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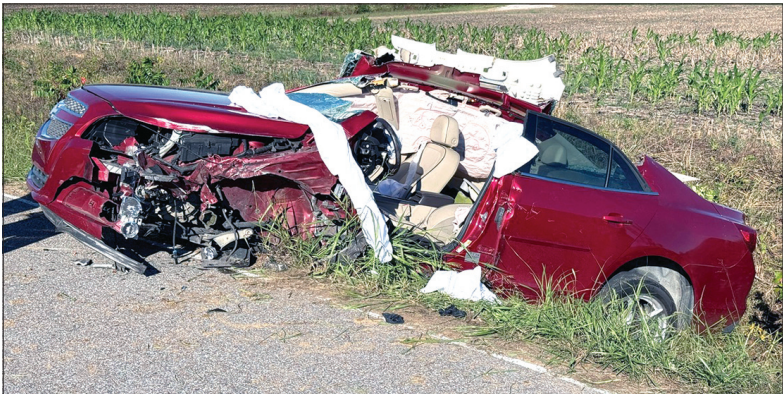
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Two Injured in Head-On Crash

HUNTINGDON (October 8) — The drivers of two vehicles involved in a head-on crash were injured on October 8.

Carroll County Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Carroll County Rescue Squad responded to 1011 Thompson School Road, Huntingdon to a two-car, head-on collision that occurred around 3:30 p.m.

According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol report, both vehicles



Hayley Kesse was extricated from her wrecked vehicle.

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NORTHWEST TENNESSEE HEAD START

McKenzie Head Start Hosts Camp Day

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McKENZIE (October 10) — Northwest Tennessee Head Start hosted its very first Camp Day Friday, October 10. Children and parents alike spent the morning doing arts and crafts centered around camping traditions. The event taught young students about camping activities, including building tents and going fishing.

"Some of these kids have never been camping before," said teacher Carol Holt. The event gave some students their first camping experiences.

Each classroom was given their own "campsite" at the school's on-site playground. Holt's classroom was "Camp Frizzle," named after Miss Frizzle from the "Magic School Bus" books and TV series. Other campsites were "Camp Despicable" and "Camp Nemo."

At each campsite, students painted posterboards that they would tape together to become make-shift tents. After crafts, they joined



Head Start students created tents out of posterboards that they painted during Camp Day. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

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Carroll County First Responder Assists After Deadly AES Explosion

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS AND BRITTANY MARTIN
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McEWEN (October 13) — After an explosion devastated Hickman and Humphreys counties on Friday, a local first responder answered the call to assist in the recovery effort.

Brandy Baumgardner, a member of the Carroll County Rescue Squad and a pre-kindergarten teacher at McKenzie Elementary School, was deployed to McEwen, Tennessee, on Saturday following the deadly explosion at the Accurate Energetic Systems (AES) facility.

The explosion happened at approximately 7:45 a.m., according to a statement from AES, presumably killing 16 people. The explosion, felt from miles away, flattened the building, leaving only rubble and soot.

Baumgardner, a member of the Tennessee Disaster Mental Health Strike Team, said she and her team were requested by local and federal agencies to provide crisis intervention services to those impacted by the horrific incident.



Brandy Baumgardner

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Huntingdon High School Homecoming Queen Claudia Cooper. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

Cooper Crowned Queen

Huntingdon senior Claudia Cooper was named homecoming queen at halftime of the Huntingdon Mustangs game with Harpeth.

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McKENZIE

City to Move To Four-Day Work Week

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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McKENZIE (October 9) — The City of McKenzie will begin operating on a four-day work week starting January 1, 2026. During Thursday's meeting of the McKenzie City Council, the Board unanimously

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MSSD Develops Five-Year Plan

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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The McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) board met Tuesday, October 7, to discuss its five-year strategic plan. Also on the agenda was a budget amendments and hearings from the McKenzie Education Association and on facility planning updates.

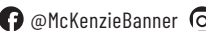
The board considered actions laid out by the school district to develop a five-year strategic plan. The steps narrow the district's areas of focus in its instructional and

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Funerary Display Honors Gleason Racing Pioneer

MCKENZIE — Local racing legend Danny Jo Melton’s memorial service was adorned with a dragster and funny car displayed at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. He was born in McKenzie in 1952.

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Above, Firefighter Kevin Hill reads to Tripp Salas in a tent pitched inside the library. Below, Lacey Lane reads to kindergarten student, Savannah Martin.



McKenzie Firefighters Assist Elementary Reading Program

MCKENZIE (October 6) — McKenzie Elementary School hosts frequent reading nights at the MES Library. Librarian Jill Wilson opens the library during these reading nights.

On October 6, firefighters from McKenzie Fire Department assisted. Along with Fire Pup, firefighters greeted MES students and offered to read to the students.

Upcoming reading nights are October 27, November 10, December 1, and December 8 in the year 2025.

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Left, McKenzie City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup notes attendees’ recommendations for the Parks and Recreation department. Right, Attendees Brad Camp, Matt Lane and Beth Ownby vote for their favorite ideas given to McKenzie’s Parks and Recreation department. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie Parks Hears Input, Narrows Recommendations

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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MCKENZIE (October 8) — McKenzie’s growth opportunities were the topics at Wednesday night’s Parks and Recreation Public Input Session, facilitated by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce President Brad Hurley. Hurley urged community attendees to search their wildest hopes and dreams and share ways McKenzie’s Parks and Recreation department could improve and expand, helping the department map its five-year master plan.

By the end of the night, attendees filled two poster-sized pages with recommendations, and a vote helped narrow the three favorites.

The meeting began with a SWOT analysis of McKenzie, mapping the city’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Attendees decided McKenzie’s strengths include its community, its schools, its industries, its local govern-

ment, the revitalization of its downtown, its public safety units and its upcoming soccer complex; weaknesses include community, drug issues, a lack of recreational activities for youth aged 12-18, weak infrastructure and a lack of integration with Bethel University students; opportunities include community growth, a hotel with an indoor conference center and increasing affordable housing; and threats include a lack of funding and community division.

The room then went into a brainstorming session as Hurley urged attendees to “dream big” as if funding wasn’t an obstacle. City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup took the floor to write down attendees’ recommendations.

By the end of the meeting, attendees filled over two full sheets of poster-sized paper with their ideas to improve McKenzie’s Parks and Recreation department and ultimately provide more community activities for all ages.

Ideas included constructing a par-three golf course, erecting a youth community center, paving and lighting a new walking trail, building a shaded pickleball complex for potential competitions, planting additional trees to provide shade in the parks, adding grills to the parks, updating all of the parks’ facilities, fencing in the playground, building a football field at the high school, building a bowling/go-kart facility, constructing new outdoor basketball courts, putting public restrooms downtown, building community tennis courts, building a permanent amphitheatre, putting additional parking at McKenzie’s City Park, adding WiFi to the parks, putting speakers downtown, adding early lightning warning detectors to all parks, upgrading the farmer’s market area, adding new playground equipment to the elementary school, and constructing a public pool.

After the input session, Hurley gave each attendee three round stickers and one

star sticker to use in a vote. The star sticker equaled two votes and would be used for each attendee’s favorite idea.

Attendees narrowed down their three favorite ideas: building a youth community center (nine votes), updating all facilities at the parks (six votes) and paving a lighted walking trail (five votes).

This was McKenzie’s second public input meeting regarding parks and recreation; the first session surveyed McKenzie students. Following the meeting, Hurley said the department would combine recommendations from both sessions and place them on a tier-ranking list to help draft the department’s five-year master plan.

The plan’s draft will be sent to the state for processing. Once approved by the state, which Hurley said he hoped would happen by December, the draft becomes McKenzie Parks and Recreation’s five-year master plan.



Left, Ricky McGee, a Vietnam veteran and Tommy Johnson, a National Guard veteran, stand with Amy Campbell of Baptist Health Services. Right, S.T. Holmes of McKenzie, a Navy veteran, is greeted by Autumn Jennings of the Carroll County Prevention Coalition. She was providing free lockboxes.



Veterans Information Fair Held in County

HUNTINGDON (October 9) — Area veterans had the opportunity to learn more about available bene-

fits, plus learn information about services available exclusively for veterans and their families.

Carroll County Veterans Coalition hosted the fourth annual Veterans Information Fair at the Carroll

County Civic Center. Service providers and vendors set up booths to meet one-on-one with the veterans.

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West Carroll Spotlights Students of the Week

On October 9, West Carroll announced its newest round of students of the week from its primary, elementary and junior/senior high schools. The three students — Daizy Tripp, Faith Pitts and Mackenzie Finley — were each nominated for their go-getter attitudes, kindness and willingness to work.

Kindergarten student Daizy Tripp is West Carroll Primary School’s student of the week. She was nominated by Coach Cindy Smith.

“Daizy works hard every day in PE class. She never complains and often sets an example for others to follow. Daizy has such a



Daizy Tripp



Faith Pitts



Mackenzie Finley

great work ethic and a positive attitude,” said Smith.

Faith Pitts, a fourth-grade student, is West Carroll Elementary School’s student of the week. She was nominated by Nikki Andrews-Gilley.

“Faith comes to school

every day with an ‘I can’ attitude,” said Andrews-Gilley. “She always puts forth her best effort, helps others and uses her manners. She also follows all rules and procedures.”

Eleventh-grade student Mackenzie Finley is West

Carroll Jr/Sr High School’s student of the week. She was nominated by Sally Arnold.

“Mackenzie, on her own, started coming into the library during her breaks and whenever she had free time to help me organize the books in the library by genre. I would still be working on this if it were not for her. She was a huge help,” said Arnold.

West Carroll also recognized third-grade teacher Jennifer Kemp as educator of the week.

West Carroll honors three students and one educator each week for their efforts in the classrooms.

State Representatives Darby, Martin Secure Funding for Senior Citizen Centers

NASHVILLE — State Rep. Tandy Darby, R-Greenfield, and State Representative Brock Martin, R-Huntingdon each helped secure funding for senior citizen centers in their districts.

Darby announced senior centers in Carroll, Weakley and Henry counties will receive a total of \$91,000 in state grants to expand programming, improve facilities and support wellness and social activities for older adults.

The grants, administered by the Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging (DDA), are part of \$5 million awarded to 125 centers statewide through a competitive program.

Local funding recipients include:

- **Paris Henry County Senior Citizens Center Association:** \$50,000
- **Martin Gateway Center:** \$10,000
- **Dresden Senior Citizens**

Center: \$10,000

- **Sharon Senior Center:** \$10,000
- **Carroll County Office on Aging:** \$11,000

“These senior centers make a real difference in the lives of older adults,” Darby said. “I’m proud to support this investment that will help them improve facilities, expand programming and continue serving as a resource for our communities.”

Representative Martin

said, “This investment ensures our senior centers can continue providing vital services in safe, welcoming environments,” Martin said. “Supporting older adults in our communities is not just a priority, it’s a responsibility.”

Martin announced senior centers in Carroll, Henderson and Gibson counties will receive a combined \$65,000 in state grants to improve facilities and expand services for older

adults.

Local funding recipients include:

- **Gibson County Office on Aging / Bradford Senior Center:** \$29,000
- **Milan Senior Citizen Center:** \$14,000
- **Carroll County Office on Aging:** \$11,000
- **Henderson County Senior Center:** \$11,000

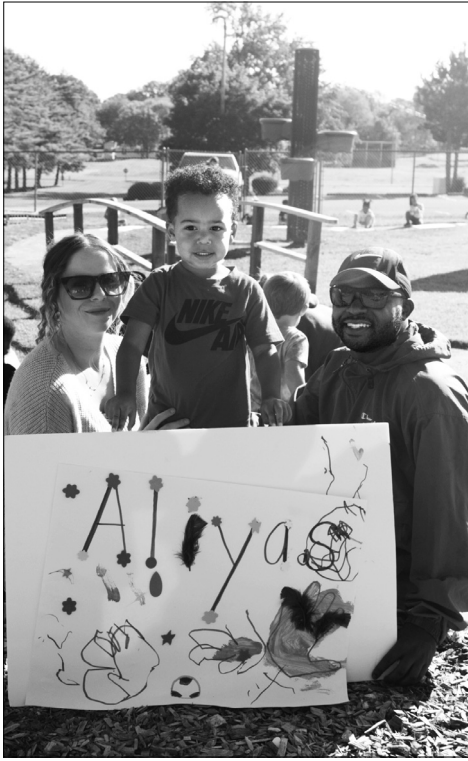
The funding is part of a \$42.5 million allocation approved by the Tennes-

see General Assembly in the 2025–26 state budget to support emergency and community services.

Centers receive between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to strengthen local offerings. Grants may be used for building improvements, equipment, marketing, activities and other operational costs, excluding staff salaries.



Above, Head Start teachers divided the school’s playground into individual campsites.” Here, students decorate their make-shift tents in “Camp Despicable.” Right, Parents attended Camp Day to help their children paint and build their tents. Below Left, Vassily Nzemo helps his daughter Pia paint part of her Camp Day tent. Below Right, Samantha and Isaiah Townes attended Camp Day and helped their son Aliyas paint part of his tent. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Camp

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together for a camp sing-along and a camp story. Camp Day lasted almost three hours, ending at 10:45 a.m.

McKenzie’s Northwest Tennessee Head Start, located at 931 W. Walnut Avenue, is in session weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is part of a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children from

birth to four years of age through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services for low-income families and families with disabilities. Children with disabilities can attend at no charge regardless of income.

MSSD

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operational goals, financial resources and buildings and facilities. To strengthen academic excellence, the board voted to implement high-quality instructional materials in all grades; establish supports in content areas utilizing the TN Instructional Practice Guide; provide research-based literacy and math interventions to address student needs; prioritize career exploration and STEM learning in all grade levels; and focus on work-based learning, industry certification and dual-enrollment opportunities for high school students through the CTE program. Other action steps include actively promoting MSSD in the community and at college/career fairs to recruit top candidates, maintaining open lines of communication, encouraging local businesses’ involvement and seeking opportunities for businesses to support the work taking place in schools, considering buildings’ needs that focus on students and staff safety and having a comprehensive facilities assessment to consider buildings’ needs. School principals then provided facilities reports looking into the 2026-27 school year.

McKenzie Elementary School Principal Tonya Brown reported several leaks in the roof that need to be replaced before floor tiles could be replaced. She also requested a new gymnasium floor, as she said it is starting to separate in places, and for the building to be pressure washed if it couldn’t be repainted. McKenzie Elementary School currently holds 511 students, as of September 24, 2025. McKenzie Middle School Principal Josh Kee requested that the school’s gym be repainted, that the old gym windows by the lobby be repainted and that the outside door to Room 204 be replaced. He said all air conditioning issues had been addressed. McKenzie Middle School has 398 enrolled students and anticipates 402 students in the next school year. The school occupies 29 classrooms including core areas, rotation rooms, special education rooms and ACE/ELL rooms. McKenzie High School Principal Kelly Spivey said all of his main concerns from two years ago (roof, windows, parking lot and drainage) had been resolved by the Board of Education. In his meeting, he requested a glass wall trophy case with several TVs enclosed in the wall in the gym lobby. He also wants the school’s championship trophies highlighted front

and center with custom lighting. Other requests include hanging the gym lights higher, updating the gym’s sound system and installing a digital sign in front of the school. McKenzie High School has 364 enrolled students and anticipates 363 students in 2026-27 and 388 students in 2027-28. The high school uses 25 classrooms for everyday instruction. Kristina Collins, president of the McKenzie Education Association (MEA), addressed the board to submit a petition containing signatures from MSSD educators regarding collaborative conferencing. “As you know, Tennessee law recognizes that collaborative relationships between the board and professionals assist in establishing the maintenance of an educational climate and working environment,” Collins said. MEA submits signatures every three years to maintain a memorandum of understanding between the school board and the MEA. The board also voted in agreement with a budget amendment to allocate \$10,250.00 each year to the middle and high schools to offset free student admission to sports. This amount is based on each school’s past profits from students purchasing tickets. The next school board meeting is Tuesday, November 4.



The wrecked car of Kyle Denning.

Crash

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were traveling on Thompson School Road when the collision occurred.

Haley K. Kesse, 29, no city listed, was driving a 2013 Chevrolet Malibu when it collided with a 2018 Hyundai Tucson, driven by Kyle Denning, 31, no address listed. Kesse was extricated by the Rescue Squad. A

passenger in Denning’s car, Jennifer Denning, 28, was not injured. Carroll County Ambulance Service transported both drivers to Baptist Hospital-Carroll County in Huntingdon.



Above, Humphreys County Emergency Management Agency released drone footage of the Accurate Energetic Systems (AES) facility site on Saturday, October 11 following the explosion. Photo credit Humphreys County Emergency Management Agency Left, A Google Earth photograph shows the Accurate Energetic Systems (AES) facility site before the explosion.

Explosion

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The Tennessee Disaster Mental Health Strike Team is a statewide team with two functions: providing mental health support following a disaster and providing emergency response crisis intervention. During a press conference, authorities said counseling will be available at nearby schools in the wake of the tragedy. Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) urges individuals experiencing emotional distress related to the incident to seek help. The Humphreys County and Hickman County Sheriff’s Offices, in coordination with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Response Team, are the lead law enforcement authorities on the ground. Multiple local, state, and federal partners are assist-

ing with the investigation and recovery process. Emergency response teams and investigative agencies remain on the scene, progressing slowly due to the extensive debris and the potential presence of explosive materials. Teams must continue clearing the area of active explosives before comprehensive recovery operations can take place. “It’s almost like putting a puzzle back together,” said Matthew Belew, acting special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. “We have worked closely with AES to know to look at pictures, look at blueprints, any of the identifying things that were in the building. And then we slowly methodically start to put some of that stuff together.” AES is a privately-owned industrial facility that processes ammunition and explosives. They do not manufacture them, according to a TEMA press release. Debris was scattered for

miles around the site. Residents who locate debris that may have come from the explosion are asked to contact their local sheriff’s office so trained personnel can respond safely. All state routes have been reopened, according to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). However, TDOT advises drivers to avoid the area to allow emergency responders to continue their work safely and efficiently. No survivors were located on the scene. Officials have released the names of the presumed victims: Jason Adams, Billy Baker, Christopher Clark, James Cook, LaTeisha Mays, Melinda Rainey, Trenton Stewart, Steven Wright, Erick Anderson, Adam Boatman, Mindy Clifton, Reyna Gillahan, Jeremy Moore, Melissa Stafford, Rachel Woodall and Donald Yowell. Officials report that the release of the victims’ names does not indicate that all remains have been identified.

McKenzie

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agreed with the mayor to begin structuring the City to a four-day work week. In essence, the majority of employees would work Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Some crews would be subdivided to allow for Friday needs, i.e. Water Department, and Parks and Recreation. The change would not affect the Police Department or the Fire Department. The Council also agreed

to a proposal to turn the city-owned Depot into a retail incubator. This would divide the historic building into four affordable retail units. An incubator program is designed to provide support, resources, and a low-risk environment for new and small retail businesses to grow and develop. The microunits would be available as part of a one-year lease that can be transitioned into two years. Final approval for the transition will take place in the November meeting. Lastly, the Council approved on the first reading Ordinance 574 dealing with

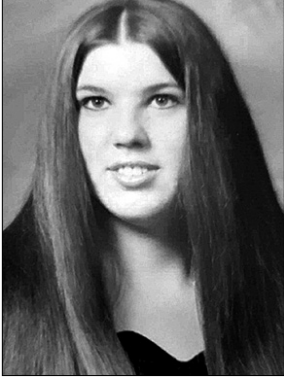
Occupational Safety and Health Program. The ordinance has to be reapproved or modified every seven years. The second reading will take place in November. During department reports, it was noted that the Fire Department received 76 calls for September. 52 of those calls were medical-related. Chief Brian Tucker stated the addition of the new shift with medical availability has allowed for the uptick in medical support. The next regular scheduled meeting of the McKenzie City Council is November 13 at 6 p.m.

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Obituaries



VICKI LYNN HUDGINS 1956 – 2025

Vicki Lynn (Wilson) Hudgins, 69, died at her home in McKenzie, after a lengthy illness on October 9, 2025.

Vicki was born Friday, June 15, 1956, in Chicago, Ill., and will always be remembered for her love of family, a fantastic sense of humor, and her enchanting laughter. She was an accomplished knickknack collector, connoisseur of beautiful flowers, and she loved God's great outdoors. She is preceded in passing to her eternal reward by her beloved husband Sammy D. Hudgins; oldest son, Kevin D. Hudgins; mother, Ruby Jean (Sellers) Sanford; and stepfather, Paul J. Sanford.

She is survived by her son, Kyle Hudgins (Robin); and grandchildren, Landon, Brooklin, and Liam Hudgins, all of McKenzie; sisters, Deborah (Albright) McRae (Glen) of Humboldt, Jacquelin (Wilson) Allen (Donnie) of McKenzie; and brothers, Michael Wilson (Ki) of Medina, Tenn., and Phillip Wilson (Mi Young) of Las Vegas, Nev.

Her funeral was at Bodkin Funeral Home in Milan, with visitation 5-8 p.m., October 12, and 12-2 p.m., October 13, with funeral services at 2 p.m. A graveside service and burial immediately followed at the Trezevant Cemetery, beside her husband and oldest son. +

FRIEDA FAY TURNER 1946 – 2025

Mrs. Frieda Fay Turner Harris, 78, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Lifecare Center of Bruceton.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 2 p.m., at Bethlehem Cemetery,

with Bro. David O'Brien officiating.

Mrs. Harris was born November 13, 1946, to the late Oscar Melton and Majoria "Jo" Smith Melton. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Roger Turner and second husband, Frankie Harris. She was the former owner of Roger's Dairy Dip with her husband.

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Hutcherson of Bruceton and Misty Mitchell (David) of Trezevant; and a son, Chad Turner (Missy) of McMoresville. She also leaves seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

DANNY JOE MELTON 1952 – 2025

GLEASON — Funeral services for Danny Joe Melton were Friday, October 10, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Melton, 73, died Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Tri Star Skyline Medical Center, Nashville.

Mr. Melton, founder of M&M Race Cars and competition engines, was a true pioneer whose immense talent and passion for the sport helped shape the drag racing landscape in West Tennessee and beyond.

The land that is now Gleason Raceway Park was once his, and it was his vision and generosity that helped create a home for countless racers and fans. Beyond the track, his craftsmanship was second to none. As a builder of top-of-the-line drag cars and engines, his work was sought after by racers across the country. Danny was a member of the Gleason Raceway Park Hall of Fame, a Baptist in faith, and a member of Racers for Christ.

He was born in McKenzie on August 14, 1952, to William Earl Melton and Madeline McFadden Barker.

He is survived by his sons, Justin Joe Melton and Jantzen Melton, both of Gleason; a sister, Tracy (Rick) Legens, and a brother, Robert Earl Melton, all of McKenzie; and three grandchildren, Taylore (Kyle) Crawford, Tanner Melton, and Brantzen Melton.

If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

DONNA FAYE WALKER 1947 – 2025

McKENZIE — Graveside funeral services for Donna Faye Walker were Thurs-

day, October 9, 2025, at Jones Cemetery, Parkers Crossroads.

Mrs. Walker, 78, died Monday, October 6, 2025, at The Waters of McKenzie.

She was a retired schoolteacher for the McKenzie Special School and a member of Eastview Baptist Church in Huntingdon. She was born on September 15, 1947, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to Bill and Gussie Mae Seel.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Walker, of McKenzie; and her sister, Ida Jean Gamage, of Sevierville.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Robert Wayne Walker.

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EDDIE HOLLINGSWORTH, JR. 1969 – 2025

HOLLADAY — Mr. Eddie Hollingsworth, Jr., 56, of Holladay, Tenn., died October 4, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Wednesday, October 8, 2025, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens. Brother Joe Rhodes officiated.

Eddie was born August 11, 1969, to Eddie Wright Hollingsworth and Patricia Thompson. He is preceded in death by one sister, Veronica Hollingsworth.

He is survived by his father, Eddie (Ronda) Hollingsworth of Holladay, Tenn.; mother, Patricia Hollingsworth of Huntingdon; two daughters, Gemme (Anthony) McArdle of Camden, and Emily Hollingsworth of Camden; one brother, Jamie (Dalayna Hastings) Hollingsworth of Camden; and seven grandchildren.

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

PATRICK BISHOP 1955 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Patrick "Pat" Bishop, 70, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

A memorial visitation was Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Pat was born January 18, 1955, in California, to the late Patrick Henry Bishop, Sr. and Betty Bishop.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kay Bishop of Huntingdon; one son, Allen (Corey Griffin) Bishop of Huntingdon; and two grandchildren.

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

juice and a few drops of food coloring. Add half the gelatin mixture slowly to soften cream cheese, blending until smooth. Pour into a 1-quart mold and chill until set. Add berries to remaining mixture. Pour over cream cheese mixture and chill until set.

FINGER JELLO

3 small pkg jello
4 pkg unflavored gelatin
2 cup hot water
1 cup cold water
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Mix all ingredients.
Pour in 13x9x2 inch pan.
Chill and cut into squares.
Won't melt in your hands.
Great for kid's snack.

Inglenook Book Club News

The Inglenook Book Club held its monthly meeting on October 8 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside Senior Retirement Community. President Gail Mack called the meeting to order, first thanking hostesses Victoria Ard and Carolyn Potts for serving delicious pumpkin-shaped cakes, along with assorted nuts, candy corn, and beverages. The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim, and Motto were recited by all.

The October birthday ladies—Sheila Rogers, Gail Mack, and Suzanne Russell—were celebrated with a group rendition of "Happy Birthday." Eighteen ladies answered to roll call, followed by the reading of the September minutes. Jean Hollomon motioned to approve the minutes, and Pedie Pedersen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Donna Ward presented the treasurer's report, which was also approved as read. Membership Chair Suzanne Howell reported that there are three vacancies for new members, and she asked anyone with potential candidates to submit names to her. The Sunshine Chair, Membership Chair, Tele-

phone Chair, and Publicity Chair each provided their reports to the group.

In old business, the Christmas Party was discussed, and a menu was distributed for everyone to choose. The Christmas Party is December 10 at noon at Lakeside.

In new business, the calendar meeting dates for 2026 were discussed, along with sign-up sheets for program presentations and hostesses for members to select their preferred dates.

President Mack then invited Suzanne Howell to give her program presentation. Suzanne spoke about mystery and crime fiction novelist William Kent Krueger, who is of Irish American and Ojibwe descent. The Ojibwe is the largest tribal affiliation in Northern Minnesota. Suzanne provided an engaging presentation on Krueger.

Next, Book Chair Mary Newman conducted book passing and reminded everyone that she needs the titles and authors of the 2026 books submitted to her by the November meeting to include them in the 2026 handbook. Geneva Johnson shared that Martin Library was selling books

for \$1 per bag during her visit earlier that day.

President Mack announced the names of three ladies who will serve on the nominations committee: Peggy Chappell, Jean Hollomon, and Mary Newman. They will present a slate of officers at the November meeting.

Upcoming announcements included the next meeting date and time: November 12 at 3p.m. at Lakeside. The program will be presented by Suzanne Russell, and the hostesses will be Geneva Johnson and Beverly Mueller. Members are encouraged to bring assorted hygiene and personal care items for school donations.

The Benediction was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Karen Forrester, Joyce Hayes, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Gail Mack, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Beverly Mueller.

Gas Prices Decline in State

TENNESSEE (October 13) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have fallen 6.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.67/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 8.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 17.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 3.5 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.628 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.25/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.69/g, a difference of \$1.44/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.25/g while the highest was \$3.69/g, a difference of \$1.44/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.02/g today. The national average is down 13.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 14.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

October 13, 2024: \$2.84/g (U.S. Average: \$3.16/g)
October 13, 2023: \$3.15/g (U.S. Average: \$3.58/g)
October 13, 2022: \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.92/g)
October 13, 2021: \$3.00/g (U.S. Average: \$3.29/g)
October 13, 2020: \$1.92/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g)
October 13, 2019: \$2.33/g (U.S. Average: \$2.63/g)
October 13, 2018: \$2.67/g (U.S. Average: \$2.89/g)
October 13, 2017: \$2.29/g (U.S. Average: \$2.47/g)
October 13, 2016: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.25/g)
October 13, 2015: \$2.02/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g)
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Chattanooga- \$2.60/g, down 8.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.68/g.
Nashville- \$2.72/g, down 8.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.81/g.
Huntsville- \$2.67/g,

down 0.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.67/g.

"Americans appear to be on the cusp of seeing the national average drop below \$3 per gallon for the first time in years, as prices have fallen across the vast majority of the country," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With well over 40 states seeing gas prices decline and oil plunging below \$60 per barrel to end the week, the good news may not end if — and when — the national average hits that magical \$2.99 mark. We could even see a handful of stations in places like Oklahoma, Texas, or even Wisconsin drop below \$2 per gallon in the weeks ahead — something not

seen since the pandemic. In addition, with wages up and gas prices down, Americans are spending the smallest share of their paycheck on gasoline in many years."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy's averages, graphs, maps and historical pricing data covering the U.S. and Canada is available 24/7 at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

SOURCE: GasBuddy

Mama T's
WHAT'S COOKIN'



E: recipes@mckenziebanner.com
By Teresa Washburn

STRAWBERRIES IN THE SNOW

3 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup cold water

Red food coloring
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2 (3oz.) pkg cream cheese
2/3 cup sugar
2 cup sliced strawberries
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKESIDE SENIOR LIVING-HALLOWEEN

You won't be in Kansas anymore when you twist your way to Lakeside Senior Living (390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie) for A Wizard of Oz Halloween Experience. Walk the Yellow Brick Road and be greeted by Glinda the Good Witch along with the Wicked Witches of the East and West. Walk through the gates of the Emerald City where Lakeside Dorothys will be ready to fill your baskets with sweet treats and goodies. As you continue through your journey stop by

our Emerald City Rainbow backdrop and snap a photo with the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion. Remember, "There's No Place Like Home" and we welcome you to ours on October 31 from 5:30-8 p.m.

McKENZIE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSES

The McKenzie businesses' Christmas Open House is November 15 and 16.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT CHERRYWOOD POST ACUTE

Cherrywood Post Acute, 175 Hospital Drive, McKenzie, hosts a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 30 from 4-6 p.m. in the front parking lot. Wear your costumes,

have fun and sweet treats will be provided.

BOO BASH IN DOWNTOWN MCKENZIE

Bethel University and the City of McKenzie are sponsoring the annual Boo Bash in downtown McKenzie on October 23. The annual event attracts hundreds of kids to enjoy trunk-or-treat, cake walks, costume contests, bouncy houses, and a haunted train ride.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Please come and help us celebrate our 75th Anniversary on Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.-Noon at Grace Baptist Church 747 W. Magnolia Ave., McKenzie. Dinner on the ground will follow the service.

GREENFIELD FRONT STREET FESTIVAL SINGING

Greenfield Front Street Festival Community Gospel Singing presents Under Grace at First Baptist Church,

3127 N. Meridian St., Greenfield, on Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

SPOOKFEST IN HUNTINGDON

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

MISTLETOE CHRISTMAS IS DECEMBER 4

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents "A Mistletoe Christmas" show at the Park Theatre on Thursday, December 4. An exciting lineup of performers to be announced soon! For more information, please email carrollartsinc@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS WITH (BETHEL) RENAISSANCE

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

MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL

The annual MES Fall Festival is Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m.-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.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC

Everyone is invited to The Breakfast Club every Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. for coffee, snacks, mingling and a light activity. Take the chance to connect and socialize before getting interactive with games, light exercise and fun! Bring a friend and come make new ones at Hometown Health Clinic — Pediatrics/Specialty Entrance. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

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

Dog Vouchers

Dog spay/neuter vouchers are still available for \$60 and must be purchased in person at the shelter using cash or card. We have lots of neuters available so those are available regardless of residency. Spay vouchers are currently for Carroll Co. residents only and appointments are backed up into November. Must be purchased at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments will be made at the time of purchase. The participating vet clinic is Huntingdon Animal Clinic. We do recommend that you have your pet vaccinated due to exposure to other animals. Puppies must be a minimum of four months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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Senior Citizens Enjoy Weekly Motorcycle Trips

MCKENZIE (October 10) — Who says senior citizens are sitting in the recliner? Members of the McKenzie Senior Center enjoy life both at the center and on the road.

On Friday, October 10, the seniors, on eight motorcycles, took a road trip to a restaurant in Lexington. Weather permitting, they take trips each week to enjoy biking and fellowship.

The McKenzie Senior Citizens Center offers a variety of activities, including meals, billiards, exercise classes, dances, cake walks, car washes, card games, and much more fun.

Carroll County Chamber Banquet is October 27

HUNTINGDON — The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce hosts its forty-second annual Membership Banquet Monday, October 27, at the Carroll County Civic Center. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with a silent auction. The banquet follows at 6:30 p.m. "The Chamber Banquet has an important tradition of celebrating exceptional accomplishment, dedication and excellence across various fields," said Chamber President Brad Hurley. "It provides an opportunity to acknowledge individuals and businesses who have demonstrated outstanding performance, innovation or

leadership." That night, the chamber recognizes General Tommy Baker as the 2025 Carroll Countian of the Year and Dan Bradfield as 2025 Business Person of the Year. Bennett Farms is 2025 Agri-Business/Farmer of the Year, and Walmart is the 2025 Carroll County Business of the Year. Colonel James Harding receives the Distinguished Career and Leadership Award, and Bethel Lady Wildcat Coach Chris Nelson receives special recognition for the NAIA National Coach of the Year Award. "Beginning in 1986, with the selection of Dale Kelley

as Carroll Countian of the Year and Gary Simmons as Business Person of the Year, the list of previous honorees is a true list of prominent residents of this county," said Hurley. "Together, we build a stronger, more compassionate county by recognizing the people who make a difference each day." The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce urges chamber members to join them at this year's banquet honoring Carroll County's best. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Chamber Board members or by contacting the Chamber office at (731) 986-4664 by Thursday, October 23.

McKenzie Memorial Library October Events

The McKenzie Memorial Library hosts several aptly themed events during the month of October, offering special spooky programs for attendees of all ages. During "Monster Masquerade," Monday, October 20, attendees will make masks "fit for a monster" using paint, gems and glitter. This event is open to all ages and begins at 4 p.m. The library offers a special "potion brewing" pro-

gram Thursday, October 23, at 4 p.m. — the same day as McKenzie's annual Boo Bash. During this event, attendees will make sensory potion bottles that glitter and shift when shaken. "Spooky Scary Skulls" is Tuesday, October 28, at 4 p.m. During the program, attendees will decorate a foam skull that they can also take home. To celebrate Halloween and close out the month of

October, the library hosts "Scary Stories in the Dark" for children Friday, October 31, at 4 p.m. At the event, attendees will receive mini flashlights and listen to scary stories. The McKenzie Public Library is located at 15 Broadway Street in McKenzie, Tenn. The library is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

the **West Carroll 3-2-1 Update** October 2025
3-Exciting Highlights & Developments
• Numeracy Growth Doubled Across the District: Twice as many K-12 students are meeting district goals in numeracy compared to last year. Shared in the TISA Accountability Report, this growth is a direct result of aligned teaching, expanded tutoring, and a strong focus on core instruction.
• Reading Milestones Across the District: At the elementary level, 64 students have already completed 25 books and will be recognized for their work this month. At the primary school, students began National Read a Book Day with the launch of "Drop Everything and Read." Primary and Elementary students are challenged to read 50 books by Christmas.
• Homecoming Community Celebrations: The Senior Class of 2026 made this year's homecoming one to remember! From themed dress-up days to student tailgates, Homecoming Week created meaningful moments across all three campuses. High school football players and cheerleaders visited the primary school to greet students during morning drop-off.
2-WCSSD Leader Quotes
"Next week, we'll be celebrating 64 students who have already read 25 books and passed 25 comprehension tests on grade level. This is part of our yearlong reading challenge, and we're so proud of their hard work."
— **Dr. Jessica Williams**, WCES Principal
"To celebrate homecoming, Dr. Douglas brought football players and cheerleaders to greet our students during morning drop-off. It was a great success." — **Jackie Wester**, WCPS Principal
1-Community Challenge
Support this year's Boo Bash on October 21st. by donating candy, decorating a trunk, or volunteering to help. Your involvement creates a safe, fun night for students across all three schools.
Our next board meeting will be November 6th. Hope to see you there!
Preston Caldwell
wcssd.com/321

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Gleason’s Drake Lehmkuhl takes off on a quarterback run against West Carroll. Right, West Carroll’s Parker Newman throws a pass against Gleason. Photos Courtesy Gail Bailey/Mirror-Exchange

Bulldogs Top War Eagles, 51-20

BY JEAN ODOM
Mirror-Exchange

GLEASON (October 10) — For two straight weeks, the Gleason offense was shut out in a pair of losses. But that offense looked just fine last week as the Bulldogs picked up a 51-20 victory over West Carroll in Region 7-1A play to keep the hopes of a Class 1A playoff bid open.

“We have struggled a little bit the past couple of games and had to find ourselves,” Gleason coach Noah Lampkins said. “We got some good momentum going offensively tonight. They went right down the field and scored on us early, but we responded and stiffened up on defense and played better.”

Gleason (3-5, 2-2 7-1A) has this week off before returning to action on October 24 at Humboldt. West Carroll (1-7, 0-5 7-1A) is off this week before hosting Liberty in Week 10 action.

The Bulldogs have played two quarterbacks and moved pieces around, especially with Brody Sanders out with an injury, but Gage Byington has been consistent for them. Last week, he had seven receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns and 10 rushes for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

The War Eagles got the ball first and drove 69 yards

over 12 plays on the drive to take an 8-0 lead. Mason Taylor scored the opening touchdown on a 36-yard run.

On the following kickoff, Ashton Morgan helped the Bulldogs with a spark as he returned the kickoff to the West Carroll 20-yard line. Two plays later, Bo Tyler Bailey scored from 12 yards out as Gleason tied the game 8-8 late in the first quarter.

After a pair of punts, Gleason took the lead on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Drake Lehmkuhl to Byington for the 16-8 lead.

The Bulldogs’ defense forced a three-and-out, and on the first play from scrimmage, Byington went 51 yards for a touchdown and a 24-8 lead midway through the second quarter.

Gleason’s defense forced another turnover and, with under a minute remaining until halftime, Parker Morgan caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Bailey for the 30-8 lead.

West Carroll tried for a long ball on the final play of the half, but Ashton Morgan came up with the interception.

Gleason took the second-half kickoff and, four plays later, Byington scored on a 15-yard touchdown run for the 36-8 lead.

The War Eagles responded as Parker Newman connected with Taylor for a 50-

yard touchdown pass to cut Gleason’s lead to 36-14, but the Bulldogs went back on the attack and Lehmkuhl connected with Byington for a nine-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter for the 42-14 lead.

That wasn’t Gleason’s last touchdown of the quarter as Parker Morgan intercepted a West Carroll pass and returned it for a touchdown and a 51-14 lead.

Taylor scored his third touchdown of the game on an eight-yard run late in the fourth quarter to cut Gleason’s lead to 51-20.

“We have to find the things that we did well, and congratulate them on that,” Lampkins said. “And then find what we need to clean up, like maintaining our blocks, tackling a little better. We communicated well tonight, but we got tired, so we have to pick that up.”

Gleason finished with 160 rushing yards, while Lehmkuhl and Bailey combined to complete eight of ten passes for 144 yards.

“We are going to enjoy our Fall break (this) week, and we will get ready for Humboldt after that,” Lampkins said.

West Carroll finished with 239 yards of offense, with 60 coming on the pass and 179 on the rush.

Taylor had 139 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries to go with the 50-yard touchdown catch.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Hold Top Spot in Class 1A

NASHVILLE (October 13) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association and USA Today Network released new football rankings Monday after Week 6.

McKenzie (7-1) holds steady at number one in Class 1A, ahead of South Pittsburg (6-1), who received three first place votes to McKenzie’s 12. Dresden’s (6-2) rank is also unchanged at number six. South Fulton (6-1) took their first loss and fell two spots into a tie for number nine.

In Class 2A, undefeated Milan (7-0) remains at the top with 12 first-place votes.

East Robertson (8-0, three first-place votes) and Peabody (8-0) are ranked second and third, respectively. Huntingdon (7-1) holds the number five spot for the fourth consecutive week.

Westview (7-0) is the unanimous number one in Class 3A.

DISTRICT 12A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Above Left, Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford makes a return near the line. Above Right, Lady War Eagle Chloe Pinson sets up her teammates for a kill attempt. Below Left, Lady War Eagle Ava Pinson goes for a kill. Below Right, Lady Rebel Kynadie Brown makes an over-the-head return. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Advances in Thriller Over West Carroll

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 6) — McKenzie High School hosted West Carroll Monday for the first round of the District 12A Volleyball Tournament. Momentum swung wildly in the match, which went all five sets for a 3-2 Lady Rebel win.

The Lady War Eagles took the first set, 25-21, but McKenzie won the next two, 25-8 and 25-

16 to grab the lead. West Carroll bounced back for a 25-14 advantage in set four, forcing a fifth and decisive set. The Lady Rebels pulled ahead after the early points and sealed it with a 15-8 tilt.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford had eleven kills, six aces, three digs and an assist. Kynadie Brown had a kill, ten aces, a dig and 13 assists. Addison Milam had four kills, eight aces and a block. Ridley Holt

had two kills, five aces, an assist and a block. Molly French had five aces. Haylee Beard had two kills, two aces and a dig. Ashley Dunavant and Maggie Hall each had four digs.

Individual stats for West Carroll were unavailable.

With the loss, the Lady War Eagles are eliminated.

McKenzie advanced to the second round against tournament host Huntingdon the following night.

Bethel Rallies to Defeat Cumberland

COURTESY BETHEL SID

MCKENZIE (October 11) — In a classic Mid-South Conference battle at Walter Butler Stadium, Bethel University pulled off a dramatic 28-24 comeback win over Cumberland University on Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats overcame a ten-point fourth-quarter deficit, fueled by explosive plays from running back Jordan Cason and wide receiver Ray Harvey, to move to 3-2 on the season.

The first quarter was a defensive slugfest, with both teams trading punts and struggling to establish rhythm. Cumberland struck first early in the second quarter when quarterback Jake Parker connected with Jarrius Rogers on a deep 79-yard strike down the right sideline, putting the Phoenix ahead 7-0.

Bethel answered moments later with a patient 11-play, 75-yard drive capped by Cason’s 2-yard plunge to even the score. Parker and the Phoenix retook control just before the break as Kaiden Hatchett hauled in a 38-yard touchdown reception, giving Cumberland a 14-7 halftime advantage.

The Wildcats wasted no time finding life after the break. Following a Cumberland interception, quarterback Destin Chance found his favorite target, Ray Harvey, streaking across the middle for a 36-yard touchdown that tied the game at 14-14.

Cumberland responded with a 13-play drive capped by Jack Kantner’s 29-yard



Wildcat running back Jordan Cason runs for a first down. Photo by Gary Owens/The Banner

field goal, nudging the Phoenix back in front 17-14 late in the third quarter. Early in the fourth, Parker again showcased his arm strength, connecting with Isaiah O’Neal for a 16-yard touchdown to give Cumberland what looked like a commanding 24-14 lead.

Bethel’s offense wasn’t finished. On the ensuing drive, Cason broke loose for a 33-yard touchdown run, slicing the deficit to 24-21 just 35 seconds later. After a defensive stand, Chance led another quick strike, hitting Harvey for his second touchdown of the game, a 20-yard score that put Bethel ahead 28-24 with just under ten minutes to play.

Cumberland had two late chances to retake the lead, including a drive that reached the Bethel 6 yard line in the final minutes.

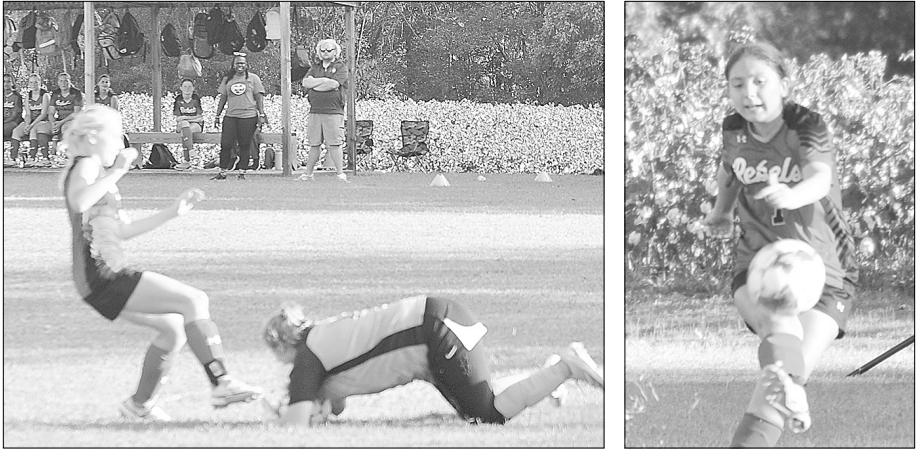
The Wildcat defense, anchored by Darrien Lewis, Brylan Jordan and Durrell Miller, stood tall with a crucial fourth-down stop to preserve the win.

Bethel Head Coach Chris Springer praised his team’s resilience after the win. “We showed a lot of heart today. Cumberland is a tough, physical team, and our guys didn’t flinch when we got down in the fourth quarter. That’s the kind of response you want to see from a group that’s learning how to finish.”

Up next, Bethel (3-2, 2-0 MSC) travels to Cumberland (KY) on October 25.

The Wildcats’ comeback victory keeps them unbeaten in conference play and marks another chapter in their growing rivalry with Cumberland—one that once again lived up to its billing.

DISTRICT 12A SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Left, Fillies goalkeeper Maddie Brinkman dives for one of her seven saves in Huntingdon’s win. Right, Lady Rebel Stephanie Padilla makes a strong free kick. Padilla scored one goal in the match. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Fillies Advance in Overtime Win Over McKenzie

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 7) — McKenzie High School hosted Huntingdon Tuesday for the first round of the District 12A Soccer Tournament. The Lady Rebels led twice, but the Fillies tied it each time and forced overtime, where

they claimed a 4-2 win to advance to the championship game against Westview.

The loss ended the season for the Lady Rebels.

Fillies Madelynn Anderson and Abbi Sykes each scored two goals. Savannah Vinson had two assists and Anderson had one.

Lady Rebels Kaydynce Barksdale and Stephanie Padilla each scored a goal, and Bella Sass had an assist.

Huntingdon goalkeeper Maddie Brinkman had seven saves.

McKenzie goalkeeper Alleigh Britt recorded 12 saves.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Weatherford Earns Top-Ten Finish at State

BY BRAD SAM
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SEVIERVILLE (October 9-10) — McKenzie High School golfer Charli Weatherford competed in the 2025 Class A Girls Golf Championship at Sevierville Golf Club last week and earned an eighth-place finish (tie) among 46 competitors.

The senior shot a day-one 78 and improved to a 77 on day two for the top-ten finish.

Weatherford earned the state berth by claiming the individual title in the Region 7A tournament two weeks earlier. She was also the individual champion in the District 14A tournament.

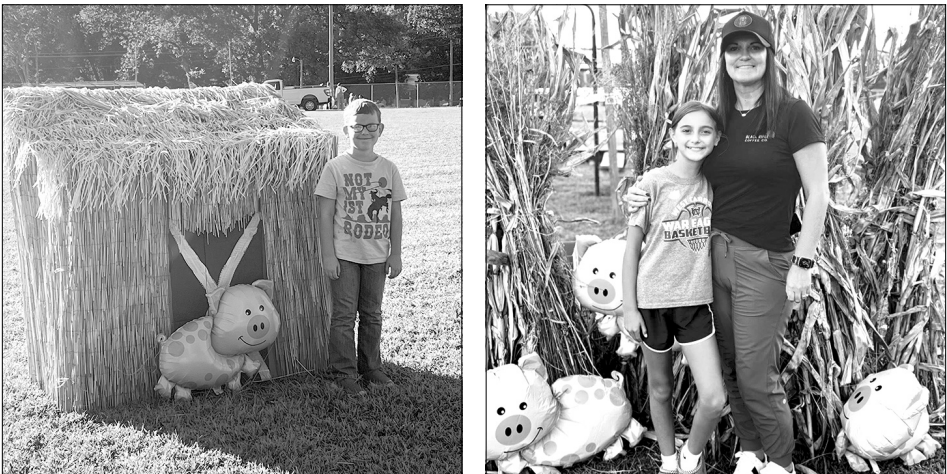


Charli Weatherford

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Above Left, Logan Blankenship. Above Right, (L to R) Harlynn Vernon and Amanda Cagle. Below Left, Reading in the park: Zaila Adkisson. Below Right, Big Bad Wolf (L to R): April Gonzales and Sunny Crews-Sherwood.



West Carroll Elementary Hosts Story Walk to Celebrate Literacy Night

TREZEVANT — West Carroll Elementary School brought stories to life on Thursday evening, October 9, during its Literacy Night Story Walk at the Trezevant Community Park. Families gathered at the walking trail beside the school to enjoy an interactive reading experience centered on the book *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

Students and their families followed the trail to read the story from start to finish, discovering the Big Bad Wolf's side of the classic fairy tale. "The students

really enjoyed reading the story told from the wolf's perspective," said Principal Dr. Jessica Williams. "It was a fun way to explore point of view and characterization while encouraging family reading."

The story walk was designed for readers at the elementary school level, offering access to a wide range of students and their families. Along the trail, families encountered story pages paired with movement stations that encouraged participation, including jumping jacks,

balancing games, and other interactive activities. Students who completed the course received cupcakes, and the final stop featured three live pigs on loan from Tosh Farms. The Big Bad Wolf himself made a surprise appearance, adding a fun photo opportunity and light-hearted conclusion to the night.

Dr. Williams said she hopes the event helps strengthen reading habits at home while showing students that reading can be active, engaging, and shared with family.

McKenzie Police Reports

Theft — Sergeant Tanner Jackson responded to a call from Main Street N. in reference to a theft on October 7.

The victim reportedly expected a package delivery containing a tenth-generation Apple iPad, valued at approximately \$350.00, and return packaging. When retrieving his package, he noticed the weight was inconsistent with what he ordered, and the box's packing tape was cut. Other than packing material used for shipping, the box was empty.

The victim filed a complaint with UPS and Apple.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice L. Lawrence, 32, was arrested for Criminal Trespass on October 7.

Officer Timothy Dillon reportedly saw Lawrence walking into Casey's on Highland Drive and asked dispatch to confirm the establishment had an active ban notice on Lawrence, finding out he had been banned since April 2017.

Officer Jackson Henderson arrived at Casey's and placed Lawrence under arrest for Criminal Trespass.

Light Law — Joshua Ryan Leaver, 35, Paris, was charged with a Light Law violation and arrested for an active warrant on October 8.

Patrolman Jayden Rembert observed Leaver's vehicle had both taillights out while driving eastbound on Cedar Avenue. When asked to conduct a warrant check on Leaver, dispatch found he had an active warrant out of Stewart County.

Officer Rembert detained Leaver and arrested him on the warrant.

Driving Under the Influence — Luis Martinez Bautista, 46, Springfield, was charged with Driving Under the Influence on October 9.

Officers responded to a hit-and-run crash on Old McKenzie Road, discovering the suspected vehicle fled the scene heading south on Highway 22 toward McKenzie. Officers stopped the fleeing vehicle, driven by Bautista, on Highland Drive.

Bautista admitted to colliding into a vehicle and said he fled the scene due to a lack of insurance and an expired driver's license. Officers on the scene reportedly smelled alcohol on Bautista's breath and person, and Bautista said he had three beers.

Officers administered SFST and HGN testing, and Bautista was unable to follow instructions or complete each element's tasks. Officers searched Bautista's vehicle and found four open beer containers, one of which was still cold to the touch.

Bautista was arrested for suspicion of DUI. He also received citations for Financial Responsibility, Expired Driver's License and Hit and Run.

Signaling a Turn — Sergeant Steven Scott stopped driver Scotty Hughely, Gleason, for failure to use a turn signal on October 11. Officer Scott identified the car's passenger as Timothy Scott

Hickey, 36, Brighton, who had an active warrant out of Carroll County.

Officer Scott placed Hickey under arrest for the active warrant. He also discovered some traces of a white crystal substance that field-tested positive for meth in the driver's seat.

Hughely reportedly stated Hickey had meth on his person and provided a sworn statement that he saw meth and some weed in Hickey's hand prior to exiting the vehicle.

Driving Under the Influence — Thomas Robert Davidson, 34, McKenzie, was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Speeding on October 12.

Officer Jackson Henderson initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle, driven by Davidson, traveling northbound on Highland Drive after it reportedly drove 62-mph in a 40-mph zone.

Davidson reportedly had slurred speech and glassy eyes, and Officer Henderson observed several Modelo beer bottles in the passenger floor and one beer bottle in the passenger seat.

Davidson said he drank four or five beers a few hours beforehand. Officer Henderson asked Davidson to perform the Standardized Field Sobriety Test, during which he reportedly performed poorly and began yelling.

Davidson was charged with Driving Under the Influence - First Offense (\$2,500.00) and was cited for Speeding.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Aggravated assault investigation — On Oct. 5, Deputy Dillon S. Crowe responded to a residence on Hilliard Road in McKenzie regarding a reported stabbing. According to the report, Corey Hart, 45, of Lebanon, was identified as the suspect after a male victim stated Hart had stabbed him and threatened to cut his throat. The victim sustained a non-life-threatening puncture wound to the left side of his chest.

The incident was documented by deputies.

Motor vehicle theft investigation — On Oct. 1 at approximately 10:59 a.m., Cpl. James M. Boaz responded to TCAT in McKenzie regarding a reported stolen vehicle. According to the report, Joshua Seth Johnson, 33, of Huntingdon, had been in possession of a gray 2017 Nissan Versa since Sept. 26 and refused to return it. The tag displayed on the vehicle did not belong to that car.

The complainant stated she had paid \$1,500 for the vehicle.

Trenton Police later notified Carroll County dispatch that Johnson contacted the complainant and stated the vehicle was at an apartment complex in Trenton. Johnson claimed that another individual had since taken the vehicle from him. Trenton officers confirmed the vehicle's VIN and tag information and advised that the car had been located.

The vehicle was entered into NCIC, and a copy of the report was faxed to the Trenton Police Department.

The incident was documented by deputies.

Aggravated assault on a first responder; evading arrest; reckless endangerment; reckless driving — On Oct. 4, Officer Jeremy D. Smith was patrolling Highway 220 in Atwood when he observed a green sport

bike traveling at a high rate of speed toward the 13th Realm attraction. When he attempted to catch up to the vehicle to pace its speed, he noted he was traveling at 80 mph and the bike was still pulling away.

After closing the distance, Officer Smith activated his emergency lights and siren. At that time, the rider, later identified as Dawson Mays, 21, of Milan, intentionally folded his license plate to conceal it and accelerated in an attempt to flee the traffic stop. Speeds reached approximately 120 mph before the pursuit reached the new highway, during which Mays passed another vehicle and nearly caused a collision, placing other motorists in danger.

Mays crossed into Gibson County on Highway 79 before turning back into Carroll County. As he re-entered the county, Mays struck Sgt. Ryan Hamilton's patrol vehicle near Jax Road and came to a stop just past the intersection.

Mays was taken into custody at approximately 9:55 p.m. without further incident. He was evaluated by EMS personnel and transported to the hospital for treatment of his injuries. Following medical clearance, he was booked into the Carroll County Jail and charged with aggravated assault on a first responder, evading arrest, reckless endangerment, and reckless driving.

Domestic assault — On Oct. 5 at approximately 5:56 a.m., Deputy McClure responded to a residence on Bluebird Lane in Huntingdon after receiving a report of a male subject requesting help. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with a man who was bleeding from the nose and had blood on the left side of his head. The man advised deputies that he had been struck in the face by his stepson, Jason Lynn Keen,

39, of Huntingdon, during an argument.

According to the report, Keen left the residence with his mother following the altercation. Deputies made contact with her by phone, and she stated she was driving Keen to Cedar Grove. She allowed deputies to speak with Keen, who was described as agitated and repeatedly denied doing anything wrong, stating he would not be arrested but would return to the residence to speak with deputies.

Keen later arrived back at the home with his mother. During questioning, she confirmed that she witnessed Keen strike the male victim in the face during an argument but stated the victim had been cursing at Keen prior to the incident. Keen was taken into custody without further incident and transported to the Carroll County Jail for booking.

He was charged with domestic assault and later released on a \$1,500 bond after signing his Order Granting Bail.

Keen was advised not to have contact with the victim.

Dog at large; animal bite citation — On Oct. 6, Deputy Jayden D. Flaurr responded to Crossroads Church Road in Huntingdon for a report of a dog bite.

According to the report, a male jogger was tackled to the pavement and bitten on the left knee and right shin by a black-and-white dog from a nearby residence; he used pepper spray to get free. The owner later stated the dog had slipped its collar and that vaccinations were current. Bitsy J. Arnwine, 46, of Huntingdon, was issued a citation and instructed to book in within 10 days. The incident was documented by deputies.



McKenzie High School students Aiden Mason, JT Cathey (inside the Blood Drop suit) and Wade Chandler smile with Lifeline's Sherrona Taylor. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie High School Exceeds Lifeline Blood Donation Goal

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (October 7) — In the first of two visits from Lifeline Blood Services this school year, McKenzie High School students exceeded the school's goal of donating 40 units of blood. By the end of the day, Lifeline received 49 units of blood. Of the donors, 42 were students, four were staff members and three were outside donors.

"One pint of blood can save three people's lives," said Sherrona Taylor, regional Lifeline coordinator and donor recruiter. "Each student who donates one pint is saving three people's lives."

In the library, where Lifeline employees tested students' donation abilities before sending them outside to the Bloodmobiles, McKenzie High School students helped school nurse Brandi Parham



Two Lifeline Bloodmobiles parked outside of McKenzie High School Tuesday, October 7. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

administer snacks and soda to donors. Donors also received a Halloween-themed t-shirt.

"The students are really excited about helping us save lives," said Taylor.

Lifeline Blood Services sets up at McKenzie High School each fall and spring

semester, hoping to receive blood donations from students, teachers and outside participants. Students 16 years and older are encouraged to donate at least three times before graduation so they can receive a red cord to wear to their graduation ceremony.

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Carroll County General Sessions Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on October 8, 2025.

James C. Mills, U.S. Hwy 70, Bruceton, bound over, DUI: Second Offense; bound over, Vehicular Assault; bound over, Driving on Wrong Side of Road.

Rodney H. Townes, Sands Mill Rd., Camden, bound over, Driving While License Revoked; bound over, DUI: Fourth; bound over, Improper Lane Change; bound over, Implied Consent - Enhancement Only.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Dokota Baker, Clearview Ave., Trezevant, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, 11/29 supervised probation for sentence, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Kenneth J. Bradford, Walnut Cir., McKenzie, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, \$150 fine, 11/29 supervised probation, 11/29 unsupervised probation once all conditions met.

Jeremy Christy, Clearview Ave., Trezevant, guilty, lesser charge, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, 11/29 supervised probation for sentence, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Brylyn S. Demarini, Memorial Dr., Paris, guilty, lesser charge, Theft of Merchandise-Shoplifting, no fine, 11/29, \$23.92 to Walmart, supervised probation for 11/29, no contact with Walmart; dismissed, Burglary-Other Than Habitat or Non-Public Building.

Charles D. Dunning, Old Hwy. 22, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation-Booked, no fine, probation extended for four months, may receive credit for completion of inpatient facility after serving 10 days.

Kestin D. Horton, Florida Court, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation-Booked, no fine, supervised probation for balance, probation extended by three months.

Eric Inman, Mulberry Grove Road, Bradford, guilty, Probation Violation-Booked, \$350 fine, 30 days supervised probation, will be allowed to expire upon payment of probation fees.

Jeffrey Mitchell, Broad St., Hollow Rock, guilty, lesser charge, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1,000 fine, 11/29 supervised probation for balance, unsupervised all conditions are met; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Angela Monego, Old Lavinia Rd., Cedar Grove, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 supervised probation until paid in full and compliant, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, not drive in Tennessee for one year, ignition interlock, DUI school.

Christopher Stewart, Donnell Ave., Greenfield, guilty, Disorderly Conduct, no fine, no contact with victim, unsupervised probation for 30 days; dismissed, Harassment.

Tarus D. Taylor, Cherrywood Apt. 3, McKenzie, guilty, lesser charge, Driving While License Suspended, no fine, supervised probation for six months, unsupervised probation if paid in full conditions of probation; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

The following cases resulted in a pre-trial diversion finding.

Tera Wiggs, New Prospect Rd., McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Domestic Assault, no fine, unsupervised probation for 11/29, payment arrangements through clerk's office, no contact with victim court appearances excepts and

custody exchange and school events, custody exchange to be at the Carroll County Sheriff's Department for regular visitation, Thursday exchange to be at the 101 Travel Plaza at the 101 exit, the parties understand they are to communicate with their respective civil attorneys regarding the above exchange locations.

Guy T. Wyatt, W. Michael St., Bells, pre-trial diversion, Speeding, supervised probation for 11/29, unsupervised probation once all costs paid and conditions met, must complete traffic school within 30 days; dismissed, Possession Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

The following cases were dismissed.

Maria L. Ashley, Grills Rd., Newbern, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed-traffic school, Speeding.

Susan Coplin, Hamilton St., McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

Deon M. Matthews, Buntyn St., Memphis, dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon).

Daniel W. Parker, Hwy. 424, Yuma, dismissed, Probation Violation-Booked.

Joshua K. Reeves, Timberlake Wildersville Rd., Lexington, dismissed, Accessory After the Fact; dismissed, Tampering Evidence.

James Stavelly, Newsome St., McKenzie, dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, litigation tax only.

The following cases were rescheduled.

Anais Benitez, Cory Dunbar, Heath Rhodes

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License, Reckless Driving — According to a report made on Sept. 25, Officer Malachi Arline observed a 2013 Hyundai Elantra traveling 77 mph in a 45-mph zone on Lexington Street. The driver, Marcus A. Moore, 34, was stopped in the parking lot of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. A check with dispatch showed Moore's license was suspended for failure to appear in Bruceton City Court. He was cited for reckless driving and driving on a suspended license, first offense, and given 10 days to report to Carroll County Jail for booking and a court date.

Driving on Suspended License, Expired Registration — According to a report made on Sept. 25, Officer Malachi Arline stopped a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado displaying expired registration at the intersection of Veterans Drive North and West Main Street. The driver, Leonard C. Smith, 63,

stated he was unaware the registration had expired in June. A license check revealed Smith's license was suspended out of Madison County for failure to pay fines. Smith was cited for driving on a suspended license and expired registration and given 10 days to report to Carroll County Jail for booking and a court date.

Public Intoxication — According to a report made on Sept. 25, Officer Dexter Richardson responded to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon regarding an intoxicated individual in the emergency room. Officer Richardson located Terri Pinkley, 61, who was unsteady on her feet, smelled strongly of alcohol, and spoke with slurred speech. Pinkley admitted to consuming alcohol and was arrested for public intoxication. She was transported to Carroll County Jail, and bond was set at \$500.

Theft by Scam (Under Investigation) — Accord-

ing to a report made on Sept. 25, Officer Brad Allen took a complaint from a man who reported losing more than \$23,000 in an online scam. The victim stated he met a woman online identifying herself as "Laura Martinez," a Navy lieutenant from Jackson, Mississippi. The woman mailed him a checkbook from a Kansas bank bearing his name and instructed him to write checks on the account and convert the funds into bitcoin to send to her.

The victim said he sent several payments between Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 totaling \$23,027.47 through a bitcoin machine at Huck's in Huntingdon. The woman later claimed she had been shot and requested more money. When the victim contacted the bank, he learned that the checkbook and account were fraudulent and that he now owed the bank approximately \$23,600. The case remains under investigation.

Property Transfers

David D. Merrell and others to Anthony S. Ross in District 3.

Roy G. Hopper to Terry L. and wife Carrie A. Davis in District 11.

Terry L. Davis to Terry L. and wife Carrie A. Davis in District 15.

Donald Perkins to Derek Doster. No District listed.

Donald M. and Marcia A. Bennett to Donald M. and Marcia A. Bennet Trust. No District listed.

Emily Silver to Scott S. Ervin. No District listed.

Barsto Rental and others to Clark Family Holdings, LLC in District 11.

Carla J. Higdon to Matthew Gordon Collins and others in District 16.

Jo Anne Warmath to Stephen and wife Vanessa Bobo in District 2.

Gregory and wife Linda K. Gurley to Linda K. Gurley as trustee in District 45815.

Anna and husband Shane Wheet to Donna Wade in District 23.

Mable Linton to Neal Family Farm, LLC. No District listed.

Terayne Allen to Johnnie Petering in District 12.

Cherri Cannon to Nathan Baker Ricketts in District 11.

Donna and husband Russell Odell Pate to Russell E. and Donna M. Pate as Co-trustees. No District listed.

Kenneth Reuter and Cynthia Reuter to Jeffrey L. and wife Donna B. Boyd in District 10.

Gracie I. Palmer as trustee to Sunset Community Investments, LLC. No District listed.

Deborah G. Bryant and others to Karli Renee Taylor in District 21.

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Marriage License

Jessica Marie Gray, 43, of Atwood, to Michael Ray Hudson, 47, of Atwood.

Lora Jane Gibbons, 36, of Huntingdon, to Payten Desiree Mardis Huff, 33, of Huntingdon.

Joshua Franklin Umstead, 43, of Huntingdon, to Brittany Marie Baker Bolen, 32, of Huntingdon.

Chase Colby Carroll, 31, of Trezevant, to Kari Ann Woodruff Stoots, 33, of Trezevant.

Crystal Jane Harrison, 28, of Bruceton, to Daniel Darrel Foss, 44, of Bruceton.

Angela Victoria Ramsey, 40, of Huntingdon, to Dustin Shawn Crocker, 43,

of Huntingdon.

Hannah Alysse Chandler, 26, of Milan, to William Dalton McCurvey, 34, of Milan.

Eric Kemp Lindsey, 52, of Huntingdon, to Tracey Ann Jackson, 54, of Lebanon.

Briana Paige Anderson, 22, of Lavinia, to Montana Wayne Savage, 21, of Lavinia.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE198

ESTATE OF: BOBBY JOE STEWART, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 3RD day of OCTOBER, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of BOBBY JOE STEWART deceased, who died AUGUST 22ND, 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 3RD day of OCTOBER, 2025.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH:
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JERRY NOLEN, Executor/Administrator
DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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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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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:

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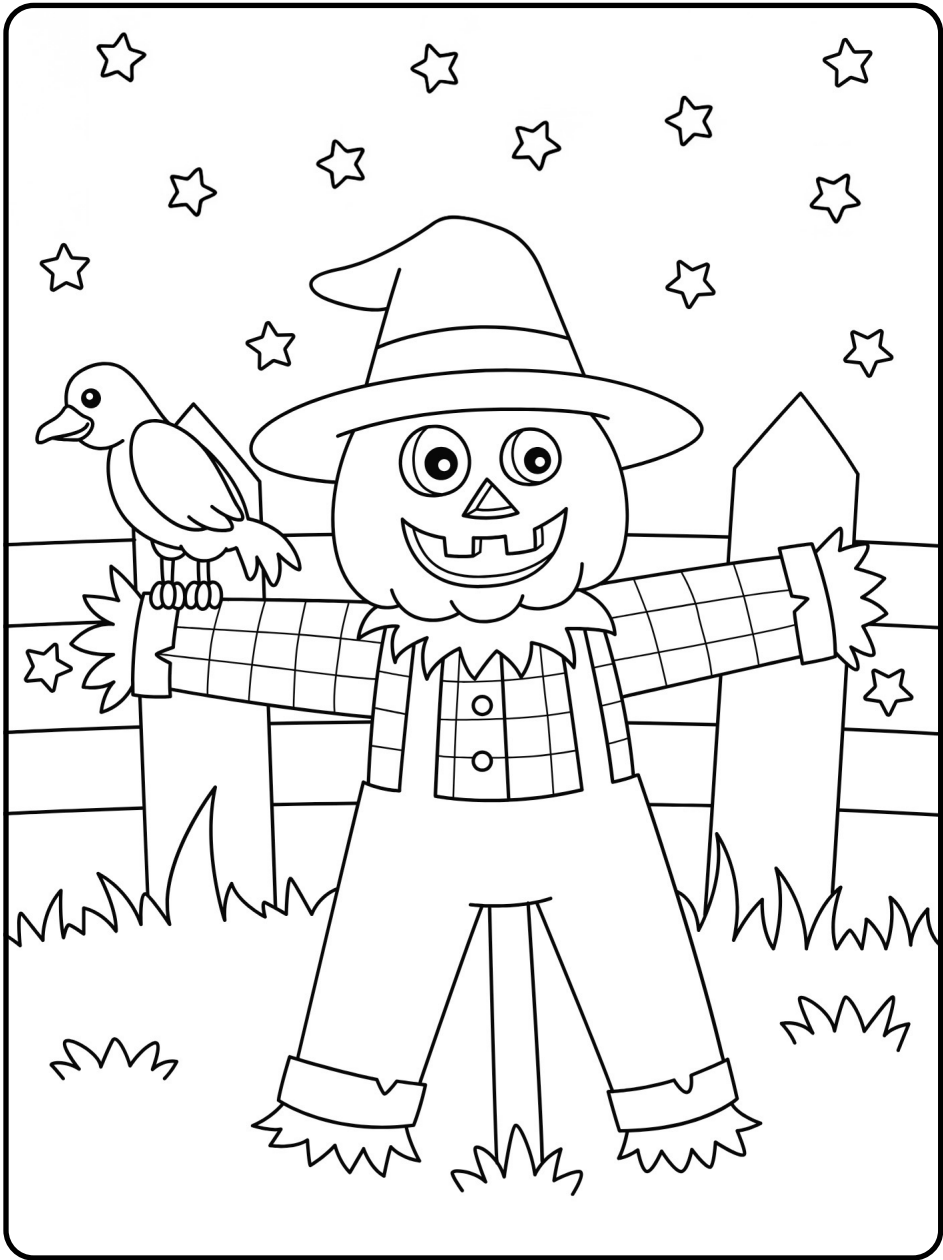
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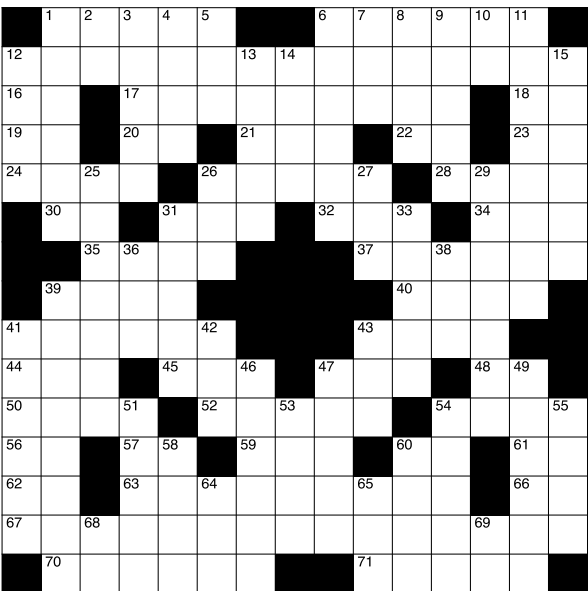
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- 1. Martial arts in China
 - 6. The butt of jokes
 - 12. Nevertheless
 - 16. Sportscaster Michaels
 - 17. A firm believer
 - 18. Atomic #18
 - 19. One's bestie
 - 20. Of I
 - 21. Hamburger accessory
 - 22. Thus
 - 23. Partner to Pa
 - 24. Scottish tax
 - 26. Cuts away
 - 28. Require
 - 30. Government lawyer
 - 31. Own (Scottish)
 - 32. Body cavity
 - 34. Brew
 - 35. Young woman (French)
 - 37. Platforms
 - 39. Pair of points in mathematics
 - 40. Attack suddenly
 - 41. Aviators
 - 43. Make perfect
 - 44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
 - 45. Neither
 - 47. The center of a city
 - 48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
 - 50. Singer Redding
 - 52. Dragged forcibly
 - 54. Puncture with a knife
 - 56. Belonging to me
 - 57. Expresses surprise
 - 59. Haul
 - 60. The Golden State
 - 61. Biblical Sumerian city
 - 62. Integrated circuit
 - 63. Opposed to certain principles
 - 66. Sodium



- 67. Qualities
- 70. Walk
- 71. It awaits us all
- 27. Doleful
- 29. Most cushy
- 31. Moon crater
- 33. Small evergreen Arabian tree
- 36. Something fugitives are "on"
- 38. 007's creator
- 39. Paintings on hinged panels
- 41. Type of bomb
- 42. Japanese classical theater
- 43. U.S. gov't department
- 46. Flightless bird
- 47. One who cuts wood or stone
- 49. Buttock and thigh together
- 51. A way to gather
- 53. Body part
- 54. Argentinian city
- 55. Undergarments
- 58. Jai ___, sport
- 60. Container for shipping
- 64. Type of screen
- 65. Get free of
- 68. Indicates position
- 69. Business department

Week 41

See solution in next week's edition.

Hearing Test Word Search

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SUDOKU

WEEK 41

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See solution in next week's edition.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to protecting hearing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = N)

- A. 8 3 21 18**
Clue: Listening devices
- B. 7 8 3 21 9 1 23**
Clue: Ability to process sound
- C. 18 13 15 1 24**
Clue: Noises
- D. 2 13 15 24**
Clue: High volume

Answers: A. ears B. hearing C. sound D. loud

LETTER MIX-UP

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

HEARING AID

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

Riddle Me This

Did you hear about the one with a broken hearing aid?

Answer: Neither did he!

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

REAMRDU

Answer: Ear drum

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Week 40 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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H	E	R			O	R	S			R	E	E

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 40

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5	7	8	3	1	9	2	4	6
7	9	1	5	6	3	4	8	2
4	6	5	8	7	2	3	9	1
3	8	2	9	4	1	7	6	5
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Claudia Cooper is Huntingdon High School Homecoming Queen

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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Huntingdon senior Claudia Cooper was named homecoming queen at halftime of the Huntingdon Mustangs game with Harpeth.

She is the daughter of Leslie and Brooke Cooper and was escorted by Blaine Todd, son of Corey and Candace Todd. Claudia is also an HHS cheerleader and is a member of the Beta Club, Teen Health, Math Club, Drama Club, AB Club, Mustang Mentors and JAG and serves as a class officer as reporter. Claudia was also named Miss Hunting-



Huntingdon High School Homecoming royalty and escorts (L to R): Maliyah Jordan, Mykel Govan, Harmony Webb, Cy Hankins, Adyson Roberson, Evan Raspberry, Claudia Cooper, Blaine Todd, Zachiryah Connelly-Webb, Owen Kreuziger, Aubry Castleman, Charlie Logan, Grier Bartholomew, Colt Luther, Kiley Crossno and Ian Williams. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

don earlier in the day.

The second senior representative was Zachiryah Connelly-Webb, daughter of Sondra Connelly and Kenneth Webb, escorted by Owen Kreuziger, son of

Tisha Kreuziger.

Representing the junior class was Aubry Castleman, daughter of John and Dana Castleman and Ryan and Bobbie Jo Brockman, escorted by Charlie Logan,

son of Larissa Logan.

The second junior representative was Adyson Roberson, daughter of Joe and Tamika Williams, escorted by Evan Raspberry, son of Jason Raspberry and Nata-

sha Conrad.

Representing the sophomore class was Grier Bartholomew, daughter of Shane and Julie Bartholomew. She was escorted by Colt Luther, son

of Derek Luther and Jana Luther.

Also representing the sophomores was Harmony Webb, daughter of Christopher Webb and Melissa Smothers, escorted by Cy Hankins, son of Corey and Amanda Hankins.

Representing the freshman class was Kiley Crossno, daughter of Kevin and Vicki Crossno. She was escorted by Ian Williams, son of Thomas Williams and Courtney Cole.

Also representing the freshman was Maliyah Jordan, daughter of Dakota Jordan and Julie Burlison. She was escorted by Mykel Govan, son of Carla Govan.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Above Left, Rebel quarterback Cole Brown makes a running pass. Above Right, Tiger quarterback Braxton Howard fires a long touchdown pass. Below Left, Tiger Nic King battles for extra yards with a stiff arm. Below Right, Rebel Avery Brown stretches for the goal line after a catch, but is stopped at the 1 by Tiger Grayson Thompson. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Win Big at Central

BY BRAD SAM
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BRUCETON (October 10) — The Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tiger hosted McKenzie Friday for a region football contest. The Rebels jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 49-6 win.

McKenzie won the coin toss and deferred possession.

Central began the first drive at their 19 and found early success in the ground game, including a 43-yard run by Korbin Brown. The Rebel defense locked down in the red zone, forcing a turnover on downs at the 4.

McKenzie went with a mix of passes and runs on their first possession, earning five first downs in a ten-play, 96-yard scoring drive. Cole Brown threw to Avery Brown to get it to the 1, then punched it in on a keeper. The PAT was no good, and the Rebels led 6-0 with 2:28 to play in the opening frame.

A quick three-and-out by Central returned the ball to McKenzie late in the quarter. The punt was downed at the Rebel 44.

Moving into the second quarter, McKenzie earned a pair of first downs before Jayden Callis ran for a 21-yard touchdown. Lelan Gordon ran for two points, and the Rebels led 14-0 two minutes into the quarter.

Brady Roberts made a 32-yard kickoff return, but the Tigers went three-and-out. A short punt gave McKenzie good field position at the Central 44.

The Rebels scored on six plays, capped by a 17-yard pass from C. Brown to Kason Brown. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 21-0 halfway through the second frame.

The Tigers earned a first down but were pushed back and soon faced fourth-and-long. Rebel Aiden Legens sacked quarterback Braxton Howard for a big loss, and McKenzie took over at the 22.

C. Brown threw incomplete, then Callis ran for eight. C. Brown kept for a 14-yard touchdown, and Mason's kick gave the Rebels a 28-0 lead with under three minutes remaining in the half.

It appeared Central would go three-and-out again, but on fourth down, Howard



Rebel Jayden Callis emerges from the pile on his feet for a big gain. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

threw to Carter Lowe for a 54-yard touchdown. The two-point try was stopped, and McKenzie led 28-6 with a minute and a half left in the second quarter.

The Rebels moved the ball quickly on short passes until C. Brown hit Callis for 41 yards, then kept for a six-yard touchdown. The PAT failed, and McKenzie led 34-6 with 13 seconds left in the half.

The Tigers received the kickoff, but didn't run a play before time expired.

McKenzie received the second-half kick and started at their own 43. Callis ran for 37, then C. Brown threw to Jacobi Melton for nine. C. Brown kept for another nine down to the 2, but the next play resulted in a fumble. The ball was knocked backward multiple times before Central finally made the recovery at the Tiger 37.

Four plays later, the Tigers turned the ball over on downs.

Callis carried three straight times, the latter a four-yard touchdown. C. Brown threw to A. Brown for two points, and the Rebels led 42-6 halfway through the third quarter.

Central earned a pair of first downs and pushed into Rebel territory, but a big loss on a third-down tackle by Rebel Matteo Tabada forced a punt. A. Brown made a long return down the sideline to the Central 48.

C. Brown threw to K. Brown for 31 yards, followed by a Callis run for nine. Melton then punched it in from the 8. Mason kicked, and McKenzie led 49-6 in the final seconds of the third.

The Tigers sustained a long drive, earning four first downs before turning the ball over on downs at the

Rebel 24.

McKenzie took over, and C. Brown took a knee to run out the clock.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was 19 of 23 passing for 316 yards and three touchdowns. He also had six carries for 37 yards and three touchdowns.

Jayden Callis rushed ten times for 121 yards with a touchdown.

Avery Brown caught four passes for 92 yards. Callis had two receptions for 61 yards and a touchdown. Kason Brown caught two passes for 49 yards and a touchdown. Jacobi Melton had seven receptions for 47 yards with one touchdown. Cooper Davidson had two catches for 38 yards, and Lelan Gordon had two for 29 yards.

Aiden Legens led the McKenzie defense with six solo tackles and five assists, with three for a loss and two sacks. Matteo Tabada had six solo and one assist, including one for a loss. Lelan Gordon had six solo and two assists.

Maddox Shiell had four solo tackles and two assists with two for a loss and one sack. Dawson Reeder had four solo and three assists. Jackson Cantrell had four solo and one assist.

Central quarterback Braxton Howard was three of 12 passing for 63 yards and a touchdown.

Korbin Brown had five carries for 49 yards, and Brady Roberts rushed five times for 22 yards.

Carter Lowe had one catch for a 64-yard touchdown.

Both McKenzie and Central have a bye week, then host region games on October 24, the Rebels against Wayne County and the Tigers against McEwen. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Zayden Connelly catches a pass for a Mustang touchdown. Right, Tyreke Hutch looks back at a Harpeth defender. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

Mustangs Dominate on Homecoming

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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HUNTINGDON (October 10) — The Huntingdon Mustangs scored on all of their seven first-half possessions and coasted to a 59-6 win on homecoming night as the Mustangs improved to 7-1 for the season. Senior running back Tyreke led the way as he scored four touchdowns, all in the first half, on five carries. Hutch scored on runs of 50, 37, 51, and 17 yards, rushing for 169 yards on the night. He also had a pass reception in the game.

As a team, the Mustangs ran for 353 yards in the game and passed for 12 yards. Kenton Smith completed 2 of 2 passes. Smith had a touchdown run in the game, and one of his two completions went for a TD.

Defensively, the Mustangs were led by Taylin Strayhorn, who recorded seven tackles, four tackles for a loss, and had four sacks in the game. Huntingdon held Harpeth to 15 rushing yards and 93 yards through the air on 6 of 14 passing.

The Mustangs scored five times in the first quarter to race to a 35-6 lead after one stanza. Hutch started the scoring with his 50-yard run and coupled that with a 37-yard run, as Hunting-



Taylin Strayhorn and Gavin Gray tackle a Harpeth player. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

don took a 14-0 lead after running only two offensive plays.

Harpeth scored its only points after the second Hutch TD run on a tipped pass that fell in the hands of an Indian receiver who raced 22 yards for the score. The Mustangs blocked the extra point to keep the score at 14-6.

Kenton Smith answered the Harpeth score with a 53-yard run for a touchdown, and Broox Bennett recovered a fumble on Harpeth's next possession at the Harpeth 16. Smith found Zayden Connelly alone in the end zone for a score as Huntingdon led 28-6.

Hutch closed the scoring in the first quarter with a 51-yard sprint for the touchdown and a 35-6 lead. The Mustangs scored again early

in the second quarter by the non-touchdown route as Greyson Anderson, who was 5 of 5 on extra points in the first half, came on and kicked a 28-yard field goal to up the lead to 38-6.

A few minutes later, Hutch scored his fourth TD of the night to end the first half scoring as he ran 17 yards for the score. Ethan Raffield tacked on the point after and a 45-6 halftime lead.

The Mustang reserves got in the act in the second half and posted two scores. Kylen Turner scored both JV touchdowns on runs of 22 yards and 15 yards. Raffield made a PAT to make the final 59-6.

Huntingdon returns to action on October 24, playing host to Peabody. Kickoff is 7 p.m.



Huntingdon High School Principal Porsche McClarking leads the Mustang faithful in cheers on the courthouse steps.

Todd, Cooper are Mr., Miss HHS

HUNTINGDON (October 10) — Blaine Todd and Claudia Cooper were selected as Mr. and Miss Huntingdon High School. That honor was announced during the annual HHS Homecoming Pep Rally on the steps of the Carroll County Courthouse on October 10.

Todd and Cooper were chosen from other senior candidates - McKenzie Drinkard, Millie Singleton, Mary Kendall Stevens, and Kylie Tippitt and male candidates, Broox Bennett, Braylin Dearmon, Silas Sharp, and Fisher Stokes.

The winners in the Homecoming parade were: Most Original Float - Seniors; Most School Spirit



Huntingdon seniors Claudia Cooper and Blaine Todd were selected as Mr. and Miss Huntingdon High School.

- Freshmen; Most Beautiful - Juniors; Most Creative - Sophomores; and Best Overall - Juniors.

Huntingdon High School Marching Mustangs provided musical entertainment during the event.