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Two Hwy. 70 Head-On Crashes Kill Two, Injure Three



Dabbs' vehicle came to rest on the side of U.S. Highway 70 following the September 24 accident. The Carroll County Rescue Squad had to extricate Dabbs from the vehicle. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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CARROLL COUNTY (September 23-24) — Two separate head-on collisions occurred on U.S. Highway 70 between Huntingdon and Jackson this week, killing two drivers and injuring three individuals. On Tuesday, September 23, at approximately 6 a.m., a crash between two vehicles near 13110 U.S. Highway 70 killed drivers Jimmy

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HUNTINGDON



The Carter family members who attended the ceremony. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Heritage Festival Draws Big Crowd to Downtown

HUNTINGDON (September 27) — Huntingdon Heritage Festival 2025 was a great success with pop-up vendors around the Court Square, story telling in the basement of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, and

music on the main stage by Johnny Mac, Snowbird Street Band, and the Kimberlie Helton Band.

The day kicked off at 8 a.m. at City Hall's parking lot with the Heritage Hustle, a 5K with proceeds

going to St. Jude. Starting at 10 a.m., downtown streets filled with artisan vendors, delicious food and activities for all ages, celebrating the town's

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HUNTINGDON

Town, County Fire Depts. Sign Auto-Aid Agreement

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HUNTINGDON (September 23) — A request for the Huntingdon Fire Department (HFD) and Carroll County Fire Department (CCFD) to sign a memorandum of understanding sparked a lengthy discussion during Tuesday's Huntingdon Town Council

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CARROLL COUNTY

Electric Board Approves Bid For Substation

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (September 25) — The Carroll County Electric Board of Directors has approved a bid of \$388,995 for a control house, which is part of the future construction of a new substation in the Leach Community. This amount is lower than the original estimate of \$440,000.

Power Grid submitted the lowest bid of \$2,503,000 for labor and materials for the Leach Substation project, which was approved earlier this year. Financing bonds for the project will be sold starting October 8 and will

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GHS HOMECOMING



Mackenzie Taylor Crowned Queen

GLEASON (September 26) — Gleason High School held its 2025 football Homecoming on Friday, September 26.

One of the highlights of the week's events was the crowning of the Homecoming queen and

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WCHS HOMECOMING



Kalee Coleman Crowned Queen

ATWOOD (September 26) — West Carroll High School presented its football homecoming royalty before Friday's night's contest against the Greenfield Yellow-jackets. After the presentation of the 2025 football homecoming

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TCAT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Aerial view of McKenzie's TCAT Henry/Carroll campus including the new facility still under construction. Photo from Bell Construction's Facebook page

Ridgeway Anticipates January Move-In Date

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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Construction is on track at the new Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Henry/Car-

roll building in McKenzie. BELL Construction recently graded and dried in the 20,000 square-foot administration and academic facility,

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McLeese Sentenced to Two Years, Placed on Sex Offender Registry

BY SHANNON MCFARLIN
Courtesy of WENK/WTPR

PARIS (September 26) — Former Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Director Travis McLeese was sentenced today to serve two years in jail and be placed on the sex offender registry on the charges of sexual battery and purchasing alcohol or beer for a minor.

Circuit Court Judge Bruce Griffey sentenced McLeese to serve two years each at 100 percent time served on the two charges of sexual battery and sentenced him to serve 11 months, 29 days on the



count of purchasing alcohol for a minor. They are to be served concurrently. He also was placed on the sex offender registry and was given credit for time served. He is currently being jailed at the Benton County Jail.

In July, he had entered a ‘blind plea’ of guilty to all three charges, which was entered by a defendant without a plea agreement, leaving the sentencing decision entirely up to the judge. McLeese was indicted on the charges in March and according to the indictment, the offenses occurred May 27, 2024. Appearing for the state was Assistant District Attorney Morgan Greer. Jackson Attorney Daniel Taylor represented McLeese. McLeese also was arrested on a DUI charge in June and that case is still pending in General Sessions Court.

WEST CARROLL

Demonstrators Protest Teacher’s Termination at Homecoming Game

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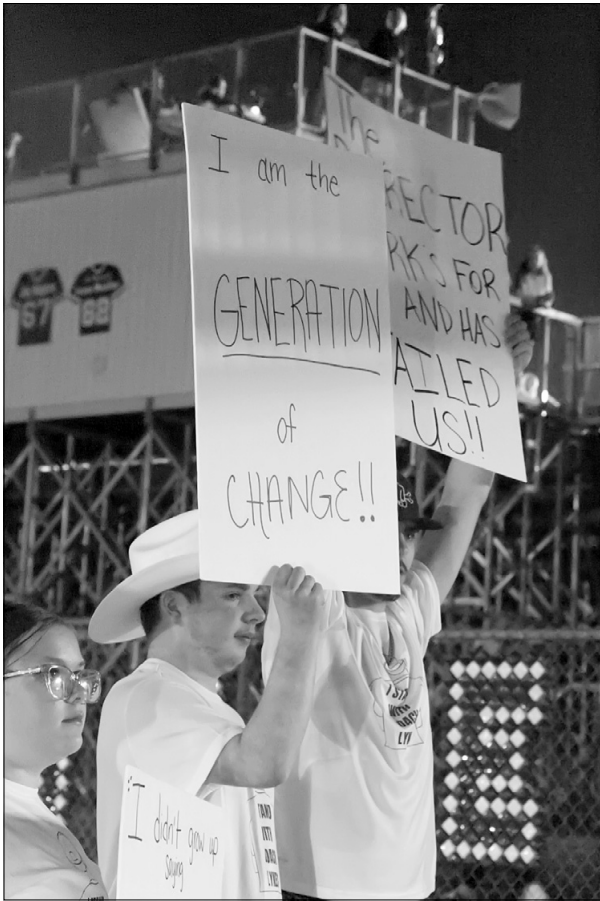
ATWOOD (September 26) — It was just before the buzzer rang indicating halftime for the West Carroll War Eagles and the Greenfield Yellowjackets when the home stands began to roar — and not because of the game. Students, parents and community members alike rushed out of their seats, some running up to the top of the bleachers and others running to crowd the ticket booth. They were all running closer to Bernard Lykes, a recently-terminated educator from the West Carroll Special School District, who made a brief appearance at the game.

Two weeks ago, Lykes, an educational assistant at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School, was arrested on two charges: assault of a 15-year-old student and coercion or persuasion of a witness. Lykes spent 30 years working in the West Carroll Special School District as both a coach and a teacher, and his arrest blindsided his former students.

The protesters all shared a common feeling. They held posters with various messages from, “The school is best with Coach Lykes,” to, “The director works for us and has failed us.”

Trish Mitchell, a parent and a former student of Lykes’, organized the protest through a Facebook group titled “We Stand With Coach Lykes” following Lykes’ arrest and subsequent firing from the school district. The group has amassed 230 followers since September 18. Mitchell also started a petition to grant Lykes the opportunity to be rehired or to willingly resign. As of September 29, the petition has 498 signatures out of a goal of 500 signatures.

Throughout the first half of the football game, the protesters organized under



Protesters stood beside West Carroll’s football ticket booth to protest against Lykes’ termination. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

a pavilion to the side of the bleachers, sitting with their posters until the time was right. Lykes’ brief arrival at the game was a surprise to the protesters. Had he not attended, they planned to stream the protest on Facebook live. “Our biggest frustration is that, in the 30 years that he [Lykes] has been in the school district, it’s not like him at all to do anything like this,” said Mitchell. “If anything, he’s pushed us all around in a good way... It’s really easy to manipulate that story.” Another supporter said, “I support my coach. I had him in elementary school, and then my kids had him. We know him. We know his character, and we know that he would never put his hands on anyone... He’s very supportive of his students, unlike the leadership that we have in this school.” Although Mitchell or-

ganized the protest in response to Lykes’ termination, protesters said his termination was just one of the many issues they had with the school district. “Multiple parents... have had many issues. I think this stems from that,” Mitchell said. “The issue with Coach Lykes not being part of the school is a lot bigger than just him. Many teachers are being pushed out — the good ones, the ones that have been here for decades.” The protest, while primarily meant to show Lykes that the community was behind him, was a way for parents to speak on behalf of the students. “I feel like it’s my job as a parent to be able to have a voice for someone else who can’t,” Mitchell said. West Carroll Special School District Superintendent Preston Caldwell declined to comment on the protest.

Huntingdon Adjusts Municipal Travel Pay, Doubles Accident Report Fees

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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The Huntingdon Town Council met Tuesday with a moderate agenda primarily pertaining to municipal finances and partnerships.

All council members were present at the September meeting.

The first item of business pertained to Town of Huntingdon employees’ pay on official travel. The council approved for the town’s mileage rate to increase from \$0.51 per even mile to \$0.70 per even mile, following the current IRS rate. Additionally, town employees’ per-diem rate increased more than double, allowing \$56 for daily food expenses as opposed to \$26.

Next, the council approved the following reappointments to the Huntingdon Industrial Development Board: Jonathan Kee, Barry Murphy and Joe Smothers with terms expiring August 4, 2030; and Nick Priddy, with term expiring August 4, 2031.

Then, with little discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the Huntingdon Police Department’s request to increase the fee amount for providing accident reports from \$4 to \$10.

Huntingdon Fire Chief John Fordon and Carroll County Fire Chief Jonathon Gaskins then introduced



Mayor Chad Edwards (center) discusses agenda items with the Huntingdon Town Council. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

a memorandum of understanding between the town and county fire departments. The memorandum would establish an automatic aid agreement between the two departments in the event of an incident in or within five miles of Huntingdon town limits, effective after approval.

The request prompted a 25-minute deliberation, led primarily by councilperson Chad Barnhart, discussing the need for formal collaboration. The council briefly considered tabling the request until next month’s meeting but continued discussion.

Ultimately, Barnhart made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding, and councilperson Lori Dillahuntly sec-

onded. In a roll call vote, the board unanimously granted the fire departments’ request. In the last order of business, the Huntingdon Town Council approved Jesse Turner’s request to use Huntingdon’s Sesquicentennial Park for “Spookfest.” Presented by the Town of Huntingdon, the Carroll County Prevention Center, the Carl Perkins Center and the Nolan & Courtney Turner Memorial Fund, Huntingdon’s inaugural Spookfest event is October 14. The community event features an outdoor movie, trunk-or-treating, games and vendors at the Kelley Sports Complex. The next Huntingdon Town Council meeting is October 28 at 5:15 p.m.



West Carroll High School’s 2025 Homecoming Court: freshman Diamond Foulks, junior Taytum Jenkins, senior Brilye Mueller, senior Queen Kalee Coleman, senior Kahli Baum and sophomore Ava Pinson. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Coleman

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court, senior Kalee Coleman was crowned as the homecoming queen.

Coleman, daughter of Rich and Tosha Coleman, is a member of the marching band, HOSA Club and Art Club. She is also an eight-year member of the Beta

Club. Coleman was escorted onto the field by War Eagle Nigel Butler. Diamond Foulks, daughter of Cambria and Marlin Foulks, represented the freshman class and was escorted by David Coleman. Ava Pinson, daughter of Lindsey and Steve Pinson, represented the sophomore class and was escorted by Caleb Vermillion. Taytum Jenkins, daughter

of Tate and Piper Jenkins, represented the junior class and was escorted by Noah Cecchini. The senior class had three representatives, including Queen Kalee Coleman. Kahli Baum, daughter of Justin and Jessie Baum, was escorted by Amaire Kelley. Brilye Mueller, daughter of Dan & Amber Mueller, was escorted by Jaiden Cecchini.

TCAT

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making the building weather-tight just in time for autumn rain showers. TCAT Henry/Carroll President John Penn Ridgeway said, “We are thrilled to see such great progress on the nearly 20,000 square-foot administration and academic facility at our McKenzie campus...This project represents a major investment

in the future of our students and community.” As construction moves along, Ridgeway anticipates TCAT offices will move into the new building in January 2026. The original campus administration building, which is still in use, is scheduled to be demolished by May 2026. Once complete, the new facility will house TCAT Student Services, administrative and business offices, a bookstore and an Administrative Office Technology program. Ridgeway

revealed that, by fall 2026, the school will expand its academic offerings with a new allied health program. The new academic and administrative facility is part of a larger \$1 billion investment in TCAT campuses across Tennessee and represents a major step forward for the McKenzie campus, according to a BELL Construction representative. The new facility stands in front of McKenzie’s current TCAT campus at 16940 Highland Drive.



Gleason Homecoming Queen and Court (L to R): Zoe Healy, freshman representative; Karli Mercer, senior representative; Everleigh Lindsey, flower girl; Queen — Mackenzie Taylor; Mills Hughes, crown bearer; Kenlee Jo Suddath, junior representative; and Brinley Lehmkuhl, sophomore representative.

Taylor

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her court.

Mackenzie Taylor, the daughter of Amanda and Sean Taylor, is the 2025 Homecoming Queen. Mackenzie was escorted onto the football field by Bryce Pettit and Trey Mayo. She was accompanied by the 2025 flower girl, Everleigh Lindsey and crown

bearer, Mills Hughes. Zoe Healy, daughter of Kim Healy, was the freshman maid. She was escorted by Ashton Morgan and Wes Waincott. Brinley Lehmkuhl, daughter of Jenny and Kurt Lehmkuhl, was the sophomore maid. She was escorted by Drake Lehmkuhl and Brody Sanders. Kenlee Jo Suddath, the daughter of Justin and Amber Suddath, was the junior maid. She was escorted by Noah Aeschbacher and Wy-

lan Gustafson. Karli Mercer, the daughter of Mandi Mercer, was the senior maid. She was escorted by Parker Morgan and Eli Barber. The pre-game ceremony included the cheerleader squad of Drake Murray, Kaylee House, Hayley Roberts, Aniston Ross, Natalie Tidwell, Addison Aeschbacher, Brooklyn Hitchens, Emily Tillman, Sophie Beasley, Chloe Buie, Marley Crews, Lil-IT Geissler, and Shelby Mayo.

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Above, Citizen of the Year — Jimmy Crossett (center) receives the Citizen of the Year Award from Councilwoman Lori Dillahunt and Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards. Below, Pioneer Family — The Carter family was honored as the 2025 Huntingdon Heritage Festival’s Pioneer Family. Accepting the award (L to R) Dr. Lee Carter, Sylvia Cary, Jeff Carter, and Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards.



Heritage

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proud history and vibrant community. The Huntingdon Middle School Community Network hosted a cake walk, a bake sale and a dunking booth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the police station parking lot.

At 1 p.m., a special ceremony honoring this year’s Outstanding Citizen, Jimmy Crossett, and the 2025 Pioneer Family, the Carter Family, is on Carroll Bank & Trust’s main stage. From there the festival flowed 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 took the stage at 7 p.m. and met fans for autographs and photos.

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

Pioneer Family — The Carters

Charlie Luther Carter was born in Huntingdon on February 22, 1891, to John Morgan and Lydia Kerr Carter. Lillie Mae Carter was born in Gallipolis, Ohio on June 15, 1892. They were married in Huntingdon, Tennessee on July 19, 1908, and lived in what is known to many as Bethel Community, also known as “Carter Town”. To this union, there were born twelve children with nine raised to adulthood: Howard Carter, Clara Foster, Clarence Carter, Gerald Carter, Edith Mason, John Carter, Harold Carter, Giles Carter and Betty Meggs. Mr. Charlie Carter ran a sawmill, was a farmer, and ran a general store known as Union General Store. He and Lillie Mae Carter’s descendants served their community through various occupations and careers such as a cotton gin, a sawmill, buying and selling livestock, serving as ministers and pastors to local churches, U.S. Postal



Entertainment headliner Taylor Hicks — winner of American Idol Season 5 — was the final performance on the Carroll Band and Trust stage.

Service, bankers, funeral home directors, medical doctor, nurses, administrators and educators, school bus drivers, beautician/hair stylist, radio disc jockey, and airline pilot. Businesses operated by the Carter family descendants that many would recognize include but are not limited to Carter Brothers Store, Carter’s Welding, Dilday-Carter Funeral Home, Carter Auto Parts, Pat’s Monogram, Jeff’s Lawnmower Service, Robin Carter Buttrey’s Photography, Lawrence Designs and Cupkates. The Carter family has also proudly served our country in various branches of military service through the years. In past years and currently, many descendants have served on our local Town Council, School Board, Industrial Board, Planning Commission, and Hospital Board.

Accepting the award were Sylvia Cary, Dr. Lee Carter, and Jeff Carter, all descendants.

They told of the family’s history, and the businesses in and around Huntingdon that the family operated, plus some family stories on the family.

The Carter family gathered en masse in front of the main stage for a photograph.

Outstanding Citizen of the Year — Jimmy Crossett

Jimmy Crossett is known throughout Huntingdon for his volunteer spirit. During the 1 p.m. announcement of Pioneer Family and Outstanding Citizen, Crossett was honored for his dedicated service. Huntingdon Councilwoman Lori Dillahunt introduced Crossett. Dillahunt worked with Crossett on the construction of the Carroll County Inclusion Park. He was selected as the Outstanding Citizen during the annual Huntingdon Heritage Festival.

A 1975 graduate of Huntingdon High School, Jimmy dedicated 34 years to Norandal, retiring in 2020 as Engineering and Maintenance manager.

Jimmy’s heart for ser-

vice is seen throughout the community. With the Blood, Sweat and Gears bicycle club, he and a few friends became known for creating what many still call the best corn dogs in town. First served at Relay for Life to raise funds for those battling cancer, their famous corn dogs continue to appear at fundraisers across the community, supporting numerous organizations and neighbors in need.

Jimmy has also served as a deacon and Facilities Committee member at First Baptist Church, and continues to coordinate Operation Christmas Child as a Drop-Off Coordinator and works with Baptist Men Builders to construct wheelchair ramps for those with disabilities.

In 2022, Jimmy joined the Carroll County Inclusion Park Board, where he was selected as site manager. He worked closely with playground equipment installers, oversaw every detail of the project, and contributed countless hours of skilled labor. His expertise saved the project significant costs and ensured that every part of the park was built with care. Thanks to Jimmy’s leadership and refusal to let obstacles stand in the way, the Inclusion Park now stands as a lasting legacy of what the community can accomplish together.

Most recently, Jimmy mentored local students through the JAG and Mustang Mentors program while helping install the Storybook Trail at the Kelley Sports Complex, guiding the next generation as they worked to improve their community.

Jimmy’s humility, faith, and commitment to others make him an outstanding example of citizenship, and we are proud to honor him as Huntingdon’s Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Crossett accepted the award on the main stage. He was greatly humbled by the award.

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Crashes

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Wayne Edwards, 74, of Hollow Rock, and Davin Parker, 25, of Jackson.

According to the preliminary report from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, a 2012 white Nissan Murano, operated by Edwards, traveled westbound when it collided head-on with a 2015 red Dodge Challenger, operated by Parker, traveling down the eastbound lane.

The two vehicles collided in the eastbound lane.

The accident halted traffic in the area between Humphrey Road and Ledsinger Road for several hours as

emergency response crews investigated the crash.

One day later, just a few miles down the road, three people were injured in a two-car head-on collision at 5:35 p.m.

The preliminary report claims a 2020 Chevy Blazer, driven by Rosa L. Dabbs, 42, traveled eastbound near the Tate School Road intersection when it collided with a 1998 Toyota Camry, driven by Anais Bentiez, 26, traveling westbound. Carmen Rodriguez, 46, was a passenger in Bentiez’s vehicle.

The accident blocked highway traffic for several hours as the three victims were rescued and transported away from the scene.

Multiple rescue teams including Carroll County’s

rescue department, fire department and sheriff’s department arrived on the scene. The Carroll County Rescue Squad extricated Dabbs from her vehicle, which came to rest on the side of the highway.

Though no cities are listed, the preliminary report indicates all victims are Tennessee residents. They all wore seatbelts at the time of the accident.

Pending investigation results, Bentiez could receive charges for the accident.

Carroll County residents and friends have responded to the accidents with confusion and prayer, wondering what prompted the two incidents and asking for more safeguarding on the busy highway.



Left, Carroll County Fire Chief Jonathon Gaskins and Huntingdon Fire Chief John Fordon address the Huntingdon Town Council during Tuesday’s meeting. Right, Councilperson Kelly Eubanks revisits Chief Fordon’s memorandum request during the Huntingdon council’s discussion. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Fire

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meeting. The memorandum details a formal automatic aid agreement between the two departments in the event of an accident in or within five miles of Huntingdon town limits, effective September 23.

Huntingdon Fire Chief John Fordon and Carroll County Fire Chief Jonathon Gaskins presented the memorandum to the board, emphasizing how important it is to cut response delay time in county areas.

“A fire, once it reaches the free burning stage, would double in size every minute...The sooner aid can be given, the better chance of survival,” Fordon wrote in a request to the town council.

Before, only the CCFD would receive calls outside Huntingdon’s town limits even if Huntingdon’s fire department was closer to the scene. The departments would call on each other

when needed. This prior informal agreement had the potential to delay the departments’ response times to incidents.

Upon approval, the memorandum would make both fire departments receive news of an incident in their area at the same time.

“Huntingdon always comes when we need help and ask for help. We’re just trying to shave off those precious few minutes of time for the county truck to arrive [at an accident scene] and see that we need more help,” said Gaskins.

The auto-aid agreement is reciprocal and does not change HFD’s current operations, Fordon assured the board in a written request. Most of the department’s volunteer firefighters already work with the CCFD.

“It’s neighbors helping neighbors,” Fordon said.

Since January 2025, Gaskins and Fordon reported there were five incidents in which this automatic aid agreement would have taken effect. Three involved structure fires, and two involved motor vehicle

crashes.

When asked if there was a current disadvantage to either department, Fordon said, “It’s not detrimental; it’s just a delay [in response time].” Multiple times, Fordon assured the council he was comfortable with the agreement.

Town councilmember Chad Barnhart expressed reservations about changing a response process that hadn’t proved detrimental to either department.

On the other hand, councilmember Kelly Eubanks countered that if her kids were in an accident and needed rescuing, she would want the quickest possible response time.

The council briefly considered tabling the request until next month’s meeting but instead continued deliberating.

After a 25-minute discussion, each council member voted in favor of the memorandum of understanding.

The memorandum remains in effect unless terminated by either fire department with 30 days written notice.

Electric

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close on October 31. The bonds will be sold at an S&P rating of AA-.

Ryan Drewry, the general manager, stated that the new substation will better serve the increasing demand for electricity in the Lake Halford and southern Carroll County areas.

Drewry said the department is working with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation on permitting for the site. TDEC has a few concerns about the site. Once approved, dirtwork is expected to begin in mid-November.

The Board also received notification of a “clean” financial audit for the last fiscal year, with no adverse findings reported by the auditors. The company experienced a net increase of \$1.64 million in its financial position. The Board approved the audit findings and praised office manager Kelly Fields and the staff for their efforts on the financial reports.

Additionally, CCED has accepted delivery of a new digger derrick truck, a Terex unit. It was purchased to replace Trk#381, which is a 2013 model. The total bid for the new truck came to \$418,250.83. Trk#381 now becomes a spare unit. The unit held as the spare,



A new 2026 Altec digger derrick truck was delivered last week to the Carroll County Electric Department.

Trk#376 – a 2010 model is approved for sale. #376 and #381 are both Altec units. This replacement purchase falls in the normal range for scheduled replacement. Fleets vehicles used daily, we target 11 years of service as the replacement timing.

If you would like to share the link for the unit being sold, the truck will posted with auction going live on October 23 and closing October 29 at <https://www.jjkane.com/promotions/carroll-county-electric-department/>

Board members include Chairman Lori Nolen, Chris Gurley, John Austin, Paul Moore, and Vickie Williams.

The next meeting is October 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Carroll County Electric Department Board Room.

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It was a bucket truck that was damaged in the April storm and not Digger unit. The Bucket replacement arrived in May.

The Bond rating ended up being based on the County at AA-. S&P only shares the higher of the two (County or CCED) for the bond rating. We anticipated that the County may slightly have the edge over CCED.

Community Prayer Service Is Sunday

A community prayer service is on Sunday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park in

downtown McKenzie.

The event is the first community-wide service for this year.

In case of rain, the event will relocate to the downtown Park Theatre.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Precious Memories, How They Linger...

I went back home for my 60-year high school reunion. And I don't know exactly how to gently, or politely, say this... But...uh...er...uh...I found myself completely surrounded by old people the entire weekend.

I thought I was at a Geritol convention!

Listen, there ain't enough of that old-timey Niagara Starch that Mother used to iron into our Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes left on earth to cover the wrinkles in that crowd.

It was amazing how all the old guys' hair had turned gray. Most of the girls had about the same color hair they had in high school. I could only figure it was just clean living on the girls' part, or maybe there is some kind of aging hair genetical condition that only affects men.

I was so excited about seeing everyone I went a day early. Joel Washburn was kind enough to take a couple of hours to show me around town. He knows more about McKenzie, the people, the history than most anyone on the planet. It was a pleasure to be in his company. And you know how Joel talks, I couldn't hardly get a word in edgewise....

But just to walk down Broadway Street, meander through the park, see the World War I cannon silently guarding Dr. Holmes old office, read the names on the plaques of McKenzie's finest who had gone off to war, gaze once more on the Park Theatre where every Saturday we chased bad guys plumb off that silver screen....

The person who wrote "you can't go home again" didn't know his elbow from a hot rock!

Joel bought my lunch at the Ben Franklin Store. I ate a delicious Club sandwich sitting about where the building's former owner, Mr. James Williams, had a huge rack of numerous colored spools of thread. I remembered where the candy section was, and where they displayed the cap pistols, BB's, and the seasonal

Valentine cards....

I'm telling you the gospel truth, every building in this town is a special place, with a special story all its own. You can change the name, repaint it, put in new windows, dress it up to a fare-the-well, repurpose it time after time... but you CANNOT erase the memories of what was, and is, and will always be....

Brad Camp put me in the parade the next day, I think, because his mother told him how she used to throw a baseball with me when I was a kid. Which Karen Webb did do. Mostly when no one else was available. Because she cared about everyone in our neighborhood.

It was the first parade I'd ridden in since I was a senior in high school here. I was on a flat bedded wagon with the football team on that cooler fall day 61 years ago.

Barbara Cozart, former Homecoming Queen and lifelong friend, and Molly Sue Hopper, who was once upon a time my babysitter, sat on either side of me to keep me from falling out of the car. When we turned on to Stonewall Street in front of Moore's Service Station (a brown municipal building sits there today; but I could still smell the burning rubber from Mr. Harrison recapping tires in the back) memories galore flooded my soul.

At one time, I knew who lived in every house on both sides of Stonewall, from one end of it to the other. You can talk about the Appian Way, the Appalachian Trail, and the Yellow Brick Road...they don't hold a candle to Stonewall Street! And don't take my word for it, ask anyone who has ever driven up and down it, or chased lightning bugs under its streetlights, or raced their little brother right down the middle of it to the elementary school....

Becky Shooter stopped me after the parade, to say hello and catch me up on her family and her buddy from Camden, Jeff Winston.

There was a "Decades Reunion" for all classes before

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Beware the Triple Dip

Just like the ocean tides, our lives have an ebb and flow, ups and downs.

Our personal life has ups and downs to it.

Our work life has ups and downs to it.

And our family life has ups and downs.

What you have to be very careful of are those times when all three are going through a down time AT THE SAME TIME.

When that happens, it's important not to make any important decisions (because you're likely to regret

WCES Celebrates Weeks 3-4 SOAR Recipients

ATWOOD (September 23) — West Carroll Elementary School has recognized outstanding student achievement through its SOAR Awards program, honoring students who exemplify the school's core values of safety, ownership, achievement and respect for weeks three and four.

The SOAR Awards celebrate students for their academic effort, positive character and contributions to the school community. This initiative highlights individuals who consistently demonstrate the school's guiding principles.

For week three, fourth-grader Gage Tolley

received the SOAR award for accumulating the highest number of Class Dojo points among all West Carroll Elementary students. His teacher, Mrs. Beth Hysmith, noted Gage's dedication. She said, "Gage is a very hardworking student who always tries his best. He takes initiative by starting tasks on his own, asking great questions and helping others when needed. He is responsible, is dependable and shows leadership by setting a good example for his classmates."

Brooklynn Hilliard, also a fourth-grader in Mrs. Hysmith's class, received the week four SOAR award

for earning the most Class Dojo points. Mrs. Hysmith commented on Brooklynn's exemplary conduct. She said, "Brooklynn is a wonderful student who always follows the rules and sets a great example for her classmates. She works hard on every assignment, stays focused and shows respect to her teachers and peers. Her positive attitude and dedication make her a role model in the classroom."

Additionally, fifth-grader Oakley Lents received nominations weeks three and four. Ms. Emily Bloodworth commended Oakley's character. She said, "Oakley is

them later).

You need to be still, breathe, and get yourself re-centered.

You won't feel the way you feel forever.

Something will change, things will improve.

And you'll be okay.

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

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

Dales Win Gleason 'Yard of the Month'

George and Sandra Dale, both retired, received Gleason's September "Yard of the Month" recognition.

The couple's property at 417 S. Cedar Street is immaculately decorated inside and out.

The couple moved from California to Gleason in August 2024 and have come to love safe and private small-town living in Gleason. In their free time, the couple enjoys customizing their yard, decorating and baking special treats. They also have friends in Greenfield.

The City of Gleason is honored to welcome newcomers like the Dales to their city, as they help enhance Gleason as a town in



Mayor Charles Anderson (right) presents George and Sandra Dale with a "Yard of the Month" yard sign. Submitted photo

which to live and retire.

Mayor Charles Anderson, on behalf of the City of Gleason, presented the

Dales with a generous gift card for Gleason's Wells 1918 Homestead in honor of their win.

Living at Lakeside News

BY: SHEILA WILLIS

Greetings, September started off with a holiday to celebrate and we had a full day. We began with Devotion by Rev. Pearson, followed by exercise class then upstairs for lively piano tunes by Bo Solomon, A Grill Out for lunch, Rook Games, Penny Pitchers for snacks and a Movie and popcorn in the evenings. We had some fun outings this month as well: We went to Huntingdon for the First Tuesday Sr. Dance at the Civic Center. We had breakfast and coffee at The Book Stack, this is a nice place to sit, visit, eat and get a book. We also went to the final Nights on Broadway performance. It was a pleasant evening with the band Flashback. We also took an Autumn drive to the 1000 Acre Lake and had a snack at the pavilion. The leaves are just beginning to change, and it was a beautiful drive.

We had some special visitors this month as well: Calvin, a 5-month standard poodle who is in training to be a Therapy Dog came and visited. He gave us lots of love and let us love him. When he is fully trained and certified he will work in trauma situations, bringing comfort in difficult times.

Miss Tennessee Volunteer, Megan Poore, came by for a Meet & Greet with our residents. She shared her pageant journey, platform and initiative work with the Governor's office to visit schools in Tennessee as a role model. She also partners with St. Jude and the Salvation Army.

On National Fall Prevention Day, we were visited by therapists from Baptist Home Health. OT Hillary Parish and PT Alisha McMasters who went over the factors that put you at risk



Residents participate in a bible study with Bro. Al Bailey from First Baptist Church.

of having a fall and suggestions for decreasing your chances but also what to do if you have a fall and need help along with some tips and tricks for improving mobility. We appreciate their care and concern for our residents.

The residents and staff are so proud of Lakeside, and we often hear people compliment how beautiful our building is and how clean it is. This is the result of our hard-working Housekeeping Team. We were thrilled to recognize these ladies on National Housecleaners Day with words of praise and thanks along with a gift. Our Housekeeping team consists of the following ladies: Sydney Allen, Mary Beckham, Tina Clark, Kechia Dudley, Alyssa Fields, Linda Lee, and Marsha Walker. We offer many opportunities for pampering here at Lakeside such as Salon Services, Manicures/Pedicures, and Massage Therapy and this month we added a Facial Social. We Cleansed, Masked, Tightened and Glowed with an 8-step program. We had such a fun time laughing at ourselves following the eye patches and full-face mask, we will definitely be doing this again.

We celebrated 3 resident birthdays this month. On the 10th Cornelia Pugh's family treated us all to a

Birthday Cake. Ella Page donated the Monthly Cupcakes with a fall pumpkin theme for all September Birthdays. Other residents celebrating were Lee Sharp and Earl Ray Kee. On the 5th Activity Director Sheila Willis Celebrated her birthday with Lemon Pound Cake, Cheesecake Dip and Fresh Berries along with a Conversation Starter game where a mystery question was drawn out of a gift bag and both resident and AD had to give their answers so that we all could get to know each other a little bit more. This is nice to do occasionally as we continue to grow our Lakeside family.

Invitation: We want to take this opportunity to welcome all the Trick or Treaters out on October 31st from 5:45-8:00 for a Wizard of Oz experience. Kiddos will walk the yellow brick road encountering the Wicked Witch of the East and West along with Glenda the Good Witch. They will enter the Emerald City where a host of Dorothys will greet them with goodies and as they leave with their baskets filled they can stop by our Photo Back Drop and get a Picture with the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion. "There is no place like home" but we hope to see you at ours on Halloween. Until next time...



SOAR Award recipients for weeks three and four (L to R): Gage Tolley, Oakley Lents, and Brooklynn Hilliard. Submitted photo



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Obituaries



SHERRYE LEA WASHBURN
1973 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Sherrye Lea Washburn were Monday, September 29, 2025, at First Baptist Church, McKenzie. Ms. Washburn, 52, died Friday, September 26, 2025, at Henry Co. Medical Center. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she taught pre-kindergarten, was chairman of the Cancer Bake Auction for Relay for Life, a graduate of McKenzie High School Class of 1991 and an avid supporter of Rebel Football. She is survived by her parents, Wayford, Jr. and Ann Drewry Washburn of McKenzie; a sister, Sarah (Greg) Allen of Brentwood; a brother, Chuck (Charissa) Washburn of Murfreesboro; nieces and nephews, Maggie, Mollie, Mason, Kylie, Mabry, Blake, Sidney, Charlee Kate, Hadley and Nathan; and grandfather, W.O. (Elizabeth) Washburn, Sr. of McKenzie. She is preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Marie Washburn; and maternal grandparents, Harris and Laverne Drewry. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

LAVIDA JAMES
1958 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Mrs. Lavida Mae James, 67, of McKenzie, died Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Tristar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville. There are no arrangements at this time. Lavida was born June 18, 1958, in Linden, Texas, to the late Frank Hunt and Annie Mae Hunt. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by

one brother, Charlie Hunt and one sister, Cathy Lee. She is survived by two sons, Arturo Martinez Jr. and Phillip Martinez; one daughter, Carrie Perez; one brother Jimmy (Bo) Hunt; two sisters, Debra Glisson and Lisa Wortham; and five grandchildren. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

GLEND A SCOTT
1967 – 2025

CLARKSBURG — Ms. Glenda Sue Scott, 57, of Clarksburg, died Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were Monday, September 29, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Chase Sanders officiating. Burial will follow in Sellers Hill Cemetery. Ms. Scott was born October 13, 1967, in Tupelo, Miss., to Lyndol Scott and the late Nona Sue Turner Scott. She is survived by her father, Lyndol Scott; a sister, Tanya Marie Scott, of Huntingdon; and a brother, David Lynn Scott, of Lexington. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

PETER GASKIN, JR.
1977 – 2025

BRUCETON — Mr. Peter Allen Gaskin Jr., 48, of Bruceton died Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. A Celebration of Life will be conducted at a later date. Peter was born February 20, 1977, in Urbana, Ill., to Peter Allen Gaskin, Sr. and Jeannie Alberta Gaskin. He is preceded in death by his father, Peter Allen Gaskin Sr.; and two brothers, Dayton Campbell and Jeffery Bialeschki. He is survived by his significant other, Candy Loy; three daughters, Nevaeh Gaskin, Miracle Gaskin and Angel Gaskin; two sons, Jared Perry and Dakotha (Gabby) Cameron; three sisters, Gina (Rodney) Wildridge, Shawn Hauersperger and Holly (Doug) Holt; six grandchildren; and a host of other nieces and nephews. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

WILLIAM HENSLEY
1954 – 2025

GLEASON — Mr. William “Tony” Hensley, 70, of Gleason, died Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at his residence. Memorial service will be conducted at Dry Ridge Cemetery at a later date. Tony was born on November 9, 1954, in Dry Ridge, Ky., to the late Otha Lee Hensley and Ella Margaret Hensley. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Verna Hensley Mink and Lana Hensley Johnson; and one brother, Elwood McComas Jr. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Jan Hensley of Gleason; one daughter, Shannon (Joey) Flowers of Greenfield; one son, Jason Hensley of Dresden; one step-son, Trey (Gretchen) Boucher of McKenzie; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, Baylin. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

JUDY ANNE WOODS
1948 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Judy Anne Woods, 77, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Judy was born January 15, 1948, to the late Earl Barbee and RosaBell Barbee. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one son, Steven Cordell Cole; husband, Stanley Woods; and one great-granddaughter Auria Katherine Brown. She is survived by three daughters, Tammy (Landis Jr.) Brown of Huntingdon, Beverly Cole of Huntingdon, and Tina Woods-Spearman of Huntingdon; three sisters, Patsy Jones of Friendship, Tenn., Darlene Gurdy of Ripley, Tenn., Cheryl (Bill) Newman, of Ripley, Tenn.; two brothers, Roger (Sabrina) Barbee of Kevil, Ky., and Talmadge Barbee of Trenton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren, Keeley Mummert, Audrey Mummert and Avianna Grace Gourley. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



A ribbon-cutting was held for the new Petals Azola location, sponsored by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Petals Azola Hosts Grand Reopening at New Location

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 27) — Petals Azola hosted a grand reopening Saturday afternoon at its new location at 14815 Highland Drive. The event included a ribbon-cutting sponsored by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce as well as face-painting, balloon animals, cupcakes, giveaways and vendors Blessed Bread and Fluffalicious mini pancake bar. The florist and boutique, owned by mother-daughter duo Angela Diller and Kaylynn Legg, recently opened the new location after extensive renovation and relocation from the original Cedar Street shop, which opened in 2022. Legg told The Banner they were “thankful to do the transition in this season, it gives us the chance to be more colorful and bright.” Diller said the new spot would “let us branch out and be us.” The former dental office building is deep, and the two hope to expand farther back into the space in the future to

offer customers even more. The back wall of the current customer space is adorned with a giant floral mural, and they hope to add more murals on the exterior walls that could serve as a “photo destination” in McKenzie. Petals Azola is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Outside of those hours, services are available by appointment. The business can be reached on Facebook messenger.

Lantern Walk At Parkers Crossroads Battlefield

PARKERS CROSSROADS, Tenn. — The Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Association and the Lexington High School BETA Club are hosting a lantern walk on Saturday, October 4, at 7 p.m. The walk begins at Tour Stop 7 in South Battlefield Park. The public is invited to participate. As part of their ongoing community service and educational efforts, the LHS BETA Club has researched historic events and written original scripts to guide visitors through key moments in American history. The lantern walk will highlight the sacrifices and struggles of the nation's past, from the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 through the turmoil of the Civil War — offering perspective as the country approaches the 250th anniversary of its founding. “This is a unique opportunity for students to connect with local history and share

it with the community,” said Keith Doll, president of the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Association. “Walking these historic grounds by lantern light makes the past come alive.” The event is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and come prepared to walk the historic battlefield by lantern light. For more information, contact Keith Doll at 731-602-0958 call/text.

IRS Phases Out Paper Tax Refund Checks

The Internal Revenue Service, working with the Department of the Treasury, announced intentions to phase out paper tax refund checks to individual taxpayers beginning September 30. As part of President Trump's executive order “Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account,” this is the first step of a broader transition to electronic payments. While filing remains the same, most refunds now are delivered by direct deposit or other electronic methods. For individuals without access to bank accounts, other options including pre-paid debit cards or digital wallets are available. This change is meant to protect tax payers, according to a press release from the IRS, as paper checks are reportedly over 16 times more likely to be lost, stolen, altered or delayed than electronic payments. Electronic refunds also give taxpayers faster access to refunds. Direct deposit payments may be issued in less than 21 days if filed electronically. Electronic payments are also more cost-efficient. Most individual taxpayers already receive their tax

refunds digitally according to IRS statistics. During the 2025 tax filing season, the IRS issued more than 93.5 million tax refunds to individual income tax filers. Only 7 percent of individual refund recipients received their refunds by check through the mail. The IRS will publish further detailed guidance for 2025 tax returns before the 2026 filing season begins. Until then, the government service urges taxpayers — including those still filing their 2024 returns — to use existing forms and procedures.

Local Mayors Attend Breakfast For Suicide Awareness Month

The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, along with Carey Counseling Center, held a Mayors' Breakfast on Tuesday, September 9, for local mayors to sign a proclamation deeming September Suicide Awareness Month. TSPN Northwest Advisory Council members in attendance were Sean Jones, Emily Bushart, Megan Gaylord and Stacie Fernandez. Pictured are: Brock Martin, state representative; Joseph G. Butler, mayor of Carroll County; Ronnie Webb, mayor of Hollow Rock; and Randy Geiger, mayor of Henry County attended the mayors' breakfast.



McKenzie School Board Meets October 7

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education meets Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the board office on Bell Avenue.

Actionable items include: an address to the board by the McKenzie Education Association; approval of the MSSD five-year strategic

plan; approval of budget amendments; approval of an overnight Beta Club trip; and a facilities planning update.

West Carroll School Board Meets Thursday

The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education meets Thursday, October 2 in the West Carroll Junior Senior High

School cafeteria. Items on the agenda include: an update by Chris Hayden on the Joey Pryor hearing request; an FFA

field trip request; approval of Beta Club field trip requests; and approval of the TISA Accountability Report.

SNAP Recipients Must Fulfill New Work Requirements

The state of Tennessee brings big changes for those who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamp) assistance. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which passed federally in July 2025, cut billions of dollars from the assistance program and introduced changes to who can receive benefits, placing an emphasis on workforce development. Able-bodied adults (aged 18-64) without dependents, who have no listed disabilities or children under the age of 14, must put in some extra work to be eligible for more than three months of SNAP benefits per three years. Under the new requirements, able-bodied SNAP recipients must spend an average of 20 hours per week (80 hours per month) working, volunteering or participating in a qualified training

program. Individuals may be exempt from the new work requirement if they are outside of the 18-64 year age limit, are pregnant, are medically certified by the Tennessee Department of Human Services as physically or mentally unfit for unemployment, are responsible for a dependent child who lives in the household, live with someone under the age of 14, care for someone who is sick or disabled, receive disability benefits like Social Security or VA, are enrolled in school at least half time, are in a drug or alcohol treatment program or receive unemployment benefits. SNAP recipients have until the end of October to prove if they are exempt from the new rules.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPOOKFEST IN HUNTINGDON

The Town of Huntingdon, along with the Carroll County Prevention Coalition, the Carl Perkins Center and NTCO, hosts Spookfest at Kelley Sports Complex on Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with trunk-or-treat, free food, games and vendors. At 7:30 p.m., the movie Hocus Pocus will be shown on the field. Please bring your own chair or blanket.

LAKESIDE SENIOR LIVING-HALLOWEEN

You won't be in Kansas anymore when you twist your way to Lakeside Senior Living (390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie) for A Wizard of Oz Halloween Experience. Walk the Yellow Brick Road and be greeted by Glinda the Good Witch along with the Wicked Witches of the East and West. Walk through the gates of the Emerald City where Lakeside Dorothys will be ready to fill your baskets with sweet treats and goodies. As you continue through your journey stop by our Emerald City Rainbow backdrop and snap a photo with the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion. Remember, "There's No Place Like Home" and we welcome you to ours on October 31 from 5:30-8 p.m.

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.
Dominoes every Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
Game Day every Sunday at 3 p.m.

COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE

A community prayer service is Sunday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the gazebo in downtown McKenzie. The service will be in the Park Theatre if there is inclement weather.

WEBB SCHOOL PINK BALL GALA

Webb School, 938 Walnut Avenue West, McKenzie, hosts the Pink Ball Gala for breast cancer awareness on Saturday, October 11 from 6-10 p.m. Admission is \$25.

FREE 10-HOUR OSHA CLASS

Granges is hosting a 10-Hour OSHA class on Thursday, October 2 from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, October 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. The only cost is \$10 for attendees who want an OSHA card. Lunch is provided on Thursday. If you are interested in attending or have additional questions and registration, please get in touch with Jeff Haynes at jeff.haynes@granges.com.

MISTLETOE CHRISTMAS IS DECEMBER 4

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents "A Mistletoe Christmas" show at the Park Theatre on Thursday, December 4. An exciting lineup of performers to be announced soon!

For more information, please email carrollart-sinc@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS WITH (BETHEL) RENAISSANCE

The annual musical and theatrical production with Bethel University's Renaissance is Friday, December 5, 7 p.m., Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.; Saturday, December 6, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m. For tickets, visit bethelrenaissance.com.

McKENZIE ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL

The annual MES Fall Festival is Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school on 165 Brooks Avenue, McKenzie. The event features children's costume contests, a silent auction and cake walk, games, food and more. For questions, call 731-352-5272.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following list of events was provided by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Specific information about events may be available at a later date.
October 13-17 — Local Schools Fall Break;
October 27 — County Chamber Banquet;
November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market;
November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet;
December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

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 27. 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.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

Huntingdon to Host Spookfest October 14

The Town of Huntingdon, the Carroll County Prevention Coalition, the Nolan and Courtney Turner Memorial Fund and the Carl Perkins Center host Huntingdon's first Spookfest at the Kelley Sports Complex on Tuesday, October 14.
This community Halloween event is right in the middle of Carroll County schools' fall breaks and features a trunk-or-treat, outdoor movie, concessions, vendors and games for families to enjoy together.
The trunk-or-treat event begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by an outdoor showing of "Hocus Pocus" on the sports field at 7:30 p.m.
Last year, Huntingdon hosted Halloween Movie Night on the Square. The event reached capacity, setting a precedent for future Halloween-themed events.

Because of its success, the Huntingdon community decided to transform "Halloween Movie Night on the Square" into "Spookfest" and move the event from Huntingdon's Court Square to the Kelley Sports Complex.
In September's town hall meeting, coordinator Jesse Turner said he hopes Spookfest will grow into a tradition for years to come.
Turner, Heather Foster and Madison Utley ask for individuals or business sponsorships in anticipation of the event. Sponsors may set up a trunk at the trunk-or-treat or help sponsor food or concessions in the amount of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 to help serve families at the event.
In the event of inclement weather, Spookfest will move to the Carroll County Civic Center.

WCHS HOMECOMING



Above, The freshman powder puff team celebrates their win. Team members included Tatum Perry, Kinsley Poff, Marissa Mueller, Chloe Rimmer, Triniti Adkisson, Abbi O'Bryan and Coach Spencer Long. Below, Powderpuff Cheerleaders (L to R): Briggs West, Eli Bryant, Brody Baker, Chandler Rimmer, Bryler O'Neal, Ethan Baker, RQ Thompson and Jonah Mims. Submitted photos



Powder Puff Football Game Raises Senior Class Funds

ATWOOD (September 20) — Homecoming week at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School began with an exciting game of powder puff football. Seniors organized the event, which brought students together for friendly competition and community spirit while raising money for the Class of 2026 Project Graduation.
The afternoon included a lively flag football game for students from all grades. Their classmates cheered for them, showing great school spirit. The event also served as an opportunity to

raise funds.
Guests enjoyed performances by the WC Youth Cheer team and the school's own powder puff cheer squad. Other activities included an "Eats and Treats" silent auction and a dunking booth with school administrators and coaches.
Principal Adam Douglas said, "Homecoming is a special time for pride, fun and bringing our school family together. The powder puff game is a fantastic way to start the week and show the amazing spirit of our West Carroll students."
The freshman team, coached by Spencer Long, won the game. Tatum Perry, Kinsley Poff, Marissa Mueller, Chloe Rimmer, Triniti Adkisson and Abbi O'Bryan were key players in their success.
The senior class expressed thanks to everyone who attended, participated and contributed, saying their support helped create a strong sense of community.

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Antique glassware
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PART II

Switched at Birth

BY STEVE CORLEW
Courtesy of The Lexington Progress

Continuing from the September 23, 2025 edition...

Carter’s research gave her reason to believe others may have been switched at the hospital during that time period. She was telling the story to one friend who knew that in August, 1962, a boy and a girl had also been switched. That switch was quickly caught by one of the mothers and it was corrected. Two more girl babies were switched in September and one mother recognized she had the wrong baby and it was corrected.

Carter also learned that two other baby girls were swapped in March of 1963. One had a birth mark, and the mother quickly recognized that she was given the wrong baby. This fourth was the incident in a 7-month period and it was corrected.

“In my case, the babies were so much alike, no one knew,” she said.

Carter is telling her story, not for notoriety, but so others will know the deeper impact that completely changed what she knew to be her family medical history

“Mine changed tremendously,” Carter said. “You go to the doctor, and you have the same family medical history forever, now you don’t know.”

Another reason Carter wants to tell her story is so that families can be united and enjoy getting to know each other. I have met most of my immediate family members and do spend some time with my birth mother, brother, and sister.

Carter’s father, who did not believe the results of the first DNA test, later decided that he wanted to meet his birth daughter. Soon afterwards, he was taken to the hospital after he contracted COVID-19 and died a couple of weeks later.

“A friend of mine found her brother late in life, and he died a few months later.



Left, Teresa Ann Davis Carter. Right, A young Teresa Davis.



When someone needs to find a family member, maybe they can find somebody out there that is still living that they can bring into their family,” Carter stated about the reasons for telling her story.

For Carter, family is more than DNA. It is also about the family environment and how someone is raised.

“I am so much like my mother who raised me,” Carter said.

The discovery of the switch caused Carter to think about her life and she sought counseling to help her deal with and understand her feelings.

“It is not hard to bring other people into your family. You just must be open minded,” Carter said. “I had a truly loving family and I am so glad that I grew up in that atmosphere. The drama is finding out and then figuring out how you are going to explain it to those you grew up with who you love just the same as before the news.”

Carter said she is very grateful that her best friend was with her when she learned the shocking news,

“That helped a whole lot, because I fell apart,” she recalled. “I was thinking, why did this happen to me.”

She believes her faith in God helped her cope with the news.

“I was thankful my family took me to church. When you find the Lord and you know you are going to go to heaven, that is the most important thing in life,” Carter noted.

In the switch, Carter gained a brother, a sister and a half-sister. Her birth mother is still living. Carter even attended high school all four years with the person she was switched with.

“She looks just like my mother, the mother who raised me,” Carter said. “Her son looks just like the brother I was raised with.”

In conclusion, one Sunday, our former pastor at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church brought a message that hit home to Carter. His message was titled, “Who am I? What am I doing here? And, where am I going?” Carter said, “That stuck with me that day.” “While I may not be that person named on my birth certificate and my actual DOB is 9/13/1962, I am still who I am, Teresa. I am here because God has a purpose in my life, and I am going to Heaven and really this birth switch has changed my life in a positive way.”

It has taken a long time for Carter to tell her story and she believes there may be others out there that could have been switched at birth during this same time frame.

She is hoping her story will inspire them to seek the truth about who they are and find additional family members they may not know they have.

On a final note, Teresa said, “My brother by birth was visiting a few weeks ago, and he said to my husband with a sincere heart, “Thank you for doing the DNA testing.”



McKenzie High School graduates from 1951-1960 (L to R) Front Row: Sarah Mebane Brown (Class of 1960), Marilyn Rich Vinson (‘60), Karen Webb Camp (‘60) and Thelma Kelley Delaney (‘57). **Back Row:** Joan Bush Robertson (‘60), Catherine Dinwiddie Argo (‘59), C. Roland Argo (‘56), Dr. Charles Herron (‘59), Bruce Britton (‘58), Dr. Hugh Scarbrough (‘59), Dwayne Delaney (‘57) and Doyle Chandler (‘57). Also in attendance, but not pictured, were Kent Jones (‘56), Barbara Clark (‘52) and Nola Hobbs (‘55). *Photo courtesy Lauren Hickman/MHSAA*



McKenzie High graduates from 1961-1970 (L to R) Front Row: Kesley Colbert (Class of 1965), Diane Stoner Stafford (‘63), Paula Pinson Watkins (‘63), Genia Gill Sherwood (‘68), Deborah Murphy Davis (‘68) and Becky Shooter Scates (‘68). **Middle Row:** Mary Nolen Newson (‘66), Patricia Rich Eubank (‘64), Kay Brown (‘64), Gayle Johnson Britton (‘62), Barbara Elinor Cozart (‘63), Rutha Crocker Williams (‘62), Frieda Aden Lesser (‘63), Pamela Garrett Hudson (‘65), Ruth Ann Wiley Hall (‘65), Anne Alexander Mitchell (‘65) and Kathie Hudgins Parish (‘67). **Back Row:** Margaret Guill Brakebusch (‘66), Judy Hickerson Davis (‘66), Emily Archer Young (‘65), Dennis Sutton (‘67) and Dr. Phillip Cook (‘65). Also in attendance, but not pictured, were Glynda Finley Rich (‘63), Donna Ward (‘65), Martha Mebane Peters (‘64), LaRenda Bradfield Scarbrough (‘65), Jill Holland (‘70), Jerry Lewis (‘65), Joyce Ridley Hayes (‘70) and John Camp (Rebel basketball coach from 1961-63). *Photo courtesy Lauren Hickman/MHSAA*

‘50-60s McKenzie High Reunion is Huge Success

McKENZIE (September 20) — 45 graduates of McKenzie High School from the 1950s and 1960s gathered for a casual reunion at the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church in downtown McKenzie Saturday morning as part of the McKenzie High School Alumni Association Decades Reunion weekend.

Refreshments and time to reconnect with friends from their days at McKenzie High were enjoyed by all.

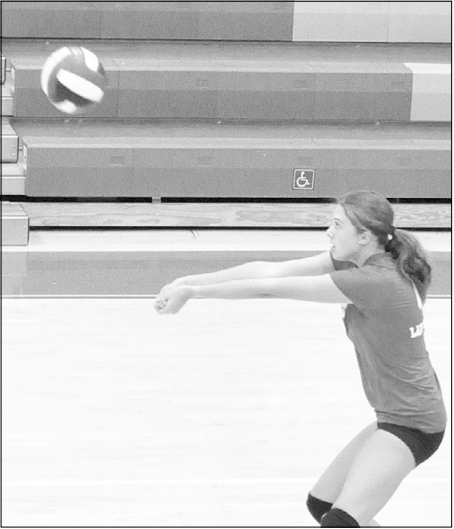
Special thanks to the many volunteer members of the MHSAA who helped decorate the venue as well prepare and serve food, and to FUMC for hosting the event.



Left, Barbara Clark of the MHS Class of 1952 was the earliest graduate in attendance. A retired school teacher at Henry County High School, she began her career at MHS in the early 1960s and taught many of the alumni who were in attendance. Right, Nola Hobbs was the sole attendee from the McKenzie High School Class of 1955, celebrating the 70th anniversary of her graduation. Photos courtesy Lauren Hickman/MHSAA



Left, Huntingdon’s Millie Singleton goes for a kill near the net. Singleton had seven kills and a dig. Right, Lady Rebel Addison Milam makes a return near the line. Milam had three kills, three aces and a dig. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Fillies Answer McKenzie Rally for Sweep

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (September 25) — Huntingdon High School hosted McKenzie Thursday for a district volleyball match. The Fillies coasted in the first two sets, but the Lady Rebels took an early lead in the third. Huntingdon regained momentum and the set reached 24-24 before the Fillies earned two points in a row to complete

the set comeback and the match sweep.

Huntingdon’s set wins were 25-12, 25-11 and 26-24, respectively.

Filly Taylor Canovan had two kills, nine aces, seven digs and 26 assists. Sunny Carter had seven kills and an ace. Millie Singleton and Cruz Perez each had seven kills and a dig. Ellie Wilson had four kills, four aces and a dig. Knox Bennett had an ace and eight digs. Emalynn Ma-

ness had three kills. Kylie Tippitt had an ace and five digs. Meredith Perritt had an ace and two digs. Grier Bartholomew had three digs.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford had nine kills and an ace. Kynadie Brown had a kill, two digs and 12 assists. Addison Milam had three kills, three aces and a dig. Molly French had a kill and three aces. Haylee Beard had a kill.

Lady Rebels Dominate for Team, Individual Titles

BY BRAD SAM
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SHARON (September 22) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels are the District 14A golf champions after a dominant performance in the district tournament held at Persimmon Hills Golf Course Monday, led by individual district champion Charli Weatherford.

With seven teams competing, McKenzie defeated runner-up Union City by 43 strokes and third-place



Charli Weatherford
Westview by 53.
Weatherford claimed the

individual title with a score of 71, including a 33 on the back nine.

The team advanced to the Region 7A Tournament, held Monday at Tennessee River Golf Club in Decaturville. (Results were unavailable before The Banner’s press deadline.)

Advancing to the state tournament are the region champion team and the top three individuals from the rest of the field.

The Lady Rebels have not qualified for a state berth since 2021.

Wallace Sets Venue Record at Huntingdon Meet

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (September 23) — McKenzie’s Abigail Wallace set a venue record during Tuesday’s cross country meet hosted by Huntingdon High School.

Wallace’s first-place finish came in at 19:16, breaking the girls’ record previously held by Dresden’s Loral Winn, who now competes for Ole Miss.

Lady Rebel Autumn Haywood finished in fifth, and the team, rounded out by Morgan Little, Katelyn Prather and Ryleigh Rogers, earned fourth.

Many of the full squad’s runners hit personal bests at the meet.



Lady Rebel Abigail Wallace (left) earned first at the Huntingdon meet and set a new girls’ venue record. Autumn Haywood (right) earned fifth. Photo courtesy Beth Mathis

The Rebels didn’t earn any medals, but Reed Little, Liam Moore and Ripken Thompson all set new per-

sonal bests.

The teams travel Tuesday for a meet at TCA in Jackson.

Rebel Golf Claims Team, Individual Title

BY BRAD SAM
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SHARON (September 22) — The McKenzie High School Rebels are the District 14A golf champions after a strong performance in the district tournament held at Persimmon Hills Golf Course Monday, led by individual district champion Nolan Fawcett.

With 13 teams competing, McKenzie defeated runner-up Westview by seven strokes and third-place Union City by 12.

Fawcett claimed the in-



Nolan Fawcett
dividual title with a score of 71. Ethan Bradberry shot a 73, good for third overall. Ace Brown (83) and Brady

Allison (84) rounded out the team scoring.

The team advanced to the Region 7A Tournament, held Monday at Tennessee River Golf Club in Decaturville. (Results were unavailable before The Banner’s press deadline.)

Advancing to the state tournament are the region champion team and the top three individuals from the rest of the field.

The Rebels look for their second consecutive state berth following a five-year drought.

Rebels Hold Steady Atop Class 1A

NASHVILLE (September 29) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association and USA Today Network released new football rankings Monday after Week 6.

McKenzie (5-1) holds steady at number one in Class 1A, ahead of South Pittsburg (4-1), who re-

ceived three first place votes to McKenzie’s 13. Dresden’s (4-2) rank is also unchanged at number seven. Undefeated South Fulton (5-0) sits at number eight, up a spot from last week.

In Class 2A, undefeated

Milan (6-0) remains at the top with 14 first-place votes. East Robertson (6-0, two first-place votes) and Peabody (6-0) are ranked second and third, respectively. Huntingdon (5-1) holds the number five spot for the second consecutive week.

Westview (5-0) is the unanimous number one in Class 3A.

Property Transfers

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

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

Pamela Gallimore as trustee to Mark Stacy Carey in District 16.

Mark S. and wife Regina A. Simpson to Drake H. and wife Shelby R. Simpson in District 24.

Fred T. Bell Jr. as executor to John R. and wife Deborah M. Scott in District 4.

Gorbet Properties, LLC to Kevin and wife Becky Clark. No District listed.

Pamela D. Crossno as trustee to John and wife Linda Newsome in District 21.

James Kiley Pearson to James Kiley and wife Stephanie D. Pearson in District 11.

Ryan J. Bomar to Carl G. Campbell in District 9.

Cynthia Louise Jaeger to Jean Jaeger. No District listed.

Roger G. and wife Patricia A. Davis to Joshua David and wife Vivian Stilling in District 16.

Martha Lemonds and others to Anna Elizabeth Anderson. No District listed.

Virgil Clayton Waddle to Paula D. Waddle in District 11.

Jeanne Willis to Jeanne Willis. No District listed.

Marcus Coleman Turner AKA Marcus C. Turner to Christel Marie Turner in District 4.

Amarjeet Singh to William McElroy as trustee in District 4.

James Randolph and wife Regina Renee Holbrook to Dylan Fischbach in District 11.

Lisa Ann Solinger to Bridge Equity LLC. No District listed.

Michael and Steven Haywood to Blazer Enterprises LLC in District 11.

Michael and wife Lisa Haywood and others to PGL Farms LLC. No district listed.

Timbervest Partners III Tennessee LLC to Rocky Top Uplands LLC. No district listed.

Lisa Middleton-Click to Michael and wife Karen Parent in District 23.

David Jr. and wife Betty Sublett to Donna J. Smith in District 11.

Denise Brotherton to Joshua Hill in District 16.

Nathan Baker and Seth Thomas Ricketts to Zean M. and wife Gracie L. Williams in District 15.

Johnny and wife Tram Parham to Lawrence Gene Van Blaricom in District 16.

Jose Juan and wife Wanda L. Garcia to Holden Ryan and wife Maria Margarita Terry in District 1.

Luther J. Kirby III to Rhonda A. Kirby Bryant in District 21.

Vance E. and Wife Tammy L. Ward to Anthony James and wife Ashley Rae Kenny. No District listed.

Vance E. and wife Tammy L. Ward to Jonathan Charles and wife Meagan Lorraine Mullikin. No District listed.

Vance E. and wife Tammy L. Ward to Vance E. and wife Tammy L. Ward. No District listed.

Aam and Rhea Farmer to Anastasios Georgiou. No District listed.

Jayne Karen and husband Robert Garryl to Jayne Karen And husband Robert Garryl in District 23.

John W. Markle III and others to Kevin Wayne and wife Sharon Marie Young Harvel in District 5.



Above, MMS eighth grade players and cheerleaders were recognized before the game. Below Left, Rebel quarterback Seth Stafford evades defenders for a big gain. Below Right, Rebel Leighem Broyles closes in on a Camden ball carrier near the line of scrimmage. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



Rebels Close Season with Win

BY DAVARION GILBERT
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McKENZIE (September 25) — The McKenzie Middle School Rebels closed the football season with a 22-6 win over Camden Thursday and celebrated Eighth Grade Night.

Eighth grade players and cheerleaders were recognized on the field, and their parents stood in the stands to be recognized.

Eighth grade Rebel players include Jackson Barden, Seth Stafford, Lane Brown, Jaibreon Horton, Dierks Ghyers, Cooper Jones, Kamden Lee, Tyler Davis, Zayden Webb, Ryan McCann, Jake Ghyers, McCoy Merrick, Jeremy Sims, Leighem Broyles, Parker Standridge, Kage Gwaltney, Fisher Allen, Case Wall, Riley Crafton, Andrew Arnold, Brenton Hickerson and Reid Warman.

Eighth grade cheerleaders are Caleigh Ball, Maggie Webb, Sami Mathis and Adrianna Paige Gordon.

McKenzie won the toss but elected to defer to begin

the game. Camden ended their first drive having to punt to the Rebels.

McKenzie started with Seth Stafford keeping the ball three times for a first down. Camden's defense held McKenzie to a punt.

To begin their second drive, Camden ran to the outside for a touchdown, but it was called back on a penalty against them.

The Rebels received the ball back after a punt and scored on a 49-yard touchdown run to the outside by Seth Stafford. The two-point conversion was good by Jake Ghyers, making the score McKenzie 8, Camden 0.

The Rebel defense held the Lions' third drive to a punt.

Seth Stafford kept the ball and ran to the outside for a 65-yard touchdown. Ghyers' two-point conversion was good, making it McKenzie 16, Camden 0.

McKenzie kicked the ball off to Camden for their fourth drive, and the defense kept the Lions from scoring before halftime.

McKenzie received the ball for the beginning of the second half. They marched down the field, and Ghyers ran the ball down the middle for a 14-yard touchdown. Ghyers then ran the two-point conversion to make it McKenzie 22, Camden 0.

Stafford kicked it off to Camden for their first drive of the second half. Camden slowly marched down the field to end the third quarter. In the fourth, the Lion quarterback threw for a 15-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, making it McKenzie 22, Camden 6. Camden kicked off to McKenzie for their second drive of the half, and the Rebels punted.

The McKenzie defense held the Camden offense to a turnover on downs with a loss of five yards on a tackle by Stafford.

Stafford then took a knee twice to end the game.

The McKenzie Middle School Rebels ended their season with four wins and three losses.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Theft of Property — According to a report dated August 26, Sgt. Ethan Parham responded to a residence on Hillcourt Circle in Huntingdon regarding bank fraud. The investigation found that Danielle A. Watford, 51, had accessed another person's Chime account and used approximately \$3,000 without permission. A warrant was issued for Watford for theft of property over \$2,500.

Theft of Merchandise According to a report dated August 13, Officer Brad Allen responded to Walmart in Huntingdon for a shoplifting complaint. Store security stated that Jerry N. Neisler, 54, had taken items on multiple dates without paying. On June 28 he took \$99.06 in items, on July 5 \$78.63, on July 27 \$28.57, and on Aug. 12 \$81.71, for a total of \$287.97. Neisler was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for theft of property involving merchandise under \$1,000.

Burglary, Theft of Merchandise — According to a report dated September 12, Sgt. Ethan Parham responded to Walmart in Huntingdon for a shoplifting and trespassing complaint. Store security

reported that Brylyn Demarini, 25, had previously been banned from all Walmart properties and had signed a trespass notice on Aug. 10, 2022. Despite the ban, Demarini was found on the premises and had also taken deli wings valued at \$11.96 on July 21 and again on Sept. 9, totaling \$23.92 in restitution owed. She was charged with burglary and theft of property and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving Under the Influence, Violation of Implied Consent — According to a report dated September 12, Sgt. Ethan Parham responded to a reckless driver complaint on Highway 70 in Huntingdon. A gray Nissan Altima, driven by Anna Campbell, 23, was observed drifting off the roadway before reentering the lane and creating a large cloud of dust.

During the stop, Campbell showed multiple signs of intoxication, including slurred speech, glassy eyes, and delayed responses. She admitted to drinking earlier that morning and agreed to perform field sobriety tests but said she did not believe she would pass. Campbell performed poorly on all

three tests, including missing steps and losing balance. At one point, Sgt. Parham had to physically assist her to prevent her from falling into a ditch. Campbell also stated she felt like she was going to vomit.

After being read the Implied Consent form, Campbell refused a blood test. She was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail, where she was charged with driving under the influence and violation of implied consent.

Coercion of a Witness, Violation of Order of Protection, Harassment — According to a report made on Sept. 10, Officer Dexter Richardson reported that Ja'Shawn Turner, 18, violated a no contact order while out on bail from a prior domestic case. Between July 22 and July 23, Turner sent 98 text and Instagram messages to the victim, including statements attempting to influence her cooperation in prosecution. Turner was later located at a residence on Cotham Drive in Huntingdon, where he was taken into custody and transported to Carroll County Jail. He was charged with coercion of a witness, violation of an order of protection, and harassment.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Fraudulent Check Investigation — According to a report on Sept. 17, made by Deputy Bo Ezell, he and Deputy Heather Townes responded to a residence on

Anark Road in Huntingdon regarding a forged check. Deputies learned that a check had been altered and cashed at a U.S. Bank in the amount of \$39,700. The bank



Left, War Eagle quarterback Mason Taylor drops back for a pass. Right, War Eagle Qumarion Patterson looks for an open running lane. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

West Carroll Falls to Greenfield on Homecoming

BY BRAD SAM
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ATWOOD (September 26) — West Carroll hosted Greenfield Friday for a region football contest and Homecoming festivities. The visiting Yellowjackets scored once in each quarter and stifled the War Eagles for a 30-0 win.

Greenfield had 242 yards of total offense, including 195 yards on the

ground and 47 through the air. West Carroll had 136 total yards, 129 on the ground and seven in the air.

War Eagle quarterback Mason Taylor was four of nine passing for seven yards. He had 23 carries for 110 yards.

Qumarion Patterson had three carries for nine yards and two catches for nine yards. Chance Weatherford had one carry for sev-

en yards, and Parker Newman gained three yards on two rushes.

Patterson led the defense with five solo tackles and two assists, including one for a loss. Caleb Vermillion had three solo and two assists, one for a loss. Peyton Gilford had two solo and four assists, one for a loss. Braden Marise had a solo and four assists, one for a loss.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA189

ESTATE OF: WILLIAM SCOTT DOCKINS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of WILLIAM SCOTT DOCKINS deceased, who died MAY 15TH, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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KAREN JEAN JACKSON, Executor/Administrator
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KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Huntingdon Middle Loses Nailbiter to Union City

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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HUNTINGDON (September 25) — The Huntingdon Middle School Mustangs finished their football season at 3-4 after a 16-14 loss to Union City at Paul Ward stadium on Thursday.

The Mustangs had a chance to take the lead and possibly win the game with 2:48 left in the third quarter as they had a first-and-goal at the Union City one-yard line trailing in the game by the final margin of two points, but the Mustangs fumbled and were not able to get another opportunity to win the game

later in the contest.

The Mustangs took an early lead on their second possession of the game when Noah Webb dashed 50 yards for a touchdown with 1:50 left in the first quarter. The Mustangs failed on the conversion but led 6-0.

Union City grabbed the lead back with 1:04 left in the first half after driving 67 yards in 12 plays to score. Thomas Harrell pushed his way in from two yards out for the score, and Isaiah Puckett made his way over the goal line for the two-point conversion to take an 8-6 lead.

The Mustangs, with just over a minute left in the half,

started their next possession at the Union City 49 but were penalized five yards on first down. Bryce Maddox completed a pass to Cohen Gray for 18 yards to the Union City 36. The Mustangs were then penalized 10 yards for holding, and, on the next play, Maddox connected with Webb for a 48-yard pass play for a touchdown to take the lead back. Webb then converted for two, and the Mustangs led 14-8 at the half.

Union City opened the second half with possession and marched the length of the field for the go-ahead TD. The Tornados started at their 31 and covered the dis-

tance in nine plays to score on a Dexter Graham three-yard run with 4:59 left in the third. Puckett converted the run for two points and Union City led 16-14.

The Mustangs had a chance to take the lead back after Union City's TD, but fumbled at the one, and the Mustangs, with 7:10 left in the game, got the ball at the Union City 19, but a ten-yard penalty and a sack for 16 yards killed the drive and the Mustangs suffered the loss.

Webb ran 14 times for 134 yards in his last game as a Mustang and caught a pass for 48 yards and a touchdown to lead the Mustangs.

Union City ran 40 times for 219 yards in the win.

Carroll County General Sessions

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court Wednesday, September 24.

Rashad J. Brown, Dunlap St., Paris, bound over, Reckless Endangerment - Vehicle/ Misd.; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon.

Samuel A. Jewell, Booker St., McKenzie, bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Theft of Property - \$2,000 to < \$10,000; bound over, Possession of Burglary Tools; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; bound over, Tampering With Evidence.

Gregory Young, Latham Chapel Road, Milan, bound over, Tampering With Evidence; bound over, Criminal Impersonation; bound over, Meth - Possession of Casual Exchange; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Charles Baker, Old Medina Road, Oakfield, Tenn., guilty, lesser charge, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for balance, forfeits an interest in guns, vehicle seized as a condition of probation, complete inpatient treatment of at least six months; dismissed, Tampering With Evidence; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; dismissed, Employ Firearm Intent to Go Armed; dismissed, Possess Firearm Intent to Go Armed.

Jamie Lyn Barker, Hillview Apt Drive, McKenzie, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, \$150 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for until conditions met, alcohol/drug evaluation and recommendations.

Mark A. Carey, Dunn Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, extend three months, time served credit two days, sentence may be served on consecutive weekends.

Angela M. Daily, AHS Street, Bruceton, guilty, lesser charge, Criminal Trespass, no fine, litigation tax only, no contact with Walmart.

Channing N. Edwards, Cedar Street, Gleason, guilty, lesser charge, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, supervised probation until all conditions met, unsupervised probation for balance, cognitive

behavioral course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year, ignition interlock, DUI school, sentence may be served on consecutive weekends, forfeit handgun to Huntingdon Police Department; dismissed, Possession of Handgun While Under Influence; dismissed, Driving While License Revoked; dismissed, Speeding.

Shannon N. Ellis, Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, guilty, lesser charge, Assault on First Responder, \$5,000 fine, supervised probation for full sentence, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon); dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Jonathan E. Haymon, Bledsoe Road, Humboldt, guilty, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for sentence, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, cognitive behavioral training course, forfeit interest in both firearms to Carroll County Sheriff's Office, can receive day-for-day credit upon successful completion of rehab; dismissed, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Amberley D. Hicks, Highway 79, Atwood, guilty, lesser charge, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for balance, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

Joshua B. Jackson, Highway 79, Henry, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, supervised probation until conditions complete, probation extended for 11/29.

Destiny Jones, Morris Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, jail credit includes completion of rehab, 101 days.

Skyla M. Kelm, Little Grove Road, Lavinia, guilty, lesser charge, Theft of Merchandise - Up to \$1,000, no fine, \$144.58 to Walmart, no contact with Walmart, supervised probation for minimum 90 days until conditions met; dismissed, Criminal Trespass; dismissed, Burglary - Auto/Boat/Airplane/Other Motor Vehicle.

Meghann Lane, India Road, Paris, guilty, Probation Violation - Not Booked, no fine, can receive day-for-day credit upon successful completion of rehab, can complete 28-day outpatient rehab to receive credit.

Nicholas J. Leffridge, N. Taylor Drive, Bells, Tenn., guilty, lesser charge, Driving While License Suspended, \$100 fine Driving on Canceled License, \$2 fine Speeding, supervised probation until conditions complete, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license; guilty, lesser charge, Speeding, \$100 fine Driving on Canceled License, \$2 fine Speeding, supervised probation until conditions complete, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

Charlie Long, Joy Drive, McKenzie, guilty, lesser charge, Retaliate for Past Action - Attempt, no fine, 11/29 supervised probation for balance, provide proof of in-patient treatment, follow recommendations deemed necessary by treatment personnel.

Desirae M. Perry, Booker Street, McKenzie, guilty, lesser charge, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 supervised probation; dismissed, Theft of Property - \$2,500 to <\$10,000; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Shannon M. Ryan, Barker Road, Atwood, guilty, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, supervised probation, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, forfeit two firearms to Carroll County Sheriff's Office, may serve jail time in in-house rehab; dismissed, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; dismissed, Driving While In Possession of Methamphetamine.

Joshua P. Schenk, Stone-wall Street, McKenzie, guilty, Theft of Merchandise - Shoplifting, no fine, \$26.31 to Eagle Food Mart, no contact with Eagle Food Mart, supervised probation until conditions met.

Ja'Shawn L. Turner, Bridge-man Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Coercion of Witness, \$100 fine, 11/29 supervised probation, no contact with witness, intervention program, cognitive behavioral training course; dismissed, Violation of Order of Protection/Restraining Order; dismissed, Harassment.

The following cases were dismissed.

Robert D. Doede, Paris Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

Bryan Fitzpatrick, Birmingham Lane, McKenzie, dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked.

Reginald A. Gordon, Spring Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked.

Sarah M. Rumley, homeless, dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Karen M. Webb, Highway 69 S., Paris, dismissed, DUI by Allowing.

The following cases were rescheduled.

Samantha Hughes, Deon M. Matthews.

McKenzie Police Reports

Reckless Endangerment, Leaving The Scene — Terry M. Scott, 71, Hamilton Street, McKenzie is charged with two counts of Reckless Driving and Leaving The Scene of an Accident after his vehicle struck the shopping cart corral at Dollar General on Highland Drive. Officer Timothy Dillon filed a report stating Scott drove his vehicle into the outdoor shopping cart corral on the front of the store and endangered the lives of two employees who were outside. Scott then left the scene prior to MPD's arrival. The two employees and another witness provided information about the incident and officers went to Scott's residences and arrested him.

Criminal Trespass — Timothy Scott Hickey, 36, Brighton, Tenn. was charged with Theft and Criminal Trespass on September 27.

Officer Steven Scott filed the report stating Hickey went to a residence, stole a car key and departed the residence. He had previously been banned from the property. Warrants were issued for his arrest.

Theft — A Walnut Avenue resident reported the theft of a radio on September 27. He told Officer Timothy Dillon that he was moving from the residence and when he returned, the radio was missing.

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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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Marriage Licenses

Daniel Brian Dickerson II, 25, of McKenzie, to Kacie Joan Sparks, 23, of McKenzie.

Brandy Leean Petty, 35, of Huntingdon, to Jonathan Owen Tibbs, 35, of Humboldt.

Daniel Michael Guy, 31, of Trezevant, to Jennifer Lynn Rainey Crouch, 35, of Trezevant.

Charles Ray Morris, 54, of Bruceton, to Jacklyn Nicole Ferrell, 43, of Bruceton.

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

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- DOLLAR RD BEGIN AT HWY 22 GO 1.6 MILES
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- TOWER RD BEGIN AT HWY 423 GO 0.97 MILES

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For inquiries, please contact Carroll County Highway Department by phone at 731-986-1998 for specifications. For copies of bid documents, please email sbwilliams@carroll.tn.org or pick up documents at the Carroll County Highway Department.

All interested parties, without regard of race, color or national origin, shall be afforded the opportunity to bid and shall receive equal consideration. Title VI states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Carroll County strives to protect individuals' civil rights through active compliance with the requirements of Title VI.

The Owner (Carroll County) further reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

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- WESTPORT RD. State Aid No. 09013(16)
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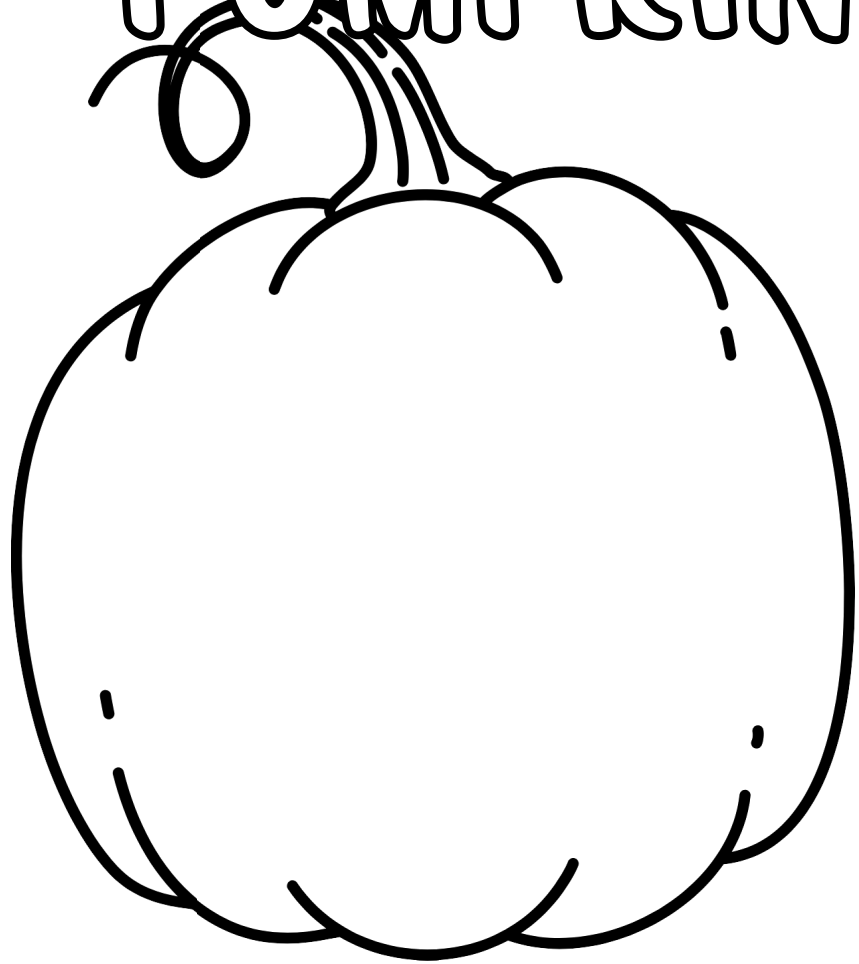
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- ## CLUES DOWN

1. Witch
2. Utilize
3. Writing utensil
4. Where rockers work
5. Becomes less intense
6. Consume
7. Type of catfish
8. "Horsetown, U.S.A."
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric poetry
11. Brings back to life
12. Humorous critiques
13. Cool!
17. Worst
18. Wet dirt
21. Useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
34. Chat responder
35. A way to move on
36. What consumers are given
39. Digital audiotape
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Surgeon's tool
51. "Much ___ about nothing"
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

See solution in next week's edition.

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Maple
Pumpkin
Scarecrow
Spice
Sweater
Thanksgiving

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WEEK 39

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See solution in next week's edition.

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

1. _____	11. _____
2. _____	12. _____
3. _____	13. _____
4. _____	14. _____
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Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road?

Answer: The crossing gourd.

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

Answer: Slice

I am an actress born on October 4, 1989 in Texas. I am the daughter of two famous actors and the granddaughter of a Hitchcock movie star. I made my film debut at age 10, but gained wide recognition when a steamy book series was brought to life on the big screen.

Answer: Dakota Johnson

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Week 38 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 38

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Above Left, Rebel quarterback Cole Brown makes a long touchdown pass. Brown was 16 of 20 passing for 278 yards and four touchdowns. Above Right, Rebel Jayden Callis bursts up the middle for a gain. Callis had 13 carries for 91 yards. Below Left, Rebel Jacobi Melton takes a pass to the outside for a huge gain. Melton had ten receptions for 147 yards and a touchdown. Below Right, Rebel Avery Brown makes a running catch in the end zone. Brown caught five passes for 111 yards and two touchdowns. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Roll at Chester County, 41-7

BY BRAD SAM
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HENDERSON (September 26) — McKenzie travelled to Chester County High School Friday for a non-region football contest and came home with a 41-7 victory.

The host Eagles stunned the large contingent of Rebel faithful that made the trip with a touchdown on the first play of the game, but 41 unanswered points gave the McKenzie fans plenty to cheer about.

Eagle Chase Daniel received the opening kickoff and returned it 96 yards for a touchdown. The point-after kick was good, and Chester County led 7-0 with 19 seconds off the clock.

A touchback started the Rebels at their 20. They earned three first downs to push into Eagle territory, but a penalty and a sack drove them back into McKenzie territory and forced a punt. Cole Brown's punt pinned Chester County at their 8.

The first snap resulted in a fumble in the end zone and a safety. Halfway through the first frame, McKenzie cut the deficit to 7-2.

The Rebels received the Eagle kick and started at their 32. A good mix of runs by Brown, Matteo Tabada and Jayden Callis yielded four first downs, aided by a pair of Chester County penalties. The 12-play drive was capped by a 19-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Lelan Gordon. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and McKenzie had a 9-7 lead with half a minute left in the opening quarter.

The Eagles managed two first downs, one on a Rebel penalty, but stalled and punted.

McKenzie struck again, going 66 yards on five plays. Brown threw to Avery Brown for a 34-yard score. Mason kicked again, and the Rebels led 16-7 halfway through the second quarter.

The Rebel defense was locked in and forced a three-and-out.

The punt gave McKenzie a long field, but they went 78 yards on ten plays. C. Brown again found A. Brown, this time for 13 yards. The PAT was wide, but the Rebel lead was up to 22-7 with a minute to play before the break.

The Eagles managed just three plays before time expired.

McKenzie got the ball to start the second half and started at midfield thanks to a failed onside kick attempt by Chester County. Seven plays later, C. Brown hit Jacobi Melton from nine yards out. A fumble spoiled the PAT, and the Rebel lead was 28-7 with 8:45 to play in the third.

A single first down was all the Eagles could muster before punting once again.

The Rebels took over at the Chester County 44. C. Brown threw to A. Brown for 15, then to Melton for nine. Callis moved the chains with a seven-yard carry, then C. Brown went 13 to paydirt. The two-point try failed, and McKenzie led 34-7 with under five minutes to play in the third frame.

The Eagles started at their 36, and Jaden Weaver threw to Braylin Robinson for 26 yards into Rebel territory. A penalty backed them up on the next play, and three plays later, they punted.

Starting from the 20, Callis ran twice for a first down, then Tabada ran for another. Melton caught a short pass

from C. Brown and ran on a tightrope down the sideline before stepping out at the 6. Tabada gained three, then C. Brown did the same for the touchdown. Mason got back on track with a good PAT kick, and McKenzie led 41-7 with half a minute remaining in the third.

A fumble on the kickoff was recovered by Gordon to give the Rebels the ball again in Eagle territory.

The Rebels substituted heavily and kept the ball on the ground to drain the running clock. They would turn it over on down with about six minutes left.

Chester County ran the ball eight times, then Grayson Stewart threw a deep pass to Jamerrion Thomas, who was stopped just short of the end zone as time expired.

McKenzie had 528 yards of total offense, 278 in the air and 250 on the ground. They held the Eagles to 119 yards total, 83 in the air and 36 on the ground.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was 16 of 20 passing for 278 yards and four touchdowns. He also had 13 carries for 107 yards and two touchdowns.

Jayden Callis had 13 carries for 91 yards, and Matteo Tabada rushed eight times for 41 yards.

Jacobi Melton had ten receptions for 147 yards and a touchdown. Avery Brown caught five passes for 111 yards and two touchdowns. Lelan Gordon had one catch, a 19-yard touchdown.

Dawson Reeder and Jacion Townes each had three solo tackles and three assists. Cole Brown had three solo and an assist, including one for a loss. Lelan Gordon had three solo and two assists. Maddox Shiell had two solo and two assists. Aiden Callis had two solo, including a sack. Xander Johnsey had two solo and three assists. Aiden Legends and Mason Batten each had two solo and an assist. Hunter Winstead had two solo tackles.

The Rebels are on the road again this week in Colliwood, a region opponent. Kickoff is 7 p.m.



Left, Garvin Kee hauls in a pass for a TD for the Mustangs. Right, Kenton Smith escapes a shoestring tackle. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

Mustangs Romp Over Pioneers 44-6

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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DYER (September 26) — One rule of football is that if you keep the ball away from a team's offense, you improve your chances of winning. That rule didn't play out in the Huntingdon Mustangs' 44-6 win over Gibson County in Dyer, as the Mustangs were efficient with their offense, as they ran nine offensive plays and scored 35 points on those nine plays. The Mustangs also scored on a punt return and recorded a safety in the win.

All the Mustang's points came in the first half as the second half was six-minute quarters with a running clock, and the Mustangs never ran an offensive play in the second half. The Mustangs had their second lowest offensive output of the year as they ran for 123 yards and passed for 104. The Mustang defense posted their lowest numbers of the year as they held the Pioneers to 23 yards on the ground and 52 passing yards.

Huntingdon scored on its opening drive in three plays that covered 54 yards, and the TD came on a two-yard run by Hayes Eubanks. Greyson Anderson tacked on the point after for a 7-0 lead.

The Mustangs then recovered a Pioneer fumble at the Gibson County 19, and Kenton Smith scampared the distance to the end zone in one play. Anderson's PAT gave the Mustangs a 14-0 lead.

Huntingdon then took over on their next possession after a Pioneer punt at midfield and scored in two plays. Garvin Kee caught a 34-yard pass from Smith for a touchdown, and Anderson was good again on the point after. The lead grew to 21-0.

The Mustangs fielded a short punt and started at the Pioneer 40, and threw two passes, with the first to Colt Wood for 25 yards, and then 15 yards to Tyreke Hutch for the touchdown. Ethan Raffield kicked the point after, and the score stood at 28-0.

K'Shun Carter then fielded a Pioneer punt at the Gibson County 42 and sprinted down the sideline to the end zone for the score. Raffield booted the point after through and the Mustangs led 35-0 as the first quarter was coming to a close.

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Taylin Strayhorn pounces on a fumble in Huntingdon's win over Gibson County. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

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again on their next possession. The punt traveled eight yards, and the Mustangs took over at the 50. Wood found a seam in the middle of the defense and ran to the end zone for a touchdown. Raffield tacked on the point after, and the Mustangs led 42-0.

The Mustangs' final two points of the night came when Gibson County snapped the ball over the punter's head and went out of the end zone for a safety as Huntingdon upped its lead to 44-0.

The Pioneers had the ball for the final 12 minutes of the game and scored on a 10-yard run by Isaiah Rice for the final margin.

The Mustangs play Riverside at home this Friday for the first of four home games to finish the season. Kickoff is 7 p.m.



Above, McKenzie High School volleyball seniors with parents (L to R): Raychel Oliver, Ashley Dunavant, Haylee Beard, Molly French, manager Carli Beeler and manager Carlton Townes. Below Left, Lady Rebel Molly French makes a return near the net. French had four kills, an ace and three assists in McKenzie's win. Below Right, Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford sends the ball back across the net. Stafford had 14 kills, seven aces, two digs and an assist in McKenzie's win. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Lady Rebels Edge West Carroll on Senior Night

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 23) — McKenzie High School hosted West Carroll Tuesday for a district volleyball match. It was Senior Night for the Lady Rebels, who jumped out to a two-set lead before the Lady War Eagles rallied for a 2-2 tie. McKenzie claimed the fifth set for the 3-2 victory.

Prior to the contest, four senior players and two managers were recognized on the court, joined by parents.

Senior players are Haylee Beard, daughter of April Beard and Bryan Beard;

Ashley Dunavant, daughter of Melissa Oswalt and James Dunavant; Molly French, daughter of Christina French and Misty Gibson; and Raychel Oliver, daughter of Jessica Spaulding.

Senior managers are Carli Beeler, daughter of Tim Beeler and Ashley Beeler, and Carlton Townes, son of Yana Townes-Taylor and Mike Taylor.

The Lady Rebels won the first two sets 25-22 and 25-23, respectively. West Carroll took sets two and three, 25-22 and 25-20, respectively, to force a fifth set. McKenzie clinched the win with a 15-5 advantage.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford had 14 kills, seven aces, two digs and an assist. Haylee Beard had three kills, seven aces and an assist. Addison Milam had eight kills and five aces. Kynadie Brown had six aces and 17 assists. Molly French had four kills, an ace and three assists. Kynlee Barden had a kill and four aces. Ava Newman had three aces and three assists. Ashley Dunavant had a kill and two digs. Natalia Taylor had a kill, a dig and an assist. Raychel Oliver had a kill and an ace.

Individual stats for the Lady War Eagles are not yet available.

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