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Carroll County firefighters, Mayor Joseph Butler and other community leaders took a group photo in front of two new trucks. Behind, trucks from the Huntingdon and McKenzie fire departments hold up the American flag. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

County Fire Department Unveils Four New Trucks

County's First New Firetrucks in Decades

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS

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HUNTINGDON (September 30) — The Carroll County Fire Department and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler welcomed the community to the Carroll County Civic Center to review the county's first four of 12 new fire trucks on Tuesday. The four displayed trucks were Fouts 2000 gallon pumper/tanker trucks.

When Jonathan Gaskins be-

came Carroll County's fire chief in January 2025, fleet management and improvement within the county department became one of his primary initiatives. In July 2025, after several months of planning, Gaskins secured a \$5.4 million investment in local fire service from the Carroll County government to purchase twelve brand new trucks from

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Carroll County Fire Chief Jonathan Gaskins demonstrates how to use the new water pressure controls on one of the pumper/tanker trucks. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



McKenzie Middle School students met at City Hall to begin their walk. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

12th Annual Walk to School Day was a Huge Success

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS

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McKENZIE (October 1) — Elementary and middle school students, parents and teachers alike

bounded down McKenzie's Stone-wall Street and Bell Avenue on Wednesday morning, participating in National Walk to School Day.

Middle school students, led by the school's cheerleading team,

walked nearly half a mile to school from McKenzie's City Hall at 7:15 a.m. Middle school students festively wore their "house" shirts,

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Two-Vehicle Accident Claims Life in County

CARROLL COUNTY (October 4) — A 56-year-old Holladay, Tenn., man lost his life in a two-car accident on Buena Vista Road at the intersection of Moore Creek Road. According to a report by the

Tennessee Highway Patrol, Eddie Hollingsworth, Jr., 56, Holladay, was driving a 2013 Nissan Pathfinder and Chris Todd, 44, of Bruceton was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado when the two vehicles collided at

around 5 p.m. Todd was listed as injured on the accident report.

Emergency responders responded to the scene. Buena Vista was closed for a period of time while the accident was investigated.

Carroll County Awarded \$250K ThreeStar Grant

CARROLL COUNTY (October 2) — Governor Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner (TN-ECD) Stuart C. McWhorter announced Thursday that Carroll County, alongside 33 other Tennessee communities, will receive funding from

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McKenzie Parks, Recreation Seeks Input

City of McKenzie officials invite the public to City Hall's council chambers Wednesday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m. for a Parks & Recreation Master Plan Input Session.

Mayor Ryan Griffin encourages the public to attend and voice their visions for McKenzie's Parks and Recreation during the open discussion meeting.

Brad Hurley will facilitate the meeting.

West Carroll Board Updates District Goals

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS

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ATWOOD (October 2) — The West Carroll Special School District board briefly gathered in the West Carroll Junior/Senior High School cafeteria Thursday night for their October meeting.

On the agenda were a student disciplinary hearing request, overnight field trip requests and a discussion of literacy and numeracy proficiency goals adhering to the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) accountability report. Present board members were Jeremy Jackson, Misty Mitchell, Keith Murray, William Robinson and Betty Wallace.

Joey Pryor requested a student disciplinary hearing with the board and Chris Hayden, the school district's attorney, regarding his child. After a discussion, the board agreed Pryor's child committed a zero tolerance offense. Wallace and Jackson made motions to deny Pryor's request for a hearing, and the board unanimously voted in agreement, affirming the school district's initial decision.

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County Commission Meets Monday

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, October 13 at the Carroll County Government Complex at 7 p.m. The following items are on the agenda:

Amend Resolution 6-08-2025 making appropriations to non-profit organizations of Carroll County, Tennessee for the FY 25-26. This would amend the verbiage providing \$1,500 to TN Rehab Center instead of \$500.

Resolution 10-01-2025 reappoints Dr. Lee Carter, MD, as Carroll County Medical Examiner. This is a five-year term with eligibility for reappointment.

Resolution 10-02-2025 allows the Carroll County Emergency Management Agency to recoup expenses for services. In essence, EMA is allowed to bill for and receive any public and/or private funds for any/all services rendered, equipment or supplies used, or expenses incurred as a result of dealing with a hazardous operation that was caused as a result of any criminal act, any terrorist event, and/or any threat of the aforementioned incidents.

Resolution 10-03-2025 reappoints Mike Cary, Jeruna Cozart, and Anna Todd to the Carroll County Health and Educational Facilities Board for a four-year term.

Resolution 10-04-2025 amends the Grant Fund Budget for Sheriff's Office to account for a Mental Health Grant in the amount of \$12,133.

Resolution 10-05-2025 amends the General Fund Budget for Sheriff's Office to account for an unspent SRO Grant in the amount of \$33,125 to be returned to the state.

Resolution 10-06-2025

amends the General Fund Budget for the Health Department to account for funds omitted in error from the original budget in the amount of \$26,060.

Resolution 10-07-2025 amends the General Fund Budget for Circuit Court to account for the replacement of seven desktop computers and two laptop computers for court staff due to operating system support. The amount of \$8,145 for Data Processing Equipment comes from the Fund Balance.

Resolution 10-08-2025 would provide for education incentive payments to County Legislative Body Members of Carroll County Government. This would include \$600 commissioners who complete each year at least 8 hours of continuing education training.



24th Recovery Court Graduates (L to R): Hannah Hollingsworth, Jefferson Mills, Herbert Strayhorn, Elijah Howard and Nicole Compton. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Five Honored at Inaugural Recovery Court Graduation Dinner

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HUNTINGDON (October 2) — Friends, family and members of the 24th Judicial District Court gathered at the Colonial Tea Room in Huntingdon Thursday, October 2, to celebrate five recent graduates from the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court: Nicole Compton, Hannah Hollingsworth, Elijah Howard, Jefferson Mills and Herbert Strayhorn. The banquet-style celebration was the first of its kind, giving the five graduates a formal celebration of their hard work reaching sobriety.

The 24th Judicial District — which includes Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Henry and Hardin counties — began its Recovery Court program in May 2023. The program, which lasts 18-24 months, is meant to provide those who have been arrested for drug offenses with sufficient tools to help them live a sober life.

The Recovery Court program begins with at least 90 days in jail, followed by 90 days of an inpatient program. For the next six months, offenders enter an intensive outpatient setting. Before leaving the program, the Recovery Court team makes sure those without high school diplomas earn a GED and those without a driver's license are in the process of getting one.

"Not everyone belongs in prison," said Carroll County Division One Circuit Judge Brent Bradberry, "and we recognize that addiction sometimes results in people making bad choices."

In recognition of their graduation and achieving hundreds of days sober and hundreds of days without committing a crime or getting into any sort of trouble that would violate their probation, Judge Bradberry granted the five honored graduates with 600 days of jail credit towards their sentences.

"You know how difficult it's going to be," Bradberry said, "to continue to live that sober life. We hope we've given you tools. We hope we've given you methods to cope with that. We certainly wish you the most success."

The five honorees were from Carroll, Benton and Henry counties. They each graduated from Recovery Court in ceremonies held earlier this year.

Nicole Compton, of Benton County, brought her son with her to the dinner. She maintained employment and was successful throughout the Recovery Court program.

"I'm just glad that I made it through," said Compton. "It's made a big impact on my life."

Hannah Hollingsworth, a 2010 graduate of Carroll Academy, also completed Recovery Court. Hollingsworth was one of the women covered in The New York Times' article on Carroll Academy's girls' basketball team. During the Recovery Court process, The New York Times reached out to Hollingsworth once more for an update to the initial story.

"Life has been so amazing since I've graduated. There's so many opportunities that came my way. I have a job. I have never been able to keep a job longer than two months," Hollingsworth said in a brief speech.

Hollingsworth thanked Labe Ezell, the officer who made the arrest that led her to Recovery Court. "I know it's crazy to say, but thank you. You saved me," she said.

Elijah Howard, of Carroll County, first came into the Recovery Court program with a baby on the way.

That baby turns two years old in November, and Howard has been sober for the entirety of her life.

Howard recalled when his probation officer helped him and bought diapers for his daughter when she was first born. "I look back, and I'm blessed," he said, "because I can afford to do stuff now. It's from working, from the people who have been there for me and helped me, who have always encouraged me to do better and do the right things. I'm appreciative and grateful. Thank you."

Jefferson Mills, of Benton County, began a job as a painter soon after joining Recovery Court. Soon, he will celebrate his two-year anniversary as a house painter. Mills passed all of his drug screens the entirety of Recovery Court.

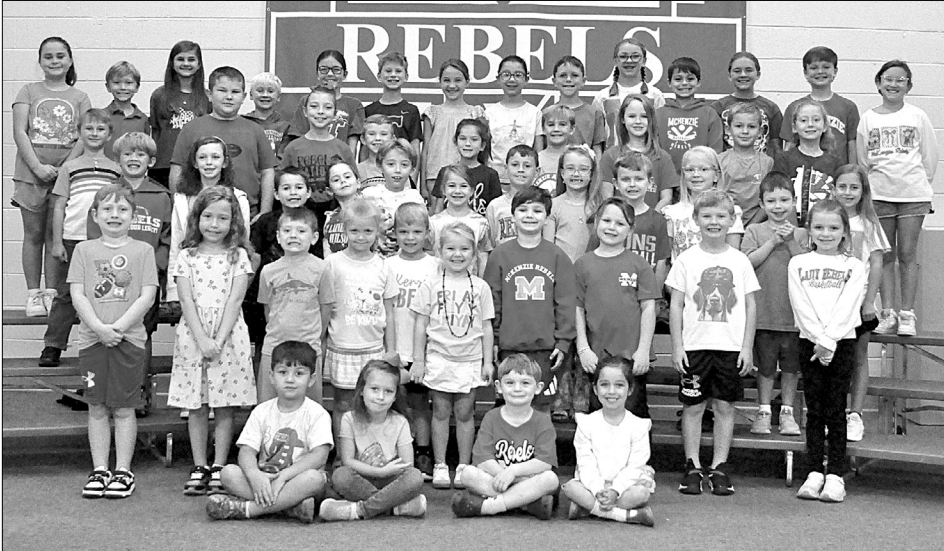
"I'm very grateful that this program is put in place. It's gonna save the lives of many people," Mills said, "and change the lives of many people. It's changed all of our lives. My life has done a 180 completely. This is the longest I've ever been clean and sober. This accountability was put here by God, in my book, and I'm very, very blessed."

Lastly, Judge Bradberry described Herbert Strayhorn as the poster child of the Recovery Court program. During his time in Recovery Court, Strayhorn obtained a driver's license after not having one for 30 years.

Strayhorn thanked his many supporters who showed up for him both at the dinner and during his time in Recovery Court.

The 24th Judicial District Recovery Court will host another dinner celebration for recent Recovery Court graduates from Decatur and Hardin counties in Savannah, Tenn., later in October.

McKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



McKenzie Elementary School Fall Festival King and Queen Nominees — Front Row: Pre-K. Second Row: Kindergarten. Third Row: First Grade. Fourth Row: Second Grade. Back Row: Third and Fourth Grades. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Fall Festival King, Queen Nominees Announced

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (October 3) — McKenzie Elementary School recently announced the nominees for Fall Festival King and Queen from each classroom.

The nominees will raise funds to benefit the school until the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25, when the King and Queen will be announced.

Pre-K: T. Baker - Jaxxten Dunn and Everly Prince; B. Baumgardner - Sonny Loft and Penelope Peachey.

Kindergarten: L. Banuelos - Dawson Millsap and Savannah Martin; J. Stafford

- Fisher Collins and Cordie Atkins; A. Burden - Ryker Hunt and Matti Bennett; L. Holt - Carver Mann and Finley Fussell; R. Hardy - Owen Winston and Ella Lowe.

First Grade: K. Brown - Klay Phillips and Caroline Campbell; R. Edlin - Wiley Bradshaw and Sarai Olson; C. Barton - CJ Martin and Ella Butler; L. Flannery - Hudson Reeder and Mattie Kee; A. Crowell - David Artymovich and Kylie Satterfield; C. Moore - Abram Montgomery and Ella Manns.

Second Grade: B. Turman - Easton Prince and Scout Sczesney; K. Sim-

mons - Nash Williams and Faith Lynn French; S. Lane - Drake Simmons and Halle Pierce; L. Brown - Connor Russell and Penny Jones; E. Bolin - Kip Warmath and Piper Russell.

Third Grade: C. Wall - Ethan Anderson and Laylah Waller; M. Taylor - Anderson Murphy and Charli Mann; M. Spivey - Chase Alexander and Briley Stafford; J. Brown - Kipton Taylor and Hazel Tippitt.

Fourth Grade: K. Brown - Kyren Sczesney and Allison Padilla; C. Kee - Easton Webb and Marlee Wheat; A. Sellers - Avery Pruitt and Ellie Cross; A. Oakley - Jace Brown and Ava Moore.



A great crowd was on hand for the grand opening of Silly Goose on Saturday. A ribbon-cutting was sponsored by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Silly Goose Hosts Grand Opening, Ribbon-Cutting

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (October 4) — McKenzie's newest business opened Saturday with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting. Silly Goose is a children's boutique located at 2384 Cedar Street.

Owners Zeke and Kait-

lyn Henderson of Gleason welcomed a large crowd to the event with refreshments and a fully-stocked shop ready for the fall season.

Kaitlyn told The Banner, "We have three daughters, and we just have a passion for children's clothing and products. We wanted to bring a little bit of that to

the McKenzie area and surrounding. We can't wait to serve everyone."

The ribbon-cutting was sponsored by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Silly Goose is open Wednesday through Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-3.



(L to R) Front Row: Donna Herrin, Brenda Smith, Donna Hodge and Debby Simon. Second Row: Gaye Lynn Coleman, Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Judy Davis, Gladys Patterson, and Glynda Rich. Back Row: Marsha French, Jennifer Waldrup (guest speaker), Linda Howton, Robin Bentley, and Beverly Mueller.

McKenzie Garden Club Celebrates 99th Anniversary

McKENZIE (September 26) — McKenzie Garden Club is celebrating its 99th anniversary and took the opportunity to record the moment with a photograph of the members.

Club members gathered at the McKenzie Church

of Christ on Friday, September 26 for lunch and a special program conducted by Jennifer Waldrup. She spoke about the efforts to refresh the Gordon Browning Historical Museum and Genealogical Library in downtown McK-

enzie. Work is underway to refresh the exhibits and make items more accessible in the future. The museum is a great asset to the city and has the potential to draw visitors from near and far.

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Above, Hundreds of students, parents and community members walk to McKenzie Elementary School. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner Below, McKenzie Middle School cheerleaders led the middle school flock in a half-mile walk to school. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Walk

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representing a team-building initiative at McKenzie Middle School.

Other students, a mix from elementary and middle school, met at Karen Fowler's house at 7:35 a.m. for a slightly shorter walk to school. Before leaving for school, these students enjoyed a group breakfast and were led in prayer by middle school teacher Rebecca Jones. McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, members of the McKenzie school board and several of McKenzie's first responders arrived at Fowler's house to send students off.

McKenzie Elementary School welcomed student walkers with a little help from Bethel University's Athletics Department. Bethel athletes lined up underneath the school's awning to high-five students as they made their way into the school's entrance.

Courtney Kee, McKenzie Elementary School's Walk to School Committee leader, said the school had 369 students and 197 parents walk that morning, beating the school's goal of 350 students. She said this was the first time she can remember beating the school's goal since beginning the



Bethel University athletes welcome a young student to McKenzie Elementary School. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

initiative in 2013. Based on this reporting, almost 72 percent of the school's student population (511 students) walked to school.

Similarly, McKenzie Middle School had a reported total of 254 students and 21 adults walk to the middle school. This reported total is about 64 percent of the school's student population (396 students).

In total, the schools re-

ported a combined total of 623 students and 218 adults who walked to school on Wednesday, October 1. This is approximately 68.7 percent of the schools' combined student enrollment (907 students).

McKenzie's police and fire departments escorted walkers to their respective schools, briefly blocking traffic on Stonewall Street and Bell Avenue.



Above, The four new tanker/pumper trucks were on display at the Carroll County Civic Center for the community to view and tour. Below Left, Jeremy McClain, a firefighter from the Westpoint station, checks out the interior of the new pumper/tanker truck his station will receive. Below Right, Kaiden Rice (left) loved the new firetrucks and closely examined each apparatus with a little help from his family. Here, he is pictured with his uncle Brian Grice. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Fire

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Fouts Fire, Inc. Funds for the new trucks came from the county's general surplus reserves.

"We are excited about the addition of this new fire apparatus and the enhanced capabilities they bring to our department. This represents a significant upgrade that has been needed for quite some time," Gaskins said. He said the new units will strengthen the department's ability to protect the lives and property of county citizens.

The four trucks unveiled Tuesday are bright red pumper/tanker trucks with the capacity to hold up to 2,000 gallons of water. While their main job is to transport water, the trucks can also be used to fight fires. They will go to the county's fire stations in Mixie, Macedonia, Hollow Rock and Westport.

Bob Dill, assistant fire chief at the Hollow Rock station, called the new tanker trucks a "blessing" to the county fire department.

Prior to receiving these trucks, the average age of the

Carroll County Fire Department's 40-truck fleet was 38 years old, and some experienced mechanical issues that, at times, impaired the department's response time.

Gaskins said the new tanker trucks will increase operational reliability and reduce response times in the county. Once fully operational, the new tanker trucks will replace some of the older, more problematic trucks.

Because these four pumper/tanker trucks are the first new vehicles the department has received in recent decades, they have newer technologies that the county's firefighters need to learn.

For one, the trucks have a built-in computer system that helps firefighters adjust the hoses' water pressure.

There are also two lights on the side of the trucks which indicate the trucks' water levels. The lights are broken into four sections. If all four sections are green, the water tank is full. If only two or three of the sections are lit blue, the tank is about half-full. If only one section is lit and it's red, the truck's water supply is only a quarter tank of the way full.

The trucks also have back-up cameras.

Jeremy McClain, a fire-

fighter at the Westport station, took his time observing the pumper/tanker trucks' new features. Despite the new trucks being shorter than the tanker trucks in the county's current fleet, he praised their storage space — both for water and for the firefighters' gear.

"I'm really excited about them. When they built these things, they pretty much thought about everything. I'm just kind of anxious to see how they run up and down the road," McClain said.

Gaskins hopes the trucks will be fully operational within 30 days, once he completes the proper paperwork, installs a radio communication system and ensures the firefighters receive proper training.

Mayor Butler and Carroll County Commissioner Jimmy McClure both anticipate the new trucks' increased reliability could lower insurance costs for Carroll County residents.

The remaining eight trucks — six Fouts fire engines and two Fouts FOUR mini pumper/rescue trucks — are scheduled to arrive in December 2025 or January 2026. These eight trucks will also be strategically distributed to county fire stations.



Left, Melissa Watkins is the new technology director and EIS-TEDS data specialist at the West Carroll Special School District. Right, Director Preston Caldwell discusses new literacy and numeracy proficiency goals for the 2025-26 school year. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Goals

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Afterward, the board approved two requests to send grades 4-12 to the Beta Club State Competition in Nashville.

Caldwell then provided the school board with the district's educational goals for this school year, as written in the TISA accountability report. Goals include improving third grade student literacy from 33.9 percent to 39 percent proficiency, increasing K-12 literacy from 29.6 percent to 34 percent proficiency, and increasing K-12 numeracy from 26.4 percent to 30 percent proficiency by the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Caldwell projects West Carroll's third grade literacy proficiency will reach 70 percent by 2034.

After recognizing a lack of public comments, the school board gave West Carroll principals the floor to report on their respective

schools.

West Carroll Primary School Principal Jackie Wester informed the board of events and initiatives her school led in September and read a calendar overview leading up to fall break. She explained the "Drop Everything And Read" initiative the school began in September, which urges students to read 50 books by Christmas and 100 books by the end of the year.

Like Wester, West Carroll Elementary School Principal Jessica Williams informed the board of her school's events and initiatives leading up to fall break.

West Carroll Junior/Senior High School Principal Adam Douglas recapped homecoming week and the school's recent mum sale to the board and gave an overview of the school's upcoming events — including the Boo Bash on October 21. He also reported three new students enrolled in the past week.

All three principals expressed their gratitude toward the school board for the work they have done so

far this school year.

Caldwell provided a short Director of Schools report, shouting out several members of the district staff. He updated the board on the primary school's remodel, which he was hopeful would be completed by the end of students' fall break. The remodel project began over the summer and set out to replace all doors and windows and build a new vestibule. The elementary school is scheduled for a similar remodel in summer 2026.

At the end of his report, Caldwell opened the floor for Melissa Watkins to introduce herself. Beginning after fall break, Watkins is West Carroll's new technology director and EIS-TEDS data specialist. A self-described "data person," Watkins will oversee federal accountability, student attendance and students' college and career readiness. Watkins leaves the Hollow Rock-Bruceton school district, where she taught high school science.

West Carroll's next school board meeting is November 6.

Grant

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the latest round of ThreeStar grants. Carroll County received \$250,000 to improve emergency communications.

The grant allows Carroll County's law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, rescue squads, and emergency management to begin moving onto the Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN), a reliable statewide system already used by state and federal agencies, by purchasing and deploying TACN-compatible communication equipment for local responder agencies.

Today, parts of Carroll County still have limited or no service with current radio systems or cell phones, creating dangerous gaps during emergencies. TACN uses a statewide network of towers, including a new tower planned for Carroll County to provide dependable coverage, even in areas where current service is weak.

Carroll County Chief Deputy Joel Pate expressed appreciation to the Mayor's Office and County Commission for listening to the need for improved communications for all first responders in Carroll County. He said, "This grant is a tremendous first step in assuring we can provide good communications equipment to our personnel as they fulfill the public safety and emergency needs of the great citizens of Carroll County. Being awarded the ThreeStar grant is a win for all of Carroll County."

"This grant is a major step forward for Carroll County," stated Commissioner Lana Suite. "Public safety is the most important responsibility we have, and stronger communication gives our responders the ability to work more effectively in every corner of the county. By joining TACN, Carroll County is moving toward a modern system that will serve our people for years to come."

"Reliable communication saves lives. This grant is essential to Carroll County,

strengthening our ability to respond effectively and in improving radio interoperability among agencies during emergencies and natural disasters," said Trevor Foster, Carroll County EMA Director.

By connecting all first responder agencies on the same system, the project will improve coordination, reduce response times, and give Carroll County residents greater confidence that help will be there when needed. Many stakeholders were engaged in this process, led by Carroll County Grant Administrator Amber Parham.

The ThreeStar program, administered by TNECD, helps communities prepare for long-term growth and success by funding projects that improve public safety, education, workforce development, and economic resilience. In total, TNECD awarded \$9.6 million in funding to Tennessee communities to support local workforce training, health and economic development initiatives.

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Rotary Learns About Lifeline Blood Services

MCKENZIE (September 23) — Melinda Reid and Sherrona Taylor with Lifeline Blood Services were the featured program at the September 23 meeting of the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

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based ambulance service. Blood cannot be manufactured, so that's why blood donations are so important. The service provides 29,000 units of blood annually. Lifeline has served West Tennessee for 78 years and now serves 22 counties. It is the gift of life.

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David Johnson's 7 Tips to Manage Your Mental Health

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Though not nearly as taboo as they were in past decades, mental health disorders remain an invisible threat to everyone — no matter their age, gender or stature. Recognizing the early signs and knowing how to combat them could make a large difference in someone's life.

As Mental Health Day approaches on Friday, October 10, local therapist and best-selling author David Johnson sat down with The Banner to share seven tips people may take to protect their minds and manage mental health disorders, including depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder.

1. Consider Medical Attention

Sometimes, feelings of depression or anxiety can arise from a larger medical issue. Hormonal imbalances and thyroid issues, for example, can cause symptoms that mimic depression. Johnson recommends making an appointment for a physical and blood work to help dispel the source of these symptoms.

On the flip side, if these feelings are the byproduct of mental health disorders, Johnson advises people to seek proper medication.

"I understand people are reluctant to take medication," he said. "I don't like taking medicine. Nobody likes taking medicine."

He has found, throughout his tenure as a therapist, that sometimes symptoms can be so high that no amount of advice can affect his patients' willpower. Medication helps bring symptoms to a level at which people can finally cognitively try the different suggestions that they talk about in therapy.

Medical prescriptions are not always a life sentence, Johnson adds. While some patients diagnosed with mental health disorders do need to take medications for the rest of their lives, some only go on medications for one period of their lives and never need to take them again. Some go on medications for different periods of their lives, when the need arises.

If prescribed medication for a mental health disorder,

Johnson advises staying on the medication until cleared by a doctor.

2. Make Healthy Eating Choices

The food we eat affects everything we do. If experiencing symptoms of a mental health disorder, Johnson recommends changing up your diet.

"You know, you need to watch what you eat, watch what you drink, don't smoke, get a little exercise. That can go a long way," he said.

Through his research, Johnson found a connection between people's gut health and their mental health. He recommends cutting down on processed foods and sugars to manage mood swings, depression and anxiety.

3. Exercise

Johnson likes to tell people who are depressed to get a little exercise — and he doesn't necessarily mean they need to join a gym.

"You can just go for a walk in your yard, just around your house," he said.

When depression sets in, Johnson said many people tend to lose motivation for physical activity. He advises fighting through the lack of ambition.

Oftentimes, getting out in the sunlight also has a major effect on a person's mental health. Even as the days grow colder entering the winter months, Johnson suggests sitting outside or in your car on a sunny winter day to take in the sunlight if it's too cold to take a walk.

4. Manage Your Caffeine Intake

Johnson targeted everyone's favorite morning pick-me-up: coffee.

"Pay close attention to caffeine," Johnson heeded. "There's a direct link between caffeine and anxiety. Caffeine affects the part of the brain that produces anxiety."

Johnson said he has seen a dramatic difference in patients with anxiety when they scale back or quit caffeine altogether.

While quitting caffeine cold turkey would likely cause what he referred to as "caffeine headaches," he advises caffeine-dependent people to slowly taper down on their caffeine intake. He especially warned against ingesting energy drinks.

5. Don't "Feed"

Your Depression

This is a phrase Johnson often uses with his patients, but what does it actually mean to "feed" depression?

"You feed your depression by doing what your depression wants you to do," said Johnson, "which is isolate, sleep a lot and avoid people."

When you do these things, Johnson said you are doing exactly what your depression wants you to do. These actions can make depression symptoms elevate, making you feel worse.

People must make an active attempt to fight these urges in order to overcome their depression symptoms.

6. Build Intentional Sleep Habits

For people struggling with bipolar disorder, Johnson advises there is one important thing, even more important than taking medication, to pay attention to: your sleep.

"Getting too much or too little sleep will destabilize your mood and create the risk of having an episode," Johnson said.

Johnson advises getting a healthy six to eight hours of sleep every night, even when your body begs to stay up late or hit snooze.

7. Ask What You Can Control

Johnson's last piece of advice is to step away from your circle of influence — your family, your friends, your television, your phone — and ask what is going on that you can actually control.

A lot of the time, people see their symptoms spiking when they focus on external factors like social media, issues between friends or family, or current political situations.

"No situation is hopeless," Johnson said. "Your feelings are real. What you feel is how you feel, but sometimes our feelings are not based on what is real. Focus on what's real, what you can control."

Although feelings of anxiety can make everything feel like the worst possible scenario, taking a step back and asking what can be controlled is the first step to overcoming your anxious feelings.

"Johnson is a full-time mental health counselor at Hometown Health Clinic. Also an international best-seller, Johnson has published 21 books about flawed characters overcoming complicated circumstances. Johnson's latest book, "Ransom's Surprise," releases November 8.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

No Man Is An Island

I have no idea what bonded us together. I know it was for real, and forever.

Maybe it was the inoculations. I had never heard that word before. Miss Carolyn Blades was smiling when she said we'd all have to march down to the nurses' station next to the principal's office to get ours. I was hoping it meant every first grader was going to receive a free pony....

Not a one of us was smiling on the return trip. We were rubbing our arms and complaining about the big square needles, the unfair treatment, and our collective soreness. We all noticed that nobody got skipped. Whatever this school stuff had in store for us, we all seemed to be equally involved.

Maybe it was the after-lunch nap. The last thing on earth any six-year-old wants to do is lay their head down on a hard wooden desk and do nothing for 20 minutes. We didn't usually sleep. We laid our heads down alright, and then made sideway faces at whoever was sitting across the aisle.

But again, it was a group activity. And we all obediently complied.

Maybe it was the ad infinitum class spelling bees. Or the teacher mandated Valentine cards we handed to each other. Or the group presidential "head cutting out" every February. Or maybe it was surviving the Blue Bird, Red Bird, and Yellow Bird reading classes together.

We even shared equal turns "going out" to dust the erasers.

The routine didn't change much in those early years. But I believe we did. Between the spelling bees and math tests, we talked to each other about who we were, what we liked and disliked, how our siblings could make us so mad, what time we went to bed, how our parents managed

us, and anything else we could think of.

Nothing was off limits. If we could think it up, we could talk about it.

And believe me, we did!

Jane would complement the shirt I was wearing, and I figured I could conquer the world. At recess, Vicki would run past me like I was sitting still to keep me humble. Bobby, Ricky, or Buddy would invite me over to their house, and I felt included.

As our elementary career wound down, we discussed, with a fair amount of trepidation, the pitfalls of junior high, changing classes, moving to a new school, etc. I don't remember saying it out loud, but I thought if Skip, Pat, Beverly, Phil, and Benny can do it, then so could the rest of us.

We discovered the wonders of the teenage world side by side.

Charlotte kissed me as we were walking home from school. I'm not sure I kissed her back. A little while later, her big sister, Derinda, put us in the back seat of the family car and took us to the drive in theater. I think I kissed her back that night.

It might not have been everlasting love, but it sure wasn't the worst thing that ever happened to me.

We moved seamlessly into the high school years. We studied Chaucer, played football and basketball, worked on homecoming floats, blew up a few things in chemistry, slipped donuts into class via the fire escape, boycotted lunch one day, had spitball wars in Latin class, lived through "M Club" initiation, stood in shock together the day John F. Kennedy was shot, and cheered for each other every chance we got....

Maybe the closeness of this class was forged by the fire we walked through together.

And oh, don't discount the good times. We laughed

our way through a great portion of the 12 years we were together. We spent our after-school time at Frank's Dairy Bar, the bowling alley, out at the claypits, or the Park Theatre.

We complained about the slow pace of small-town life, the restrictions our parents put on us, the "stuff" the teachers made us do, the hard work the coaches demanded. But our protests were pretty shallow. It was obvious to all; we were living large!

As graduation approached, our conversations turned toward the future, and the changes that lay ahead for all of us. We allowed that it might send us in different directions, but we somehow understood that it could never separate us.

We got together again, just last week, 60 years after leaving McKenzie High School. We hugged each other like it had only been a month or so. And, we realized all over again that we grew up at a wonderful time, in a special place, alongside the best friends on earth.

Ruth Ann reminded us that most of us did not remember life without the other classmates in it. David, our senior class president, has maintained for years that we share a unique closeness for sure. Anne prayed a beautiful prayer for members that are no longer physically with us.

As she did so I couldn't help but believe that as long as one of us lives... we all live! I will go to my grave sharing stories about James, Squeaky, Pam, Charlotte....

Speaking of Charlotte, I was wrong about her earlier. It was everlasting love! For her and every other member in the extraordinary Class of '65....

Respectfully,
Kes
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THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON
Diseased Relationships

King was a half-shepherd, half-collie mix I'd raised from a pup. He was my constant companion, following me for miles as I rode my bike throughout the rural landscape of Whorton's Bend, in Etowah County, Alabama. Back then, it was nothing for kids to be gone for hours on their bikes or on foot, just so you were "home by dark."

On those occasions when I abandoned my bike and crossed fences "to see what was on the other side," King led the way. I was Canadian Mounty Sgt. Preston patrolling the wilds with my faithful dog Yukon King in search of renegades and outlaws.

I was about thirteen years old one summer when my family was gathered at the supper table enjoying one of the few meals Mama would give Daddy free rein to make: beef stew and cornbread. Before the cornbread was completely done, he'd take that cast iron skillet out of the oven and flip the bread.

As we sat there eating, Daddy told me one of our neighbor's had seen some dogs running in a pack and King was with them.

Immediately, I jump to

my dog's defense. "Not King! He never runs off without me."

Instead of looking at me, Daddy was focused on mashing butter and molasses together with a fork so he could put it on a piece of cornbread.

Keeping his voice even, he said, "Just the same, you better keep an eye on him."

That meant the discussion was over.

"Yes sir, I will," I promised. I didn't have to use the word "promise," because when you told daddy you were going to do something, you did it or there'd be consequences.

A couple of weeks later, Daddy leveled a more serious accusation at King. "Mr. Kilgore said a bunch of dogs killed some of his chickens. He said King was one of them."

"That can't be," I exclaimed. "I've never seen King kill anything except grasshoppers he catches or an occasional rabbit. Maybe it's a dog that just looks like King."

"Once a dog starts killing," Daddy told me, "there's no stopping them. They get a taste of blood, and it makes 'em crazy. I've seen it before."

Something in daddy's calm manner and serious

tone scared me. A knot formed in my throat and tears filled my eyes.

"No. No. It's not King daddy! I know him. He's not like that."

Without changing his tone or demeanor, Daddy said, "If it does turn out to be King, there's only one way to fix it. And I think you know what I mean."

Terror raced through me, making every nerve tingle.

Frantic, I said, "I'll keep a really close watch on him!"

"O.K. for now," Daddy replied. "But I've warned you."

The unspoken threat in the air was that King would have to be put down.

After supper I went outside and found King.

Kneeling in front of him and gripping the sides of his face, I looked into his dark eyes. "Listen King, you better not be running around killing things. You're going to get in real trouble."

My voice choked off, and I wrapped my arms around his neck and squeezed. He responded by licking the back of my head... *The remainder of the story will pick up in next week's edition.*

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Obituaries



NANCY CAROL MOSELEY STRICKLAND 1943 – 2025

PADUCAH (formerly McKenzie, Tenn.) — Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Nancy Carroll Moseley Strickland, 81, of Paducah, Ky., formerly of McKenzie, passed peacefully from this life on October 3, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born November 12, 1943, in McKenzie, to J.T. Moseley and Romie Moseley. She graduated from McKenzie High School and was honored to be crowned Miss Carroll County.

She began her career with the Tennessee State Highway Patrol before moving with her husband to Paducah, Ky., where she worked many years and later retired from The Paducah Sun Newspaper.

Nancy married Cecil Wayne Strickland on December 31, 1966. They were married for 59 years, and together they built a beautiful life and family filled with love, laughter, and faith. She was a devoted member of Friendship Baptist Church in Lone Oak and cherished time spent with her family. Nancy had a heart for family like no other. She made sure every holiday, birthday, and special occasion was celebrated together — her home was always filled with love, laughter, and the smell of her good cooking. She loved cruises with her husband, camping trips, and time spent surrounded by her children and grandchildren, who were the pride and joy of her life. Nancy's legacy of love, strength, and faith will live on in each of them. She was the heart of her family and will forever be remembered for her warmth, compassion, and the way she made everyone feel at home.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Cecil Wayne Strickland, and her loving children, Debbie (Jimmy) Boutwell, Stacey (Larry) Brooks, Amanda (Jeff) Lasley, Shawn (Laura) Strickland, Shannon (Laura) Strickland, and Ronnie (Deborah) Strickland.

Nancy was the proud grandmother of Josh (Angie), Levi, Kayla (Brian), and Macey, Dustin, Lakyn,

Cole (Brianna), and Madison (Tyler), Noah, Sidney, and Wyatt, Hunter, Megan (Blake), Rachael (Steven), Lucas (Sarah), Brody (Liz), and Ethan, Amethyst and Terry Shannon (Brooke), Wendy (Jesus), Neta (Shaun), Tamara (Charles), and Joseph (Rena). She is survived by her brother, Thomas "Tommy" Moseley and his wife Karen, of Moseley, Va.

Nancy was blessed with a total of 53 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, J.T. and Romie Moseley; her sister, Nellie Ann Hale; and her granddaughter, Kelsey Michelle, daughter of Debbie. She is now reunited in Heaven with her beloved parents, sister, and granddaughter, surrounded by everlasting peace and love.

Nancy's family finds comfort knowing that she is resting in the arms of her Savior and that her love will continue to guide them until they meet again.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Short officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. until the service hour of 1 p.m. at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home.

Expressions of Sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or Alzheimer's Association, 6100 Dutchmans Lane, Suite 401, Louisville, KY 40205.

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MARY FRANCES BARNETT 1933 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Mary Frances Barnett were Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Seminary Cemetery.

Mrs. Barnett, 92, died Thursday, October 2, 2025, at West TN Health Care of Milan. She was born in McKenzie on July 6, 1933, to John Thomas and Mattie Lee Grooms Story.

She is survived by her children, Brenda (Mark) Morgan of Bruceton, Patricia (Jimmy) Love of McKenzie, Michelle Fall of Paris, and Michael (Teresa) Barnett of McKenzie; a sister, Betty Jean Story of McKenzie; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Everett Barnett; and brothers, Willie "Bill" Story and Edward Thomas Story.

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sistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

HOMER HICKS 1940 – 2025

CEDAR GROVE — Mr. Homer Hicks, 85, of Cedar Grove, died Monday, September 29, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services were Thursday, October 2, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Hicks was born February 2, 1940, in Tatumville, Tenn., to the late Horace and Chessie Riddick Hicks.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Lou Hicks; two daughters, Gina Bush (Dennis) and Sher-ry Hicks, both of Cedar Grove; a son, Jason Hicks (Glenda) of Huntingdon; eight grandchildren, Cassie Wood, Brandon Walker, Jacquelyn Ramsey, Shannon Loftis, Dylan Hicks, Leah Cary, Brett Kee, and Brit-tany Gowan; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.

GLENDASUE SCOTT 1967 – 2025

CLARKSBURG — Ms. Glenda Sue Scott, 57, of Clarksburg, died Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services were on Monday, September 29, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial was in Sellers Hill Cemetery.

Ms. Scott was born Oc-tober, 13, 1967, in Tupelo, Miss., to Lyndol Scott and the late Nona Sue Turner Scott.

She is survived by her father, Lyndol Scott; a sis-ter, Tanya Marie Scott, of Huntingdon; and a brother, David Lynn Scott of Lexington.

Chase Funeral Home.

RONNIE ARGO 1956 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Ronnie Argo, 69, of Huntingdon, died Wednes-day, October 1, 2025, at Baptist Hospital.

A memorial visitation was Saturday, October 4, 2025, in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home.

Mr. Argo was born June 27, 1956, in Elgin, Ill., to the late Martin and Flossie Argo.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Argo; two daugh-ters, Amy Jackson, of Hum-boldt, and Amanda Tay-lor (Nick) of Jackson; two sisters, Wanda Argo and Shirley Reece, both of Mi-lan; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

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Prayer Service Inspires Unity In McKenzie's Community

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McKENZIE (October 5) — McKenzie's downtown experienced a busier Sun-day night than normal on October 5 as people gath-ered for a community-wide prayer service at Veteran's Memorial Park. Dozens decorated McKenzie's downtown with lawnchairs, all pointed toward the gaze-bo where various preachers and worship leaders would deliver the Lord's message to them.

Carlton Townes, event organizer and a senior at McKenzie High School, said the idea to host the event arose a few weeks prior as a message from God, as a way to combat division within the community.

"When I saw so much going on in our world, I talk-ed to God," Townes said. "I wanted to do something to help our community for the better, so I prayed about it. The idea of a community prayer service just kept pop-ping up in my head."

Townes wanted to create a stress-free environment, recognizing that some people might feel uncom-fortable going to church, feeling like they are being judged by congregants. Townes decided to bring the church to the people, where they didn't have to dress up or feel exposed.

Townes, with help from some of his mentors, care-fully chose the service's speakers as he believed they represented different generations, backgrounds and denominations.

"Each person I want-ed to come speak and pray are those who I knew would move oth-ers," Townes said. "Their prayers are so powerful that people will feel some-thing working in their

hearts as soon as they open their mouths and pray...If I could go over and do this again, I would choose the same people over and over."

Reverend Wilma Pear-son of Johnson Temple Methodist Church gave the night's primary message, preaching the importance of practicing love and unity in a time of division.

Additionally, Greg Bark-er led the service's open-ing prayer; Blake Cossey prayed for God to open the community's hearts; Craig Hobson prayed over the community; Chad Barnhart prayed for the state, nation and leaders; Jacob Ervin prayed for the schools; and Hunter Herrin prayed for believers to spread the gos-pel and for the lost to be receptive. Students from McKenzie High School took turns reading scripture. Er-vin and Sophie Cole led the community in several worship songs.

As Townes walked around the park, he grew emotional. "I saw different people getting what they needed. I saw people break-ing down crying. I saw peo-ple just lifting their hands, praising God for the stuff that he's doing. And I thank

God so much for that."

Townes closed the event with a message of his own, urging attendees to hug those they didn't know and express their love to every-one gathered. As attendees linked arms, Townes led the final prayer of the night's service. Following the event, many attendees gathered around Townes and show-ered him with gratitude for organizing such an event, asking for it to happen more frequently. "We're gonna see what God tells us to do," Townes said. "If God says, 'Do another one,' we're gonna do another one."

He hopes to bring the event back once it grows colder outside. He also hopes to host a similar event in Huntingdon.

"I just think different communities need this. Dif-ferent communities have that hunger for God in their hearts, and they want to be able to experience this," Townes said.

Townes considered the Community Prayer Service a major accomplishment, exceeding anything he could have imagined. As his birthday approaches, he said this was the perfect early birthday gift.

"McKenzie came togeth-er," Townes said, "unified, held hands and loved each other. That's what this was all about for me."



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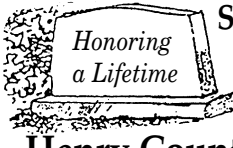
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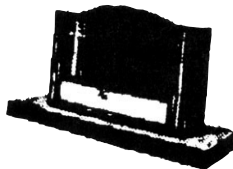
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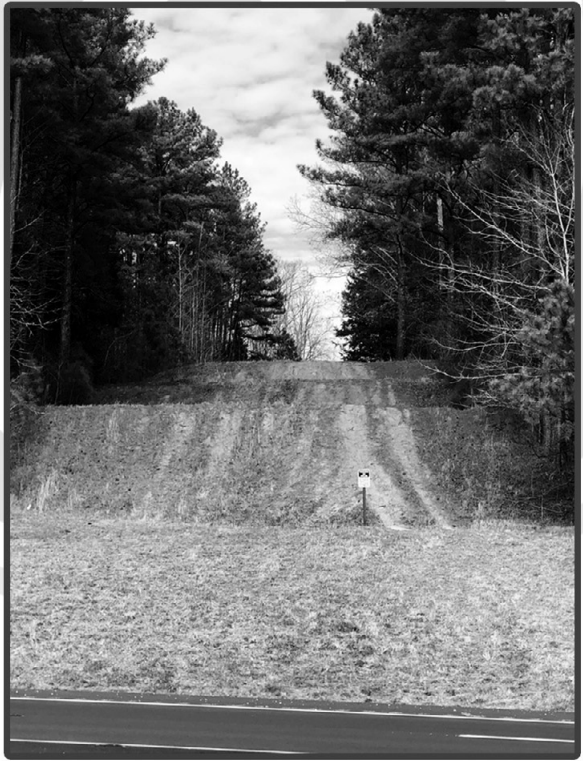
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don, along with the Carroll County Prevention Coalition, the Carl Perkins Center and NTCO, hosts Spookfest at Kelley Sports Complex on Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with trunk-or-treat, free food, games and vendors. At 7:30 p.m., the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

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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.

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.

MCKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Exercise class on weekdays at 9 a.m.

Billiards every day, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Canasta every Monday and Friday afternoon 12:30 p.m.

Line Dance class every Monday and the first and third Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Every Tuesday — Jam session with Steve Morris, 6 p.m. Open to the public.

Dominoes every Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

Game Day every Sunday at 3 p.m.

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

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 Clin-

ic 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.

McKenzie Chamber, Industrial Development Board Announces Manufacturing Month Events

MCKENZIE (October 1) — The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Board celebrate Manufacturing Month this October with a series of events designed to highlight the importance of manufacturing, showcase career opportunities for students and recognize the men and women who keep McKenzie's industries strong. Manufacturing has long been the backbone of rural communities. It provides well-paying jobs for families, drives investment into the economy and supports small businesses across the region.

Just as important, it gives students and young adults a chance to see a future for themselves right at home.

"Manufacturing Month is my favorite month of the year," said Monica Heath, executive director of the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Board. "It's about celebrating our industries, thanking the people who make them strong, and showing students and families that good-paying, high-tech careers are available right here in McKenzie."

Manufacturing Month is about more than tours and

events; it is about changing perceptions, building partnerships, and ensuring the next generation understands that today's manufacturing is advanced, innovative and full of opportunity.

Participation in all Manufacturing Month events requires registration with the McKenzie Industrial Development Board, as space is limited. Contact Monica Heath at (731) 352-2004 or mckenzieindustry@gmail.com to register.

Schedule of Events

October 10 - Manufacturing Breakfast: Industry lead-

ers, educators, and community stakeholders will gather to share ideas, strengthen partnerships, and kick off Manufacturing Month.

Week of October 6 - Community Manufacturing Tours: Tours of Pottery Direct and Plastic Products Formers will give the public a behind-the-scenes look at local manufacturing. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Week of October 6 - Employee Appreciation Lunches: Lunch will be delivered at each manufacturing facility, with dates and times approved by each company. Chamber and IDB board members will personally deliver meals as a show of gratitude to local employees.

October 22 - TCAT Henry/Carroll Tour: A community tour will showcase the technical training programs that prepare students for high-demand careers in the manufacturing industry.

Week of October 27 - UTM Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building Tour: A community tour of the new engineering facility at the University of Tennessee at Martin will be offered, if there is interest.

Week of October 20 - TCAT Dual Enrollment Student Tours: Dual enrollment students will participate in manufacturing tours, accompanied by one-on-one Q&A sessions with professionals in their specific fields of study.

Unemployment Rates Stabilize in August

BY LINDSEY SUMMERS

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After a summer of increasing unemployment, the tri-counties experienced a respite in August. Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties' unemployment rates all decreased, making them on par with the national rate (4.5%) but higher than Tennessee's overall rate (3.6%).

Carroll County had an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent in August, which is a 1.2 percent point decrease from July's rate of 5.7 percent unemployment. Of Carroll County's 12,197-person labor force, 544 were unemployed in August.

Carroll County's August 2025 rate is 0.2 percent points higher than last year's rate of 4.3 percent unemployment.

In Henry County, 3.9 percent of the labor force population was unemployed in August. This is a 1.1 percent point decrease from July's rate of 5.0 percent. Of Henry County's 13,150-person

labor force, 518 were unemployed in August.

Henry County's August 2025 rate is 0.1 percent lower than last year's rate of 4.0 percent unemployment.

Weakley County's unemployment rate more than halved in August, decreasing from an 8.5 percent rate in July to 4.2 percent unemployment in August. Of Weakley County's 13,967-person labor force, 580 were unemployed in August.

Weakley County's August 2025 rate is 0.5 percent points less than last year's rate of 4.7 percent unemployment.

Unemployment rates decreased in all of Tennessee's 95 counties in August.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates were Sevier (2.7%), Cheatham (2.8%) and Williamson (2.9%) counties.

Counties with the highest unemployment rates were Perry (5.4%), Hardeman (5.1%), Lauderdale (5.1%) and Meigs (5.1%).

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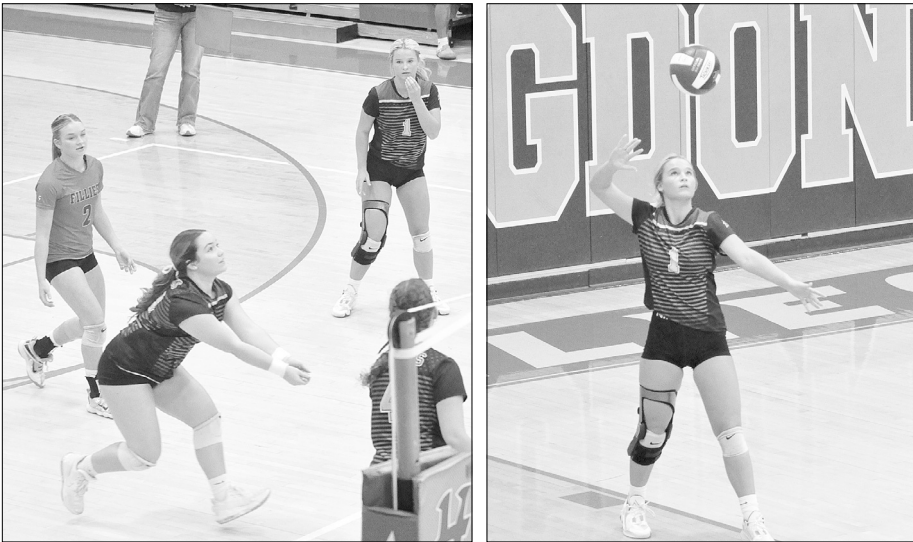
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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



Top, Seniors (L to R) Kylie Tippitt, Millie Singleton, Meredith Perritt and Sunny Carter were honored on the court with family prior to the match. Above Left, Huntingdon senior Millie Singleton goes up for a kill. Above Right, Fillies senior Sunny Carter makes a strong return. Below Left, Fillies senior Meredith Perritt charges up for a dig. Below Right, Huntingdon senior Kylie Tippitt makes a strong serve. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Fillies Sweep Fulton City on Senior Night

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (September 30) — The Huntingdon High School Fillies wrapped the regular volleyball season Tuesday with a dominant 3-0 win over Fulton City and celebrated Senior Night.

Prior to the match, four senior Fillies players were honored on the court, joined by family.

Sunny Carter was escorted by Scott Carter and Joyce Carter. Meredith Perritt was escorted by par-

ents Mark and Misty Perritt. Millie Singleton was escorted by parents Marty and Sherri Singleton. Kylie Tippitt was escorted by parents Brannon and Summer Tippitt.

The team also took a moment to honor Fulton City senior Ashlyn Virgin.

Huntingdon swept the match in straight sets, 25-16, 25-9 and 25-8.

Filly Millie Singleton had ten kills, a dig, two assists and a block. Taylor Canovan had five kills, three aces, six digs and 27

assists. Ellie Wilson had seven kills, three aces, two digs and a block. Knox Bennett had a kill, three aces and eight digs. Meredith Perritt had a kill, three aces and four digs. Wylie Kee had five kills and a block.

Cruz Perez had three kills and two digs. Sunny Carter had two kills and two aces. Grier Bartholomew had five digs. Kylie Tippitt had four digs. Emalynn Maness had three kills, an assist and a block.



Gleason Homecoming Queen and Court (L to R) Front Row: Flower girl, Ruth Brown Henderson; and crown bearer, Brandt Thomas Pettit. Back Row: Allie Adam, eighth-grade maid; queen, Presley Grace Scott, an eighth grader; Isabella Tolleson, seventh-grade maid; and Creedence Bell, sixth-grade maid.

Gleason Junior High Celebrates Homecoming

GLEASON (October 2) — Gleason Junior High School celebrated its 2025 Homecoming on Thursday, October 2. During pre-game activities, the Homecoming Court, cheerleaders, and their escort football players were introduced.

Miss Creedence Bell, daughter of Michael Bell and the late Brandy Bell, is the sixth-grade maid.

Creedence's escorts were 8th graders, Joey Vargas and Jordan Irvin. Joey, #12, is the son of Erica and Lamont Treadway. Jordan, #62, is the son of Gary and Jasmine Irvin.

Miss Isabella Tolleson, daughter of Ashley and Cameron Tolleson and Melissa and Nick Davis, is the 2025 seventh-grade maid.

Bella's escorts were 8th graders, Hayden Roberts



GJHS Queen Presley Grace Scott. Presley is the daughter of Michael and Erica Scott.

and Cayne Austin. Hayden, #57, is the son of Nolan and Katirina Roberts. Cayne, #1, is the son of Devon Ellis.

Miss Allie Adams, daughter of Misty Azbill and Steven Adams, is the 2025

eighth-grade maid.

Allie's escorts were 8th graders, Kaylor Pineda and Knox Bennett. Kaylor, #22, is the son of Keddle and Christy Pineda. Knox, #55, is the son of Ron and Paige Bennett.

Queen Miss Presley Grace Scott. Presley is the daughter of Michael and Erica Scott. Presley was being escorted this evening by 8th graders Sawyer Lampkins and Grant Pinkston. Sawyer, #9, is the son of Noah and Lesley Lampkins. Grant, #10, is the son of Tyler and Gina Pinkston.

The 2025 flower girl was Miss Ruth Brown Henderson, daughter of Zeke and Kaitlyn Henderson.

The 2025 crown bearer was Mr. Brandt Thomas Pettit, son of Eric and Jennifer Pettit.

REGION 7A GOLF TOURNAMENTS



The MHS golf teams each finished third in their respective region tournaments to conclude successful seasons. File photo

McKenzie's Weatherford Earns Individual Crown, State Berth as Teams End Season

BY BRAD SAM
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DECATURVILLE (September 29) — The McKenzie High School golf teams competed in Monday's Region 7A Golf Tournaments at Tennessee River Golf Club. Both teams ended their seasons with third-place finishes, but Lady Rebel Charli Weatherford earned the title of Individual Champion and a trip to the state tournament.

The Lady Rebels finished just 13 strokes behind region champion

Scotts Hill. Weatherford claimed the solo crown with a 72.

The Rebels' third-place finish came after a playoff against Union City for second. The two teams were even after 18 holes and just three strokes behind champion team Wayne County. Ace Brown led McKenzie with a 75.

Weatherford will travel to east Tennessee for the TSSAA Class A State Championship on October 9-10 at The Sevierville Golf Club.



Lady Rebel Charli Weatherford earned a spot in the state tournament with a first-place individual finish in the region tournament. File photo

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

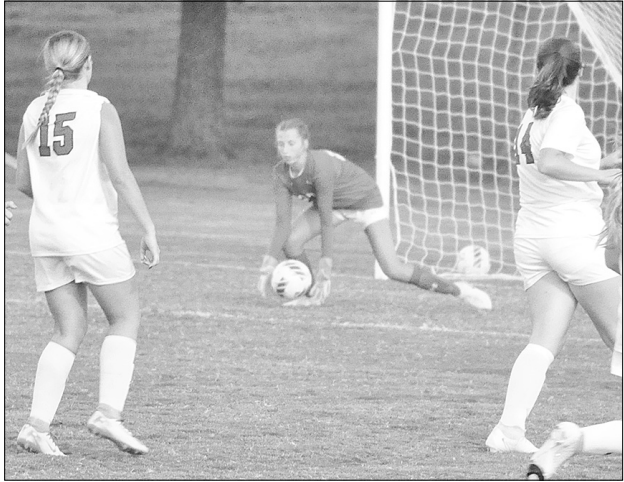
Lady Rebels Fall in Season Finale

BY BRAD SAM
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MARTIN (October 2) — McKenzie High School wrapped the regular soccer season Thursday with a pivotal district match at Westview High School. Up 2-0 early in the contest, it looked like the Lady Rebels would end the regular season undefeated and claim the top seed in the district, but the Lady Chargers scored nine unanswered goals for a 9-2 win.

Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla scored a goal and had an assist. Sophie Dameron also scored a goal.

McKenzie goalkeeper Alleigh Britt recorded 21 saves.



Lady Rebel goalkeeper Alleigh Britt scoops up the ball for one of her 21 saves. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

The loss puts the Lady Rebels in second place in the district, and they will host Huntingdon in the first round of the postseason on Tuesday, October 7 at 4:30 p.m. Top-seed Westview earned a first-round bye.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Lady Rebels Draw with Mayfield, 3-3

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (September 29) — McKenzie High School hosted Mayfield Monday for the final home match of the regular soccer season. The Lady Rebels didn't earn a win, drawing 3-3 in a game shortened by darkness, but they maintained their undefeated status with one game to play.

McKenzie trailed 1-0 early, then scored two straight. Mayfield answered for a 2-2 tie before halftime. The Lady Rebels regained the lead, but the Lady Cardinals tied it again. McKenzie made a couple of strong attacks on the goal, but were unable to score before the field became too dark to continue. The officials called it a 3-3 draw with about five minutes remaining.

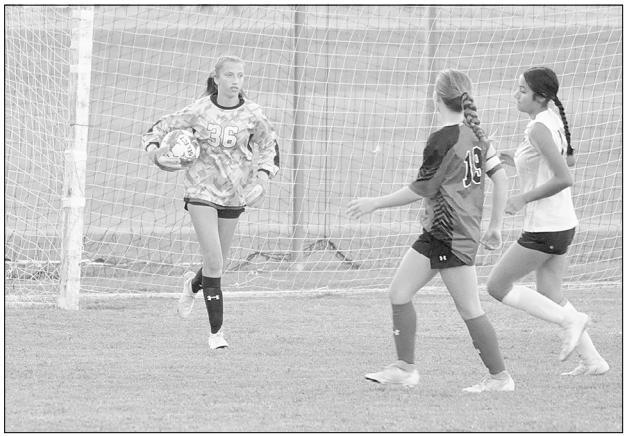
Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla scored a pair of goals, and Kaydynce Barksdale had the other.

Goalkeeper Alleigh Britt had six saves in the contest.

McKenzie is still undefeated with a record of 5-0-3. They would finish the season with a pivotal road match at Westview three days later, a game that would determine the top seed in the district tournament.



Top, Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla takes a shot at the goal. Padilla scored two goals in the match. Above, Lady Rebel Kaydynce Barksdale scores with a kick from the ground during a chaotic sequence in the box. Below, Lady Rebel goalkeeper Alleigh Britt makes a grab for one of her six saves in the contest. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



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McKenzie High School Homecoming Class Reunions



Above Left, McKenzie High School Class of 1965 Reunion (L to R) Front Row: Anne Alexander Mitchell, Diana Morris Crawford, Donna Ward, Donna Leatherwood Hodge, Ruth Ann Wiley Hall, Vicky Fields Wilkinson, Pam Garrett Hudson, Ruth Crocker McElroy, LaRenda Bradfield Scarbrough and Emily Young Archer. Back Row: Jerry Lewis, Bobby Jackson, Randall Pinson, Hollis Mayo, Marlin Hicks, Billy Barksdale, Dwayne Bolton, James Hastings, Phil Cook, Linda Brown Lee, Brenda Reeder Bookout, Linda Quesenberry Kemp, Kesley Colbert and David Webb. *Photo courtesy MHS Class of 1965* Above Right, McKenzie High School Class of 1970 Reunion (L to R) Front Row: Charlotte Verner, Joyce Hayes, Mary Ann Baker, Ann Washburn, Glenda Cole, Pat Hudson, Tenia King, Kay French and Jill Holland. Back Row: Byron Forrester, Sherrye Robinson, Vicki Bennett, Donald Bennett, Ronnie Cooper, Warren Hartz, Melissa Rosengren, Dennis Kee and Jim Sexton. *Photo courtesy MHS Class of 1970* Below Left, McKenzie High School Class of 1980 Reunion (L to R) Front Row: Katy Wilcoxson Coultia, Kim Dunning Johnsonius, Michelle Walker Fussell, Ann Spellings Barksdale, Carol Spain Campbell and Cindy “Shorty” Galey Romines. Second Row: Jessie Townes, Steve Delaney, Kathy Moore VanMeter, Brenda Adams Franklin, Renee Avery Bohon, Kathy Branon Sadler, Karen Toombs Fowler and Mike Fowler. Back Row: Paul Gaskins, Gina Coleman King, Pam Robertson Ridley, Terry Williams, Paula Toombs Doster, Bendell Ellis, John David Charlton and Chris Edlin. Not pictured: Linda Odom. *Photo courtesy MHS Class of 1980* Below Right, McKenzie High School Class of 1985 Reunion (L to R) Front Row: Robin Barlow Thompson, Amelia Dalton, Marsha McDaniel Hatley, Linda Brewer Holt, Recinda Taylor Green, Angie England Hazlewood, Angie Carter Bass, Amy Aldridge Peterson, Wendy Kee Talkington, Trina Akins Ousley, Dana Pope Bosco, Sandi Stafford Roditis, Shelia Sutton Triplett and Phoebe Sneed Presson. Back Row: Eddie Moss, Robert Bright, Paul Motheral, Will Hardy, Bobby Wallace, Danita Stewart, Bret Smith, Tina Hutchins Cheatham, Jill Robb Keepes, Laura Williams, Kristie Wainscott Rhodes, Randy Delaney, Marty Townes, Danny Hamm and Cary Marsh. *Photo courtesy MHS Class of 1985*



Left, McKenzie High School Class of 1995 Reunion (L to R) Front Row: Jennifer King Clay, Susan Baker Dyer, Holly Oakley Yarbrough, Annie Sawyer Lewis and Nicole Sawyers Chamblee. Back Row: Cara Priestley Kelly, Michael Bomar, Derek Fields, Jason Edwards, Josh Kee, Heather Wallace Williams, Chet Verner and Sarah Aljancic Bradberry. Not pictured: Bonnie Pate Bullington. *Photo courtesy MHS Class of 1995* Right, McKenzie High School Class of 2015 Reunion (Identification not yet provided.) *Photo courtesy MHS Class of 2015*



Attending were (L to R) Front Row: Joel Washburn, Mona Martin Batchelor, Linda Baker McIver, Gloria Kee Pate, Sandra Wood Collins, Becky Brown Norton, Kathy Edwards Meyers, Barbara Sanders Ghyers, and Kathy Dinkins Gough. Back Row: Larry Wheat, Jimmy Collins, James Daniel, Dan Scates, James Milam, David Galloway, Bobby Snead, Wendell Moore, Frank Ridley, Bobby Beasley, Jerry Scott, Dwayne Charlton, and Wyatt Brooks. Not pictured: Reggie Wiggins.

McKenzie Class of 1975 Holds Reunion

MCKENZIE (September 20) — McKenzie High School Class of 1975 reunited to celebrate 50 years since graduation in 1975. The event coincided with the McKenzie Alumni Association’s annual reunion and the MHS Homecoming. Class members gathered on Friday at the Decades Reunion held at Rebel Stadium during pre-game of the McKenzie-Camden football game. Then on Saturday, classmates and spouses gathered at the First Cumberland Presby-

terian Church for lunch and to reminisce. Class President Wendell Moore served as emcee of the event. Brad Camp, representing the MHS Alumni Association, spoke briefly about the new organization and how to join. During introductions, class members gave brief introductions plus a brief history of their lives. A list of deceased class members was announced. A donation was given to the Alumni Association in

the memory of those class members. The deceased members are: Roy Anderson, Diane Dillahunty Barton, Donna Ramey Baskin, Mitchell Beasley, Ricky Blaylock, Doug Bush, Beverly Chesser, Jan Hastings Davis, Chuck Friend, Tommy Lankford, Darrell Marshall, Steve Mays, Daniel Mitchum, Kathy Gregg Patterson, Tony Poole, Johnny Pugh, Darrell Ross, Deborah Smoot, Steve Stafford, Sheila Walker and Gary Winston.



Former McKenzie Rebel and Rebelette tennis players reuniting included (L to R): Trina Akins Owsley (MHS Class of 1985), Sandi Stafford Roditis ('85), Carol Ridley Nanney ('89), Randy Westbrooks ('79), Bobby Rogers ('82), Brad Camp ('83), Linda Odom ('80), Coach Terry Howell ('69), Marsha Hall Powell ('79), Jill Robb Keepes ('85), Lisa Ramsay Cole ('82), Bret Smith ('85), Brent Bradberry ('86), Dana Akins Headden ('82) and Kelly Headden ('83). *Photo courtesy MHSAA*

Howell’s McKenzie Tennis Players Reunite Homecoming Weekend

COURTESY MHSAA

MCKENZIE (September 20) — Former McKenzie Rebel and Rebelette tennis players from the 1970s and '80s reunited Saturday morning at the The Happy Book Stack downtown. The players celebrated their coach, Terry Howell (MHS Class of 1969), who took over the program in 1979 after it was first established in 1978 under Coach Richard Chappell. The players also enjoyed visiting with Suzanne, Howell’s wife, who was also present. During the tennis boom of the 1970s and '80s, ten McKenzie High Rebel and Rebelette alumni went on

to compete at the college level. The 1981 and 1982 Rebelette teams each completed undefeated seasons, and the 1982 Rebels joined the girls team with an undefeated year. Both of the 1982 girls and boys squads swept team, singles and doubles titles in TSSAA District 25, in an era before enrollment-based classifications existed for spring sports. The 1982 district championship team trophies were on display at the gathering, which occurred inside the McKenzie High School Alumni Association Pop Up Memorabilia Exhibit. The team also viewed the Rebel letter

sweater and original Wilson tennis racquet of former Rebel tennis player Andy Camp, MHS Class of 1981, who was on the school’s first team in 1978. He passed away in 1985. Former players in attendance included Marsha Hall Powell and Randy Westbrooks (MHS Class of 1979); Linda Odom ('80); Lisa Ramsay Cole, Dana Akins Headden and Bobby Rogers ('82), Kelly Headden and Brad Camp ('83), Jill Robb Keepes, Trina Akins Owsley, Sandi Stafford Roditis and Bret Smith ('85); Brent Bradberry ('86); and Carol Ridley Nanney ('89).

Pillowville Fire Assembles New Brush Truck



The Pillowville Fire Department recently introduced a new addition to its fleet, a brush truck completely designed and assembled by members of the department. The 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 has full seating for six, on-board SCBA's, chain-saws, a 300-gallon water tank, a ten-gallon foam cell and other miscellaneous tools. The truck replaces a 1996 Chevrolet that was purchased and completely outfitted by members of the department nearly two decades ago. The department thanks every volunteer who assisted in outfitting the truck and the members of the community who support the department through rural fire subscriptions, donations and fundraisers. *Photo courtesy Pillowville Fire Department*

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Remain Number One in Class 1A

NASHVILLE (October 6) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association and USA Today Network released new football rankings Monday after Week 7. McKenzie (6-1) holds steady at number one in Class 1A, ahead of South Pittsburg (5-1), who received three first place

votes to McKenzie’s 15. Dresden’s (5-2) rank is number six, up from number seven last week. Undefeated South Fulton (6-0) also rose one spot to number seven. In Class 2A, undefeated Milan (7-0) remains at the top with 14 first-place votes. East Robertson (7-0,

four first-place votes) and Peabody (7-0) are ranked second and third, respectively. Huntingdon (6-1) holds the number five spot for the third consecutive week. Westview (6-0) is the unanimous number one in Class 3A.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Aggravated Assault; Domestic Assault — On Sept. 25, Sgt. Ryan W. Hamilton responded to a residence on Maytown Road in Huntingdon regarding a reported assault. According to the report, the suspect, Erik Jeffery Allen, 42, of Huntingdon, stabbed a male family member in the back with a kitchen knife during a domestic dispute.

EMS evaluated both parties at the scene. The victim declined transport and drove himself to Baptist Hospital, where the stab wound—about 2 cm—required seven stitches to close. A kitchen knife consistent with the assault was recovered as evidence.

After being advised of his rights, Allen agreed to speak with deputies. When asked why he stabbed the victim, Allen stated that “he is a loser.”

Allen was taken into custody and transported to the Carroll County Jail, where he was charged with aggravated assault and domestic assault.

Traffic Stop; Narcotics Investigation — On Sept. 26, Deputy Alex D. Sherwood conducted a traffic stop on Barren Springs Road at Marlboro Road in Hollow Rock after observing a vehicle emitting excessive smoke from a defective muffler and failing to maintain its lane. According to the report, the driver was identified as Becky Gaye Hampton, 53, of Hollow Rock. Her driver’s license was found to be suspended due to a failure to appear in court. A passenger was also present in the vehicle.

During the stop, Deputy Sherwood observed a torch-style lighter on the driver’s floorboard, consistent with illegal narcotics use. Hampton consented to a search of her vehicle. A small wallet inside her pocketbook was found to contain a clear plastic baggie with a white powdery substance that tested positive for methamphetamine residue.

A further search revealed a pill container near the driver’s seat that had been marked over with a black marker. Inside, deputies located assorted pills, including 14½ Bupirone Hydrochloride tablets, 2½ Gabapentin tablets, and 2 Tizanidine Hydrochloride tablets. These were classified as legend drugs. Hampton also possessed a prescription bottle for Xanax with a large quantity of pills; because it was prescribed to her, no action was taken on that item.

Hampton was driving a white Nissan Pathfinder, which deputies noted was displaying a license plate not found in the Tennessee database. No charges have been filed at this time, subject to change.

Drug Paraphernalia Citation; Narcotics Investigation — On Sept. 26, Deputy Alex D. Sherwood went to a residence on Highway 79 Lane in Atwood in an attempt to serve an arrest warrant on another individual. Upon arrival, he made contact with Ashley B. Martin, 35, of Atwood, who had just pulled into the driveway in a 2009 Pontiac G6. A minor child was also present in the vehicle.

Deputy Sherwood obtained Martin’s consent to check the residence for the wanted subject. While clearing the home, he observed in plain view marijuana pipes with residue and numerous empty THCA pre-roll packages. After leaving the residence, he asked Martin if she had marijuana in her vehicle, and she admitted to having a small amount. A cigarette pack containing approximately three grams of marijuana was found in the driver’s door pocket and field tested positive.

Based on her cooperation, Martin was issued a citation for unlawful drug paraphernalia with a booking date of Oct. 6. Due to a minor child being present around illegal narcotics and paraphernalia, a referral was made to the Department of Children’s Services. Two additional minor children who usually reside at the home were not present at the time of the incident.

The incident was documented by deputies.

DUI; Blood Draw Obtained — On Sept. 28, Deputy Daniel J. Thomas initiated a traffic stop on Highway 220 near Howse Church Road in Atwood after observing a vehicle traveling well below the speed limit, weaving within its lane, and crossing the center and fog lines. According to the report, the driver was identified as Shun U. Conley, 54, of Atwood. Deputy Thomas as noted slurred speech and a faint odor of alcohol coming from the driver’s window. Deputy Jayden D. Flaurr arrived to assist and administered standardized field sobriety tests at Deputy Thomas’s request. Conley consented to testing and performed poorly, including difficulty maintaining position, missing heel-to-toe steps, stepping

off line during the walk-and-turn, and balance issues on the one-leg stand. Conley stated he had consumed “one mixed drink” around 9 p.m. but could not identify the type of drink or the current time.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, Conley was arrested for driving under the influence. He consented to a blood draw and was transported to Baptist Hospital for a TBI blood alcohol/toxicology kit before being booked into the Carroll County Jail.

Welfare Check; Death Investigation — On Sept. 27, Deputy James M. Boaz responded to a residence on Stephanie Road in Huntingdon after a welfare check was requested by a neighbor, Chad Prater, who reported being unable to contact the resident for several days.

Prater advised he had heard the phone ringing inside and observed groceries left on a vehicle for about three days. Sgt. Jason Walker and Deputy Heather Townes arrived first and gained entry to the home, where they located a male subject deceased in a living room chair. Deputies reported no signs of foul play. Lamps, a radio, and an air conditioning unit were still on inside the residence.

A family member was notified of the individual’s passing and advised deputies the man had been sick in recent days and had requested groceries be left outside. The Carroll County Coroner arrived on scene at 6:55 p.m. The investigation was closed with no indication of criminal activity

Burglary Investigation — On Sept. 28, Deputy James M. Boaz responded to a reported break-in at a property on Damron Road in Yuma.

According to the report, the complainants stated that the shop building on the property had been entered and several tools and larger items were missing. Items reported stolen included an air compressor with hose, air tools, black air ratchets, welding torches, an acetylene tank, a light bar, a camera system, a 32-inch television, a yellow turbo blower heater, and several miscellaneous Snap-On power tools, with an estimated total value of more than \$3,000.

Deputies noted that the complainants identified a possible suspect as Bobby Cooper-Turnbull, 32, who had previously stayed with them and been seen helping at the property.

The report states that Cooper-Turnbull left the complainants’ residence in Camden in a hurry after being asked about the burglary and did not answer follow-up calls.

The complainants told deputies the property had belonged to a deceased family member and they had been maintaining it. The case remains under active investigation.

Burglary Investigation — On Sept. 28, Sgt. Jason Walker responded to a property on Mill Creek Road in Cedar Grove regarding a rental dispute that led to a theft complaint. According to the report, the complainant stated that several items were missing from the property.

Reported stolen were two orange racing gas cans and four black Polaris side-by-side wheels with mud grip tires, with an estimated combined value of \$455. A neighbor initially removed some of the property, believing the residence had been vacated, but later returned it after learning the home was still occupied. However, the wheels and gas cans remained unaccounted for.

The case was documented as an active burglary investigation and remains under review.

Narcotics Investigation — On Sept. 29, Cpl. Sean A. Bongiovanni, along with Deputies Daniel J. Thomas, Alex D. Sherwood, and Jayden D. Flaurr, went to a residence on Highway 105 in Trezevant to serve an arrest warrant on another individual. While searching the home, deputies observed several illegal items in plain view.

According to the report, deputies recovered a glass dining plate with approximately 0.7 grams of a white crystal-like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine, along with a glass smoking pipe containing additional residue. Three more pipes with narcotic residue were also found throughout the residence.

A further consent search led to the discovery of approximately 5.1 grams of marijuana, two used hypodermic syringes with attached needles, and a purse containing drug paraphernalia and legend drugs, including methamphetamine pipes, marijuana roaches, Gabapentin tablets, and a Tizanidine tablet.

All illegal items were seized as evidence. The incident was documented by deputies.

Marriage Licenses

Ashtin Kimery Grooms Burke, 38, of Medina, to William Craig Thompson, 40, of Cedar Grove.

Naomi Gunartt Williams, 67, of Huntingdon, to Sammie Howard Weathers, 77, of Huntingdon.

Austin Thomas Jacobs, 22, of Newbern, to Gabrielle Jade Dew, 22, of Newbern.

Cody Jacob Wildridge, 22, of Trezevant, to Gracie Marie Cunningham, 23, of Trezevant.

Property Transfers

Jane W. Culpepper to Dominic and Adrian Culpepper in District 14.

Clyde G. Bateman to Matthew Jones and others in District 3.

Clyde Bateman to Melanie Faith Bateman and others in District 3.

Paula Marie Leach and others to Taylor Rental, LLC. in District 11.

Casey Drewry to Kaitlin and husband Benjamin Hargett in District 4.

Nathan D. and wife Katherine H. Powell to Matthew Christopher Eaves and others in District 4.

Patsy Lynn Sellers and others to Davis Investment Properties, LLC in District 21.

Town of Atwood to Davis Investment Properties, LLC in District 21.

Barry S. and wife Tana L. Fleming to Joshua Bryant in District 6.

Todd Hancock, successor trustee to Douglas Goodrum and others in District 21.

James M. German to Chris Gurley and others in District 13.

Christal Marie Reed to Christal Marie Reed in District 8.

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Stephen T. Gateley to Patriot Realty USA Camden, LLC in District 16.

Jeffrey Brittain to Kaleb Ryan and Aubreigh Cherylann Brittain in District 20.

Jonathan D. and Susan D. Davis to Jacey R. Harris in District 4.

Eric Grim to Eathon and wife Kayla Moon in District 16.

Lynn Ellen Woods to Lynn E. Woods, trustee of the Woods Hollow Trust in District 10.

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Arthur Ullrich to Scout Land Group LLC in District 8.

Robert A. Wyatt and others to Jason M. Bynum in District 11.

Alec and wife Colby Akin to Kelly and husband Justin Eads in District 22.

McKenzie Police Reports

Warrant Service — Timothy Scott Hickey, 36, Brighton, Tenn., was arrested on two outstanding warrants issued in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Officer Dalton Raspberry along with other officers, arrested Scott on October 2, on Old State Route 22 on a warrant of Criminal Trespass and Theft.

Warrant Service — Charles D. Dunning, 41, listed as homeless in McKenzie, was arrested on October 2.

Officer Tanner Jackson responded to the area of Linden Street and Maple Avenue, where an anonymous caller reported Dunning was in the area. Officer Jackson responded to the area and arrested Dunning and transported him to Carroll County Jail.

CITY OF McKENZIE PARKS & RECREATION

PUBLIC MEETING

The City of McKenzie meets October 8 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers of city hall for a Parks & Recreation Master Plan Input Session.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE193

ESTATE OF: BETTY DARLENE WALKER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

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

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

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

This 29TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

LISA JO KAPELLER & TINA BATEMAN KELLY, Executor/Administrator
W. KENT JONES, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R26469/40-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA195

ESTATE OF: CAROL STERLING MURPHEY, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 30TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **CAROL STERLING MURPHEY** deceased, who died **JULY 3RD, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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HEATHER M. JOHNSON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R26470/40-2

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:

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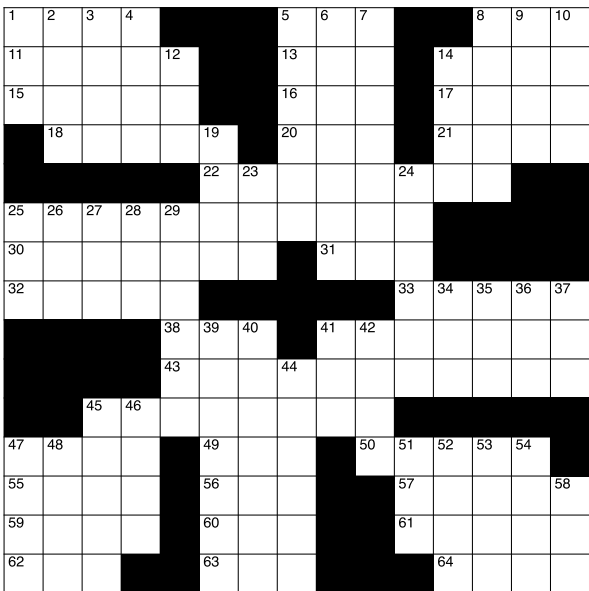
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Comedic actor Rogen
- 5. Bits per inch
- 8. Tire pressure measurement
- 11. Angels great Mike
- 13. Own (Scottish)
- 14. Notable FI racing team
- 15. Upper bract of grass
- 16. Tax collector
- 17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Skeletal muscle
- 21. Popular fish type
- 22. Salts of acetic acid
- 25. Arriving early
- 30. Worded
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. Amphibians
- 33. Warm greeting
- 38. Belonging to a thing
- 41. Segmented worm
- 43. Concerns
- 45. Audacious
- 47. Wings
- 49. Type of drug
- 50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- 55. Island close to the U.S.
- 56. "To the ___ degree"
- 57. Daniel ___, French composer
- 59. A way to march
- 60. Where golfers begin
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Of she
- 63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engine additive
- 2. Amounts of time
- 3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- 4. Color properties
- 5. One who hands over
- 6. Thieves of the sea
- 7. Put in
- 8. Nocturnal rodents
- 9. Pouches
- 10. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 12. Greek alphabet letter
- 14. Greek goddess of youth
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Partly digested food
- 24. Dictator
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. A major division of geological time
- 28. Angry
- 29. St. Francis of ___
- 34. Romanian monetary unit
- 35. Stale
- 36. Go quickly
- 37. Commercial
- 39. Canadian city
- 40. One who slices
- 41. Perform perfectly
- 42. Nest of pheasants
- 44. Tactile sensations
- 45. Sword
- 46. Climactic
- 47. Adrenocorticotrophin
- 48. Fisherman's tool
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

Week 40

See solution in next week's edition.

Adopt A Dog Word Search

D B C G T Y O Y D Y Y L E N N E K Y B V
S D H O N L Y E P L Y B P Y O D S I D P
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T E B U O V D F G N I N E E R C S D M L
K E P N G C O M P A N I O N A I G L A P
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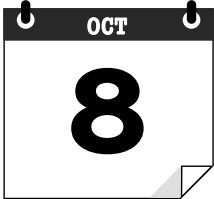
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1829: Stephenson's Rocket wins the Rainhill Trials, a locomotive race.

1939: Germany annexes western Poland.

1956: Don Larsen of the New York Yankees pitches the only perfect game thus far thrown in the World Series.

SUDOKU

WEEK 40

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

Level: Beginner

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to dog adoption. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = E)

A. 20 3 17 15 10 17 5

Clue: Houses needy dogs

B. 6 21 8 17

Clue: Containment tool

C. 24 1 9 21 10 17

Clue: Give money or time

D. 5 17 20 6 26 17

Clue: Free from harm

Answers: A. shelter B. cage C. donate D. rescue

LETTER MIX-UP

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

FOREVER HOME

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

Riddle Me This

What breed of dog does Dracula have?

Answer: A bloodhound!

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

ETACR

Answer: Crate

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in Delaware on October 6, 1963. I acted in commercials before moving on to bigger roles. I was Michael J. Fox's girlfriend in the second and third installments of a movie series and a karate kid's love interest.

Answer: Elisabeth Shue



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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 39 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 39

6	4	5	9	1	3	2	7	8
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5	1	9	4	3	6	7	8	2
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Callis, Rebels Run Rampant Over Trojans

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COLLINWOOD (October 3) — McKenzie High School made the long trek to Collinwood High School Friday for a region football contest and made another strong statement with a 55-6 win.

The Trojans had no answer for the Rebel offense, particularly for sophomore Jayden Callis, who ran for 296 yards and five touchdowns in his second week as the Rebels' primary running back.

McKenzie won the coin toss and deferred possession.

The Rebel defense held Collinwood to a three-and-out on their first possession. The punt was downed at the McKenzie 42.

The Rebels kept it mostly on the ground in the hands of Callis, but mixed in a few passes from Cole Brown to Jacobi Melton. A ten-play drive was capped by a four-yard touchdown by Callis. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 7-0 halfway through the opening frame.

Another quick three-and-out and punt had the Rebels back on offense at the Trojan 41.

Eight plays got the Rebels back in the end zone, this time with C. Brown keeping for five yards. Mason kicked, and McKenzie led 14-0 with just over two minutes to play in the first quarter.

Collinwood fumbled on the first snap of the ensuing drive, and Rebel Aiden Callis claimed the loose ball at the Trojan 17.

C. Brown threw to J. Callis for a touchdown, but a penalty negated the score. Callis then ran it in from the 22, and McKenzie led 20-0 after a failed PAT with two minutes remaining in the first.

The Trojans went three-and-out again and punted on the first play of the second quarter. The poor kick went out of bounds after just six yards, but a McKenzie penalty after the play gave the Rebels the ball at the Collinwood 28.

For the first time, the



Rebel Jayden Callis ran for 296 yards and five touchdowns in McKenzie's rout of Collinwood. File photo

McKenzie offense struggled and turned the ball over on downs at the 24.

The Trojans put together their only scoring drive of the game, 76 yards on eight plays. An incomplete pass on the two-point try left the scored 20-6 with seven minutes to play in the first half.

A short kickoff by Collinwood started McKenzie at their 38, and J. Callis took it 62 yards to paydirt on the first snap. Another missed kick made it 26-6 halfway through the second frame.

The Trojans were moving the ball well, earning a first down near midfield, before Rebel Aiden Legens knocked the ball loose and Lelan Gordon scooped it up for a 49-yard fumble return touchdown. C. Brown kept for two points, and McKenzie led 34-6 with under three minutes left in the half.

The Rebel defense forced another three-and-out and received the punt with a minute left. McKenzie moved the ball quickly, but time expired.

The Rebels received a deep second-half kick, and J. Callis took the first snap 85 yards to the house. Mason got back on track with the PAT, and McKenzie led 41-6 early in the third frame.

Collinwood went three-and-out and punted.

The Rebels took to the air on the next possession, going 59 yards as C. Brown completed three straight passes for first downs, then

kept for a one-yard score. Mason's PAT put McKenzie up 48-6 halfway through the third quarter.

The Trojans sustained a drive into the final frame, earning three first downs before turning the ball over on downs at the Rebel 3.

McKenzie's final scoring drive was 97 yards on eight plays, all on the ground. J. Callis punched it in from the 2 and Mason kicked for a 55-6 lead with five minutes to play.

The Rebel defense didn't let up in the late game, forcing another three-and-out, punctuated by a third-down sack by Rebel Cooper Davidson.

After the punt, C. Brown took a knee in victory formation.

McKenzie had 525 yards of total offense, including 367 on the ground and 158 in the air. Collinwood was held to 158 yards, 138 rushing and 20 passing.

Rebel Jayden Callis had 296 rushing yards on 16 carries for five touchdowns. Cole Brown ran seven times for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

C. Brown was 11 of 16 passing for 158 yards.

Jacobi Melton had five receptions for 82 yards. Avery Brown caught two passes for 34 yards. Jaden Blanton had two catches for 13 yards. J. Callis caught one pass for 16 yards, and Kason Brown had a 13-yard catch.

C. Brown led the defense with eight solo tackles and three assists, including two for a loss and a sack. Cooper Davidson had five solo and four assists with two for a loss and a sack. Aiden Legens had six solo and three assists with a sack.

Dawson Reeder had six solo and five assists, with one for a loss. Maddox Shiell had six solo and an assist. Lelan Gordon had four solo and six assists. Mason Batten had three solo and five assists. Aiden Callis had two solo and one assist, with two for a loss and a sack.

The Rebels (6-1, 2-0) travel to Hollow Rock-Bruceton Friday for another region bout. Kickoff is 7 p.m.



Tyreke Hutch follows his blockers for yards in the Mustangs win over Riverside. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

Mustangs Capitalize on Turnovers for 49-0 Win

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HUNTINGDON (October 3) — The high-powered offense of the Huntingdon Mustangs football team saw Christmas come early as the defense of the Mustangs forced seven Parson Riverside turnovers. Huntingdon turned the gifts into points in a 49-0 win over Riverside to improve to 6-1 for the season.

The Mustangs intercepted five Panther passes and recovered two fumbles. They returned one interception for a touchdown, had a scoop-and-score, and also had a kickoff return for a touchdown.

Mustang junior quarterback Kenton Smith had a career night for the Mustangs as he accounted for three Mustang touchdowns. Smith completed 3 of 4 passes for 91 yards and a touchdown, returned an interception for a touchdown, and ran a touchdown from a yard out.

Sophomore K'Shun Carter had a big night with two intercepted passes, caused a fumble, recorded three tackles for the game, and returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to begin the second half. Junior Zayden Connelly caught two passes for 80 yards with a touchdown and scooped up a fumble and returned it for a touchdown.

Riverside fumbled on their opening drive after reaching the Mustang 11, and Tyreke Hutch recovered the loose football, ending the only scoring threat the Panthers had all night.

Carter intercepted his first pass of the game on Riverside's next possession and returned it 18 yards to the Panther 47, and two plays later, Smith connected with Connelly for a 52-yard scoring play. Greyson Anderson kicked through the point after, and the Mustangs led 7-0.

Smith then intercepted a Panther pass on the ensuing possession and returned it 20 yards for the touchdown with seven seconds left in the first quarter. With Anderson's kick, they led 14-0.

Smith stepped in front of a Jacob Duck pass at the



Above, Zayden Connelly catches a pass for the Mustangs. Below Left, Kenton Smith goes high for an interception. Below Right, Owen King just misses knocking down a Riverside pass. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner



Panther 19, and the Mustangs scored in four plays on a Smith one-yard run to build their lead to 21-0 with the Anderson PAT.

Tyreke Hutch got in the act with an interception of his own with just under four minutes left in the half and gave the ball to the Mustang offense with 2:24 left in the half at the Panther 32. Huntingdon gave the ball to sophomore running back Hayes Eubanks three plays in a row, where he scored on a 24-yard run to give the Mustangs a 28-0 lead with the point after.

Carter then intercepted his second pass of the game at the Panther 30 with 29.5 left in the half. After a holding penalty against the Mustangs, Smith completed a 28-yard pass to Connelly at the Panther 12. Then they went 11 yards to Hutch to set up a one-yard run by Eubanks on the last play of the half. Anderson gave

Huntingdon a 35-0 lead by kicking through the point after.

Carter started the scoring for the Mustangs in the second half by returning the kickoff for a touchdown, and Ethan Raffield kicked the point after, and the Mustangs led 42-0.

The final score of the night came when Connelly scooped up a Duck fumble as he was being pressured trying to pass and ran 19 yards for the touchdown. Raffield provided the final point of the night for a 49-0 win.

Huntingdon ran for 144 yards for the night, and Eubanks ran 10 times for 51 yards. The Mustangs held Riverside to 68 yards on the ground and 5 of 16 passing for 81 yards.

The Mustangs face Harpeth for homecoming on Friday at Paul Ward Stadium. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

War Eagles Fall to Falcons on the Road

TIPTONVILLE (October 3) — The West Carroll War Eagles traveled to Lake County High School Friday for a region football contest. West Carroll struck first, but the host Falcons responded with six unanswered touchdowns for a 43-6 win.

The War Eagles scored late in the first frame on a 53-yard pass from Parker Newman to Braden Marise. The two-point conversion failed, and West Carroll

led 6-0.

Lake County took the lead on the last play of the opening quarter, 7-6, and scored four more times in the first half and once in a quick second half.

War Eagle quarterback Parker Newman was one of four passing for 53 yards and a touchdown. Braden Marise had the 53-yard touchdown catch.

Chance Weatherford had five carries for 19 yards. Joseph Brogdon

rushed eleven times for 18 yards. Caleb Vermillion had seven carries for 16 yards, and Nigel Butler rushed three times for ten yards.

Marise led the defense with two solo tackles and an assist. Brogdon and Eli Travelstead each had two solo, and Vermillion had one solo.

The War Eagles will travel to Gleason for another region game Friday. Kick-off is 7 p.m.



Left, McKenzie High School swept Class A (band, percussion, color guard and drum major) and were among ten to advance to finals competition that evening, where they finished in seventh place. Right, West Carroll earned first in band, percussion and drum major and second in color guard in Class AA. They also won the People's Choice Award. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



County Bands Fare Well at Huntingdon Marching Invitational

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HUNTINGDON (October 4) — Huntingdon High School hosted the Huntingdon Marching Invitational Saturday at Paul Ward Stadium, with 19 bands competing in five classes.

Carroll County bands excelled in the preliminary competition, earning several awards each.

McKenzie High School swept Class A (band, percussion, color guard and drum major).

In Class AA, West Car-

roll earned first in band, percussion and drum major and second in color guard. The Marching War Eagles also won the People's Choice Award based on fan donations.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central, also in AA, won first place color guard and second place band and drum major.

The McKenzie Marching Rebels were among ten to advance to finals competition that evening, where they finished in seventh place.

The preliminary portion of the competition

also featured exhibition performances by the host Huntingdon Mustangs and the Bethel University Renaissance Regiment.

Other competing bands included: Fayette Academy, Jackson Christian School, McEwen, Halls, Covington, Westview, Camden, Milan, McGavock, Green Hill (Grand Champion), Chester County, Crockett County, Henry County (Reserve Grand Champion), Dyer County, Forrest (Honorable Mention) and Peabody.



Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central won first place color guard and second place band and drum major in Class AA. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner