
- 28. Downwind
- 29. Type of medication
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Stuffed (French)
- 36. Type of precipitation

Week 38

See solution in next week's edition.

Friendship Word Search

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SUDOKU

WEEK 38

		6		2			8	
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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to friendship. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = N)

A. 10 14 18 23 17 5 13 14 5

Clue: Person to spend time with

B. 17 2 2 9 10 3 13 14 5

Clue: Feeling of fondness

C. 7 14 10 13 17 15

Clue: With people

D. 10 14 5 2 13 26 17 5 3 9

Clue: Listens to secrets

Answers: A. companion B. affection C. social D. confidante

LETTER MIX-UP

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

COMPANIONSHIP

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

Riddle Me This

What do you call two math friends?

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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

NSIIVET

Answer: invites

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 37 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 37

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Left, Mustang K'Shun Carter stiff arms a Cougar defender. Right, Hutch goes over a JCM defender to catch a pass. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

Mustang Defense Stifles JCM

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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HUNTINGDON (September 19) — On a night when the Huntingdon Mustangs' offense seemed a little sluggish, the Mustang defense turned in its best performance of the season in a 27-7 win over JCM.

The Mustangs held the Cougars to 64 rushing yards on 23 attempts and 9 of 18 passing for 99 yards and forced one turnover.

Senior linebacker, Broox Bennett who has missed the last three games for injury, led the Mustang defense with 14 tackles, four for loss and intercepted a pass.

The Mustangs, now 4-1 for the season and 2-1 in region 7-2A, rushed for 263 yards on 42 attempts and completed 3 of 3 passes for 53 yards.

Junior QB Kenton Smith ran for 37 yards and completed 3 of 3 passes for 53 yards, Tyreke Hutch ran for 86 yards and Hayes Eubanks contributed 72 yards on the ground.

The Mustang defense

stopped JCM on their first drive of the game after the Cougars got off to a good start and drove to the Mustangs 24, but a fourth down pass fell incomplete.

The Mustangs moved the 76 yards in three plays to score on a Hutch 54-yard sprint to the end zone. Greyson Anderson knocked through the PAT and the Mustangs led 7-0.

The Mustangs, after fumbling earlier in the second quarter to end a drive, scored the final points of the first half after taking over at the Cougar 48 following a 14-yard punt. The Mustangs faced a fourth down from the nine-yard line, and Kenton Smith found Carter on an out pattern for the touchdown with 12 seconds left in the half. The extra point was missed and the score stood at 13-0 with 24 minutes of the game gone.

Both the Mustangs and Cougars punted on their first possession of the second half and the Mustangs started a scoring drive from their own 14 that covered 14 plays to paydirt. Hayes Eu-

banks capped the drive with a four-yard run with 8:23 left in the game. Anderson was good on the point after, and the Mustangs led 20-0.

Anderson's kickoff was in the end zone, and the Cougars started at their own 20. On first down, Bennett intercepted a Terrell Williams pass and returned it to the Cougar 17. On the next play, Hutch got some great blocking off the right side and waltzed into the end zone. Anderson was true on the point after, and the score increased to 27-0.

The Cougars answered with their only points of the night by going 73 yards in seven plays and scored on a four-yard pass from Williams to Jayland Eckford with four minutes left in the game. The point after was good to make the final score 27-7.

The Mustangs take to the road this Friday for the last time during the regular season as they will face Gibson County in Dyer for a region match-up. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

McKenzie Marching Rebels Earn Hardware



MEDINA (September 20) — The McKenzie High School Marching Rebels began their competitive season Saturday at the Hornet Invitational at South Gibson High School. In Class 1, the Marching Rebels earned first place in band, percussion and field commander and third place in color guard. They compete next at the Union City Invitational Saturday, September 27. Photo courtesy McKenzie Bands



Left, Rebel Lelan Gordon turns upfield for a gain. Right, Rebel Avery Brown makes a circus catch for a touchdown. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Cage Lions on Homecoming, 50-14

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 19) — McKenzie High School capped off a week of Homecoming festivities Friday night with a 50-14 win over the Camden Lions.

The lopsided win came in spite of excessive miscues by the Rebels and an injury early in the game to offensive weapon Timmy Arline. Defense was the bright spot for McKenzie; Camden was held to just 73 total yards of offense and one touchdown from scrimmage.

The Rebels received the opening kick and struck quickly with a six-play, 86-yard drive. Quarterback Cole Brown threw to Avery Brown for a 36-yard touchdown. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and the Rebels led 7-0 two minutes into the first frame.

Camden went three-and-out on their first possession. The punt was downed at the Lion 42.

After an incomplete pass, Arline took a handoff 42 yards for the score. Mason missed a long PAT after a delay of game penalty, and McKenzie led 13-0 with eight minutes left in the first.

The Lions went three-and-out again, but a bad snap on the punt attempt gave the Rebels a short field at the Camden 23.

A pair of penalties against McKenzie negated two big plays, including a touchdown run by C. Brown, but the QB found A. Brown again for a seven-yard touchdown. Another missed PAT kept the Rebel lead at 19-0 with 3:27 to go in the opening quarter. McKenzie forced another Lion three-and-out, but a fumble on the punt return gave Camden the ball back at the Rebel 15.

The Rebel defense held again, forcing a turnover on downs at the 13.

McKenzie drew two penalty flags and struggled to move the ball as the first frame ended. On the first play of the second quarter, a deep pass by C. Brown was intercepted by Lion Antoine Banks and returned to the Rebel 20.

Camden was primed to score after a third-down pass set up first-and-goal at the 6, but a high snap led to a big loss. A couple of incomplete passes made it fourth-and-goal at the 26. McKenzie was penalized for pass interference in the end zone, and fourth down was replayed at the 13. Another bad snap resulted in a sack by Rebels Maddox Shiell and Dawson Reeder, and McKenzie took over at their 24.

The Rebels managed one first down, but were forced to punt and Camden took over at their own 28.

Shiell tackled Banks for a loss on first down, then Rebel Mason Batten recovered a Lion fumble at the 18.



Rebel Cole Brown tackles Lion Antoine Banks for a loss. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebel Matteo Tabada ran for four, then C. Brown threw to Aiden Legens for 12 yards. Brown then punched it in on a two-yard keeper. Lelan Gordon ran for the two-point conversion, and McKenzie led 27-0 with four minutes to play in the first half.

Camden drew a flag on the kickoff return and started at their 10. Shiell again tackled Banks for a loss, then the Rebel defense pressured quarterback Jake Reynoldson in the end zone. The QB threw the ball out of bounds, drawing an intentional grounding penalty, which resulted in a safety and two points for McKenzie. The Rebels led 29-0 with three minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Camden kicked off to the Rebels from their own 20. A fumble on the return was recovered by Rebel Davarion Gilbert, and McKenzie started at the Lion 47.

The Rebels earned two first downs, then C. Brown kept for a 14-yard touchdown. Mason kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 36-0.

Camden started with good field position near midfield, but earned just six yards before turning the ball over on downs.

The Rebels overcame three penalties to score again on a 22-yard pass from Brown to Tabada. Another good kick by Mason made it 43-0 eleven seconds before halftime.

The Lions managed just one play before time expired. The third and fourth quarters were each eight minutes with a running clock.

Camden received the ball to start the second half and got on the board with an eight-play, 92-yard drive capped by a 26-yard pass from Reynoldson to Kade Johnson. The PAT cut McKenzie's lead to 43-7.

A short kick and a good return by Reeder gave the Rebels good field position. They earned one first down and ran out the third quarter, but started the fourth on a fourth down and long. A high snap delayed C. Brown's punt, and it was blocked and returned for a touchdown by Lion Isaiah Goodwin. Cavan Carroll kicked the PAT, and Camden had the deficit down to 43-14.

McKenzie started with good position again thanks to a good return by Jacobi

Melton and burned half of the remaining clock with a six-play, 38-yard drive. Tabada scored from two yards out, and Mason kicked for a 50-14 Rebel lead.

The Lions managed a first down, but ended the game on a fourth down try with Rebel Aiden Callis getting a sack as Reynoldson dropped back to pass.

McKenzie had 404 yards of total offense, 240 in the air and 164 on the ground. Camden was held to 73 total yards, earning 119 in the air but losing 46 yards on the ground.

The Rebels earned 18 first downs and held the Lions to five. McKenzie was six of eight on third downs, while Camden was three of ten. The Rebel defense blanked the Lions of fourth down conversions, 0-for-5.

A weak spot for McKenzie was penalties as they racked up 20 compared to Camden's two.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was 15 of 23, passing for 240 yards and three touchdowns. He also had eleven carries for 62 yards and two touchdowns.

Timmy Arline had two carries for 51 yards and a touchdown. Matteo Tabada rushed nine times for 51 yards and a touchdown.

Avery Brown had three receptions for 64 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Jacobi Melton caught five passes for 56 yards. Lelan Gordon had three catches for 43 yards. Aiden Legens had a pair of receptions for 34 yards, and Tabada caught one pass for a 22-yard touchdown.

Maddox Shiell led the defense with six solo tackles and two assists, including three for a loss and a sack. Lelan Gordon had five solos and two assists. Mason Batten recorded four solo and two assists with two for losses and a sack.

Jacion Townes had four solo and three assisted tackles. Aiden Legens had three solo and two assists with one sack. Dawson Reeder had three solo and two assists. Aiden Callis had three solo tackles and two assists, including two for a loss and a sack. Cole Brown had two solo and an assist with a sack.

McKenzie travels to Chester County Friday. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

War Eagles Fall in High-Scoring Battle, 62-38

HUMBOLDT (September 19) — West Carroll High School traveled Friday for a region football contest at Humboldt High School. In a high-scoring affair, the War Eagles kept pace early in the game but the Vikings went up multiple scores in the second quarter. West Carroll cut into the deficit several times only to see it widen again, and Humboldt claimed a 62-38 win.

West Carroll had 340 yards of total offense, 279 on the ground and 61 in the air. Humboldt had 496 yards total, 126 on the ground and 370 in the air.

War Eagle quarterback Mason Taylor completed three of seven passes for 61 yards with one touchdown. Taylor also had 35



Left, Mason Taylor completed three of seven passes for 61 yards with one touchdown. Right, Braden Marise led the West Carroll defense with six solo tackles and one assist. (File Photos)



carries for 278 yards and four touchdowns.

Qumarian Patterson had two receptions for 40 yards. Eli Travelstead caught one pass, a 21-yard touchdown.

Braden Marise led the West Carroll defense with six solo tackles and one assist. Cole Mueller had six

assists. Mason Taylor and Qumarian Patterson each had two solos and four assisted tackles.

West Carroll celebrates Homecoming this week and hosts Greenfield for a region contest Friday night. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

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