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Halloween Comes Early in Carroll County

As Halloween night creeps ahead, Carroll Countians have flocked to various trunk or treats and Halloween festivals to savor the autumnal event. Throughout the week of October 21-28, The Banner visited four Halloween events across Carroll County. The West Carroll Boo Bash was Tuesday, October 21; the City of McKenzie's twelfth-annual Boo Bash was Thursday, October 23; the McKenzie Elementary School's Fall Festival was Saturday, October 25; and the Town of Trezevant's Track or Treat was Saturday, October 25. Continue reading this edition of The Banner for individual coverage of each event.

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1. Roaming Broadway as Cinderella's fairy godmother and evil stepmother were Bethel cafeteria staff (L to R): Christy Pineda, Rita Box, Amanda Fortune and Kathy Moore. Golden Doodles Dutton and Addie Box were Prince Charming and Cinderella. *Photo courtesy Myra Carroll/Bethel University* **2.** The 2025 MES Fall Festival King Drake Simmons (left) and Queen Hazel Tippitt. **3.** The West Carroll War Eagle (Brock Ricketts, 11) lands at the football team's trunk for a sweet treat. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner* **4.** Myers Kelley performs "Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes" in the karaoke contest. **5.** Jaxon Hochreiter dressed in an inflatable chicken costume at the Boo Bash. **6.** Rhett McKinnon, dressed as Donkey Kong, receives candy from the Bethel University trunk-or-treat booth. *Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*



McKENZIE Boo Bash, Fall Festival Are Triumphs

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McKenzie's much-anticipated Halloween events — the City of McKenzie and Bethel University's Boo Bash and the McKenzie Elementary School Fall Festival — brought in attendees from throughout the county, exceeding the expectations of the events' organizers.

The twelfth-annual Boo Bash, held October 23, attracted over 4,000 attendees

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Boo Bash, Track or Treat Stir Festive Fun In West Carroll

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On the western side of Carroll County, Halloween fans enjoyed events in Atwood and Trezevant. West Carroll Junior Senior High School hosted its annual Boo Bash fundraiser for the senior class Tuesday, October 21 in Atwood, and the Town of Trezevant got its boogie on at Track or Treat, held at the Trezevant Community Park (adjacent to West Carroll Elementary School), Saturday, October 25. Both events attracted large crowds and excited participants.

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Halloween Fun Continues This Week

October has been full of Halloween events in the area, and that continues this week leading up to the big day on Friday. Here is a list of area events this week:

Spooky Scary Skulls at McKenzie Memorial Library

McKenzie Memorial Library (15 Broadway) hosts Spooky Scary Skulls on Tuesday, October 28 at 4 p.m. This is a program for all ages. Attendees will decorate a foam skull that they get to take home.

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The 2025 Little Rebel Cheer Camp class had 84 participants, ranging from Pre-K to fourth-grade age. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Little Rebel Cheer Camp Returns to Randy Thomas Field

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For the first time in the new decade, McKenzie's littlest Rebels had the chance to cheer at Randy Thomas Field during the McKenzie Rebels' football halftime show Friday, October 24.

Little Rebel Cheer Camp is one of McKenzie High School's long-standing tra-

ditions, during which the MHS cheerleaders teach elementary students, from Pre-K through fourth grade, well-known Rebel cheers and a choreographed dance.

The tradition was left behind in recent years, as the school prioritized coaching Taylor Buckley's Cheer Camp in the winter, but MHS cheerleading coach Brittany Colotta Beard decided to bring it

back this year.

The camp was a full-circle moment for Colotta Beard and two of her junior cheerleaders. She coached Madelyn Pewitt and Brooke Murphy in Little Rebel Cheer Camp when she was a high school cheerleader and they were in elementary school.

Colotta Beard brought the tradition back this year

for three reasons: she remembered coaching Little Rebel Cheer Camp when she was in high school, she thought there might be some students who preferred cheering on the football field over the basketball court and her cheerleaders needed another fundraiser.

Parents paid \$30 for their child to participate in Little Rebel Cheer Camp. For

that price, students received t-shirts and coaching for the Friday night performance.

All of the fundraising proceeds went to the McKenzie High School cheerleading team's funds for competitions and uniforms.

The McKenzie High School cheerleaders competed in a regional cheerleading competition Saturday, October 25, in Mem-

phis and placed in sixth overall. They compete again in Knoxville for the state competition later this year, in hopes they can place and compete in the national competition in January.

Little Rebel Cheer Camp had 84 children sign on. They learned two cheers and a dance to "Golden" from the "K-Pop Demon Hunters" movie.



Courtney Satterfield, pictured here with her husband, Austin, and two kids, Kylie and Copelan, bought the McKenzie City Florist in August 2025. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Meet the Satterfields

Courtney Satterfield Buys McKenzie City Florist

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Like many people who grew up in McKenzie, young Courtney Satterfield experienced the magic of Christmas between the displays of the McKenzie City Florist. She and her little brother spent much of their childhood at the florist while their grandmother helped the florist's founder Violet Patterson, who Satterfield considers an aunt-like figure, during busy seasons.

When Patterson decided to put the store on the market in 2018, Satterfield was devastated. Until that moment, she had never even considered what would happen if Patterson sold her store. In a moment, owning the florist became her dream.

But Satterfield was 24, just getting started in her career, and she knew she wasn't ready to own the legacy business. She deferred the idea, not knowing if another opportunity would arise.

Instead, Satterfield studied nursing at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Paris and took on an eight-and-a-half-year career in healthcare. She married Austin Satterfield and had two children, Kylie and Copelan. She helped her husband open Satterfield Auto in 2020 and learned the behind-the-scenes work of owning a business.

And finally, in July 2025, Patterson told her the McKenzie City Florist was up for sale. Satterfield's dream of running the business rushed back into her and her husband's minds. This time, with more life knowledge under her belt, it was kismet.

"When I found out it was for sale," Satterfield said, "that was an opportunity that literally fell into my lap."

Satterfield was at her neighborhood's July 4 party when she heard the news. Luckily enough, she was

neighbors with the previous owner, Michele Jarrett Love.

"We were, like, right there by Michele's house watching fireworks," said Satterfield. "I mentioned [buying the business] to her that night. Then a few days later, we sat down and talked through some things and took a little tour of the building. Then we came back with my Aunt Violet [Patterson] to get her input as well."

The entire process took a little more than a month before Satterfield quit her nursing job at Kentucky Lake Urology and became the McKenzie City Florist's third owner.

Satterfield has had many people ask why she made the change, why she decided to buy the florist without any prior experience, and she still doesn't know how to answer.

"I've had several nursing jobs," Satterfield said, "but no matter where you are, you're still a nurse. The floral industry is definitely not nursing...but there is a lot of good that comes out of the floral industry. I get to see people coming together and buying beautiful gifts and beautiful flower arrangements for the families [who are celebrating a new arrival or grieving a loss]. I didn't get to see all of that as a nurse."

Satterfield took over the florist just in time for the City of McKenzie's annual Sweet Tea Festival and mere weeks before McKenzie High School's homecoming celebration.

Luckily, she has a staff of experienced floral designers who had her back during those first few events. Lisa Langford was an employee under Jarrett Love and remains at the florist as the store manager. Satterfield also hired Ashlee Hampton Simer as the new floral designer. Simer has six years of experience as a floral designer and has worked at different florists in Milan.

Satterfield is excited to bring Simer's modern floral

designs to the McKenzie City Florist and offer a wider selection of florals, including more exotic flowers.

Satterfield's main goal is to enhance McKenzie City Florist's legacy as both a gift shop and a florist — and make it a place her children will enjoy as much as she enjoyed Patterson's store.

"We plan to have a lot more gifts than what has been here recently," said Satterfield. "I have a lot of vivid memories of being at McKenzie City Florist when I was a kid, and it was just full of stuff. So hopefully we can get back to some of that."

Since August, Satterfield has already dedicated a section of the store to baby gifts — items fitting for baby showers or young birthdays. She also wants to implement in-store gift-wrapping at some point.

Though she has many plans for growth, Satterfield does not plan to change much about the McKenzie City Florist that we know today.

"The store will be growing, but the name hasn't changed, the phone number hasn't changed. Nothing's changed. I wanted this transition to be the most seamless it could be for the community," Satterfield said.

The only major change she has made so far is removing the florist's coffee bar.

McKenzie City Florist will remain a UPS shipping and drop-off location.

McKenzie City Florist, located at 2281 Cedar Street, has been a McKenzie landmark for nearly 42 years. It has transitioned through three owners and four locations, but each owner's mission has remained the same: to serve the McKenzie community.

"I just want to give back to the community in the best way that I can," said Satterfield. "I think that just comes natural to me, being a nurse, wanting to give back."

Carroll County Fire Department Names Three Battalion Chiefs

CARROLL COUNTY (October 20) — The Carroll County Fire Department continues to grow and enhance its county-wide operations under Fire Chief Jonathan Gaskins. In a new initiative, the fire department created and named three Battalion Chief positions to enhance leadership, coordination and training across the county.

"The creation of these battalion chief roles is an important step in improving coordination and communication across stations," said Lana Suite, chairperson of the Rural Fire Committee. "This structure is designed to support our volunteer firefighters in the field by making it easier to share resources, training and leadership during critical moments of response."

Philip Moore, from Station 19 (Westport), is Battalion Chief 606. With 38 years of fire service experience under his belt, Moore will serve the East and Southwest Battalion

(Station 4 Clarksburg, Station 19 Westport and Station 3 Buena Vista).

Alan Woodall, from Station 17 (Terry), is Battalion Chief 607. Woodall has 34 years of fire service experience and will serve the West and Southwest Battalion (Station 21 Atwood, Station 11 McLemoresville, Station 17 Terry, Station 16 Trezevant and Station 5 Cedar Grove).

Curt Taylor, from County Station 1 (Huntingdon), is Battalion Chief 608. Taylor brings 27 years of experience in Fire and Rescue services and will serve the North and Central Battalion (County Station 1 Huntingdon, Station 10 Macedonia, Station 8 Mixie, Station 2 Vale and Station 15 Hollow Rock).

These positions are volunteer roles and come with important responsibilities, including overseeing designated sections of Carroll County, providing leadership and support on emergency

scenes, and coordinating multi-department training exercises. This structure allows for larger, more efficient training events and joint response scenarios involving multiple fire departments.

"Our goal is to continue building a strong and unified county-wide fire service," said Chief Gaskins. "These Battalion Chiefs bring decades of experience and leadership that will help strengthen response efforts, improve communication, and ensure our firefighters have the guidance and support they need on every call. This is another positive step forward for Carroll County and the citizens we serve."

The Carroll County Fire Department asks the community to join them in congratulating and thanking Moore, Woodall and Taylor for their dedication, leadership and continued service to the Carroll County community.

Candidates Can Pick Up Petitions In December for May 2026 Primary

CARROLL COUNTY — Candidates interested in seeking public office in Carroll County can participate in their political party's primary held on May 5, 2026.

The first day to pick up a petition at the Election Commission office is December 22 for the Thursday, February 19 qualifying deadline for both the party primary and as an independent candidate.

The offices in the primary include:

May 5, 2026 County Primary Election

County Offices:

- Circuit Court Clerk, 1 position
- County Mayor, 1 position
- Assessor of Property, 1 position
- County Clerk, 1 position
- Trustee, 1 position
- Register of Deeds, 1 position
- County Sheriff, 1 position
- Road Supervisor, 1 position
- County Commission: Districts 1 – 9, all positions
- County Board of Education: Districts 1 – 3, 3 positions

Special School Districts:

- Hollow Rock-Bruceton:** Dist. 15, 1 position; Dist. 16 Bruceton, 1 position; Dist. 16 At Large, 1 position; Dist. 16 Hollow Rock City (2 yr unexpired), 1 position
- Huntingdon:** At Large, 2 positions
- McKenzie:** At Large, 4 positions
- South Carroll:** At Large, 2 positions
- West Carroll:** Old County, 1 position; Old Atwood, 1 position; Old Trezevant, 1 position.

McKenzie School Board Agenda

Tuesday, November 4, 5:30 p.m.

McKenzie School Board Office

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

1. Prayer and Pledge to the Flag
2. Adoption of Agenda: A. Consent Agenda B. Regular Agenda (New Business)
3. Hear correspondence addressed to the Board
4. Public comment(s) on actionable agenda

items (not to exceed 15 minutes)*

- *MSSD Board Policy 1.404
- 5. Recognition of TVAAS Level 4 and 5 Teachers for the 2024-2025 SY
- NEW BUSINESS (Actionable Items):**
- 6. Request to address the board—Kellett Hochreiter, MMS--World Strides 2027 trip request, Washington D.C.
- 7. Consider for approval

MHS Beta Club to attend State Beta Convention, November 20-22, 2025, in Nashville

8. Consider for approval 2024-2025 MSSD TISA Accountability Report
9. Consider for approval 2025 LEA Compliance Report
10. Consider for approval the updated MSSD Spectator Code of Conduct
11. Director's Report

McKenzie Middle School Blood Drive Exceeds Goal

MCKENZIE (October 23) — McKenzie Middle School hosted a blood drive Thursday during parent-teacher conference and exceeded its donation goal.

The Lifeline Blood Services Bloodmobile registered 32 donors and successfully collected 25 units, which will save an estimated 75 lives. The drive had a

goal of 20 units.

Donors could represent MMS students, and the class with the most representation will be treated with a pizza party.

BETHEL UNIVERSITY
Lady Wildcats are Number Two in Preseason Poll

COURTESY BETHEL
ATHLETICS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 22) — The Bethel Lady Wildcats, coming off the best season in program history, open their 2025-26 basketball season in the Atrium Classic Saturday in Canton, Missouri.

The Lady Cats are ranked No. 2 in the NAIA Preseason Coaches' Top 25 Poll released Wednesday.

The Lady Cats advanced to the semifinals (Fab Four) for the first time in program history in 2025 and return all but one to a roster that was headlined by Madison and Micah Hart, who were first and second team All-Americans, respectively. The Wildcats also added a top newcomer in Ada Koelling.



Lady Wildcat Micah Hart, last year's Mid-South Conference Freshman of the Year, led Bethel in scoring last year. Photo courtesy Bethel Athletics

The last time the team was ranked this high was during the 2015-16 season, when they were tied for No. 2.

Bethel meets Mount Mercy Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Charles Field

House on the campus of Culver-Stockton College in Canton. The Cats then play the Culver-Stockton Wildcats Sunday at 3 p.m.

For a full preview of the Lady Wildcats' season, visit mckenziebanner.com.

Culbreath Makes FHU Homecoming Court

HENDERSON (October 10) — Freed-Hardeman University (FHU) is buzzing with excitement as Homecoming nears. Ellie Culbreath, a Huntingdon native, is one of 18 students selected to take center stage as the 2025 Homecoming Court on Saturday, November 8, at the Brewer Sports Center.

Culbreath is a 2022 graduate from Huntingdon High School. She is earning a Bachelor of Arts in photography and a Bach-

elor of Science in Nursing at FHU.

“Our student body has once again selected an exemplary group of individuals to represent their peers and university,” Chris Ramey, FHU director of alumni engagement, said. “Each member of the homecoming court has demonstrated outstanding involvement, academic achievement and exemplary character. We couldn’t be more proud of them.”

Titled “Find Your Way

Back,” FHU’s Homecoming is November 2-9. The full schedule can be found at fhu.edu/homecoming.

Freed-Hardeman University’s mission is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service. With locations in Henderson and Memphis, FHU offers associate, bachelor’s, master’s, specialist and doctoral degrees.

Fun

...From Front Page

Homer's Halloween
Hootenanny

Hometown Health Clinic hosts Homer's (very-not-too-scary) Halloween Hootenanny at the Main Clinic on Tuesday, October 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enter at the main front entrance and wander your way through the trick-or-treat trail of fun in the Pediatrics department. Dress up your little ghosts and goblins and come have some fun!

Atwood Fire Department
Trunk or Treat

The Atwood Fire Department hosts a Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the walking track and baseball field. Guests can enjoy candy, games and hot dogs during the evening.

Pumpkin Painting Night at
The Happy Book Stack

The Happy Book Stack in McKenzie hosts Pumpkin Painting Night Tuesday, October 28 from 6-8 p.m. for \$10 per person (includes one pumpkin + all paint & decorating supplies). Bring the family for a cozy fall evening of fun! While the kiddos paint their pumpkins, you can enjoy a delicious dinner, sip on a cozy fall drink, snag a sweet treat, and even browse our shelves for your next great read. Spots are limited!

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.

Blue and Gold
Boo Bash at Huntingdon
Primary School

Huntingdon Primary School hosts its Blue and Gold Boo Bash on Thursday, October 30 from 4-6 p.m. Students and families are invited to participate in the trunk-or-treat event before the football game, with students encouraged to dress in blue and gold.

Boo Bash at Paris Station

Bring the whole family for a night of spooky fun at Paris Station on Thursday,

October 30 at 6 p.m. Three spooky storytellers share family-friendly tales to give you chills (but not nightmares!). Trick-or-Treating – grab some sweets while you enjoy the night! Costume Contest for kids and grown-ups—prizes for the best costumes! Make it Dinner and a Show! Come early and grab dinner with us—our kitchen will be serving up all your Paris Station favorites. From flatbreads and burgers to nachos and sandwiches, it's the perfect way to dine in while enjoying the festivities.

Scary Stories in the
Dark at McKenzie
Memorial Library

McKenzie Memorial Library (15 Broadway) hosts Scary Stories in the Dark on Friday, October 31 at 4 p.m. This is a program for children. Attendees will receive a mini flashlight and listen to scary stories.

Carroll County Complex
Trunk or Treat

The Carroll County Library hosts a Trunk or Treat at the Carroll County Complex on Friday, October 31 from 5-7 p.m. The event will include free candy, with trunks encouraged to have book or story themes, though it's not required.

First Baptist Church
Trezevant Trunk or Treat

First Baptist Church of Trezevant hosts a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31 from 5-7 p.m. at 60 Church Street. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of safe trick-or-treating and fun.

Terry Fire Department
Trunk or Treat

The Terry Fire Department hosts its Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will include decorated vehicles and candy for children of all ages.

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 Friday, October 31 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Pediatrics Paris
'Boo Boo Bash'

West Tennessee Medical Group – Pediatrics Paris hosts a “Boo Boo Bash” on Friday, October 31, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 243 Jim Adams Drive in Paris. The event includes trunk or treating, games, prizes, snacks and the world's smallest pumpkin patch... all in a safe, family-friendly environment. This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy Halloween fun while connecting with their local healthcare team.

MHS Class of 2026
Trunk or Treat

The McKenzie High School Class of 2026 hosts a Senior Night trunk-or-treat Friday, October 31 at halftime of the MHS football game. Kickoff of the game is 7 p.m.

TCAT Henry/Carroll
Trunk or Treat

Make plans to join us for our second annual Trunk or Treat at TCAT Henry/Carroll on Friday, October 31 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 312 S Wilson Street, Paris (right across from Henry County High School).

Henry County
Health and Rehabilitation
Fall Festival

Henry County Health and Rehabilitation hosts its Fall Festival Friday, October 31 from 3-5 p.m. at 239 Hospital Circle, Paris. Free community event, all are welcome!

Monster Bash at
Paris Station

Monster Bash at Paris Station is Friday, October 31. Costume Contest at 6:30 p.m. Singo at 7 p.m. Costume Contest with prizes for: Best Costume; Scariest Costume; Best Couple/Group; Funniest Costume; Most Creative. Halloween-themed Singo – it's music bingo with a spooky twist! Delicious food, cold brews, and plenty of Halloween fun! Dress up, get out, and join the party – then still make it home in bed by 10:30 p.m.

Fall

...From Front Page

with the extensive trunk or treat line and costume contests. The McKenzie Elementary School's annual Fall Festival, held October 25, raised \$27,567 for the school through donations and food sales.

Twelfth Annual Boo
Bash Exceeds 'Wildest
Expectations'

McKENZIE (October 23) — The Boo Bash, McKenzie's long-awaited annual Halloween celebration, drew in thousands of costumed attendees Thursday.

This year marked the Boo Bash's twelfth year at McKenzie's downtown square and the most audacious yet, blocking traffic from all sides of the square to make room for trunk-or-treating, “haunted” train rides and more.

Each year, Jennifer Waldrup from the City of McKenzie and Myra Carlock from Bethel University host Boo Bash as a way to give back to the community and give Bethel University students an opportunity to get to know the community of people who they are around every day for the entirety of their college careers.

“We never know, from year to year, what to expect. I think it exceeds our wildest expectations every year, and we couldn't be more grateful,” said Carlock, Boo Bash co-founder and Bethel University director of university events and campus operations.

This year, Carlock said

the Boo Bash attracted over 4,000 attendees.

The costume contest featured five categories. Winners were:

Tiny Terrors (0-2 years): First Place - Walker and Weston White; Second Place - Holland and Clark Thompson; and Third Place - Braxton Frederick.

Small Spooks (3-5 years): First Place - Matti Bennett; Second Place - Penelope Peachey; and Third Place - Sofia Cruz.

Middle Monsters (6-9 years): First Place - Lane Coleman; Second Place - Isaac Cruz; and Third Place - Hannah Jackson.

Older Ogres (10-14): First Place - Korrt Doyle; Second Place - Piper Porter; and Third Place - Uriah Welti.

Fearsome Families: First Place - Kerri Beth Arnold and Korrt Doyle; Second Place - Jacklyn and Heather Townes; and Third Place - Jason, Auggie and Megan Cole.

Prizes were awarded to the three best trunk displays: First Place - Delta Phi Nu/Wizard of Oz; Second Place - Bethel Chemistry Club/Princess Bride; and Third Place - Bethel Association of Music/Scooby Doo.

McKenzie Elementary Fall
Festival Raises \$27,567

McKENZIE (October 25) — McKenzie Elementary School PTO hosted its annual Fall Festival Saturday, raising \$27,567 for the school.

Kids enjoyed games, activities, candy, snacks and a costume contest.

During the event, the Fall Festival King and Queen were announced from among nominees from each

class.

The king, having raised \$1,225, was Drake Simmons. The queen, with a total of \$2,260, was Hazel Tippitt.

Nominees raised a total of \$19,627.

The costume contest included eight categories.

Ages 0-2: First Place - Lilian Dodd; Second Place - Ruby Kate Kee; Third Place - Kohen Seavers.

Ages 3-4: First Place - Kase Seavers; Second Place - Penelope Peachey; Third Place - Tenley Russell.

Kindergarten: First Place - Tuck Merrick; Second Place - Matti Bennett; Third Place - Derek Artymovich.

First Grade: First Place - Harley Trevathan; Second Place - Addie Carroll; Third Place - Harper Gail Waddell.

Second Grade: First Place - Kaci McCaig; Second Place - Piper Russell; Third Place - Emmy Eaton.

Third Grade: First Place - Beckman Warren; Second Place - Laylah Waller; Third Place - Emerie Monteith.

Fourth Grade: First Place - Easton Webb; Second Place - Riley Barksdale; Third Place - Rachel Parham.

Groups/Families: First Place - Avery and Owen Winston; Second Place - Callie and Mack Hatcher; Third Place - Merrick and Mary Drew Couch.

Ashley Beeler of Hometown Hangout was the emcee for the contest. Judges were Education students of former MES principal Amanda Batts at UT Martin.

Besides MES staff and parents, MHS Beta students helped with games and MMS cheerleaders did facepainting.

Track

...From Front Page

West Carroll Boo Bash
Scares Up Festive Fun for
Massive Crowd

ATWOOD (October 21) — West Carroll Junior Senior High School's annual Boo Bash Tuesday drew a massive turnout. The event featured trunk-or-treat, food trucks, games, activities, a bouncy house, a haunted classroom, a photo booth, a pumpkin contest and a costume contest.

Dr. Adam Douglas, principal, spoke to The Banner about the event. “This is the fifth one that we’ve done of this magnitude. We’re really, really excited. It spotlights all of our student groups, all of our students, a lot of the community members. This is probably the biggest showing of community groups... the health department, churches, small businesses.

“There’s a ton of stuff. There’s not a lot of facilities that can hold this magnitude of an event. Usually, we see around 1,100 to 1,200, I think this year we’re probably close to that, if not more. [This reporter estimates more.]

“A lot of time and effort goes into this. Great community event. A safe event. It can get kind of crazy out there. This just gives our community an out to have fun with their family on a weeknight and enjoy something outside of just sports and academics. It’s something fun for them to do.

“On top of that, the food trucks are a big hit. Last year we brought them here. It’s just super fun [to have it] all here, you don’t have to go get food and come back. “We’re really blessed to be here, really blessed to

have this happening for our kids.

“It’s grown. This year, I think we had about four or five more groups show up, one of them being our D&D [Dungeons & Dragons] Club. We started that last year to try to reach every kid. We obviously have all the sports teams, but for the students who aren’t your sports people, that was really awesome, seeing them out. They’re doing a mini D&D game. And the seniors have these fall games. It’s just a really, really awesome event, awesome time to be here.”

The games Douglas mentioned, along with the photo booth and haunted classroom, were run by seniors and senior parents and raised money for Project Graduation.

The pumpkin contest raised funds for prom, with donations used as votes for the best pumpkin. The winner was senior Hayden Weaver with her pumpkin “Doodle Boo”, an homage to iconic SpongeBob character DoodleBob.

Winners in the costume contest were Walker and Weston White, six months and two years old, respectively (Pre-K and under); Emily Roberts, six (Primary and Elementary); and Drake Herndon, 12 (Junior Senior High).

Track or Treat Brings
Karaoke, Costume
Fun to Trezevant

TREZEVANT (October 25) — The Town of Trezevant hosted its fourth annual Track or Treat Halloween celebration over the weekend at the Trezevant Community Park.

The event honored its yearly tradition of costume contests, karaoke and trunk-or-treat booths. There were six total booths set up for trunk or treat, two

bouncy houses, and a maze. Attendees could get free hot dogs and hamburgers or purchase sno cones from the Small Town Sno mobile truck.

Each year, coordinator Mary Jo Hall said the Town of Trezevant's goal is to increase the event's attendance and participation.

“I want to keep our town alive and going. The more people participate, the more our town will thrive,” Hall said.

Costume contests began at 5:30 p.m., starting with ages zero to four years old. The five-to-eight-year-old contest began directly afterward.

Five-month-old Waelynn Black, dressed as a cow, won first place in the first costume contest. One-year-old Willow Spain, dressed as a Flintstone character, won second place. One-year-old Evelyn Davis, also dressed as a Flintstone character, won third place.

Seven-year-old Blakely Spain, dressed as Hermione Granger, won first place in the second costume contest. Five-year-old Emerson Keen, dressed as Wednesday Addams with the Thing, won second place. Seven-year-old Finlee Peevyhouse, dressed as an ice cream fairy, won third place.

The night continued with a karaoke contest, during which attendees could walk up and perform any song of their choice. McKenzie girls Harper, Saylor, Dawsyn and Ramsey Allen won the karaoke contest after performing choreographed songs and dances to children's song “The Lady with the Alligator Purse” and Megan Moroney's “Tennessee Orange.” The group received Halloween-themed reusable cups and candy.

The event ended near 7:30 p.m., and attendees dispersed as rain began to fall on the park.

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A Call to Action

For many, Halloween signals the start of the holiday season. For the next two months, the theme of the holidays is to celebrate family, worship, feast, honor the past, be grateful, think of others, and give back, among other things. There are many traditions and observances that take place between now and January 1, but the theme that runs through all of it is connection.

We all want to feel like we are part of something bigger than ourselves, but sometimes we get mired in the responsibilities of every day life.

There's so much to do and not enough time to do it. The days are long, but the years are short.

Time is moving so quickly and change feels like a fierce crusader hunting us down.

I know I feel like I'm being taken for a drag (not a walk) most days. I mean, November 1 is Saturday!

It's hard to stay on top of everything that needs to be done. Most days, I feel like I'm failing, but every day I get up and try again.

Perfection is an illusion. Social media is only a high-light reel. When others seem to have it all together, they don't.

Remember that next time you open the app or visit the website.

For example, last week, the car line at MES on Friday after the Boo Bash was long at almost 8 a.m.

Everyone was running late, meaning parents were pulling their hair out trying to get kids to school on time and not be late to work. Guarantee: Gentle parenting was in short supply that morning, along with patience; but did you see

any posts detailing all the struggles of that morning? I didn't.

Everyone has a long list of worries on their mind. That is one thread of connection between us all.

The reality is that things are about to get much worse for many people in rural areas like ours.

I fear that hunger will be the theme of November, a month we in America generally associate with a bountiful feast.

Hopefully, your family will be spared from this hardship; but like throwing a stone into water, the ripple effect will have an impact on the community.

Ignoring the issue doesn't make it go away, it just makes you late to the realization. Callous words only show your heart.

People that are hungry focus on basic survival. Everything else takes a backseat. You can't plan for the future when the present is an existential threat. In your budget, where does the money come from, when the money for food disappears (in this scenario you don't have savings, only debt)?

It's something to think about.

If you ever needed proof that we are all connected, widespread events make quick believers.

A global pandemic, 9/11, a recession, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes... are all events that forced people to rely on each other.

But with hunger, by the time the cracks start to show, the issue will already be at full strength.

Now is the time to prepare. My challenge to you is this, start buying 1-2 cans of extra food, donate them

locally. Build up a stockpile to outlast the storm together. Please give what you can. If you can spare anything, please do.

By helping your neighbor, you are ultimately helping yourself and your community survive.

In September, Carroll County had 3,552 individuals on SNAP benefits; Henry had 3,942, and Weakley had 3,346.

According to the 2024 U.S. Census, there are 29,107 people in Carroll County.

If everyone else in Carroll County (25,555 people) bought 2 extra cans of food every week, that is 51,110 cans of food, or 14.40 cans per family per week receiving SNAP.

You have the power to make a difference.

I encourage you to be the change and choose action over accusations.

Leading by example, The Banner will have a box set up in our lobby for non-perishable food donations.

We will work with local agencies to get the food distributed locally.

As our thanks, if you bring in 25 food items, The Banner will give you a one (1) year free online subscription (valued at \$25). Yes, you can add years on to your existing subscription.

The deadline to turn in food at The Banner is Friday, December 12, 2025, so that all food can be distributed before Christmas.

If you feel called to do more, please don't hesitate; and please steal this idea and make it happen everywhere there is a need.

Thank you for reading.

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THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Control Your Breathing and You'll Control Your Anxiety

It's all about the breath.

When your anxiety is high, your body reacts by increasing your heart rate and blood pressure and quickening your breathing, which triggers a release of adrenalin. All of which makes your anxiety worse, which makes those symptoms worse, etc.

So, if you can control your breathing, you can control your anxiety.

I'm going to give you an exercise that will help, but first I need to explain how to breathe in a very specific manner. Some call it "belly breathing" others call it "diaphragmatic breathing."

Here's how you do it: Place your hand on your stomach and make it expand as you take a deep breath, making sure your shoulders don't lift and your chest doesn't expand. It takes a little time to find the right muscles to use, so be patient. (It's much easier

to breathe this way if you're lying down on your back, by the way.)

Once you've mastered the technique, you're ready to do the exercise.

STEP ONE: Every night, when you go to bed, lie on your back and make sure you can breathe the way I've explained.

STEP TWO: Inhale very slowly. Make that one inhale last about 15 seconds.

STEP THREE: Hold the breath for a second or two.

STEP FOUR: Exhale the same way you inhaled—slowly, over the course of about 15 seconds.

STEP FIVE: Repeat the process for no more than two minutes.

STEP SIX: Go to sleep.

This technique is a tool that's not likely to help your anxiety until you've practiced it for quite a while. But the more you practice, the better you'll get at it.

Eventually, you'll be in a

situation in which you feel your anxiety rising. As soon as you do, immediately start using this breathing tool. Because you've practiced it so much, you'll be able to do it in practically any setting.

What you've done is you've trained your body to respond in a very specific way to this breathing. Therefore, by the time you take in the third inhale, your brain says, "Hmmm, we must be getting ready to go to sleep," and it floods your body with messages to relax. It lowers your heart rate and blood pressure. All those muscles that were beginning to tense up simply unwind and relax.

I've both taught and used this technique for decades. I assure you it will work.

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

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Those Were The Days My Friend....

It was all about the candy at first. No one is too young to eat Tootsie Rolls or a Bit-O-Honey bar. And it was such an independent feeling, we were free to walk anywhere in town, to any house we chose, and knock on the front door with great expectations reverberating in our little hearts.

"Trick or Treat" were the magic words of the evening.

Of course, me and David Mark were only semi-independent. Mom always made Leon go with us. Especially when we were very young. He'd grumble a mite and carry on like it was some big burden. I thought his reward should have been the satisfaction of knowing, as the oldest brother, he was doing his Christian duty.

Leon apparently missed that Sunday School lesson or slept through Brother Hatcher's "being your little brothers' keeper" sermon. His self-mandated reward was first dibs on anything in our sacks!

He would let us hurry ahead of him on occasion and "work" a house by ourselves. Of course, he hunkered down behind the hedge and donned that bloody face mask with the hatchet stuck in the skull that we didn't know he had. As we neared the street, he jumped out with a scream that would have scared the living daylight out of Frankenstein, the creature from the Black Lagoon, and the wicked witch of the East!

David Mark threw his whole sack of candy straight up. We picked up anything that had chocolate or caramel in it. We left the rest laying in the middle of Magnolia Avenue.

We even wore costumes the first couple of years. But you couldn't half see, and hardly breathe at all, through the mask, be it paper, plastic, or cardboard. And it would get so hot un-

der the ghost sheet, duck feathers, or clown suit we'd be sweating up a storm before we got halfway to town.

When we realized the costume slowed us down, would always malfunction in some way, and limited the size of the goody sacks we could carry, we discarded them and went as the Colbert brothers.

Sadly, we slowly and reluctantly outgrew the "free candy" days.

But we were now big enough to check out the scary movies showing Halloween week at the Park Theatre. Vincent Price, Boris Karloff, or Lon Chaney starred in most of them. Somehow the blood looked more diabolical back then, and much thicker than you see on screen today. I think it was because all the moves were in black and white.

And they did scare us. Of course, nobody would admit that. And you had to have one eye in the back of your head watching out for Leon. Every time the monster was fixing to take revenge for someone walking on his grave...and the background music reached fever pitch...Leon would rise up from the seat behind you and grab you by the throat or squirt shaving cream in your ears!

I got trapped one time in the haunted house with Mary Hadley Hayden. It was in the room where one of the Jaycees, with his face painted white, would rise up out of an old coffin they'd borrowed from Brummitt Funeral Home. She grabbed my arm and moved just as close to me as she could. It wasn't as bad as you might think.

And you have no idea how many quarters I wasted trying to win a coconut cake at the Halloween carnival. I was not smart enough to figure the odds. There were 25 numbered squares on the

cakewalk. When the music stopped, I never one time, ever, in my whole life was standing on the winning number.

That's why I don't play the lottery today.

Mom was not a fan of Halloween. She didn't mind fun and games, but she didn't like the ghouls, goblins, witches, underworld aspects of it. She thought that stuff was like dancing on the devil's front porch.

It was why we intuitively understood it would be counterproductive to our cause to recount any of the gruesome scenes from the Halloween movies in front of her. We were young, but not stupid!

The weather may have topped any, and all, of the October festivities. And believe me, after the long hot days of July and August, and the obligatory lingering Indian summer, we were ready for a change. The air was crisp and sparkling clear, multicolored leaves danced in the breeze, and the world smelled faintly of hickory smoke and fresh baked pumpkin pies.

If I had it to do over again, I'd change two things. First, I'd hustle around town "Trick or Treating" as fast as I could, run home, dump my load, change costumes, and revisit every house! And next, I would make Mary Hadley walk right beside me in the cakewalk. At least then, I would have gotten something for all the quarters I shelled out!

It was a holiday like no other.

And if the truth be known, there is no goblin, Vincent Price, or "haint" scarier than growing up; and no treat sweeter than the memory of a West Tennessee Halloween....

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

Bethel to Celebrate Homecoming this Week

MCKENZIE — Homecoming is October 30-November 1 and the university is bringing the entire campus community together for three days filled with connection, Wildcat spirit, and new memories.

It all kicks off with Fall Fest — a brand-new Bethel tradition in which most classes are canceled so everyone can join the fun! Enjoy food trucks, games, and live music as we launch Homecoming in style.

The celebration continues with athletic events, performances, and moments that remind us why Bethel feels like home — all leading up to the big Homecoming game vs. Georgetown College!

Homecoming Schedule

THURSDAY, OCT. 30: FALL FEST

Step out of the office or classroom and enjoy a fun-filled day of community! All are welcome to join in a day of fall fun: tie-dye, pumpkins, food trucks, donkey softball, and more. Most classes are canceled as we kick off Homecoming with a brand-new tradition! Full schedule coming soon.

5:30 p.m. - Food Trucks
Try amazing food from local food trucks, Walley's Taters and Sweet Heifers

6 p.m. - Donkey Softball - Kahlden Complex
Come watch and laugh as volunteer teams take to the field riding donkeys!

FRIDAY, OCT. 31: HALLOWEEN

10 a.m. - Jerry Wilcoxson Memorial Golf Tournament - Carroll Lake Golf Club
Join us for a morning golf at Carroll Lake! All proceeds from the tournament help support the men's and women's golf teams. Reservations are due by October 30, 2025.

4 p.m. - Lady Wildcats Basketball - Crisp Arena
Bethel Wildcats vs Johnson University Royals

6 p.m. - Hall of Fame and Alumni Banquet - Vera Low Board Room
We invite all alumni to join us. Golden Graduates and Wall of Faith Additions will be recognized! It will be a fun night to reconnect over dinner, speakers, and a performance by our Renaissance Resound! Reservations were due by October 25, 2025.

8:30 p.m. - Wildcat Bonfire - Behind the Stadium
Enjoy our celebration bonfire as we recognize our senior football players and cheerleaders! There will be s'mores, music, and so much more!

SATURDAY, NOV. 1: HOMECOMING DAY

10:30 a.m. - Homecoming Parade - Old City Florist lot to Walter Butler Stadium
Join SGA and campus organizations for an ener-

getic march to the stadium.

11 a.m. - Wildcat Alley - Parking Lot in Front of Stadium
It's game day! Kick off a fun-filled day with games, food, and tailgating fun with the Renaissance Bluegrass Band!

11:45 a.m. - Catwalk - Crisp Arena to Walter Butler Stadium
Get ready to make some noise for our Wildcats!

1:30 p.m. - Football Game - Walter Butler Stadium
Bethel Wildcats vs Georgetown College Tigers

2 p.m. and 7 p.m. - "Newsies" by Renaissance at The Dixie
This play is based on the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899, as they fight for justice.

4 p.m. - Lady Wildcats Basketball - Crisp Arena
Bethel Wildcats vs Indiana Wesleyan Wildcats

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Obituaries



KAREN WEBB CAMP
1943 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Karen Webb Camp were Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Camp, 82, died in Jackson, on October 21, 2025. She was born on January 14, 1943, in McKenzie, to the late Athol Billy and Vaughnell Brush Webb.

A proud member of the McKenzie High School Class of 1960, she was a football cheerleader, a member of the marching band, and a star basketball player for the MHS Rebels. She was co-captain of the team her senior year when they advanced to the school's first-ever TSSAA state tournament appearance. She was named to the 1960 Nashville Banner All-State Tournament Team that year.

She attended UT Martin after high school, where she was in the first-ever pledge class of UTM's Chi Omega sorority chapter. After marrying John Camp on June 10, 1962, she and her husband moved to Elkton, Ky. She finished her degree in 1964 at Austin Peay State University with a B.S. in Education. While in Elkton, she was an founding member of the Westside church of Christ, which opened in 1965. She also began her teaching career in 1965 at Guthrie (KY) Elementary School.

She and her family returned to McKenzie in 1973 where she fully retired from teaching at McKenzie High School in 2000. She loved the thousands of students she taught over those years and they loved her back.

She was a lifelong member of the McKenzie church of Christ except for the 10 years she lived in Kentucky. She enjoyed a variety of activities, including gardening, reading, local history, spending time with family, watching the Memphis Grizzlies, and visiting with her former students. She always had

a soft spot in her heart for young children and animals (especially the many dogs she owned throughout her life), and always possessed a giving heart to those in need.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John Camp; her son, Brad Webb Camp, both of McKenzie; her brother, Dr. Billy D. Webb of Russellville, Ky.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Andrew "Andy" Camp; and a sister, Janice Webb Blanks.

For anyone considering a memorial gift, the family suggests either the McKenzie High School Alumni Association (114 W. Bell Ave., McKenzie, TN 38201), or The John Andrew "Andy" Camp Memorial Scholarship Fund at Murray State University (Murray State Office of Development, 200 Heritage Hall, Murray, KY 42071) as worthy charities.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

CLIFTON CRUSE
1937 – 2025

MIXIE — Mr. Clifton Cruse, 87, of Mixie, Tenn., died on Friday, October 24, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services were Monday, October 27, 2025, at Henry Baptist Church. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie.

Mr. Cruse was born on November 10, 1937, to the late Alvernie "Bob" Cruse and Ruby Vancleave Cruse. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma Cruse; brother, Kenneth Cruse; and sister, Wilma Jane Gammill.

He retired from Carroll County School Systems as the transportation supervisor. He was a member of Henry Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Wendy (Shea) Bromley of Lexington, Tenn., and Marcia (Mike) Miller of Huntingdon; one sister, Donna (Dave) Dyer of Strawberry Plains, Tenn.; one brother Greg (Joy) Cruse of Mixie, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

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

EVELYN COLEMAN
1934 – 2025

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Evelyn Coleman are Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at First Baptist Church McKenzie at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the funeral home 5-7 p.m. and at the church on Wednesday,

day, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Enon Cemetery.

Mrs. Coleman, 90, died on October 20, 2025, at Lakeside Senior Living.

She was a hairdresser, a homemaker, and a member of First Baptist Church in McKenzie. She was born in Milan on November 9, 1934, to Clarence and Mary Bell Kirk Tate.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Coleman of McKenzie; a daughter, Sharon (David) Schwab of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sons, Bruce (Patti) Coleman of Big Sandy and Dale (Gaye Lynn) Coleman of McKenzie; a brother, Jesse (Carolyn) Tate of Brentwood; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Virgil Tate and James Tate.

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ROSEMARY
WILLIAMS MADDOX
1949 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Rosemary Williams Maddox, 76, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Huntingdon Church of Christ. Interment was in the Sellers Hill Cemetery with Bro. Dan Winkler officiating the service.

Mrs. Maddox was born August 13, 1949, in Huntingdon, to the late Hagood Franklin Williams and Frances Nell (Flake) Williams. She was a member of the Huntingdon Church of Christ. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William Leonard "Bill" Maddox.

She is survived by one daughter, Monica Maddox; two sons, Derrick Maddox and Devin Maddox (wife Becky) all of Bartlett; and a sister, Virginia Brown of Bartlett. She also leaves two grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

THOMAS ROSER
1951 – 2025

Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Roser, 74, died Sunday, October 19, 2025, at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis.

Funeral services are Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial will follow in New

Liberty Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Wednesday from 11 a.m. time of service.

Mr. Roser was born August 10, 1951, in Memphis, to the late Frank Eugene Roser and Martha Rose (Hill) Roser. He worked in Law enforcement as a police officer. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jackie Kitchen.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Cathy Roser; two sons, Michael Roser (Audrey) of Memphis, and Thomas Roser II of Murfreesboro; and a sister, Evelyn Williamson of Huntingdon. He also leaves six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.

BILL JOYNER
1941 – 2025

BUENA VISTA, Tenn. — Mr. Bill "Popeye" Joyner, 84, of Buena Vista, died Sunday, October 19, 2025, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

A Celebration of Life was Saturday, October 25, 2025, in the Chapel of Bruceton Funeral Home.

Mr. Joyner was born May 1, 1941, in St. Louis, Mo., to the late Mr. Carl Lee Joyner and Mrs. Gladys (Mitchell) Joyner.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Harwell) Joyner; a son, Travis Joyner; two daughters, Janet James (Tom) and Edith Joyner; and one brother, Michael Joyner (Pat). He also leaves nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Bruceton Funeral Home.

DEMETERIA
STRAYHORN
1966 – 2025

McKENZIE — A memorial service for Demeteria Tharpe Strayhorn is Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Johnson Temple CME Church-McKenzie at 2 p.m.

Ms. Strayhorn, 59, died at her residence on Saturday, October 11, 2025. She was a member of Johnson Temple CME Church, a graduate of the McKenzie High School Class of 1985.

She was born in McKenzie, on February 17, 1966, to the late John Tharpe and Minnie Pearl Haynes.

She is survived by her children, Wynter Strayhorn and Herivia Strayhorn; her brother, Keith Haynes; and three grandchildren.

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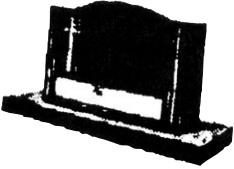
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Welcome home my good and faithful servant and Sherrye ran to the arms of Jesus. We want everyone to know how much we appreciate the prayers, love, visits, cards, food and encouragement the whole community extended to us during Sherrye's life. God blessed us with her for fifty-two and a half years and took her home to be in His presence.

Thank you Bro. Dennis and Mrs. Susan for during Sherrye's service just as she wanted. She wanted everyone to hear the gospel message so they would have and opportunity to go to Heaven with her.

Thank you church, family, friends, neighbors, classmates, ambulance people, emergency people, wound care people, Henry County hospital doctors and nurses, cancer bake auction workers, Mr. Jackson, Relay for Life team, Rebel athletes especially football, McKenzie-Brummitt Funeral Home staff, all the churches in our surrounding area. She loved her kids she helped teach, fellow teachers and missed seeing them all.

God bless all that touched Sherrye's life.

A good friend and neighbor sent a gift that said there are some who bring a light as great to the world, that even after they have gone, their light remains.

The family of Sherrye Washburn



Sherrye Washburn

We love and miss you, Sherrye.
— Joel & Teresa Washburn; Jason, Brittany, CJ & Savannah Martin

Former County Commissioner John Mann Dies

Served 55 Years for
Carroll County

MIXIE — John Mann, 88, who served as Carroll County commissioner for 55 years, died on Saturday, October 25.

Mann was first elected in August 1967. In 1970, he ran and was elected to the County School Board. He served there until he was re-elected to the county commission for District 4. He then served continuously until August 2022. His first county meeting was on Aug. 31, 1967.

He served in many capacities for the county, including the Budget Committee, Indigent Care Board, E911 Board, Highway Committee, Rules Committee, and Solid Waste Board. He was instrumental in helping develop a countywide rural fire department during the County Executive Wesley Beal administration.

The county faced a solid waste problem that led to unsightly roadside garbage dumps. Wesley Beal sought Mann's expertise in developing the Rural Waste/Recycling Program. As a result, the County implemented weekly curbside garbage pickup countywide. Several

county citizens filed a lawsuit to stop the mandated service; however, the courts ruled in favor of the county. The service has been in place for approximately 30 years. The County also operates a recycling center that accepts recyclable materials, old tires, motor oil, aluminum cans, and helps individuals and businesses shred unwanted paper documents.

Mr. Mann also served on the Carroll County Democratic Committee and served as its chairman. Regardless of his party affiliation, he always supported the county's leadership regardless of their political party.

Bethel Installs
New Signage on
University Drive

McKENZIE — Bethel University installed new signage at the intersection of State Route 22 and University Drive. The sign is located just off the highway right-of-way to designate the route to the university.

University Drive is positioned along the former railroad bed that brought train passengers to McKenzie and Bethel College. Once it was repurposed as a road, it was named College Drive and later changed



to University Drive after Bethel changed its name from Bethel College to Bethel University. On the campus of Bethel, near the log cabin,

stands a concrete marker with a 'W' on it, indicating to the train engineer to blow the whistle for the street crossing at Cherry Avenue.

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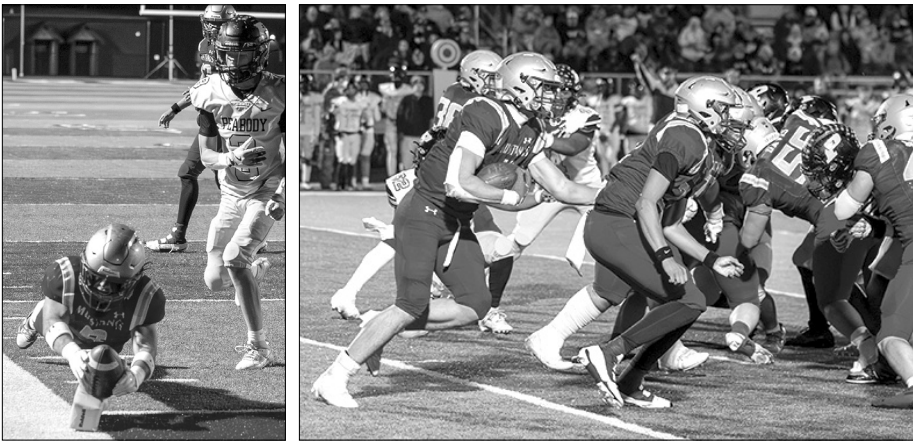
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Above Left, Hayes Eubanks dives for the pylon to score a touchdown. Above Right, Braylin Dearmon follows a convoy of blockers. Below Left, Huntingdon's Owen King leaps to block a pass. Below Right, Hayes Eubanks looks to escape a tackle for the Mustangs. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner



Mustangs Stem the Tide With Second Half Surge

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It was a tale of two halves for the Huntingdon Mustang football team as they hosted Trenton Peabody Friday night at Paul Ward Stadium. The Golden Tide entered the game undefeated and ranked third in the Class 2-A poll, and the Mustangs came in ranked fifth in the same poll and with a record of 7-1.

The first half was a shootout as the score was tied at the half at 21-21, but Huntingdon's defense dominated the second half, and the Mustang offense kept the pressure on Trenton's defense and outscored the Golden Tide 19-0 in the second half.

The first half saw Trenton throw for 144 yards, and two of their ten completions went for touchdowns. The Tide also ran for 48 yards in the first half but only managed 23 in the second half. The Mustang offense ran for 191 yards in the first half and 192 in the second half. The Mustangs also completed 3 of 4 passes for 61 yards in the game.

Huntingdon, after a Trenton punt, scored the first points of the game when Tyreke Hutch, who led all rushers with 181 yards in the game on 13 carries, sprinted 57 yards to the end zone on the Mustangs' first play of the game with 9:12 left in the first, and Greyson Anderson tacked on the

point after for a 7-0 lead.

Trenton answered with a 78-yard eight-play drive to tie the game. The Tide were faced with a third and 12 from their nine-yard line but converted to keep the drive alive and scored on a 22-yard pass from Jonah Smith to Ja'Marcus Haynes with 4:20 left. Desmond Griffin kicked the point after for a 7-7 tie.

Huntingdon responded with a nine-play drive that covered 72 yards, and the touchdown came on a Kenton Smith 36-yard pass to Broox Bennett with 11:20 left in the half. Anderson gave the Mustangs a 14-7 lead with the point after.

It took Trenton 16 seconds to answer as Edward Agnew took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 99 yards for the touchdown. Griffin tied the score at 14-14 with the point after.

The Mustangs didn't blink as they moved from their 17 to the end zone in eight plays, and Smith recorded his second touchdown pass of the game with a 20-yard toss to Zayden Connelly with 7:57 left in the second. Anderson added the point after, and the lead was back at 21-14 for the Mustangs.

Trenton tied the score at 21-21 with 4:01 left when Smith completed a 22-yard pass to Mikhel Wilks. Griffin added the PAT.

The Mustangs started the second half with possession and took the lead back

with a four-play drive that covered 67 yards. Hutch scored his second TD of the night on a 53-yard run with 9:49 left in the third. Anderson added the PAT, and the score grew to 28-21.

Huntingdon's defense then took over the game. Trenton on the kickoff started at their nine, and on third down, Smith was sacked in the end zone by Bennett and Jeramyah Cannon for a two-point safety, giving a 30-21 lead with 8:11 left in the third.

The Mustangs received the free kick after the safety and started at their 25 after a penalty negated a huge return by K'Shun Carter. The Mustangs ate almost eight minutes off the clock with a 13-play drive that stalled at the Trenton 24. Anderson booted through a 41-yard field goal for a 33-21 lead with 27 seconds left in the third.

Anderson's kickoff was returned to the Trenton nine, there was a forced punt, and the Mustangs took over at the Tide 20. Hayes Eubanks scampered 20 yards for the score, and Anderson was true on the point after, and the Mustangs led 40-21.

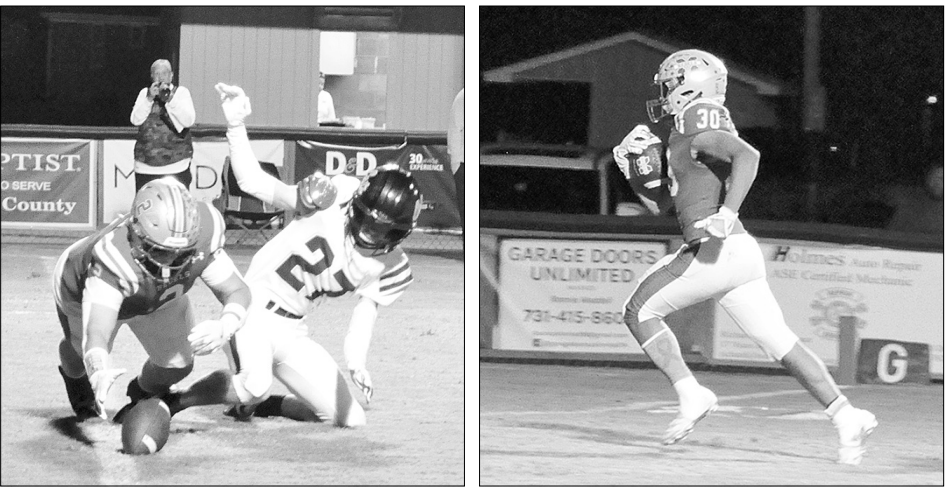
Kenton Smith then intercepted a pass at the Mustang one-yard line. With 9:13 left in the game, Huntingdon ran off all nine minutes with 13 plays and claimed the region win.

The Mustangs, now 8-1, can claim second in the region with a win over Union City Thursday night at Paul Ward Stadium. A Mustang win and a Trenton victory over Milan next week will give the Mustangs the region championship.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Above, Rebel Cole Brown splits a pair of defenders for a big gain across midfield. Below Left, Rebel Aiden Legens forces a fumble and recovers it to set up a McKenzie touchdown. Below Right, Rebel Jayden Callis trots into the end zone untouched for one of his two touchdowns. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Cage Wildcats, 41-0

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 24) — McKenzie High School hosted Wayne County Friday for a region football contest. The Rebels dominated both sides of the ball and cruised to a 41-0 victory.

It was an exciting night off of the field as well.

At halftime, participants in the Little Rebel Cheer Camp held earlier in the week showed off the skills they learned from the MHS cheerleaders.

It was also Youth Football Night at the stadium. Future MHS cheerleaders were followed by future Rebel players from the McKenzie Youth Football League. Teams and their coaches were recognized on the field.

And it was Pink Out Night, where players, cheerleaders and fans wear pink alongside their red and gray in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Between the first and second quarter, MHS teacher Traci Lunn was honored as a survivor and recognized in the stands.

The Wildcats won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. The Rebel defense set the tone, forcing a three-and-out. The punt was downed at the McKenzie 26.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown and running back Jayden Callis kept it mostly on the ground in the ten-play scoring drive. Brown made the final carry for a two-yard touchdown. The PAT was no good, and the Rebels led 6-0 halfway through the opening frame.

Wayne County went three-and-out again, and another good punt put the Rebels at their 16. A carry by Callis and a throw by Brown to Jacobi Melton moved the chains, then a short pass from Brown to Callis earned 26 yards into Wildcat territory. Brown's next pass was intercepted at the 1.

The Wildcats failed to capitalize on the turnover and went three-and-out

for the third straight time. A punt started the second quarter, and McKenzie took over at the Wayne County 38.

The Rebels scored on six plays, capped by another two-yard score by Brown. He then tossed to Lelan Gordon for two points, and McKenzie led 14-0 with 8:17 to play in the first half.

The Wildcats started the ensuing drive at their 20. On the first play, Rebel Aiden Legens forced and recovered a fumble to return the ball to McKenzie at the Wayne County 15. C. Brown threw to Kason Brown, then Callis ran for a ten-yard touchdown. Aiden Mason kicked the PAT, and the Rebels led 21-0 with 7:28 left in the second frame.

The Wildcats earned their first first down of the game, but a penalty and a sack by Legens pushed them back. Then, Rebel Maddox Shiell pressured quarterback Case Butler and drew an intentional grounding penalty. Two plays later, the Wildcats punted.

A three-play, 54-yard scoring drive was capped by a 19-yard pass from C. Brown to Melton. Mason kicked, and McKenzie led 28-0 with just over two minutes left in the half.

Wayne County improved to two first downs on the next possession, but three straight incomplete passes forced another punt.

With just eleven seconds remaining, C. Brown took a knee to end the half.

The Rebels received the second-half kick and scored on nine plays. C. Brown punched it in on fourth-and-goal at the 1, and Mason's kick put McKenzie up 35-0 early in the third.

The Wildcats went three-and-out. During the drive, there was a lengthy delay as a Wayne County player suffered a serious leg injury. When play resumed, Rebel Xander Johnsey tipped the punt to give McKenzie great field position at the Wildcat 39.

A six-play drive ended with a two-yard Callis touchdown. The kick was no good, and the Rebels

led 41-0 with two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Wayne County found some momentum heading into the final frame, earning two first downs and advancing to the McKenzie 19 before Rebel K. Brown intercepted a Butler pass and returned it to the Rebel 28.

McKenzie's reserves got some playing time but were forced to punt.

The Rebel defense forced one last three-and-out, then C. Brown took a knee in victory formation.

McKenzie had 408 yards of total offense, 260 on the ground and 148 in the air. Wayne County was held to just 80 total yards, 59 rushing and 21 passing.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was 11 of 15 passing for 148 yards and a touchdown. He also had eleven carries for 127 yards and three touchdowns.

Jayden Callis had 15 rushes for 125 yards and two touchdowns.

Jacobi Melton caught four passes for 60 yards and a touchdown. Callis had two catches for 48 yards. Avery Brown caught three for 23 yards, and Kason Brown had a pair of catches for 17 yards.

Aiden Legens had five solo tackles and two assists, with two tackles for a loss including a sack. C. Brown had five solo and two assists with one for a loss. Dawson Reeder had five solo tackles and four assists. Avery Brown had five solo and two assists. Lelan Gordon had two solo and four assists, and Matteo Tabada had two solo and three assists.

McKenzie (8-1, 4-0 in Region 6-1A) wraps up the regular season Friday as they host McEwen (5-3, 3-1) for a region game that will determine the top seed heading into the playoffs. Regardless, the Rebels will host a first-round game on November 7.

The regular-season finale is Senior Night. Senior players, managers, cheerleaders and band members will be recognized at 6:30 p.m. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Back-to-Back Club Champion Ace Brown is Carroll Lake's Youngest

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MCKENZIE — Ace Brown, a junior at McKenzie High School, is the back-to-back champion of the Carroll Lake Club Championship in the men's division (under 65). His win last year made him the youngest ever to hold the title at age 16.

At this year's match, in August, Brown claimed the crown with a combined score of 141. Last year's win, in September, was on a 148.

Brown is a standout on the MHS golf team, earning match medalist four times during the recently-concluded season. He also had two second-place individual finishes and had the top score among his team in their third-place finish in the region tournament.

Last year, the Rebels did advance to the state tournament, where they finished in third as a team. Brown was tied for eighth among 62 individuals.

Coming within a few strokes, a few bounces and rolls, away from a state tournament berth this year has left Ace itching for another shot in his senior year. "We definitely have the potential to do it,"



Ace Brown is the back-to-back Carroll Lake club champion and holds the distinction of youngest to hold the title.

Brown told The Banner.

The son of Beau Brown and Heather Megaw, Ace said he got into golf because of his dad. "The men at Carroll Lake would tell me how good my dad was. We're a competitive family. We always want to be the best in what we do."

He says he's always been around golf, but really started to focus on it when he joined the middle school team.

Besides his aspirations for state-level glory next year, Brown hopes to continue playing at the college level.

When asked about the difference in playing against

his peers at the high school level versus adults in the Carroll Lake championship, Brown said he feels more relaxed facing the older competition, mostly because there's so much more on the line in high school matches.

It took a comeback of about five strokes to defend his club title this year. Brown said, "It showed me that it's not over until it's over."

Besides shining on the links, Brown also excels on the diamond as a member of the Rebel baseball team and in the classroom, where he sports a 3.7 GPA.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Still Number One in Class 1A as Season Wraps Friday

NASHVILLE (October 27) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association and USA Today Network released new football rankings Monday after Week 10, the penultimate week of the regular season.

McKenzie (8-1) holds steady at number one in Class 1A, ahead of South Pittsburg (8-1), who received

five first place votes to McKenzie's 12. Dresden's (7-2) rank is also unchanged at number six after a big win over South Fulton (7-2), who falls out of the top ten after ranking number eight last week.

In Class 2A, undefeated Milan (8-0) remains at the top with 14 first-place votes.

East Robertson (9-0, three first-place votes) ranks second. After five straight weeks at number five, Huntingdon (8-1) finally jumps to number four with a big win over Peabody (8-1), who falls from three to six.

Westview (8-0) is the unanimous number one in Class 3A.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Above Left, Mustang Hayden Weathers gets inside for two points. Weathers led all scorers (tie) with 16 points. Above Right, Rebel Seth Stafford attacks the basket for two points. Stafford led all scorers (tie) with 16 points. Below Left, Lady Rebel Abby Carroll shoots a free throw to complete a three-point play. Carroll led McKenzie with five points. Below Right, Huntingdon’s Kaylee Eatmon drives to the basket on a fast break. Eatmon scored ten points for the Fillies. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



Huntingdon Sweeps McKenzie

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MCKENZIE (October 21) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Huntingdon Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests, their first home games of the season. The Fillies pulled away early en route to a 57-15 win. The Rebels stayed within reach until late, when the Mustangs pulled away for a 47-33 victory.

Huntingdon Fillies 57, McKenzie Lady Rebels 15

The Fillies set the tone with a 17-3 advantage in the opening frame, led by LaKeitha Cason and Anderson Pearson with six points each. Kaylee Eatmon had a pair, and Ella Atkins, June Dillahunty and Vivian Singleton each hit a free throw. Charlie Cassidy had a pair for the Lady Rebels, and Kristy Towne hit a freebie.

Huntingdon grew the lead with a 20-2 tilt in the second quarter, led by Dillahunty with six points on a pair of three-pointers. Atkins scored five, Cason and Eatmon each had four points, and Shylo Umstead hit a free throw. Serenity Bobo had McKenzie’s two

points. At the half, the Fillies led 37-5.

The Fillies outscored McKenzie 18-7 in the third, led by Dillahunty with six, again on a pair of threes. Eatmon scored four, and Cason, Atkins, Collyns Wood and Emma Smith each had a pair. Abby Carroll led the Lady Rebels with three points, and Cassidy and Bobo each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Fillies led 55-12.

McKenzie cut the final deficit with a 3-2 edge in a quick fourth. Carroll had a pair, and Willow Stenberg hit a free throw. Dillahunty had the Fillies’ pair.

Huntingdon’s June Dillahunty led all scorers with 15 points, including four three-pointers. LaKeitha Cason scored a dozen, and Kaylee Eatmon had ten points.

Abby Carroll led the Lady Rebels with five points. Charlie Cassidy and Serenity Bobo each scored four.

Mustangs 47, Rebels 33

The Mustangs took the first quarter, 12-7. Noah Webb led with seven points. Both Jake Harris and Derius Pratcher each had two points. Lane Brown led the Rebels with five free throw

shots. Fisher Allen and Navadius Owens each hit a free throw.

Huntingdon ended the second quarter with a 20-13 lead, led by Hayden Weathers with three two-pointers, and Webb with one two-point shot. Seth Stafford led McKenzie with a two-point shot and a free throw. Lane Brown had a pair of free throws.

Mustangs kept the lead with a score of 31-25 at the end of the third. Patcher had a pair of twos and two free throws, and Webb had two two-pointers. Stafford led the Rebels with a pair of threes and a free throw. Brown and Jackson Barden each hit two free throws.

McKenzie kept the game close in the final quarter, but Huntingdon took the win 47-33. Weathers scored eight, including two threes and two free throws. Webb and Strayhorn both shot a pair.

Hayden Weathers led all scorers for Huntingdon with 16 points, Noah Webb had 15 points and Derius Pratcher scored nine.

Seth Stafford led the Rebels with 16 points, including a pair of threes, and Lane Brown shot for 11 points.

West Carroll Elementary School Honors Week 7-8 SOAR Students

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West Carroll Elementary School continues to celebrate student excellence through its SOAR Awards program, which recognizes students who demonstrate the school’s core values of Safety, Ownership, Achievement and Respect. The program highlights those who consistently show strong academic effort, positive character and meaningful contributions to the school community.

Courtney Edwards, a fourth grader, earned the SOAR Award for Week Seven for having the highest number of Class Dojo points in the school.

Her teacher, Mrs. Nikki Andrews-Gilley, said, “Courtney is a responsible and respectful student. She is hardworking, well-mannered, helpful and always tries her best. Courtney is a great role model for her peers and a pleasure to have in class.”

The Week Eight SOAR



West Carroll Elementary Week Seven and Eight SOAR students are (L to R): Kaesy Hampton, Kevyn Stephenson and Courtney Edwards. Submitted photo

Award went to Kevyn Stephenson, a third-grade student.

Kevyn’s teacher, Mrs. Lisa Brown, said, “Kevyn consistently demonstrates excellent behavior. He shows respect, responsibility, and kindness each day. He sets a good example for others.”

Kaesy Hampton, also a third grader, received the Staff-Nominated SOAR Award for Weeks Seven and

Eight.

Her teacher, Mrs. Lindsey Lindsay, said, “Kaesy is an excellent example of behavior and leadership in the classroom. She continues to make our classroom a positive place to learn.”

West Carroll Elementary is proud of these students for their dedication to excellence and for exemplifying the values that help the school community thrive.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

War Eagles Fall to Crusaders on Senior Night

ATWOOD (October 24) — West Carroll High School hosted Liberty Tech Friday for a nonregion football game. The visiting Crusaders controlled the first half and claimed a 28-12 win.

It was Senior Night for the War Eagles, and 19 senior football players, managers, cheerleaders and band members were recognized before the game (see separate story).

Liberty scored two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters, and West Carroll scored twice in the fourth quarter.

The War Eagles outgained the Crusaders in total yardage, 181 to 134. West Carroll had 142 yards on the ground and 39 in the air. Liberty had 71 rushing yards and 63 passing.

Mason Taylor led West Carroll with 20 carries for 115 yards and one touchdown. Caleb Vermillion rushed six times for 18 yards.



War Eagle Mason Taylor cuts to the outside for a gain. Taylor had 20 carries for 115 yards and one touchdown. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Quarterback Parker Newman was two of eight passing for 39 yards and a touchdown.

Eli Travelstead had one catch for a 22-yard touchdown, and Chance Weatherford had one catch for 17 yards.

Joseph Brogdon led the War Eagle defense with two solo tackles and two

assists, including one for a loss. Weatherford had two solo and one assist. Keegan Mealer had one solo and two assists, including one for a loss. Newman had two solo tackles and one assist.

West Carroll concludes the regular season Friday as they host South Fulton for a region contest. Kickoff is 7 p.m.



Top, West Carroll Football Seniors (L to R): Elissa King, Eli Travelstead, Joesph Brogdon, Nigel Butler, Chance Weatherford and Hayden Wingo. Above, West Carroll Cheer Seniors (L to R): Hayden Weaver, Lesley Baker, Britni Shepherd, Hannah Pinson, Kahli Baum, Briley Sacks and Jada Nicholes. Below, West Carroll Band Seniors (L to R): Brylan Wilbanks, Eli Neel, Anthony Dodd, Kalee Coleman, Emma Stout and Braden Joyner. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Nineteen War Eagles Honored During Senior Night

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ATWOOD (October 24) — Just before the game against the Liberty Tech Magnet Crusaders, the West Carroll War Eagles held a special recognition ceremony for their senior football players and managers, cheerleaders and band members.

Each senior received a rose and a special plaque from their peers. Football seniors’ plaques were football-shaped and listed their names and player numbers. Senior cheerleaders’ plaques were in the shape of a megaphone and had their first names on them. Senior band members received framed silhouette portraits of themselves with their names and graduation year printed on them.

Six football players and managers were honored.

Manager Elissa King, of Cedar Grove, was escorted by her parents Erin and Jeremy Spain. After high school, King plans on going into the workforce.

Manager Hayden Wingo, of Trezevant, was escorted by his parents Melanie King and Chris Wingo. After high school, Wingo plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to major in education and pursue a career in coaching.

Joseph Brogdon, #24, of Lavinia, was escorted by his parents Jeremy and Chelcy Thurmond and his siblings. After high school, Brogdon plans to play football in college and pursue a career in agricultural engineering.

Nigel Butler, #35, of McMoresville, was escorted by his step-mom and dad Emily Foster and Ricky Butler and his mom Tacurra Graves. After high school,

Butler plans to enter the workforce or pursue sports in college.

Eli Travelstead, #5, of Atwood, was escorted by his dad Bud Travelstead and his grandmother Sue Barnes.

Chance Weatherford, #20, of Atwood, was escorted by his grandmother Mary Collins. After high school, Weatherford plans to further his education.

Seven cheerleaders were honored.

Lesley Baker, of Cedar Grove, was escorted by her grandparents Gene and Robin Drinkard. After high school, Baker plans to attend college and pursue a career in travel sonography.

Kahli Baum, of Milan, was escorted by her parents Justin and Jesse Baum. After high school, Baum plans to attend college and major in criminal justice.

Jada Nicholes, of Cedar Grove, was escorted by her parents Jacinta and Rodney Nicholes. After high school, Nicholes plans to attend college and pursue a career as an ultrasound technician.

Hannah Pinson, of Christmasville, was escorted by her parents Eric and Wendy Pinson and her brother. Pinson will graduate with her associate’s degree in the spring and plans to attend Freed Hardeman University to pursue a degree in nursing. She plans to become a NICU nurse.

Brylie Sacks, of Trezevant, was escorted by her mom Lisa Stout. After high school, Sacks plans to attend university and major in forensic psychology.

Britni Shepherd, of Cedar Grove, was escorted by her grandparents Judy and Mickey Keen. Shepherd will graduate with her associate’s degree in the spring and plans to continue her

education and pursue a degree in healthcare administration. She plans to become an MRI technician.

Hayden Weaver, of Trezevant, was escorted by her parents Chris and Kelly Weaver. After high school, Weaver plans to attend college and major in athletic training or women’s health.

Six band members were honored.

Kalee Coleman, of Atwood, was escorted by her parents Rick and Tasha Coleman. After high school, Coleman plans to attend college and pursue a career as a pediatric psychiatrist.

Anthony Dodd, of Cedar Grove, was escorted by his parents Mery and Nick Dodd. After high school, Dodd plans to study aerodynamics engineering in college and join the United States Air Force.

Braden Joyner, of Cedar Grove, was escorted by his parents Todd and Jamie Joyner and his brother. After high school, Joyner plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Eli Neel, of McMoresville, was escorted by his mom Sally Martin. After high school, Neel plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in criminal justice.

Emma Stout, of Atwood, was escorted by her parents Tammy and Jeff Stout. After high school, Stout plans to pursue a degree in psychology.

Brylan Wilbanks, of Atwood, was escorted by her parents David and Cindi Wilbanks and her niece. After high school, Wilbanks will attend Duke University to study psychology.

Nineteen total students were recognized in the Senior Night ceremony.

Pepsi Mid-America Honors McKenzie Golf’s Weatherford



McKENZIE (October 21) — Representatives of Pepsi Mid-America honored McKenzie High School golf standout Charli Weatherford Tuesday with a plaque. Weatherford recently finished tied for eighth at the TSSAA Class A Girls Golf Championship after claiming the individual titles in both the Region 7A and District 14A tournaments. Pictured are (L to R): Pepsi’s Colby Blocker, McKenzie Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden, Weatherford, MHS Assistant Principal Zach Tippitt and Pepsi’s Ricky Price. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie Police Reports

Warrant Service — Hunter B. Lovell, 23, West End, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding warrant on October 24.

Officer Tanner Jackson reported that Lovell was walking along Cedar Avenue when officers arrest-

ed him on an outstanding warrant. Lovell was also arrested on October 20 for public intoxication.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Lawrence, homeless, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass on October 23.

Officer Matthew Cunningham was dispatched to Eagle Food Mart at 5:21 a.m., where Lawrence was stopping customers and asking for money. Lawrence had previously been banned from the store. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on October 22, 2025.

Nykole L. Hinline, Baggett Rd., Bethel Springs, Tenn., bound over, Meth - MFG, Deliver, Sell, Poss with Intent; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; bound over, Possession of a Firearm Intent to Go Armed - Dangerous Felony; bound over, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Samuel A. Jewell, Booker St., McKenzie, bound over, Theft of Property - \$2,500 to < \$10,000 - Sol; bound over, Vandalism (up to \$1,000); bound over, Burglary - Auto/Boat/Airplane Other Motor Vehicle - ATT; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Angel Arenivar, New-some St., McKenzie, guilty, Reckless Driving, \$350 fine, 11/29 supervised probation for until paid in full and compliant; dismissed, DUI: Third Offense.

Robert L. Bittner, Wood-lawn Ave., Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, 11/29, 200 days total credit; guilty, Escape, no fine.

Gregory Harvey, Bobbitt Rd., Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, sentence may be served on consecutive weekends, probation extended 30 days.

Michael C. Haynes Jr., Breezy Loop, Oakland, Tenn., guilty, Driving While License Suspended, supervised probation; dismissed, Vehicles/Street-cars Stop At All Stop Signs.

Vickie S. Knight, Spur Ln., Bruceton, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 supervised probation for until conditions are met, cognitive behav-ioral training course, alco-hol drug evaluation and recommendation, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year, ignition interlock, DUI school, defendant waives extradition; dis-missed, Leave Scene of Ac-cident - Property Damage; dismissed, Fugitive From Justice - Misd.; dismissed, Immediate Notice of Acci-dent; dismissed, Drivers to

Exercise Due Care.

Ronnie J. Maxwell, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, guilty, Driving While Li-cense Suspended, \$250 fine, supervised probation until complete conditions of probation, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license.

Shannon M. Patey, Lin-den Heights Apt., McK-enzie, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Para-phernalia Uses & Activi-ties, \$150 fine, 11/29 su-pervised probation until conditions met, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Fail Driver Stop SCE Acc Inv Injury.

Lloyd B. Pryor, Sunny-field Ln., Camden, guilty, Meth - Possession or Ca-sual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 supervised proba-tion until conditions met, cognitive behavioral train-ing course, alcohol drug evaluation; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Benjamin M. Santiz, Lin-cola Way, White Oak, Pa., guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 unsuper-vised probation, cognitive behavioral training course, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year, ignition inter-lock, DUI school.

Donna D. Shadix, Nat-chez Trace Rd., Paris, guilty, Probation Violation - Not Booked, no fine, 90 days, can get day-for-day credit upon successful completion of inpatient treatment, probation ex-tended for six months.

Geneva S. Tesneair, E. Main St., Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Un-lawful Drug Parapherna-lia Uses & Activities, \$150 fine, 11/29 supervised probation until conditions met, cognitive behavioral training course.

Quiana J. Tharpe, Phelis-sa Dr., La Vergne, guilty, Driving While License Cancelled, \$250 fine, su-pervised probation until conditions complete, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license; dismissed, Speeding.

Cody Williams, High St., Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While License Cancelled, \$100 fine, six months supervised proba-

tion until conditions com-pleted, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license; dismissed, Registration Ex-pired; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

Isiah G. Willis, Cheatham St., Bruceton, guilty, Proba-tion Violation - Booked, no fine, can receive day-for-day credit upon successful completion of inpatient treatment.

The following cases re-sulted in judicial diversion.

Shelby Gibson, West End Avenue, McKenzie, judicial diversion, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endanger-ment, no fine, 11/29 su-pervised probation for six months, unsupervised proba-tion for balance, must follow all requirements for counseling; dismissed, Child Abuse/Neglect/En-dangerment; dismissed, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment.

Zachary S. Morgan, West End Avenue, McKenzie, judicial diversion, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endan-germent, no fine, 11/29 supervised probation for sentence, must comply with all requirements and orders of juvenile court.

The following cases were dismissed.

Laquita R. Baker, Center Rd., Clarksville, dismissed - Cost to Defendant, Theft of Merchandise - Shoplifting.

Cody A. Campbell, Hwy. 220, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Probation Vi-olation - Booked.

Cory C. Dunbar, Gree-noaks Dr., Huntingdon, dismissed, Meth - MFG, Deliver, Sell, Possession with Intent; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Dakota Thomas Wilson Lobato, Enterprise St., Bru-ceton, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended; dismissed, Display/Pos-sess Cancel/Revoke/Sus-pended or Altered Driver's License; dismissed, Finan-cial Responsibility Law.

The following cases were rescheduled.

Kimberly Gazaway, Dylan S. Mayo, Mehdi X. Pektelidis, Heath Rhodes, Lamon M. Robinson, An-thony D. Young,

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Fraud/scam investiga-tion (law enforcement im-personation) — On Oct. 18, a Carroll County deputy took a report from a com-plainant who stated she had been the victim of a phone scam involving individuals claiming to be with the Mad-ison County Sheriff’s Office.

According to the report, the complainant’s son had been arrested in Bolivar on warrants from both Harde-man and Madison counties. The complainant initially paid \$4,000 to a legitimate bondsman for a \$40,000 bond from Hardeman Coun-ty. Later, she was contacted by a man identifying himself as Sgt. Shanterious Fuller from the Madison County Sheriff’s Department, who stated that her son could be bonded out with a \$1,500 payment via Venmo. He then claimed there was a system issue and instructed her to repeat the payment multiple times, totaling \$9,156.

Following that, another caller identifying himself as Sgt. Williams from Mad-ison County told her that her son also had a warrant in Decatur County and that she would need to pay \$900 for an ankle monitor upon release. She complied and sent the additional payment through Venmo.

Sgt. Tucker with the Car-roll County Sheriff’s Office met with the complainant at her residence and con-firmed that these calls and payment requests were fraudulent. He contacted the Jackson–Madison Coun-ty Sheriff’s Department but did not receive a return call. The complainant later made contact with the Madison County Pretrial Division.

The incident was docu-mented by deputies.

Possession of schedule II (methamphetamine); driv-ing while in possession of meth; driving on suspend-ed license; reckless driving; theft of property — On Oct. 16, Cpl. Sean Bongiovanni attempted to turn around on a motorcycle traveling on Terry Road in Cedar Grove. As he did, the motorcycle rapidly accelerated, and its exhaust grew louder. Cpl. Bongiovanni attempted to catch up, reaching speeds of more than 85 mph, but was unable to close the distance.

Within a mile, the motor-cycle was found wrecked in a ditch at the intersection of Terry Road and Mill Creek Road.

The driver, identified as Michael J. Gukeisen, 38, of Huntingdon, was standing nearby. Cpl. Bongiovanni observed Gukeisen place something on the ground be-fore approaching his motor-cycle. Deputies made contact with Gukeisen, who initially denied fleeing and denied setting anything down.

Deputy Daniel Thomas

arrived and located an open cigarette pack containing a small zip-lock bag with a white crystal-like sub-stance weighing 5.4 grams, which field-tested positive for methamphetamine. A black backpack found near-by also contained sever-al similar cigarette packs. After being advised of the evidence, Gukeisen admit-ted to fleeing from depu-ties and to possessing the methamphetamine.

A check of the motorcy-cle’s registration revealed the license plate was reg-istered to another vehi-cle. Gukeisen admitted to placing a false tag on the motorcycle. Upon further inspection, deputies discov-ered the motorcycle had been “hot-wired” and could be started without a key. The vehicle identification number (VIN) was located on the steering head and confirmed through NCIC as a stolen 2012 Kawasaki Nin-ja reported out of Weakley County. The motorcycle had been spray-painted black with red duct tape used as stripes, concealing its ori-ginal green color.

Gukeisen was taken into custody and later inter-viewed. He claimed he pur-chased the motorcycle for \$300 from a man identified only as “Kenny” in McKenzie but was unable to provide a last name, description, or proof of purchase.

Gukeisen was charged with possession of sched-ule II (methamphetamine), driving while in possession of meth, driving on a suspend-ed license, reckless driving, and theft of property. Due to being on probation in Carroll County, he was held without bond until arraignment.

Possession of prohibited weapon; driving on sus-pended license — On Oct. 19, Deputy Dustin McClure observed a tan 2002 GMC Yukon pull into Casey’s on Highland Drive in McKenzie.

Recognizing the driver as Robert A. Lusk, 40, of McKenzie, and having prior knowledge that his li-cense was suspended, Dep-uty McClure requested dis-patch to confirm his status.

Dispatch verified that Lusk’s driver’s license was suspended indefinitely out of Carroll County Gener-al Sessions Court, with a suspension date of Dec. 17, 2023. Dispatch also advised of an active warrant out of Milan Municipal Court.

When Lusk left Casey’s and traveled north on High-land Drive, Deputy McClure initiated a traffic stop near the Church of Christ on Highland Drive. After con-firming the driver’s identity, a hard copy of the warrant was received from Milan Police Department. Lusk stated he was unaware of his suspension and believed the

warrant had been resolved.

Deputy McClure advised Lusk of his status and placed him under arrest. During a search of his person, depu-ties located gold-plated brass knuckles in his left shorts pocket. Lusk was transported to the Carroll County Jail for booking and cited for driving on a suspended license (first offense) and charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, with bond set at \$2,500.

His driver’s license was seized for return to the state.

Misuse of 911; driving on suspended license — On Oct. 16, the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call from a residence on Enoch Cemetery Road in Huntingdon regarding a domestic dispute.

Upon arrival, Deputies Bo Ezell and Townes found the residence unoccupied. Deputy Townes contacted the caller, who stated law enforcement assistance was no longer needed. Depu-ties asked the caller to meet them for further discussion, and two women—identified as Candis Highsmith, 44, of Huntingdon, and Des-tiny Nicole Johnson, 31, of Huntingdon, met them across from the Clarksburg Super Market.

Both women told deputies there had been no emergen-cy and they did not require help. When asked for identi-fication, Highsmith provided her driver’s license, while Johnson stated she did not have hers. A records check revealed both women’s li-censes were suspended.

Highsmith was cited for misuse of 911 with a book-in date of Oct. 26, and Johnson was cited for driving on a suspended license (second offense) with a book-in date of Oct. 26.

Identity theft — On Oct. 18, a complainant came to the Carroll County Sher-iff’s Office to report identity theft. According to the re-port, the complainant stated she had received several phone calls from a 1-800 number over multiple days, which she initially ignored.

Shortly after, she received a letter from Wescom Credit Union stating she was be-hind on a loan payment. The complainant told deputies she had never done business with the credit union and believed someone had used her personal information to open an account. She con-tacted the credit union and was told the loan had been taken out on Aug. 26, 2025, for \$2,200.00.

The complainant was advised by Wescom Credit Union’s fraud department to obtain a copy of a police report for their investigation.

The incident was docu-mented by deputies.

Property Transfers

Abundant Life Properties, LLC. in District 18.

Michael Thomas Wood-ard to Timothy Stover in District 17.

William T. Vestal to Tom Hartigan and others in Dis-trict 2.

W.F. Jones Jr. to Firefly TN Land Holdings LLC. No District listed.

Tyler L. and Jennifer S. Murphy to Tyler L. Murphy in District 9.

Jennifer S. and Tyler L. Murphy to Jennifer S. Mur-phy in District 11.

Ashley Cook to Humble Builders, LLC. No District listed.

Ashley Cook to Humbles Estates, LLC. No District listed.

Santiago Ismael Quisque Lajuj to Gary and Susan Eastman. No District listed.

Joe L. Lindsey to Kathy Simonovich in District 19.

Adam Franklin Farmer to Rhea Farmer. No District listed.

The Tommy Hughes Bell Family Irrevocable Trust to Kristen Gray. No District listed.

Brenda Fay Hinson to Brenda Fay Hinson in Dis-trict 2.

Ronnie L. Chandler AKA Ronnie Lee to Leigh Ann Chandler in District 17.

Ronald Washburn to

Elizabeth F. Leadbeater to Robert Leadbeater Jr. in District 12.

James Cowan as executor to Roger Dale Nelson Dr. in District 21.

Shannon and husband Brandon Bott to Christo-pher Edward and wife Ash-ley Kelleher Albertson in District 4.

Keisha Barger Jones to Keisha Barger Jones in Dis-trict 11.

Denise Maynard to Kyle James Maynard and others. No District listed.

Weltonette Yolonda Smith AKA Weltonette Yolonda Willaims to Kend-rick C. Smith Sr. No District listed.

William P. and wife Amy G. Atkins to William P. and wife Amy Atkins as trustees in District 11.

William Perry Atkins to A & W Management LLC in District 16.

Marriage License

Kaylan Shae Weatherly, 28, of Huntingdon, to Ran-dy Dale Rutherford, 31, of Huntingdon.

Madison Brooke Gooch, 23, of Wildersville, to Zach-ary Robert Lowrance, 29, of Brighton.

Evan Michael Wallace, 23, of McKenzie, to Kim-berly Elizabeth Essary, 23,

of McKenzie.

Lillian Nora Dodson, 20, of McKenzie, to Wes-ley Thomas Bynum, 22, of McKenzie.

Chance Devin Flippin, 30, of McKenzie, to Ha-leigh Lyn Simmons, 29, of McKenzie.

Rebekka Lynn Reed, 23, of Yuma, to Justin Taylor

Longmire, 23, of Yuma.

Victor Howard-August Rehm, 55, of Bruceton, to Joan Ellen Manhart Dykes, 54, of Bruceton.

Aleah Danielle Gant, 24, of Huntingdon, to Ri-ley Grae Carden, 24, of Huntingdon.

Barry Thomas Doster, 41, of McKenzie, to Chris-ty Lynn Evans, 43, of McKenzie.

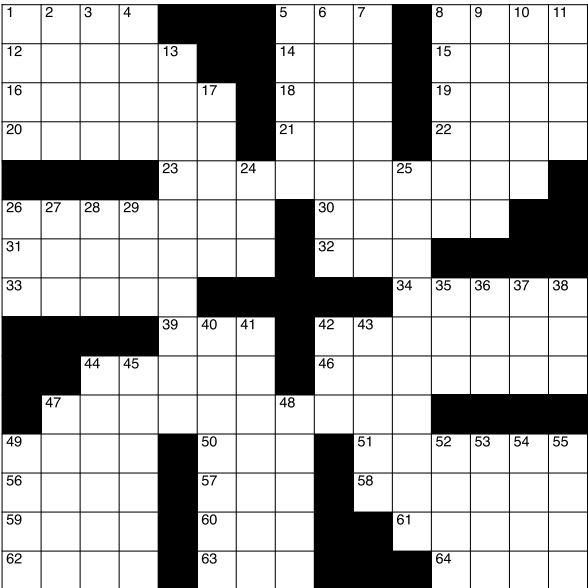
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. El __, Texas town
- 5. Rocker's tool
- 8. A lot
- 12. Traveling by ground
- 14. Spelling competition
- 15. Two-toed sloth
- 16. Small perfumed bag
- 18. "Much __ about nothing"
- 19. Tough-skinned mollusk
- 20. Removes from record
- 21. It warms the planet
- 22. Leafy green
- 23. Quality of arriving favorably
- 26. Living thing
- 30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
- 31. Got around a rule
- 32. Resin from burned substance
- 33. Iraq seaport
- 34. Religious leaders
- 39. Fugitives are on it
- 42. Samson's influencer
- 44. Italian city
- 46. A quality of lacking interest
- 47. Predatory tropical fishes
- 49. Nobel physician Isodor
- 50. Luck
- 51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
- 56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
- 57. One point south of due east
- 58. It follows 79
- 59. Paper currency
- 60. Anger
- 61. Spanish seaport
- 62. Sleep in a rough place



- 63. Famous museum
- 64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Soul and calypso song
- 4. Expressions of delight
- 5. Lower in esteem
- 6. Inner region of an organ
- 7. Flowers
- 8. A bog
- 9. Remove a fastening
- 10. Membranes
- 11. Enormous
- 13. One who abstains from drink
- 17. Malayan wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Rejecting all moral principles
- 26. Sino-Soviet block
- 27. Egyptian unit of weight
- 28. Wrong
- 29. Make a mistake
- 35. Indicates location
- 36. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 37. Where wrestlers compete
- 38. Timid
- 40. Disney town
- 41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 42. Male parent
- 43. Remove for good
- 44. Simple shoes
- 45. Flowers
- 47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
- 48. Not pleased
- 49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 52. CIA officer and writer
- 53. Hoodlum
- 54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
- 55. Woolen rugs

Week 43

See solution in next week's edition.

What's Poppin' Word Search

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

Air
Bag
Bucket
Butter
Caramel
Cheese

Corn
Crunchy
Fluffy
Garland
Hull
Kernel

Kettle
Microwave
Movie Night
Oil
Popping

Salt
Seasoning
Snack
Stovetop
Theater

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



306: Maxentius is proclaimed Roman emperor.

1726: The novel "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift is published.

1990: Georgia holds its only free election under Soviet rule.

SUDOKU

WEEK 43

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

Level: Beginner

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See solution in next week's edition.



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

A. 7 26 19 19 17 9 15

Clue: Tasty quality

B. 24 17 9 5 17 2

Clue: Inner part of a seed

C. 18 4 21 9 12 1 25 3 17

Clue: Cooking device

D. 16 12 16

Clue: Explode

Answers: A. buttery B. kernel C. microwave D. pop

LETTER MIX-UP

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

MOVIE NIGHT

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

Riddle Me This

What do you call two witches who live together?

Answer: Broommates!

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

EHTTARE

Answer: Theater

GUESS WHO?

I am a fashion designer and reality show star born in England on October 26, 1984. As the daughter of the "Prince of Darkness," I've traveled around the world during his music tours. I appeared on a TV show about my family, and became a mom three years ago.

Answer: Kelly Osbourne

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 42 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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A	L	I	A	S			T	E	A		A	A	R	E	
R	A	B	B	E	T		R	O	D		N	E	O	N	
S	E	S	A	M	E		I	R	E		E	R	G	S	
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A	R	E	S			G	D	E			G	L	E	N	

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 42

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

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Halloween

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McKENZIE BOO BASH

1. Tiny Terrors costume winners (L to R): First Place - Walker and Weston White; Second Place - Holland and Clark Thompson; and Third Place - Braxton Frederick.

2. Small Spooks costume winners (L to R): First Place - Matti Bennett; Second Place - Penelope Peachey; and Third Place - Sofia Cruz.

3. Middle Monsters costume winners (L to R): First Place - Lane Coleman; Second Place - Isaac Cruz; and Third Place - Hannah Jackson. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*

4. Jackelyne Padilla and Ariadna Padilla worked the Dilla's Sewing trunk-or-treat station. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

5. Older Ogres costume winners (L to R): First Place - Korrt Doyle; Second Place - Piper Porter; and Third Place - Uriah Welti.

6. Fearsome Families costume winners (L to R): First Place - Kerri Beth Arnold and Korrt Doyle; Second Place - Jacklyn and Heather Townes; and Third Place - Jason, Auggie and Megan Cole.

7. First place in the trunk contest was Delta Phi Nu's Wizard of Oz.

8. Second place in the trunk contest was Bethel Chemistry Club's Princess Bride.

9. Third place in the trunk contest was Bethel Association of Music's Scooby Doo. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*

10. The "Train of Terror" took passengers for rides around McKenzie.

11. Parents Hunter and Ivory Smith brought their kids, Ellie, Abram and Kaisen to the Boo Bash. *Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

WEST CARROLL BOO BASH

12. Winners in the costume contest were (L to R): Walker and Weston White, six months and two years old, respectively (Pre-K and under); Emily Roberts, six (Primary and Elementary); and Drake Herndon, 12 (Junior Senior High).

13. The winner of the pumpkin contest was West Carroll senior Hayden Weaver for her pumpkin, Doodle Boo.

14. Mery Dodd paints a butterfly on the face of Neely Santiago, five.

15. Be afraid, be very afraid of "fear leader" Kynlee Wilson, seven, and Emerson Keen (Wednesday Addams), five, seen lurking around the Project Graduation photo booth.

16. West Carroll Junior Senior High cafeteria staff served up sweet treats in the trunk-or-treat. Pictured (front) is Zelda Windom, eight, after grabbing a treat from "lunch ladies" (L to R) Barbara Butler, Julia Murphy, Janice Kennedy, Kristina Murdock (holding one-year-old Daxton Cone), Allison Myles and Brooke Gullede. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*

MES FALL FESTIVAL

17. Bo McKinnon, two, is right on target in the Scarecrow Throw.

18. Rhett Brown, four, plays Pick My Nose.

19. MMS cheerleader Emma Lifsey paints a flower on the cheek of Sophie Sellers, five.

20. Costume contest winners, 0-2 years (L to R): First Place - Lillian Dodd; Second Place - Ruby Kate Kee; Third Place - Kohen Seavers.

21. Costume contest winners, 3-4 years/Pre-K (L to R): First Place - Kase Seavers; Second Place - Penelope Peachey; Third Place - Tenley Russell.

22. Costume contest winners, Kindergarten (L to R): First Place - Tuck Merrick; Second Place - Matti Bennett; Third Place - Derek Artymovich.

23. Costume contest winners, First Grade (L to R): First Place - Harley Trevathan; Second Place - Addie Carroll; Third Place - Harper Gail Waddell.

24. Costume contest winners, Second Grade (L to R): Third Place - Emmy Eaton; Second Place - Piper Russell; First Place - Kaci McCaig.

25. Costume contest winners, Third Grade (L to R): First Place - Beckman Warren; Second Place - Laylah Waller; Third Place - Emerie Monteith.

26. Costume contest winners, Fourth Grade (L to R): First Place - Easton Webb; Second Place - Riley Barksdale; Third Place - Rachel Parham.

27. Costume contest winners, groups/families (L to R): First Place - Avery and Owen Winston; Second Place - Callie and Mack Hatcher; Third Place - Merrick and Mary Drew Couch. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*





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Congratulations!

We want to give a HUGE shoutout to our very own, Tori Paradise!

Tori was recognized as the 2025 CYAPSS of the Year earlier this week at the Tennessee All-Peer Conference in Nashville. We are so proud of her and this accomplishment as our Certified Young Adult Peer Support Specialist.

Tori works with students at our Hometown Health Clinic Bethel University location as the PIPBH (Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care) Program Director, alongside Addie Zantop, MSSW, therapist with the PIPBH Program.

Congratulations Tori, we are so happy for you! Keep up the amazing work! If you see Tori on campus or in the community, please congratulate her on this honor!



TREZEVANT TRACK OR TREAT

28. Costume Contest Winners, 0-4 years old (L to R): One-year-old Evelyn Davis won third place; five-month-old Waelynn Black won first place; and one-year-old Willow Spain won second place. 29. Costume Contest Winners, 5-8 years old (L to R): Seven-year-old Finlee Peevyhouse won third place; seven-year-old Blakely Spain won first place; and five-year-old Emerson Keen won second place. 30. McKenzie girls Harper, Saylor, Dawsyn and Ramsey Allen won the karaoke contest. *Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*