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Mississippi Woman Charged with Aggravated Assault of McKenzie Police

McKENZIE — A Southaven, Mississippi, woman was arrested and charged with assaulting three first responders at the McKenzie Police Station on November 5.

According to a report by MPD Sergeant Cody Coleman, he responded to McKenzie City Hall

where Celina Rose Louise Engles, 42, of Southaven, Mississippi, was acting erratic in the lobby of the McKenzie Police Station.

MPD dispatcher Tiesia Dowland had received a 911 call stating a woman was entering McKenzie on State Route 124 and was possibly in

a questionable mental state and unsure of her whereabouts. She found her way to McKenzie City Hall. She stated her daughter, a student at Mississippi College was missing.

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The school board honored 2024-25 TVAAS Level Four and Level Five teachers. (L to R) Back Row: McKenzie Board of Education members Gracie Aird, Misty Aird, LaShonda Williams, George Cassidy, Bobby Young, Dr. Justin Barden, Chad Brown and Karen Fowler. Front Row: Recognized teachers Amanda Morris, Paula Doster, Josephine Wright, Janet Esch, Courtney Kee, Mary Spivey and David Hochreiter. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

School Board Recognizes High-Achieving Teachers

BY LYNDEY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (November 4) — McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden called Tuesday night's school board meeting one of his favorite nights of the year. The board met in the high school library with

a light agenda which included a short recognition ceremony for the district's 2024-25 high-achieving teachers.

The board celebrated teachers who received Level Four and Level Five Tennessee's Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) honors based on their students' growth during the 2024-25 school year.

"We're excited to recognize seven individuals tonight," said Barden. "We are proud of them and the work they have done this past year and continue to do this year."

Level Five teachers, or teachers whose students reached "Significantly Above" average growth

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Gordon Browning Museum Awarded \$21,000 Grant from the Tennessee State Museum

McKENZIE (October 20) — The Carroll County Historical Society/Governor Gordon Browning Museum has received a \$21,000 Capital Maintenance and Improvements grant from the state of Tennessee, as administered through the Tennessee State Museum. The grant award will be used for repairs and extensive maintenance of the 87-year-old

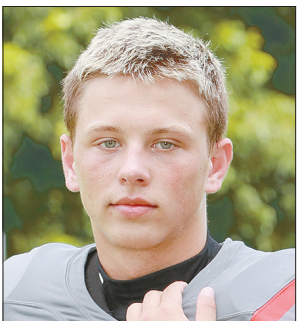
building's roof and for updates to the building's electrical system.

Vickie Summers, Governor Gordon Browning Museum director said, "We are sincerely thankful for the help in making our building safer and more resilient. We are humbled in the trust given us, to wisely use these funds to enable us to indefinitely enhance our com-

munity through our historical society museum honoring Governor Browning, and to make historical information about our community available to the public at large."

The Tennessee General Assembly's 2025-26 Appropriations Act made \$5 million in funding available

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Class 1A Mr. Football semifinalist Cole Brown. File photo

Rebel Cole Brown is Mr. Football Semifinalist

BY BRAD SAM
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NASHVILLE (November 6) — Semifinalists for the 2025 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards were announced Thursday, and for the fourth time in five years, a McKenzie High School player is among the five Class 1A semifinalists.

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Cachengo Changes Leadership

HUNTINGDON — Cachengo, an edge-computing company based in Huntingdon, Tenn., has made a leadership change. Ash Young, the founder and CEO, is no longer with the company.

Details about the changes to the company are not yet available; however, the company has stated that Young, a resident of Huntingdon, is no longer with the company.

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Election Commission Calls for 2026 Elections

HUNTINGDON (November 4) — Political races for governor, state representatives, countywide offices, school boards, and municipal elections are on the slate for the 2026 elections.

Carroll County Election Commission met on Tuesday, November 4 to discuss the upcoming election.

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SFC Pietz L. Pearson

SFC Pearson Retires After 33 Years of Military Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — After 33 years of active military service, McKenzie native Pietz L. Pearson recently retired from the United States Army, where he held the position of Sergeant First Class (SFC).

SFC Pearson graduated from McKenzie High School in 1989 and entered the United States military nearly three years later, on February 2, 1992.

In his 33 years of service, Pearson has deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, one rotation to Poland (EUCOM) and several other countries. His assignments included the 212th Engineers Company in Linden, Tenn.; 30th Finance Company in Smyrna, Tenn.; 777th Maintenance Company in Nashville; HQ Starc in Nashville; 526 BSB in Fort Campbell, Ky; 101st Sustainment Brigade in Fort Campbell, Ky; 602 Aviation Support Battalion in Camp Humphreys, Korea; 961st Quartermaster Company in McAllen, Texas; 310th Brigade Combat Team in Fort Polk, La.; 710 Brigade Support Battalion in Fort Polk, La.; Fourth ESC Fort Sam in Houston Texas; 194th Division Sustainment Support Battalion in Camp Humphreys, Korea; Camp Stanley in South Korea; and First Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade in Fort Cavazos/Fort Hood, Texas.

SFC Pearson attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. SFC Pearson's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Included Bridge Crewmember 12C, Finance Specialist 73C, Wheel Vehicle Repairer 63W, Human Resources Specialist 42A and Water Treatment Specialist 92W.

He also held a myriad leadership position to include Honor Guard NCOIC; Casualty Notification Officer (CNO) Squad Leader; Section Sergeant; Sponsorship Coordinator; Operations Sergeant; Platoon Sergeant; Motor Sergeant; Advisor; Battalion Equal Opportunity Leader; Battalion Retention NCO; Finance Specialist NCO; Joint Operation NCO; Supply NCO; Support Operations (SPO)

Water NCOIC; Brigade CEFES; Brigade Fund Custody; Field Maintenance Team (FMT) Belton, Texas, Military Relation member; and Family Advocate Program.

SFC Pearson completed Basic Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, SOLE Demonstrated Logistician Program, Master Leader Course and Third-degree Taekwondo from Korea, and SFC Pearson obtained a 2S-Identifier for Battle Staff.

SFC Pearson's awards and decorations include one Bronze Star (BSM), one Meritorious Service Medal, seven Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM), five Army Achievement Medal (AAM), one Presidential Unit Citation (PUCA), one Valorous Unit Award (VUA), two Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC), eight Army Good Conduct (AGCM), one Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA), one National Defense Service Medal (NDSMB), four Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals, (ARCAM), one Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM-CS), one Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM), two Iraq Campaign Medal – Campaign Stars (ICM-CS), Global War on Terror Service Medal (GWTSM), Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM), four Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons (NOPDR), one Army Service Ribbon (ASR), three Overseas Ribbons (OSR), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training (ARCOT), Certificates of Achievements (COA), The Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM), NATO Meritorious Service Medal (NATOMDL), Mechanic Badge (DMB-DWV), Marksmanship Badge (MQBSS-R) Order of Saint Martin and Order of Samuel Sharpe.

His civilian education includes an associate's degree in Business, a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, all from American Intercontinental University.

Assault

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Coleman made contact, identified himself and then Engles stated that Coleman's real name was Shelby Ford, a former football coach. He pointed to his name badge showing that his name was Coleman. When Coleman received her ID, he attempted to enter the secure dispatch area when Engles wanted her ID back. She then attempted to leave and Coleman stopped her from leaving.

She said, "Shelby, I'm not playing with you." He advised her to calm down or she would be handcuffed.

The report indicates Coleman feared for her personal safety. As he attempted to restrain her, she reached her right hand into her purse and grabbed what

appeared, at the time, to be a handgun.

She stated, "I have something for you."

Coleman attempted to restrain her and take her to the ground and control the firearm. Dispatchers Dowland and Mikayhla Vincent helped restrain the subject and control the handgun.

While Engles was on the floor, the handgun came loose and Sergeant Coleman advised Vincent to kick it away.

Engles was successfully restrained without injury to anyone. EMS responded to the scene. Engles refused medical treatment.

She was charged with three counts of Aggravated Assault of First Responders and Resisting Arrest. She was transported to Carroll County Jail and her vehicle was impounded. She was placed under a \$310,000 bond.



Long Time Employees Honored — Employees of 20 years or more were recognized at West Carroll's school board meeting Thursday night. (L to R) Front Row: Angie Morris, Pam Bryant, Sheila Hilliard, Jonathan Wheeler and Tina Seaton. Back Row: Elementary Principal Dr. Jessica Williams, Jr/Sr Principal Dr. Adam Douglas, Linda Hatfield, Gerald Mauldin, Primary Principal Jackie Wester, Shan DePriest, Angie Hartz, Lisa Ashby, Crystal Polinski, Shanna Pafford, Marsha Miller and Director Preston Caldwell. Photo credit to Mirror-Exchange

West Carroll School Board Honors Long-Serving Employees, Reports on Strategic Improvements

BY HANNAH WILSON
Mirror-Exchange

ATWOOD (November 6) — At Thursday night's meeting, the West Carroll School Board presented certificates with notes of written appreciation to employees who have been with the school system for twenty years or more.

Director of Schools Preston Caldwell expressed his gratitude, saying, "Thank you for your 20-plus years of dedication and loyalty to West Carroll."

Chairman William Robin-

son added, "You all have set the example to give back to the school system."

A total of 14 employees were present to receive their certificates. For those who were not present, the certificates were given to their respective principals to distribute.

Mr. Caldwell presented impressive statistics regarding the updated 5-Year Strategic Plan.

Chronic absenteeism dropped from 16.4 percent to 12.8 percent, and the graduation rate increased from 96 percent to 98 per-

cent. Achievement in grades 2-5 for economically disadvantaged students rose from 20 percent to 29 percent. Achievement in grades 6-8 for all students rose from 26.5 percent to 31 percent. Similarly, achievement in grades 9-12 for all students rose from 26.5 percent to 31 percent. Mr. Caldwell was proud to announce these improvements to all present.

Principals of all three schools provided reports on events from the month of October, as well as goals and events planned for the coming month.

Mr. Caldwell reported that there have been no threats of violence in the district and that they do not currently see any effects from the government shutdown, which he will be monitoring closely. The primary school's renovations are nearing completion, and they have already had an architect assess the elementary school.

Mr. Caldwell closed the meeting by reiterating the school system's mission: "Prepare students for life beyond the classroom."

Middle School Students Donate 885 Items to Local Food Banks

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McKENZIE (November 7) — McKenzie Middle School students were challenged to donate non-perishable food items last week during the school's annual "Week of Thankfulness" initiative. At the conclusion of the week, the school received 885 food items to donate to McKenzie United Neighbors and Cash Express.

Middle school staff turned the week into a fun challenge for the students. Early in the year, the staff separated students into six different "houses" reflecting the school's values. During the Week of Thankfulness, each house of students competed to donate the largest amount of food items.

Friday, the middle school announced the winning house: Altruismo. The Altruismo house,



Altruismo house members Madilyn Chappell (fifth grade), Casen Roberts (fifth grade) and Ripken Brown (sixth grade) are photographed with their house leaders Kinleigh Harris, Colin Lester and Jennifer Nelson in front of some food items donated during McKenzie Middle School's "Week of Thankfulness." Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

named after the word "altruism," consists of 66 students across fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade.

The house donated 270 items in total. McKenzie Middle School hosts a clothing drive the

first week of December, giving students another chance to give back to the community.

Brown

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Junior Cole Brown follows in the footsteps of recent semifinalists Tate Surber, Jackson Cassidy and Marquez Taylor. Surber and Cassidy were named Mr. Football in 2024 and 2022,

respectively, and Taylor was a finalist in 2021.

Brown is a three-way player for the Rebels who took over at quarterback this year. He led the team to a 9-1 regular season record and a region championship with 2,784 total yards of offense and 44 touchdowns.

He passed for 2,125 yards and 26 touchdowns with a 74.5 percent com-

pletion rate. Brown has rushed for 659 yards and 18 touchdowns.

On the other side of the ball, he has 52 tackles, including eight for a loss and two sacks.

As the team's punter, he has averaged 45.6 yards per punt.

Other semifinalists in Class 1A include Dresden's Luke Di Pietro, Coalfield's

Jaiden Bunch and South Pittsburg's Ja'Mychal Buckner and DaYon Cooper.

Other area semifinalists include Milan's Jaydon Peete in 2A and Westview's Graham Simpson in 3A.

The field will be narrowed to three finalists on Tuesday, November 25, and the Mr. Football awards will be presented on Tuesday, December 9 at Nissan Stadium.

Election

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Peg Hamlett, administrator of elections, encouraged the commission members to publicize the upcoming elections and encourage citizens to seek public office.

She noted that the office of Road Supervisor is now reduced to a single position in the August election. Presently, Carroll County has two supervisors. The Road Supervisor position and the office of Sheriff require certain credentials by candidates to appear on the ballot.

Both political parties in Carroll County formally requested a party primary in May. As such, all candidates - Republican, Democrats, and Independence must qualify for the May primary and the August

election by February 19.

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 for the August elections.

The offices in the primary include:

May 5th, 2026 County Primary Election – Offices

County Offices: August 6 General Elections

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 (previously two positions)

County Commission: Districts 1 – 9, all positions

County Board of Education: Districts 1, 2, and 3.

Special School Districts: August 6 General Elections

Hollow Rock-Bruceton: Dist. 15, 1 position; Dist. 16 Bruceton, 1 position; Dist. 16 At Large, 1 position

Dist. 16 Hollow Rock City (two-year unexpired), 1 position

Huntingdon SSD: At Large, 2 positions

McKenzie SSD: At Large, 4 positions

South Carroll: At Large, 2 positions

West Carroll: Old County, 1 position; Old Atwood, 1 position; Old Trezevant, 1 position.

Municipal Elections

Candidates can pick up petitions to run for the local municipal elections beginning June 22. Qualifying deadline is August 20.

Election is November 3, except for Clarksburg, that has an August election.

Clarksburg (August) Mayor and Aldermen; Atwood (November) Mayor and Aldermen; Bruceton (November) Mayor and Aldermen; Hollow Rock (November) Mayor and Aldermen; Huntingdon (November) Councilmen; McKenzie (November) Mayor and Councilmen; McLemoresville (November) Mayor and Aldermen; Trezevant (November) Aldermen.

Attending the meeting were: Chairman Ron Reiter; Secretary Michael Corrado; and commissioners Michael Tate and Linda Wallace. Absent was Judy Alexander.

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McKenzie Schools Tighten Spectator Code of Conduct

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (November 4) — During Tuesday night's school board meeting in the McKenzie High School Library, the McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) Board of Education approved updates to the district's Spectator Code of Conduct.

The Spectator Code of Conduct details actions that would cause an individual to be kicked out of a school-sponsored athletic event, and the additional punishments they would be subject to by MSSD.

Before going over the changes, Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden said, "We've had just a couple of situations this year that we felt precipitated us changing some of the language in our Spectator Code of Conduct."

These changes include adding more types of actions that would cause a spectator to be kicked out and specifying punishments specific to each offense.

Actions deserving of ejection include using foul or obscene gestures or language directed at players, coaches, game officials, game administrators, and/

or other spectators (before, during or after the contest); disrupting the contest in any manner (coming onto the floor/court, throwing objects, etc.); using alcohol or smoking/vaping while attending the contest; or exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct that is not reflective of appropriate behavior toward another individual.

Upon first offense, spectators who engage in unruly behavior will be banned from attending all MSSD athletic events (home or away) for a minimum of one week (seven calendar days) and are required to reimburse the school for any fines the school is responsible for paying as a result of their behavior before returning to any school athletic event.

Upon second offense, unruly spectators will be banned from attending all MSSD athletic events (home or away) for a minimum of one month (30 calendar days) and are required to reimburse the school for any fines the school is responsible for paying as a result of their behavior before returning to any school athletic event.

Upon third offense,

unruly spectators will be banned from attending all MSSD athletic events (home or away) for a minimum of one year (365 calendar days) and are required to reimburse the school for any fines the school is responsible for paying as a result of their behavior before returning to any school athletic event.

If the school's game administrator and/or other school district or staff members eject a spectator before the game's assigned officials request an ejection, and a fine is not imposed on the school, the spectator will still be banned for the designated time period based on their offense.

All spectator suspensions begin the day following the ejection.

Additionally, all punished spectators are asked to meet with the school principal to discuss his or her behavior and review expectations. A spectator's ban will stay in effect until the spectator meets with the school principal.

The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) fines membership schools \$250 for any spectator who comes onto the field or floor during an incident or is ejected by the contest's game officials due to unsportsmanlike conduct.

Townes, Beeler are Mr., Miss MHS

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE — The McKenzie High School Class of 2026 recently selected senior superlatives. Chosen as Mr. and Miss MHS were Carlton Townes and Carli Beeler.

Townes and Beeler were also selected as Best Dressed and Most Likely to Be Famous.

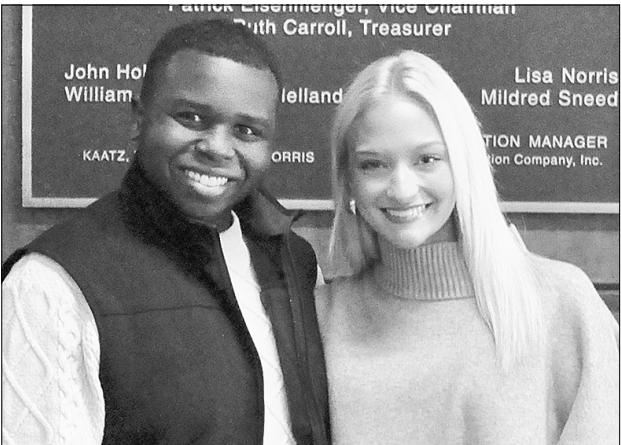
Other superlatives include: Most Athletic — Timmy Arline and Charli Weatherford.

Most Rebel Spirit — Tobey Brooks and Gracie Aird.

Most Likely to Succeed — Coleson Cook and Gracie Aird.

Class Clown — Jackson Cantrell and Kalecia Cunningham.

Most Talented — Dylan Bomar and Liberty Dyal.



Mr. and Miss MHS Class of 2026 Carlton Townes and Carli Beeler. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Best Personality — Ryan Toombs and Nadia Sisemore.
Best to Bring Home to Mom — Coleson Cook and Laila McDade.
Friendliest — Davarion

Gilbert and Laila McDade.
Most Courteous — JT Cathey, Ryan Toombs and Briley Priddy.
Worst Case of Senioritis — Shane Barrick and Savannah Lewis.

Veterans Service Officer Speaks to Rotary Club

McKENZIE (November 4) — Retired Army Sergeant Major Renee Myers delivered a speech to members of the McKenzie Rotary Club, recounting her 27-year military career and explaining the significance of Veterans Day. She detailed her journey from enlisting in the Army against her family's strong Navy tradition to becoming a senior non-commissioned officer, highlighting key leadership lessons learned through formal military education, mentorship, and challenging assignments, including deployments to Iraq.

Myers also explained the history of Veterans Day, clarifying its distinction from Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day. She defined a veteran as anyone who has received a DD-214 and encouraged them to take advantage of the many benefits. She concluded by discussing her transition to civilian life and her current role as the Carroll County Veterans Service Officer, urging the audience to help connect veterans with the benefits they have earned.

Originally from Buffer-ton, Alabama, she grad-



Rotarian Junior Milam, Veterans Service Officer Renee Myers, and Rotary President Ricky Price.

uated from Deacon Free High School in Chester and enlisted in the Army in September 1988, completing basic training in Alabama. She trained as a medical specialist at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Myers is married to retired Sergeant Major Carl Myers from Washington, D.C., and they reside in Yuma, Tenn.

Coming from a family with a strong Navy tradition, Myers faced initial skepticism from family members when she chose the Army over her father's hopes for her to attend the Naval Academy. Nevertheless, she quickly rose through the ranks, retiring as an E-9 after 27 years.

Myers' achievements include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and numerous other medals, including the National Defense Service Medal and the COVID Air Assault Badge.

Myers emphasized that leadership is learned, citing her own experiences and lessons from mentors. Her first lesson came when her First Sergeant held her accountable for a subordinate's mistake, teaching her the importance of responsibility.

Myers graduated with distinction from several military education programs, including the Primary Leadership Development Course and Drill Sergeant School.

Teachers

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in 2024-25, were Paula Doster, high school Algebra II, Pre-Cal, Calculus, Statistics teacher; Janet Esch, high school English I; Amanda Morris: sixth-grade math teacher; Josephine Wright, sixth-grade social studies teacher; and Mary Spivey, third-grade teacher.

Level Four teachers, or teachers whose students reached "Above" average growth in 2024-25, were David Hochreiter, eighth-grade social studies teacher and Courtney Kee, fourth-grade math teacher.

Barden honored each of the seven teachers with banners detailing their achievements.

After the recognition ceremony, Hochreiter took the floor and asked the board to endorse a summer 2027 trip to Washington, DC.

Hochreiter leads the trip, taking 40 middle school students to see the nation's capital city. The trip is open to students who have completed sixth grade and who have not yet begun their freshman year at McKenzie High School.

"My coursework is all

about American history," said Hochreiter. "I truly believe that the more that kids can see and interact and touch the things that we talk about, the deeper the understanding these students will have."

The four-day trip, organized by WorldStrides, would have students — and at least four chaperones — meeting their elected representatives at the US Capitol, taking tours of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and more.

The board approved Hochreiter's request for endorsement, allowing him to advertise the trip at school.

Dr. Barden spoke to the board about the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Accountability Report.

The report listed the district's goals in third-grade ELA proficiency, third-through twelfth-grade mathematics proficiency and high school graduation rate.

The state of Tennessee set a statewide goal of 70 percent ELA proficiency for third grade students by 2030. The district's TISA report notes 35.8 percent of McKenzie's third graders were proficient in ELA in 2024-25.

Barden said it was mis-

leading to recognize students' growth by looking at one school year.

"One piece to note — and we talked to the State about this," Barden said, "is that we're not comparing apples to apples. Each year's third-grade class is different."

Upon review, the board approved the TISA Accountability Report.

Barden also spoke with the board about the Local Education Agency (LEA) Compliance Report, which ensures education laws and rules are faithfully executed at the district. The board approved this year's report.

The board also briefly reviewed and approved a request for McKenzie High School Beta Club students to attend the State Beta Convention in Nashville and stay overnight at the Opryland Hotel on November 20.

Lastly, the board approved updates to the district's Spectator Code of Conduct, which tightens the punishments for unruly behavior by spectators at school-sponsored athletic contests. See "McKenzie Schools Tighten Spectator Code of Conduct" for these updates.

The MSSD Board of Education meets again Tuesday, December 2.

Gerdau Metals Recycling Marks One Year in McKenzie

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (November 7) — Gerdau Metals Recycling recently marked one year since the multinational corporation purchased Dale's Recycling. A "grand reopening" celebration for staff and customers was held Friday.

On November 1, 2024, Gerdau, a global steel producer, acquired Dale's, which included ten locations in the region.

Dale's Recycling was

founded in Trezevant in 1984 and expanded over the years before the purchase.

Ken Weatherford, location manager at McKenzie and Trezevant, is the brother-in-law of Dale's founder Roger Dale Nelson, and has worked for the recycling facility for many years. He told The Banner that Gerdau's goal was to continue the same level of service that Dale's had provided for so many years.

He said that, after safety, which "comes first," the business prioritizes community

outreach.

He noted that they donate junk cars to different entities such as fire departments and rescue squads for practicing life-saving skills and such as Bethel University for various activities.

At Friday's celebration, customers and staff enjoyed hot dogs off the grill, refreshments and fellowship.

Gerdau Metals Recycling is located at 1336 Bell Store Road is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Carroll Bank and Trust to Open New Branch in Jackson

Carroll Bank and Trust is expanding to Jackson. The upcoming branch — located at 79 Stonebridge Blvd, Suite A in the Trinity Centre, Jackson — will allow the bank to serve the Madison County community.

Founded in 1907 in Carroll County, Carroll Bank and Trust has grown to serve communities across Carroll, Benton, Gibson, Henry and Henderson counties. As a proud community bank, their mission has always been rooted in building strong relationships and delivering trusted financial services.

"We are excited to bring our brand, culture and commitment to excellence to the Jackson, Madison County market. We look forward to building on our current

Jackson relationships and delivering true community banking to new customers as well. We are committed to being a valued community partner," said Michael E. Cary, President and CEO of Carroll Bank and Trust.

Andrew Massie has been selected as the city president for Jackson, where he has spent the entirety of his banking career. He has been married to his wife, Rian, since 2016, after graduating from Union University.

"I am grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve the community as the city president of Carroll Bank and Trust in Jackson," said Massie. "CB&T truly supports their employees and provides them with the resources to help customers achieve their financial goals

and to give back to the community. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue serving Jackson at Carroll Bank and Trust."

Carroll Bank and Trust offers a full range of consumer and commercial banking services, along with investment solutions through Raymond James. Carroll Bank and Trust employees are dedicated to personalized service and local decision-making — banking with people you know and trust.

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Museum

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"for the sole purpose of providing grants to museums with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or affiliated with a government entity for capital maintenance and improvements."

In the grant program's third year, it remains a highly competitive process. In total, the Tennessee State Museum received 178 applications, totaling \$12,031,874 in requests. The museum has made

full or partial awards to 99 museums across the state, representing 45 counties. In three years, the museum has served museums in 73 counties across the state. A complete list of 2025-26 grantees, counties and amounts is posted at TN-Museum.org/grants.

"The Tennessee Capital Improvement Grants continue to support and strengthen the infrastructure of institutions preserving our state and local history and culture," said Ashley Howell, Tennessee State Museum executive director. "We are honored to help support the com-

mitment of those institutions to better serve their communities and visitors through collection care and visitor accessibility these last three years. We are inspired by the dedication of their staff and volunteers. None of it would be possible, of course, without the State of Tennessee's unwavering support for Tennessee history."

The Capital Maintenance and Improvements grant had a minimum request amount of \$5,000 and a maximum request amount of \$100,000. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2026.

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the deeds to property along Lexington Street in Huntingdon, including the former Bethel University in-line skating rink (Huntingdon Produce) building.

For information on the company, visit <https://cachengo.com>.

Editor's Viewpoint

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A Phoenix with 1,000 Cuts

If you want a lesson in survival, talk to an entertainer (or public figure).

This weekend I had the honor of giving my little cousin “singing lessons,” or at least giving her advice on songs she is going to sing.

We talked about basic things like breathing from your diaphragm, projecting, chest voice vs. head voice, among other things.

Background: I started singing lessons with Mrs. Teresa Smith when I was 9 and continued singing as a profession until I was 18, when I went to college. Not famous, barely regionally recognized, but it was something that gave my life purpose for a little while, and it is still a big part of my identity.

Going into the lesson, I wasn't sure if I could be of any help.

Like, I can ride a bike pretty well, but can I adequately teach someone else how to ride a bike well?

I wasn't sure.

I thought about Mrs. Teresa and my first impression of her. I was in awe of her talent and scared because I didn't know if I had what it takes. How could I ever be like her, so amazingly talented and confident?

I loved music, but you never know what you can be until you take the first step.

Mrs. Teresa knew how to start small with the basics and build on it to create these amazing singers that I still admire, like Jessica Andrews, Brooke King Cooper, Jessica Tucker, Anna Ross Eaton, Jonathan McDowell, Whitney Duncan, among MANY others.

So, I figured I should start by listening. I asked her to sing the first song she had been working on and then I gave feedback. Obviously, the first time you do anything can be memorable and terrifying and I told her, “you're in a new place, holding a mic, singing in front of someone you've never sang in front of - it's a lot and it's ok to be nervous.”

Long story short, she was a great student, she listened and adjusted and made great progress in a

short time. I'm convinced she will shine brightly on performance day.

During the lesson, I shared some of my experiences with performing and some of the things to be aware of.

For example, “the audience is going to be dead-faced, not smiling, because who just sits there and smiles during a long event? No one.

“When people are listening, all the other social cues and niceties take a back seat and it's the eyes, ears and brain taking in the information. So be aware, they aren't mad, they're just listening.”

(Side note, I'm the weirdo smiling at you while you're performing because I know how uncomfortable it can be to be up there.)

But dragging out all the lessons I've learned through the years, brought a lot of things to the surface that, for the most part, I had repressed.

One thing I told her to be aware of, is when you start to shine and stand out, you will become a target for people who want to try to dull your shine.

“Don't pick that negative feedback up (from where they dropped it) and start snuggling with it. That's not yours to carry. Leave it there. Because what people say about you has a lot more to do with them than you.”

Do you know how Mrs. Teresa, myself and other entertainers I've known earned their confidence?

By a thousand cuts. A thousand times that someone tried to break them and they survived.

The strength comes from a thousand tears, a thousand different lessons, a thousand times you didn't know if you could go on. Everything in this world is a blessing or a lesson and the first time always hurts the most.

Good news is, that particular thing won't hurt as much the next time; and, “at least you know exactly who your friends are,” a recent lyric by Taylor Swift.

I use lyrics like positive affirmations and anthems

of endurance.

I talked a little about Taylor Swift, Adele, and others' struggles with being in the spotlight.

“Just because they said it, doesn't make it true. Your worth is not defined by the negative (or positive) feedback from others.”

At some point in the conversation, she mentioned a feature that she didn't like about herself.

Then, I told her about all the times I've said those things to myself.

She replied, “but you're beautiful,” and I replied, “So are you.”

“We always see and say the worst things about ourselves but see others as flawless.”

It is your job to look in the mirror every morning and give the person staring back some grace.

You are exactly as God made you and you are doing your best.

“When people try to tear you down, it is your job to realize where it's coming from and love them anyway.”

Everyone is hurting in some way, but it rarely comes out as “I'm hurting.”

It comes out as you're ugly, stupid, you can't sing, etc.

So, don't pick that stuff up and snuggle it, it doesn't belong to you.

Forgive those who lash out and love them anyway.

Your peace is your most valuable asset and no one can take that from you without your permission.

Being affected by it makes you human, rising above it makes you a survivor, a phoenix.

I share this with you all for two reasons: to tell you about a beautiful little girl who is starting her singing journey :) and to remind you to give yourself some grace.

To all the little girls out there, NEVER believe that you are anything less than amazing.

And to everyone else, like the sign that's been in our front window for over a year says, “you are so loved.”

Yes, you. Thank you for existing.

were closed. Kentucky votes next year. New Jersey and Virginia elected Democratic governors. New York City elected a Muslim American as mayor and Proposition 50 passed in California. This was the proposition to redraw districts in response to that action being taken in Texas.

Are there still very real reasons to be concerned? Of course. But instead of listing the atrocities we witness and read about every day, I want to take time to enjoy the hopeful feeling. We the people are still willing to fight for our republic.

Joyce Hale
McKenzie

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Nothing Ordinary About These Ordinary People

We pause every year in November to recognize the veterans who have stood in the gap for us. From those brave soldiers who won our freedom at Lexington Green, Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Yorktown, to those who defended it, and us, at San Juan Hill, in the Argonne Forest, at Omaha Beach, in the freezing cold of Korea's Chosin Reservoir, the jungles of Vietnam, and the blazing heat in the deserts of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our pause is not long enough—never long enough—to do them justice. And although our gratitude is absolutely sincere and heartfelt, I'm not sure we even scratch the surface....

The first veteran I met was Daddy. He was a quiet, unassuming man who would play chase with us after supper and would sharpen my Barlow knife when I dulled it trying to cut down an oak tree. He mowed the yard and would work on the washing machine if it quit. He was about as ordinary as they come. Certainly, this man could not be a war hero....

When I asked Mom if Dad's hair had always been white, she explained that it “turned that way” in the 17 days and nights he was cut off behind enemy lines and completely surrounded by the Japanese. That was on Biak Island. Of an entire company, only 20 men were alive when they were finally rescued.

I got snippets of his two and a half years in the South Pacific as I grew older. But never from him. Mom would fill us in when we wanted to know about the ribbons and bronze stars on the old Eisenhower jacket in the closet.

By junior high I got up enough nerve to ask him about the war. He said the natives in New Guinea were friendly and it rained every day. Thus ended his eye

witness report on World War II.

When the musket fire boomed at Lexington and Concord in 1775 those same “ordinary” farmers and merchants dropped their tools and came running toward the sound of battle. They did not fight for glory, honor, or worldly conquest, but for the idea, still young and untested, that all men are created equal, and liberty was worth dying for.

Every generation after them had big shoes to fill. And fill them they did! Our citizen soldiers rose to the occasion again in 1812 when the British tried to reenter our picture.

You ever wonder why the death tolls were so staggering during the Civil War. The answer is blatantly obvious. It was American soldiers fighting American soldiers. Neither army backed up. Nobody on either side gave an inch. They fought in the rain and mud. Over hill and dale. Day and night. They fought twice at Bull Run. If the South hadn't run out of food, men, shoes, ammunition and money, they might still be fighting today.

In 1917, when America entered the Great War (to end all wars) thousands of young men flooded recruiting offices. Many had never traveled past their respective county lines. Within months they were sailing across the Atlantic to foreign trenches, fighting for a peace they may never live to see.

The German high command marveled at how rapidly the American forces were deployed to the front lines. Will Rogers famously explained it, “It only takes half the time when you just train them to go one way.”

That scene was repeated immediately after December 7, 1941, but on a much larger scale. Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq raised some eyebrows as to our involvement in

those areas of the world. It did not diminish, tarnish, or distract from the courage, sacrifice, fortitude, or the ideas that our young soldiers fought, and died for.

What an exclusive club they belong to, those soldiers who have borne the burden of our safety for 250 years, and counting. If you ask them about their service, they wave you off with the standard, “I was just doing my duty” line. Humility is another common thread with these warriors.

When we see the flag raised high, we should remember them. When we practice the many freedoms that we sometimes take for granted, we should remember how they stood watch on stormy nights in lonely, and often dangerous, places.

When we bow to thank and honor them this November, let's remember that freedom is not a birthright, it is a gift, purchased by the blood, sweat, and tears of the American soldier.

I remember thinking, “that's not even possible” when Mom told us about Dad's hair turning white in the 17 days he was surrounded by the enemy on Biak Island. As I grew older, and a bit wiser, the whole premise of that story changed. It wasn't about hair color. It was about ordinary heroes fighting for a just cause. Because of their faithfulness, dedication, courage, and steadfast loyalty to this nation, I have never been surrounded by anything...except peace, love, joy, and happiness.

I wonder sometimes if we appreciate enough the 80 percent of Daddy's company that gave their last full measure on that tiny island so long ago, so far away from home....

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Don't Stop Worrying

One thing you must remember is that ANXIETY AND WORRY feed off each other. More anxiety produces more worry. More worry produces more anxiety.

It's not helpful to tell someone to quit worrying. Besides, it's very difficult to teach someone not to worry.

However, there's a technique you can practice that will keep worry from contaminating every moment of your day. It's called A Worry Hour. And here's how it works: You set aside a specific hour in your day, let's say 7:00 p.m. Nothing is to interfere with you keeping that appointment—nothing. When Worry Hour arrives, find a solitary place

(your bedroom, a closet, the bathroom, etc.), and begin writing down everything you're worried about. Write down all the scary “what ifs?” your anxiety is telling you. You must not think about anything else except your worries. Dwell on them; let your imagination run wild to horrible places.

If you get finished before your hour is up, go back and read everything you've written. Concentrate on it. Add any additional worries you can think of.

Then, when your worry hour is up, you must stop.

Make this a regular, daily practice, even if you feel like you don't need to. You must be vigilant. But here is a very important rule—if

you find yourself worrying during any other moment of the day, tell yourself, “I can't worry about that right now. I'm supposed to save it for my Worry Hour.”

After you've practiced this every day for some time, and you believe sixty minutes has become too much time to set aside for worrying, you can reduce the Worry Hour by ten minutes and see how that works for you.

Going forward with this practice, you're allowed to reduce the Worry Hour to a number that works for you. And, as challenging events come and go in your life, you can increase it or decrease it based on your need.

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



I Feel Hopeful

For the first time in an entire year, I feel hopeful. American citizens went to the polls on November 4th and voted to protect our democracy. The victories were by large margins. People do not want the country we have been living in since January 20, 2025. They showed that by attending

the No Kings protests in great numbers in June and in larger numbers in October. The Paris event drew 400 people the second time. That was more than double the first. Some of our neighbors in Kentucky were so eager to vote that they were calling the Secretary of State to ask why the polls

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Obituaries

ERIC DUFFIELD DAVIS
1966 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Eric Duffield Davis, 59, died on November 6, 2025.

Eric was born on October 3, 1966, to William Rutherford and Judy Hickerson Davis. He attended school in McKenzie until 1979, when the family moved to Whidbey Island, Wash. He graduated from Coupeville High School and Bellingham Technical College in Washington.

He began his Boy Scout journey in McKenzie. While in Washington, he attended the World Scout Jamboree in Alberta, Canada, and the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He became an Eagle Scout and was awarded the national honor society's Order of the Arrow.

Eric had a long career in computer technology as a data center systems architect for companies such as Walt Disney, Cisco Systems, Amazon Web Services, and Jacobs International.

He lived and worked in Washington, California, and Oregon before rejoining his parents in McKenzie in 2022.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James and Margaret Hickerson of McKenzie, and his paternal grandparents, William and Gertrude Davis of Louisville, Ky.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial donations may be made to the Carroll County Humane Society.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

LARRY SPENCER
1938 – 2025

BRUCETON — Mr. Larry Spencer, 87, of Bruceton, died Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral services were Sunday, November 9, 2025. Burial was in New Prospect Cemetery.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Mr. Spencer's name. Donations can be made online at donate.shrinerschildrens.org or mailed to Shriners Hospitals for Children at 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Mr. Larry Belew Spencer, 87, was born on November 5, 1938, in Yuma, Tenn., to the late Vernon Hoover Spencer, Sr. and the late Wilma Lewis Belew Spencer. He was a retired funeral director who owned and operated Bruceton Funeral Home for 56 years. He was a long-time member of Bruceton First United Methodist Church, Bru-

ceton Masonic Lodge #731, Nashville Scottish Rites, past chairman and member of Carroll County Scottish Rites, member of Al Chymia Shrine, where he past captain and charter member and co-founder of the Carroll County Mounted Patrol, member of the Carroll County Field Trial Club, member and twice president of Bruceton Lions Club, member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter #314 and a 50-year Carroll County commissioner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Wilma Spencer; a brother, Vernon Spencer Jr.; and a son, Timothy Ray Williams, Sr.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Brenda Maddox Spencer of Bruceton; one daughter, Holly Spencer of Camden; three sons, William "Bubba" (Amy) Spencer of Bolivar, Jamie (Vicky) Williams of Bruceton, and Robert "Roho" (Jennifer) Williams of Bruceton.; nine grandchildren, Spencer (Kirsti) Berry of Camden, T.J. (Molly) Williams of Camden, Brianna (Cody) Hicks of Camden, Haden (Tori) Williams of Hollow Rock, Haley (Isaiah) Donald of Bruceton, Dalton Williams of Nashville, Brylee (Brady) Barham of Camden, Keely Williams of Bruceton and Colt Spencer of Bolivar; and seven great-grandchildren, Knox and Nash Berry of Camden, Talon and Collins Williams of Hollow Rock, Reid and Luke Donald of Bruceton and Blayze Hicks of Camden.

Bruceton Funeral Home.

LINDA SUE HARR
1951 – 2025

BRUCETON — Mrs. Linda Sue Harr, 74, of Bruceton, died Friday, November 7, 2025, at her residence.

Graveside services were Monday, November 10, 2025, at Mixie Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Linda was born April 13, 1951, to the late Otha Sellers and Gladys Moore Sellers. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Harr; one brother, Larry Sellers; and one sister, Teresa Chandler.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

CARLTON WALLS
1931 – 2025

Mr. Carlton Walls, 94, formerly of Huntingdon, moved to Knoxville in 1998, died Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville.

Funeral services were on Sunday, November 9, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial was in Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Walls was born February 19, 1931, in Lavinia, Tenn., to the late Alton

Avery Walls and Gladys Easter (McMinn) Walls.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Mildred Marie (Es-kew) Walls; two brothers, Allen Walls and Russell Walls; and a sister, Maxine Mauldin.

He is survived by two sons, Dwayne (Paula) Walls of Huntingdon, and Dwight (Linda) Walls of Paris, Tenn.; a daughter, Starr (Shawn) Leehans of Knoxville; two sisters, Brenda Shank, of Austin, Texas, Mattie Ruth Holt, of Glenrose, Texas; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.

JOYCE SPAIN
1954 – 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Joyce Spain, 70, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, November 6, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Monday, November 10, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Lance Cordell officiating. Burial was in Obion Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Spain was born on December 29, 1954, in Benton, Ky., to the late Ralphly Howell Hicks and Irene Eldridge Hicks. She was a registered nurse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Conrad Spain; five brothers, Ralph Eugene Hicks, Joe Thomas Hicks, James Howell Hicks, Dan Philip Hicks, and Gary Edwin Hicks; and two sisters, Janice Kay Hicks, and Ann Grace Henson.

She is survived by three sons, John Matthew Spain (Stacie) of Millington, Tenn., Timothy Joseph Spain (Lindsey) of Lexington, Tenn., and Adam William Spain, of Millington, Tenn.; two sisters, Eva Gray Logsdon, and Laura Kathleen Thompson; two brothers, Larry Cecil Hicks, and Charles David Hicks; and six grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.

GEORGE MICHAEL CHESSER
1987 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Graveside services for George Michael Chessser were on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Finley Cemetery.

Mr. Chessser, 38, died at Jackson Madison County General Hospital on November 4, 2025. He was born in Huntingdon on June 20, 1987, to Michael Wayne Chessser and Angela Marie Watson Depriest.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Michelle Jones and Jana Vestel; and two brothers, Travis Chessser and Gaberial Chessser.

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

Robert Howard Allen, Ph.D., Dies

He Had No Formal Education Until Age 32 When He Enrolled at Bethel

Robert Allen received national media attention when he enrolled at Bethel College in 1981 at the age of 32. He had never attended school and was self-taught through reading books from the Carroll County Library and the Bible.

Dr. Robert Howard Allen, 76, of Madisonville, Tenn., a poet, scholar, and longtime college professor whose remarkable journey of faith and perseverance inspired countless students, died November 3, 2025.

Born in Huntingdon, Tenn., on February 7, 1949, Robert's early life was marked by hardship, but it became a story of grace, endurance, and devotion to God.

Raised by his grandfather and blind great-aunt, Ida, after being abandoned as a child, Robert found his anchor in faith and Scripture. Each evening, he read the Bible aloud to Aunt Ida—five chapters a night—instilling in him a lifelong reverence for both language and the Word.

Denied formal schooling in his youth, Robert educated himself through Scripture, a dictionary left by his mother, and stacks of borrowed books. He taught himself to read using comic books, then turned to the classics and Shakespeare. His love of language led him

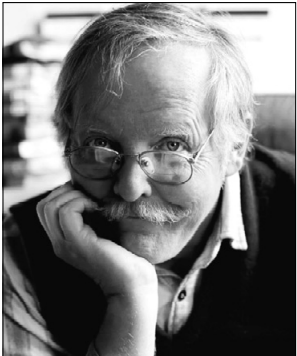
to write poetry, which was soon published in respected literary journals.

In his late twenties, Robert earned a near-perfect score on the GED and excelled on college entrance exams. In 1981, at age 32, he enrolled at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.—now Bethel University—where he graduated summa cum laude in 1984. That same year, his story of perseverance drew national attention through newspaper features, television coverage, and a documentary.

Robert went on to earn both a master's degree and a Ph.D. in English from Vanderbilt University on a full six-year Presidential Scholarship. His doctoral work examined the mythic background of W.B. Yeats's early poetry.

Following his studies, Dr. Allen returned to Bethel as a professor, later teaching at Murray State University, the University of Tennessee—Martin, and finally Hiwassee College, a United Methodist institution in Madisonville, Tenn., where he also served as college archivist. His students remembered him as a gentle and insightful mentor who loved literature and deeply believed in the transformative power of education.

Robert's unpublished manuscripts, including his



autobiography, resided in the Hiwassee College archive and are now presumably in the possession of the Holston Conference Commission on Archives and History.

A faithful church member and an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Robert lived out a quiet, enduring ministry of faith through scholarship, compassion, and service. He remained active in his later years at First Presbyterian Church of Sweetwater and supported community ministries such as the Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville.

Robert's writing and teaching reflected the steadfast hope that had carried him through life's hardships. "Forgiveness isn't a theory to him—it's his life," wrote one friend. His ministry was found not in the pulpit but in the classroom, in his care for others, and in his unshakable belief that truth and love endure.

Story courtesy of the Cumberland Presbyterian Magazine.



Pecan Pie Bars

1 pkg yellow cake mix (reserve 2/3cup for filling)
1 egg
1/2 cup melted margarine
Mix together and press in 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.
Filling:
2/3 cup reserved cake mix
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 cup corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs
1 cup chopped pecans
Combine all ingredients and pour over baked crust. Return to oven and bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

Strawberry Cake

1 box white or yellow cake mix
1 box frozen strawberries, thawed
4 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup water
1 box strawberry jello
Beat eggs. Add cake mix and jello. Mix well. Add oil add water. Blend. Add strawberries, mixing well. Bake at 350 degrees (in layers) cool.

Icing:

Large cool whip
8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 box powdered sugar
Mix well. Decorate with one can strawberry pie filling.

Peanut Butter Fudge

2/3 cup butter
2/3 cup creamy peanut butter
6 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Melt peanut butter and butter together, about 1 1/2 minutes in microwave. Stir in powdered sugar, milk and vanilla. Cook about 1 1/2 minutes. Stir and pour onto well greased dish or cookie sheet. Refrigerate.

Easy Boiled Custard

3 quarts milk
3 small boxes vanilla instant pudding mix
3/4 cup sugar
1 box Cool Whip
1 teaspoon vanilla
Beat milk, pudding and

sugar about 5 minutes. Add Cool Whip and vanilla; mix well. Chill. Makes about 1 gallon.

Mexican Cornbread

2 cups self rising cornmeal
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup oil
3 eggs
1 cup buttermilk
1 medium bell pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 cup cream style corn

1/2 tablespoon red pepper or 3 chopped peppers
Mix and bake in a 9x13 pan 350 degrees until done.

Spaghetti Salad

1 lb thin spaghetti, cooked, cooled and drained.
1/2 bottle McCormick Salad Supreme
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McKenzie Rotary Hosts Charity Auction

The Rotary Club of McKenzie's annual charity auction was Saturday, November 8, from 6-8 p.m. at Bethel's Vera Lowe Center. Bethel generously provided the space for the live auction.

This year's auction featured over 90 items from local businesses, ranging in value from \$25 to thousands of dollars.

Proceeds from the auction allow the local service club to carry out many community service projects including donating warm jackets to foster children in Carroll County, hosting high school and middle school honor banquets, providing scholarships, supporting Girls and Boys State representatives, providing donations to various clubs and sports teams at McKenzie Schools and Bethel University, pro-



McKenzie Rotary Club's annual charity auction was held Saturday, November 8. Pictured are Micky Stafford, auctioneer, and Ricky Price, president of the club.

viding contributions to the McKenzie Memorial Library and United Neighbors, providing meals to local students in need and supporting the Rotary International Foundation.

Micky Stafford was the auctioneer for the event.

He volunteers his professional services each year to benefit the local club. Several items were available at the silent auction table, while the larger, more valuable items were sold during the live auction.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARROLL COUNTY E911 BOARD MEETING

The Carroll County Emergency Communication Board of Directors meets Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. at 210 Norandal Dr., Huntingdon. Citizens desiring to publicly comment at the meeting on an agenda item must register with the district at 731-986-8911. A copy of the Public Comment Policy may be obtained at the district office at 101 Dillahunt Lane, Huntingdon.

NORTHWEST TN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council holds a Joint Governance Training and Board Meeting on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Martin Event Center – Room D, located at 89 Central Street, Martin The Governance Training is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a Zoom option available for remote participation

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY BAZAAR

Join the Craft Ladies at McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 16835 Highland Drive, on Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for the annual Craft/Bake Sale. You'll find all kinds of baked goods plus beautiful wreaths, pillows, throws, aprons, table runners, Christmas decorations and much more! Turkey and dressing casserole tickets are also for sale to be picked up November 22. Contact 731-693-0401 for information.

McKENZIE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSES

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

HUNTINGDON ELKS LODGE HOOP SHOOT

The Huntingdon Elks Lodge annual "Hoop Shoot" contest is Sunday, November 23, 2025 in the Huntingdon Middle School gym. Boys and girls aged 8-13 are eligible to compete. Age is determined by age on April 1, 2026. There are three age categories: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Winners advance to the district contest. If

you have questions, please contact Hershel Wilkes at 731-986-1069.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 37 MEETING

American Legion Post 37 meets Monday, November 17 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call Dana Deem at 731-415-9604.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Saturday, November 8, the monthly dance with Carl Byars and the Cool Daddy Trio! Free line dance class at 6 p.m. with the price of admission of \$7. The band starts at 7 p.m.
Line dance class every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. Open to the public.
Tuesday Jam session starts at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public
Exercise class on weekdays at 9 a.m.
Billiards every day, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Canasta every Monday and Friday afternoon 12:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday — Jam session with Steve Morris, 6 p.m. Open to the public.
Dominoes every Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

MISTLETOE CHRISTMAS IS DECEMBER 4

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents "A Mistletoe Christmas" show at the Park Theatre on Thursday,

December 4. An exciting lineup of performers to be announced soon!

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

CHRISTMAS WITH (BETHEL) RENAISSANCE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following list of events was provided by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Specific information about events may be available at a later date.
November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet.
December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

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

at the shelter with cash or card and proof of residency required. However, Carroll Co. residents can still use Paris Vet Clinic if preferred.

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

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly

each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

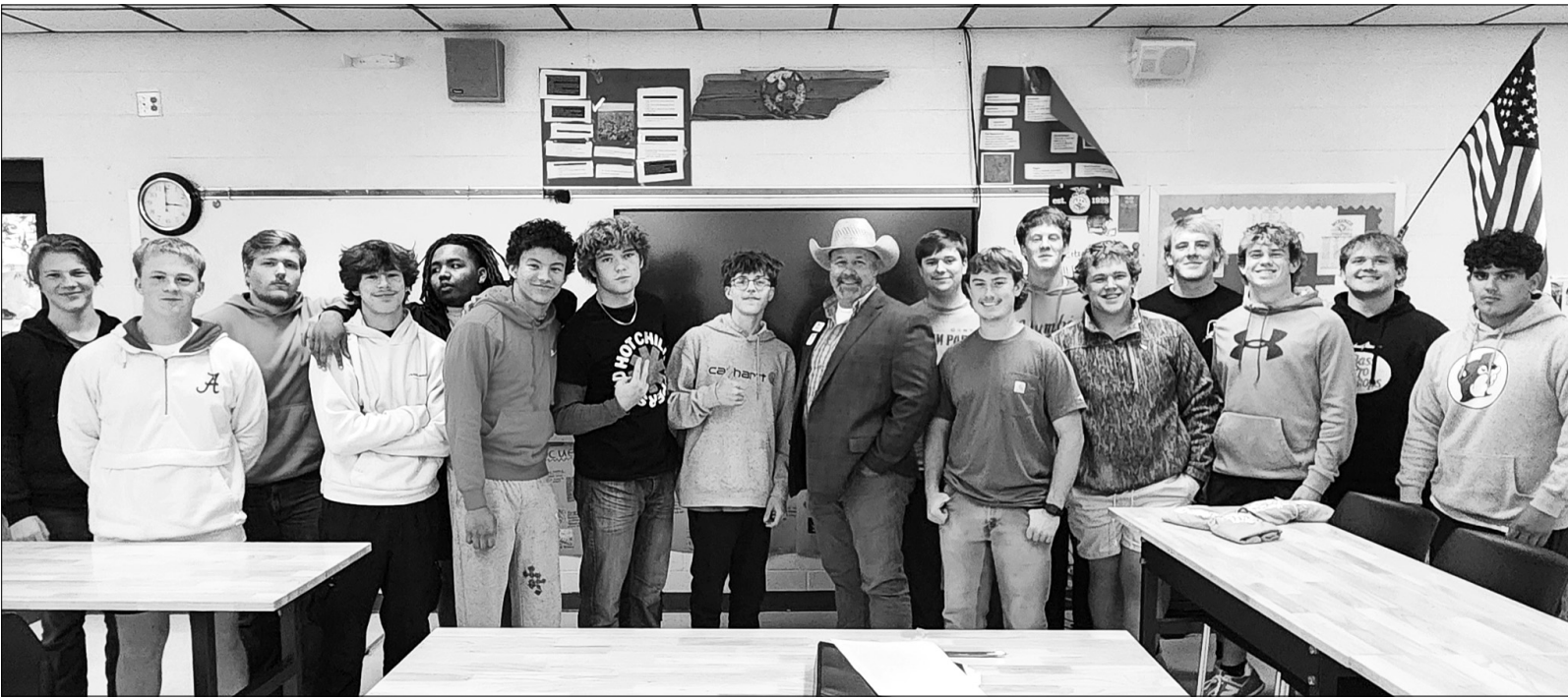
Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. No meetings in February and July.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC

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



Andy Holt is pictured here with Lindsey Parham's landscape and turf class. Photo submitted by Lindsey Parham

Andy Holt Speaks with MHS Landscape, Turf Class

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (October 21) — Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Andy

Holt visited McKenzie High School teacher Lindsey Parham's landscape and turf class to talk with high school students about the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDOA).
Parham invited Commissioner Holt to enlighten her students on the TDOA's mission and the broad areas that it covers.
While speaking with Parham's students, Commissioner Holt shared his journey to becoming the head of the TDOA.
He told the class that, growing up, he was the "least likely person" to become the commissioner of agriculture. Growing up in metropolitan Knoxville, Tennessee, Holt was not from a traditional farming

background. Despite these factors, he developed an interest in the field after witnessing a 4-H display.
Holt explained how his beginners' interest drove him to start an internship at a Wyoming cattle farm as a junior in high school. After graduating high school, he returned to the cattle ranch for the summer before enrolling at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to pursue a bachelor's degree in agriculture.
Holt reflected on his adventures and the places he has visited while promoting Tennessee's agriculture, and he shared the economic impact that agriculture and forestry products have on Tennessee's economy.
Students listened to

Holt's story intently, and many left the classroom feeling inspired.
Ethan Batton, a senior at McKenzie High School and a student in Parham's landscape and turf class, said, "[Holt] is a true example of what hard work can get you."
Maddox Shiell, a sophomore student in the class, said, "I was inspired by Commissioner Holt to pursue a future in agriculture, because I didn't realize the numerous opportunities available to me in that field [before]."
Andy Holt received his title as Commissioner of Agriculture on October 1, 2025, after his predecessor Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M., retired. Prior to becoming

commissioner, Holt served as Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner for the Business Development Division. Holt also served as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly for 10 years, representing House District 76 (Weakley County and portions of Carroll and Obion counties).
Holt and his wife, Ellie, live on their family farm ("Holt Family Farms") outside of Dresden, Tenn., along with their seven children. The Holts' operation consists of beef, goat, and swine production, as well as custom straw and hay baling. They also host agritourism activities on their farm each fall.

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McKenzie Christmas Open House is November 15-16

McKenzie's Christmas Open House schedule has been released, with 10 McKenzie businesses participating on November 15 and 16.
The annual open house event is Saturday, November 15, from 5-8 p.m. and Sunday, November 16, from 1-5 p.m. and will give shoppers the opportunity to travel across the city and explore businesses new and old while they're

decorated for the holidays. Participating food and retail businesses are Cedar Street Studio Boutique, The Silly Goose Children's Shop, The Happy Book Stack, McKenzie City Florist & More, Petals Azola, McKenzie Taproom & Restaurant, Phipps Pharmacy Retail & Gifts, MJ Mercantile, Congetta's Chi-talian and War Zone Ax-N-Tag.

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Piro Builds Band Tower for McKenzie High

MCKENZIE — For her Eagle Scout service project, Janyla Piro of Troop 3, Paris, completed a meaningful contribution to her school and community: a new band tower for the McKenzie High School Marching Rebels. Janyla, a McKenzie resident and proud member of the McKenzie High School Marching Band, chose this project because she personally understood the need. The new tower gives the band director an elevated vantage point to better observe formations and improve instruction during rehearsals.

She led the project from concept to completion—coordinating with stakeholders, organizing resources, leading volunteers, and managing the build. The materials were generously funded by the McKenzie High School Band Boosters, with Carroll County Lumber recognized as a key contributor for providing materials and support that helped make the project possible.

Janyla led a team of volunteers who exemplified the values of Scouting, freely donating their time, skills, and energy to every aspect of the project. Andy Weaver, school resource officer and member of Pack 78, provided mentorship, helping guide the project and providing support throughout. Scott McDevitt, of McDevitt Construction in Paris, served as the project's contractor, ensuring everything was built safely and to professional standards while also donating materials and hands-on support. A special thanks goes to McKenzie High School alum Tony Jackson of Troop 28 for his consistent hands-on help during construction.

The project also benefited from the help of Dy-



Janyla Piro, a member of the McKenzie High School Marching Band, built a new band tower for her school for her Eagle Scout service project. Submitted photo.

ersburg High School Band Director Justin Russell, an Eagle Scout and current Cubmaster of Pack 37, who took the lead on the deck platform, although the jury's still out on whether he remembered to use all the screws or just turned it into a percussion exercise.

Additional support came from McKenzie's Pack 78, who came in at the end to help clean up the remaining wood pile and tidy the site. Volner Sawmill of Camden generously donated wood for the McKenzie High School woodshop to craft custom signage for the tower. The signage will be installed soon, providing a final finishing detail to commemorate the project.

In addition to Scouts and leaders, many community volunteers also stepped in throughout the process, donating time, tools and expertise to ensure the project's success. Their involvement reflected the strong community spirit that makes McKenzie a special place to live and serve.

Additionally, Granges America supplied safety

gear to keep all volunteers protected and ensure a safe work environment throughout construction.

Janyla also received support from her brothers from Troop 73, along with fellow Scouts from Troop 3, making this a great example of Scouts from different troops coming together in service.

Of course, no Eagle project would be complete without strong support. Janyla's mom, Heather Piro, helped bring the project to life with her constant encouragement and love. Janyla's Scoutmaster, Kathy Steele, and Assistant Scoutmaster, Daphne Jackson, offered their leadership and support throughout Janyla's Scouting journey. As many Scouts know, the road to Eagle often runs through quiet but powerful support.

This project stands as a shining example of what Eagle Scouts represent: leadership, service, teamwork and lasting community impact. Congratulations to Janyla Piro on completing a project that will benefit her school and fellow band members for years to come.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Left, Lady Rebel Kristy Towne pulls up for a mid-range shot. Towne scored nine points. Right, Rebel Seth Stafford shoots a free throw. Stafford led all scorers with 26 points. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner

McKenzie Sweeps West Carroll

BY DAVARION GILBERT
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MCKENZIE (October 27) — McKenzie Middle School hosted West Carroll Tuesday for a pair of basketball games, their third home set of the season. The Lady Rebels earned a 27-22 win with a big third quarter. The Rebels and War Eagles kept it close, but McKenzie secured the 36-25 win.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 27, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 22

The Lady War Eagles began the first quarter with a 3-2 lead on a three-point shot by Camilla Jenkins. Lady Rebel Kristy Towne had two points.

West Carroll kept it close and held a 9-8 lead at the end of the second quarter. Annalise Porter had two pairs, and Aliveah Harrell had a pair. Lady Rebels Willow Stenberg, Abby Carroll and Kristy Towne each had a pair.

The Lady Rebels took the lead, 19-11, in the third

quarter against West Carroll. Carroll had two pairs and two free throw shots. Towne had two pairs and one free throw shot. Lady War Eagle Kate Jackson had two free throw shots.

Lady Rebels secured the 27-22 win in the fourth, Carroll with two pairs, along with Stenberg and Serenity Bobo each having a pair. Jenkins had two three-point shots for West Carroll. Harrell had a three-pointer, and Porter had a pair.

Abby Carroll led the Lady Rebels in scoring with 12 points, Kristy Towne scored nine points, and Willow Stenberg scored four points.

Camilla Jenkins led the Lady War Eagles with nine points, and Annalise Porter had six points.

Rebels 39, War Eagles 22

McKenzie started the first quarter with a lead of 12-5. Rebel Seth Stafford scored three two-point shots and a free throw shot. Lane Brown and Dierks Ghyers each had a pair, and Navadius Owens

hit a free throw shot. War Eagle Dhamyus Gilbert scored a three-pointer, and Kaleb Martin had a pair.

McKenzie extended their lead to 19-9 at halftime. Rebel Seth Stafford hit a three-pointer and two pairs. War Eagle Kaven Baker and Chris Pruitt each had a pair.

The Rebels extended the lead with a 23-17 score after the third quarter. Brown and Stafford each had a pair. Pruitt had two pairs and a free throw shot. Gilbert hit a three-pointer.

McKenzie further extended the lead in the fourth for the 36-25 win. Rebel Seth Stafford had two pairs and six free throw shots. Brown had a pair, and Fisher Allen hit a free throw shot. War Eagle Gilbert hit two threes, and Pruitt had a pair.

Seth Stafford led the Rebels with 26 points. Lane Brown scored six points.

Dhamyus Gilbert led the War Eagles with 12 points, followed by Chris Pruitt with nine points.

McKenzie Middle School Honor Roll

McKenzie Middle School announced All A's and A's and B's Honor Roll students for the first nine weeks.

All A's

Eighth Grade: Andrew Arnold, Jackson Barden, Bella Batton, Lane Brown, Abby Carroll, Charlie Cassidy, Colton Cobb, Finn Evans, Dierks Ghyers, Andres Hernandez, Nevaeh Herries, Noah Johnsonius, Cooper Jones, Soksombath Long, Cason Mayo, Will Newman, Kallie O'Rourke, Ulises Ramirez, Charles Scott, Case Wall, Reid Warman

Seventh Grade: Kayden Adams, Ruthie Adkins, Brooklyn Andrews, Deacon Barden, Aiden Blackwell, Annabelle Bobb, Payton Cox, Cooper Cunningham, Eli Davis, Micah Dickinson, Julee Eubanks, Malcolm Evans, Sonny Fuller, Alice Gallimore, Xander Morgan, Genevieve Phipps, Sophie Price, Kiya Priddy, Graham Seavers, Olivia Shank, Nate Sweatt

Sixth Grade: Skylar Bass, Lola Batton, Addilyn Brown, Brycen Broyles, Ava Diller, Adisyn Doede, Andrew Ellis, Tate Gilbert, Emilee Harris, Neyland Harris, Easton Johnsonius, Kaylee Keys, Avacyn Latham, Taylor Little, Cohen Martin, Ben McCaig, Maggie Merrick, Aubree Roberts, Anna Robertson, Bentley Siler, Samantha Umstead, Cord Wall

Fifth Grade: Ryker Andrews, Remington Broyles, Zion Crawford, Jayna Gauthier, Merritt Ghyers, Karson Hairrell, Aimee Har-

ris, Jaxon Hochreither, Braxton Milam, David Neighbors, Olivia Neville, Alicyn Ninness, Isabella Ochoa, Kane Phillips, Coby Poore, Abby Price, Dakota Pride, Ethan Redmond, Charlotte Rodgers, Blake Ryg, Ty Scott, Larry Smith, Alton St. Clair, Jake Stafford, Ronan Stenberg, Vera Tippitt, Lily Trevathan, Hayden Wallace, Landon Wilson, Miles Workman

A's and B's

Eighth Grade: Savannah Arvizu, Lily Baker, Kaylee Berryhill, Serenity Bobo, Leighem Broyles, Dakota Cowan, Nicholas Ghyers, Brenton Hickerson, Emily Jackson, Daniel Lomona-co, Milania Long-Townes, Katelyn Martin, Samantha Mathis, Ed Maynard, Ryan McCann, MCCoy Merrick, Madilyn Milam, Zoey Neville, Mahelet Rivera, Seth Stafford, Willow Stenberg, Kristy Towne, Miyah Townes, Maggie Webb

Seventh Grade: Layla Arnold, Ashton Blackwell, Nevaeh Bond, Isabella Brock, Macy Brooks, Daniel Carroll, Kenden Coleman, Zander Cunningham, Harley Davidson, Mason Davidson, Reed Gaskins, Kingsten Gibbs, Stefani Gooch, Brooke Harris, Jazmin Hernandez, Miranda Hood, Aubri Horton, Syerra Horton, Cecil Lessenberry, Emma Lifsey, Izabelle Long, Brantzen Melton, Madison Nelson, Sunny Norris, Allie Ochoa, Na'Vadius Owens, Aurora Ozment, Jake Parish, Mallorie Pierce, Brooke

Ruprich, Armani Seats, Callie Sevik, Shelby Shaw, Anna Summers, Gabriel Sutton, Rex Thompson, Isabella Townsend, Fenix Walker, Jamair Weatherford, Rena Weaver

Sixth Grade: Harper Allen, Kassidee Arvizu, Zoe Avila, James Barnhart, Zane Campbell, Keegan Clark, Callie Davidson, Phoenix Ervin, Olivia Fontana, Brooklyn Fowler, Benjamin Gallimore, Bella Gatlin, Johnathan Ham, Tynleigh Kornegay, Eli Mann, Paisley Morgan, Kirk Phillips, Zack Reeder, Journey Riley, Presley Shipp, Peyton Swafford, Zuri'annah Taylor, Anna Tucker, Amelia Walker, Rumor Weatherford, Grayson Wildon, Parker Wolski, Colin Yeley

Fifth Grade: Emmalynn Adkins, Adalynn Anderson, Avery Anderson, Benson Beard, Braylee Byrd, Hudson Campbell, Madilyn Chappell, A'Jana Cox, Bodie Cunningham, Bryson Davis, Kaylee Ferguson, Aiden Gooch, Maylie Gottshall, Brookelynn Grouette, Elijah Henson, Jeremiah Hernandez, Kaiden Holbrook, Baylee Hornsby, Koda Ingram, Harper Irwin, Kason Knight, Kennedy Legens, Raylan Long, Waylon Malin, Xayden Morgan, Conner Oakes, Gunner Oakes, Kinsly Parham, Naksh Patel, Caroline Perry, Jack Robbins, Casen Roberts, Graclyn Rose, Brantley Sanders, Macie Seavers, Christina Smith, Aliyana Townsend

Loeb, Osborne to Join Forces at The Dixie

Two of the most distinctive voices in modern music, Lisa Loeb and Joan Osborne, will share the stage on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets range from \$75–\$85 plus taxes and are on sale now at DixiePAC.net.

Lisa Loeb, a GRAMMY Award-winning singer-songwriter, first captured hearts with her platinum hit “Stay (I Missed You)” from the 1994 film Reality Bites. She became the first

independent artist to top the charts without a recording contract and has since built an expansive career across music, television, film, and children's entertainment. Her latest album, That's What It's All About, celebrates timeless songs through a collaboration with The Hollow Trees.

Joan Osborne, a multi-GRAMMY nominee best known for her soul-stirring anthem “One of Us,” continues to cap-

tivate audiences with her powerhouse vocals and artistry. Her recent release, Dylanology Live, showcases her dynamic interpretations of Bob Dylan's catalog and reinforces her reputation as one of music's most gifted interpreters.

Together, these acclaimed artists promise a night of unforgettable storytelling, soulful performances, and iconic songs spanning decades of influence.

West Carroll FFA Members Attend Convention

Students from the West Carroll FFA recently traveled to Indianapolis to attend the National FFA Convention and Expo, an event designed to help young leaders develop agricultural knowledge, teamwork and career readiness skills.

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of workshops, sessions and hands-on experiences that showcased the wide range of opportunities available in agriculture. One highlight of the trip included seeing honey production in action, where students learned firsthand about pollination, hive management and the science behind producing honey. Students also toured a dairy and hog farm where they witnessed a calf being born and saw every aspect of production from birth to final product.

The conference gave students the opportunity to connect with FFA members from across the country, hear from



West Carroll FFA students pose in front of a birthing barn at the National Convention. Pictured are (L to R): Makenna Hollowell, Joy Bryant, Elizabeth Hritz, Hunter Malm, Ana Murray, Sawyer Jackson, Ethan Mueller and Carson Cooper. Photo courtesy WCSSD

agricultural leaders and explore potential career paths in the industry.

Joy Bryant, a senior at WCHS, shares “I was excited to talk with recruiters from dozens of universities from across the United States.”

The West Carroll FFA program continues to provide students with meaningful learning experiences that build leadership, responsibility and a deeper understanding of the role agriculture plays in our communities.

West Carroll Announces Eagles of the Month

West Carroll High School is proud to recognize the October Eagles of the Month, honoring a student, teacher and community supporter who go above and beyond to demonstrate War Eagle pride.

Student of the Month: Nigel Butler

Nigel Butler was selected as Student of the Month for his hard work, respect and dedication both in the classroom and in athletics. “From my observance of Nigel, he tries his best at all times,” his nomination read. “He listens to his teachers, is respectful and cares deeply for West Carroll sports. He is dedicated to graduation and plans to continue his education by going to college.”

Employee of the Month: Mrs. Carol Beaty

Mrs. Carol Beaty was chosen as Employee of the Month for her passion for

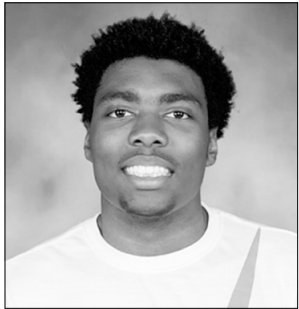


Carol Beaty

teaching and commitment to student success. “Mrs. Beaty has a genuine love for students and teaching,” her nomination stated. “She spends a lot of time preparing lessons that are not only meaningful but enjoyable to students. She keeps her classes engaged and inspires them to become more knowledgeable in science.”

Supporter of the Month: G & C Supply Co.

West Carroll also recognized G & C Supply Co. as



Nigel Butler

October's Supporter of the Month. “G & C Supply has always supported West Carroll in everything we ask of them,” the nomination noted. “From athletics to clubs to being a Partner in Education, they have consistently helped our school in any way possible.”

These recognitions highlight the dedication and positive impact of individuals and organizations who contribute to the success of West Carroll students and programs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Above Left, Lady Rebel Abby Carroll goes up for a contested shot in the paint. Carroll led the Lady Rebels with 14 points. Above Right, Rebel Lane Brown pulls up in the paint for two points. Brown led McKenzie with eleven points. Below Left, Lady Bulldog Gabi Pinkston drives into the paint on a fast break. Pinkston led all scorers with 17 points. Below Right, Bulldog Lawson Tucker pulls up in the paint for two points. Tucker led all scorers with 15 points. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Gleason Sweeps McKenzie

BY BRAD SAM
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GLEASON (November 6) — Gleason Junior High hosted McKenzie Middle School Thursday for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady Bulldogs built a solid lead in the first half and held on for a 37-29 win. The Bulldogs pulled away early for a 54-25 victory.

Gleason Lady Bulldogs 37, McKenzie Lady Rebels 29

Gleason had a 12-8 lead after the opening frame, led by Gabi Pinkston with five points, including a three-pointer. Kinley Baumgartel scored four, and Addi Flippin had three points. Lady Rebels Willow Stenberg, Abby Carroll, Kristy Towne and Macy Brooks each had a pair.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled away with a 14-4 advantage in the second quarter, led by Pinkston with seven points, including another three. Parker Vaughn scored four, Baumgartel added a pair, and Adrianna Morefield hit a free throw. Carroll scored all four McKenzie points. At the half, Gleason led 26-12.

The Lady Rebels had a 7-6

edge in the third, led by Carroll with five points. Towne added a pair. Pinkston led Gleason with five points, again with a three. Baumgartel hit a freebie. Entering the final frame, the Lady Bulldogs led 32-19.

McKenzie doubled up Gleason 10-5 in the fourth for a closer final, led by Towne with six points. Carroll scored three, and Stenberg hit a free throw. Flippin hit a three for the Lady Bulldogs, and Vaughn added a pair.

Gleason's Gabi Pinkston led all scorers with 17 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Kinley Baumgartel scored seven. Addi Flippin and Parker Vaughn each scored six, Flippin with a three.

Abby Carroll led the Lady Rebels with 14 points. Kristy Towne scored ten.

Bulldogs 54, Rebels 25

Gleason jumped out to a 15-4 lead after the first frame, led by Preston Lynch with six points on a pair of threes. Avery Black scored five, also with a three-pointer, and Grant Pinkston had four points. Rebels Navadius Owens and Fisher Allen each had a pair.

The Bulldogs had an 11-9 edge in the second quar-

ter, led by Lawson Tucker with six points. Black hit another three, and Pinkston added a pair. Rebel Lane Brown scored five with a three-pointer, and Allen had four points. At the half, Gleason led 26-13.

Gleason enjoyed a 17-7 advantage in the third, led by Tucker with eight points. Pinkston scored four, Black hit another three, and Lynch added a pair. Brown scored four for McKenzie, Owens added a pair, and Allen hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, Gleason led 43-20.

The Bulldogs closed out the win with an 11-5 tilt in the fourth, led by Gus Lindsey with five points, including a three. Hunter Ashby also hit a three-pointer. Pinkston added a pair, and Tucker hit a freebie. Brown and Lawson Ownby each had a pair for the Rebels, and Dierks Ghyers hit a free throw.

Bulldog Lawson Tucker led all scorers with 15 points. Grant Pinkston scored a dozen, and Avery Black had eleven points with a trio of threes.

Lane Brown led McKenzie with eleven points, including a three-pointer. Fisher Allen scored seven.

Gleason Splits Wins with Dresden

BY BRAD SAM
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GLEASON (November 3) — Gleason Junior High hosted Dresden Monday for a pair of basketball contests. The visiting Lady Lions were in control throughout for a 47-22 win. The Lions seemed headed for a similar result, but the Bulldogs rallied big in the second half for a 45-43 victory.

Dresden Lady Lions 47, Gleason Lady Bulldogs 22

The Lady Lions set the tone with a 14-6 lead after the first frame and had a 9-6 edge in the second for a 23-12 halftime lead. Dresden had advantages in the third

and fourth of 13-6 and 11-4, respectively.

Lady Lion Charlee Sutton led all scorers with 19 points. Hallie Davis scored eleven, including a three-pointer. Emzy Collins had six points, and Kinsley Smith scored five with a three. Jencee West hit a three-pointer, and Maddie Parham also scored three points.

Gabi Pinkston led Gleason with a dozen, including a three-pointer. Parker Vaughn scored five, Kinley Baumgartel had three points, and Delaney Harrison had a pair.

Bulldogs 45, Lions 43

Dresden had a 14-11 lead after the opening frame, extended with a 16-7 tilt in the

second for a 30-18 halftime lead. Gleason cut the deficit to four with a 15-7 advantage in the third, then took the lead and the win in a 12-6 fourth.

Bulldog Lawson Tucker led all scorers with 24 points. Preston Lynch and Grant Pinkston each scored six, Lynch with a three-pointer. Avery Black had five points, Jace Dilday hit a three, and Cameron Morton hit a free throw.

Case West led Dresden with 13 points. Jon Reece Allman and Triston Walters each scored eight. Cannon West had seven points with a three, Will Forrester scored four, and Austin Seaton had three points.



McKenzie High School's first-ever volleyball team. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Volleyball Celebrates Inaugural Season with Banquet

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (October 30) — Players, managers, family and fans gathered at McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Thursday to celebrate the inaugural season of volleyball at McKenzie High School.

Coach Jordan Jowers welcomed all to the event, and players Kynlee Barden and Ridley Holt delivered a blessing before a delicious meal catered by Mallard's Restaurant.

Following the meal, Jowers spoke about the whirlwind journey of the team's first season, from her decision to accept the coaching role, to starting from scratch to build and train a team in just a month, to grinding through the season's 17 games.

The Lady Rebels overperformed by any measure for a brand new program, winning seven matches and going 6-6 in the district for a fourth-place finish. The team earned a home game to begin the postseason, which they won.

Jowers thanked the many people who made the season not only possible, but a success: the players, managers, parents, Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden and the MHS administration. She also thanked her own parents, who were present at the banquet, for the way they "always show up."

Two of the team's four senior players, Molly French and Ashley Dunavant, also spoke, expressing thanks and offering encouraging words to their teammates.

Coach Jowers presented a multitude of awards:



Lady Rebel volleyball senior players (L to R): Haylee Beard, Ashley Dunavant, Molly French and Raychel Oliver. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Leadership Awards - Kynadie Brown, Maggie Hall and Braylin Auvenshine
Party Time Award - Raychel Oliver and Ava Newman

Team Comedian and Mic'd Up Award - Molly French
Most Likely to Forget - Haylee Beard, Janyla Piro and Ava Newman

Team Mom - Molly French and Kynlee Barden
Angel Award - Breanna Townsend

Coachable Award - Janyla Piro
Growth Award - Chloe Giddens

Hustle Award - Kailie Hudgins
Most Versatile - Haylee Beard

Iron Wall Award and Team DJ - Braylin Auvenshine
Heart of the Team and Hype Queen - Maggie Hall

Serving Specialists - Ridley Holt, Kynlee Barden and Kynadie Brown (Brown led the team with 61 aces and 163 assists.)

Most Improved and Silent Killer - Natalia Taylor

Defensive MVP and Floor Mom - Ashley Dunavant (led the team in digs with 57)

Offensive MVP - Addison Milam (second on the team with 73 kills)

MVP - Jaycee Stafford (led the team with 96 kills, second with 60 aces and 48 digs)

Most Photogenic - Jaycee Stafford and Kynadie Brown

Lindsey Holt presented Jowers with a gift on behalf of the parents and boosters.

The banquet concluded, but guests lingered for photos and fellowship.

The team includes seniors Ashley Dunavant, Haylee Beard, Molly French and Raychel Oliver; sophomores Addison Milam, Ava Newman, Braylin Auvenshine, Breanna Townsend, Janyla Piro, Jaycee Stafford, Kailie Hudgins, Kynadie Brown, Maggie Hall and Natalia Taylor; and freshmen Chloe Giddens, Kynlee Barden and Ridley Holt.

Managers are seniors Carlton Townes and Carli Beeler and sophomores Anna Mileski and Delta Baker.



(L to R) Front Row: Wylan Gustafson, Eli Barber, Karli Mercer and Josie Muzzall. Back Row: Brody Sanders, Trey Mayo, Bryce Pettit, Parker Morgan, Drake Lehmkuhl, Ashton Morgan, Noah Aeschbacher and Wes Wainscott.

Gleason Football Players, Managers Recognized

GLEASON — Gleason High School recognized 12 seniors who have given their all for the Bulldog football program, and who played in their final regular-season football game at Parks Edwards Field on October 30, 2025. All seniors were presented with a commemorative plaque by Head Football Coach Noah Lampkins and Gleason School Principal Mr. Lee Lawrence.

Manager, Karli Mercer. She was escorted by her mother, Mandi Mercer.

Manager, Josie Muzzall. She was escorted tonight by her father, Cody Muzzall, and grandmother, Gail Muzzall.

#1 Ashton Morgan. Ashton plays safety and wide receiver for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his parents, Jody and Carrie Morgan.

#3 Parker Morgan. Parker plays safety and wide

receiver for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his father, Jason Morgan, his grandmother, Kim Holloman, and his grandparents, Rusty and Cindy Holloman.

#4 Wylan Gustafson. Wylan plays linebacker and running back for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his father, Dale Aeschbacher, and brother, Kursin Gustafson.

#6 Bryce Pettit. Bryce plays linebacker and running back for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his mom, Tiffany Scott, and his dad and step-mom, Eric and Jennifer Pettit.

#18 Drake Lehmkuhl. Drake plays safety and quarterback. He was escorted by his parents, Kurt and Jenny Lehmkuhl, his sister, Brinley, and brother-Deacon.

#20 Noah Aeschbacher. Noah plays corner and wide receiver for the

Bulldogs. He was escorted by his mom, Lindsay Hodges, father, Dale Aeschbacher, and uncle, Brad Featherstone.

#28 Eli Barber. Eli plays corner and wide receiver for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his mother and stepfather, Tisha Stone and Josh Simmons, and his father and stepmother, Bradley and Stephanie Barber.

#50 Trey Mayo. Trey plays guard and linebacker for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his parents, Kurt and Shannon Mayo.

#79 Wes Wainscott. Wes plays defensive tackle for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his mother, Marcy Hopper and father, Troy Wainscott.

#89 Brody Sanders. Brody plays tight end and defensive end for the Bulldogs. He was escorted by his parents, Bryan and Sarah Sanders.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Corrective Action Plan Submitted for Cornerstone Mart (Facility ID# 7-090092) by Sam Enterprises.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is seeking public comments on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) submitted for Cornerstone Mart on August 28, 2025. The CAP describes the proposal for remediating petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater. Cornerstone Market is located at 15815 Highland Drive, McKenzie, TN 38201.

A copy of the CAP may be viewed at TDEC - Division of Underground Storage Tanks (DUST) Environmental Field Office located at 1625 Hollywood Drive, Jackson, TN 38305 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received at the DUST office within 30 days.

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Marriage Licenses

Kaitlyn Elizabeth French, 24, of Hollow Rock, to Charles Joseph Noles, 27, of Buena Vista.

Hannah Rhea Hones, 24, of Huntingdon, to Brennon Reed Murray, 26, of Huntingdon.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on a Revoked License, Speeding — According to a report made on October 27, Officer Malachi Arline observed a beige 2006 Honda traveling 73 mph in a 55-mph zone on Highway 22 North. The speed was confirmed by radar. A traffic stop was con-

ducted on Veterans Drive North, where the driver was identified as Tae Lee, 67, who presented a California identification card. A records check through dispatch revealed that Lee's driving privileges had been revoked since 2016 due to

a prior DUI conviction. Lee was issued a misdemeanor citation for Speeding (73 mph in a 55-mph zone) and Driving on a Revoked License. He was advised that he had ten days to report to the Carroll County Jail for booking and to receive a court date.

McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Assault of First Responder — A Southaven, Mississippi woman was arrested and charged with assaulting three first responders at the McKenzie Police Station on November 5.

According to a report by MPD Sergeant Cody Coleman, he responded to McKenzie City Hall where Celina Rose Louise Engles, 42, of Southaven, Mississippi, was acting erratically in the lobby of the McKenzie Police Station.

MPD dispatcher Tiesia Dowland had received a 911 call stating a woman was entering McKenzie on State Route 124 and was possibly in a questionable mental state and unsure of her whereabouts. She found her way to McKenzie City Hall. She stated her daughter, a student at Mississippi College, was missing.

Coleman made contact, identified himself and then Engles stated that Coleman's real name was Shelby Ford, a former football coach. He pointed to his name badge, which showed his name as Coleman. When Coleman received her ID, she attempted to enter the secure dispatch area, but Engles wanted her ID back. She then attempted to leave and Coleman stopped her from leaving.

The report indicates Coleman feared for her

personal safety. As he attempted to restrain her, she reached her right hand into her purse and grabbed what appeared, at the time, to be a handgun.

She stated, "I have something for you."

Coleman attempted to restrain her and take her to the ground and control the firearm. Dispatchers Dowland and Mikayhla Vincent helped restrain the subject and control the handgun.

While Engles was on the floor, the handgun came loose and Sergeant Coleman advised Vincent to kick it away.

Engles was successfully restrained without injury to anyone. EMS responded to the scene. Engles refused medical treatment.

She was charged with three counts of Aggravated Assault of First Responders and Resisting Arrest. She was transported to Carroll County Jail and her vehicle was impounded. She was placed under a \$310,000 bond.

DUI — Howard W. Gardner, 62, of McKenzie, was charged with DUI and Simple Possession on November 5 after a traffic stop on Waldren Street.

Sergeant Cody Coleman filed the report indicating Gardner was possibly the person who arrived at a female's McKenzie residence on November 4 around

10:40 p.m. A Ring doorbell recorded the person standing at the door and identified a car similar to that of Gardner's. A family member of the female resident witnessed Gardner driving on November 5, followed the suspect, and notified police, who stopped Gardner's vehicle.

Gardner told police he was looking for family members during the late-night visit to the female's house.

The report indicates Gardner was acting erratically and appeared to be under the influence. A probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in the finding of .5 grams of a white powdery substance and 2.4 grams of marijuana.

He was administered a field sobriety test and then transported to the Carroll County Jail. His vehicle was impounded.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Lawrence, homeless, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass at Casey's General Store on November 5.

Officer Daniel Pollard filed the report indicating Lawrence was asking customers for money and walking through the parking lot. Lawrence had been previously banned from the store. Lawrence was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on November 5, 2025.

Jared T. Baugus, Bible Hill Road, Holladay, bound over, Reckless Driving; bound over, Driving While License Suspended; bound over, Evading Arrest.

Jeffrey Wayne Harrington, Abbott Lane, Huntingdon, bound over, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange; bound over, Meth - Possession or Casual Exchange; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; bound over, Failure to Appear.

Dawson R. Mays, Bradford Hwy., Milan, bound over, Reckless Driving; bound over, Reckless Endangerment; bound over, Evading Arrest; bound over, Assault on First Responder.

Jonathan R. Sullivan, Mill Road, Trezevant, bound over, Escape.

Matthew Taylor, Grandberry St., McKenzie, bound over, Meth - MFG, Deliver, Sell, Possess with Intent.

Virgil Clayton Waddle, Green Allen Springs Road, Huntingdon, bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; bound over, Unlawful Possession of Weapon.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Amber Paige Cupples, Germantown Road, Milan, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 supervised probation until all conditions complete, then unsupervised probation for balance, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year; dismissed, Implied Consent - Enhancement Only; dismissed, Child Restraint - Under Four; dismissed, Drivers to Exercise Due Care.

Brandon L. Graham,

Hwy.104 W, Cedar Grove, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, six months.

Stephany G. La Guardia, Little Brook Lane, Jackson, guilty, Evading Arrest Flight - Vehicle - Att.; dismissed, Speeding.

Dalton Manhart, Cotton Creek Road, Bruceton, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, \$100 fine, six months supervised probation until all conditions completed, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license; dismissed, Speeding.

Ashley Martin, Hwy. 79 Lane, Atwood, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities; \$150 fine, 11/29 supervised probation, may be transferred to unsupervised probation if all conditions complete after 90 days.

John D. McDaniel, W. Main Street, Union City, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, supervised probation until conditions met, cognitive behavioral training course, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year, DUI school; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

Marcus A. Moore, Magers Dr., Hollow Rock, guilty, Driving While License Revoked, \$100 fine six months, \$25 fine 30 days, supervised probation for six months, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license, can be transferred to unsupervised probation if all conditions are met after 90 days; guilty, Speeding, \$100 fine six months, \$25 fine 30 days, supervised probation for six months, must obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license, can be transferred to unsupervised probation if all conditions are met after 90 days.

Nykeria A. Pointer, Alan Drive, Clarksdale, Miss., guilty, Speeding; dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

Robert Dean Sweatt II, Shades Bridge Road, Greenfield, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, 11/29.

Steven J. Thompson, 423 Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation - Booked, no fine, 30 days supervised

probation, probation extended by three months and 29 days.

The following case resulted in a judicial diversion finding.

Stacey Hart, Lexington Street, Huntingdon, judicial diversion, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, \$250 fine, 10-day sentence, 180 days supervised probation, minimum 90 days can transfer to unsupervised probation if all conditions are met, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol and drug evaluation and recommendations; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

The following cases were dismissed.

Joviel Elian Tiul Choc, U.S. Hwy. 45 Bypass N, Trenton, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

Gwendela Hampton, Cozart Ave., Huntingdon, dismissed, Forgery.

Timothy S. Hickey, Herd Law Road, Trenton, dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked.

William Hollowell, Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, Public Intoxication.

David Earl Palmer, McClure St., McKenzie, dismissed, Public Intoxication; dismissed, Community Supervision Violation.

Mehdi Xavier Pektelidis, Mission St., San Francisco, Calif., dismissed, Criminal Impersonation; dismissed, Meth - MFG, Deliver, Sell, Possess with Intent; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities.

Terri Annette Pinkley, Old State Road, Cedar Grove, dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Yvonne Marie Savov, Westport Road, Westport, dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked.

Stephanie Smith, High Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked.

The following cases were rescheduled for a later date.

Richard B. Henson, Joseph Long, Ausuie Welch.

Property Transfers

Cole Freeman to Donald Perkins in District 18.

Monica Mays NKA Monica Conroy to Monica and husband Richard Mays. No District listed.

Terra Dawn Osborn to Clinton H. Osborn in District 11.

Jonathan and wife Jamie Moody to William J. and wife Melissa C. Taylor in District 9. Ginger Pierce to Oliver and wife Lisa Costello in District 10.

David Dunn and Whitney O'Donnell NKA Whitney Dunn to Timothy J. Comes and Jill A. Nutting Revocable Living Trust. No District listed.

Huntingdon Industrial Development Board of the Town of Huntingdon to Dynamix Ventures, LLC. No District listed.

John Samuel Springer to Margaret M. and husband Shawn P. Moran in District 21.

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Linda J. Trolinger to Steadfast Home Buyers in District 11.

Brenda Lankford as Ad-

ministrator C.T.A to Melanie Jane Spann and others in District 22.

Mary E. Fry and others to Randall Tidwell in District 6. Gary Lynn Powers Trustee to Randall Tidwell in District 6.

Billy and wife Megan Killebrew to Billy and wife Megan Killebrew in District 13.

Standley Coleman to John R. Coleman and others in District 10.

Melissa Lamb FKA Melissa Lynn Laws to Sadie Laws. No District listed.

Nancy T. Barnhart to Sandra Denise Barnhart Hollingsworth and others. No District listed.

Steven R. Knight to Robert J. Schwertfeger. No District listed.

Edwin Richard and wife Melba Jean Kober to Andrew Ridgely in District 11.

Joe Ray and Steven B. Watkins as co-executors to Steven B. Watkins in District 2.

Joe Ray and Steven B. Watkins as co-executors to Devin T. Watkins in District 2.

Joe Ray and Steven B. Watkins as co-executors to Joe Ray Watkins in District 2.

Gena Pancake to Carl W.

and Channing W. Johnson in District 13.

Eulis Dale and wife Beverly Markham to Robert A. Leblanc Jr. and others in District 6.

Katharine Mary and husband Ronald Leland Holland to Brandy N. Williams in District 11.

Randall Jones to Brandy McCaslin in District 5.

Scott and wife Elizabeth Derossett Fondaw to Duane E. and wife Pamela G. Dowdy in District 11.

M Land, Inc. An Alabama Corporation to M Land Holdings, LLC. A Tennessee Limited Liability Company in District 11.

M Land, Inc. An Alabama Corporation to M Land Holdings, LLC. A Tennessee Limited Liability Company. No District listed.

Fara Sudlow as executrix to Wesley Dean Guley. No District listed.

Anthem Properties WTEA Tennessee LLC to First Baptist Church of McKenzie, Tennessee. No District listed.

Gerald Wayne, Jr. and wife Leslie Ann Nixon Hunt to James Michael and wife Violeta Buckley in District 7.

Mitzi Hale as executrix to Kenneth Wayne Cooper in District 14.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

phetamine — On November 5, Deputy Alex Sherwood conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for multiple light law violations. The passenger, Charlie Anthony Davis Jr., 30, of Atwood, was found in possession of methamphetamine during a search.

During a pat-down for weapons, Deputy Sherwood detected what he recognized as a plastic bag containing a crystal-like substance in Davis's left front pants pocket. When asked about the item, Davis voluntarily removed a small plastic bag containing approximately 2.5 grams of methamphetamine, along with a cigarette wrapper containing an additional half gram, totaling about three grams.

The substances field tested positive for methamphetamine. Davis stated he "didn't know that was in there."

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Drug Paraphernalia Arrest — On November 2, deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle at a residence on Highway 105 in Trezevant.

Deputies located a white Chevrolet Camaro at the scene and made contact with a man, later identified as Clinton Dale Mann, 41, of McKenzie, who was walking out from behind the residence holding a flashlight and a hatchet.

Deputies instructed Mann to set the hatchet down and conducted a pat-down for weapons. During the search, deputies located a pipe in Mann's jacket pocket, which, based on their training and experience, was identified as a type commonly used for smoking illegal narcotics.

Mann was taken into custody for unlawful drug paraphernalia and possession without prescription.

Fraudulent Bank Activity — On October 30, a Trezevant resident reported to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office that her bank account had been fraudulently used.

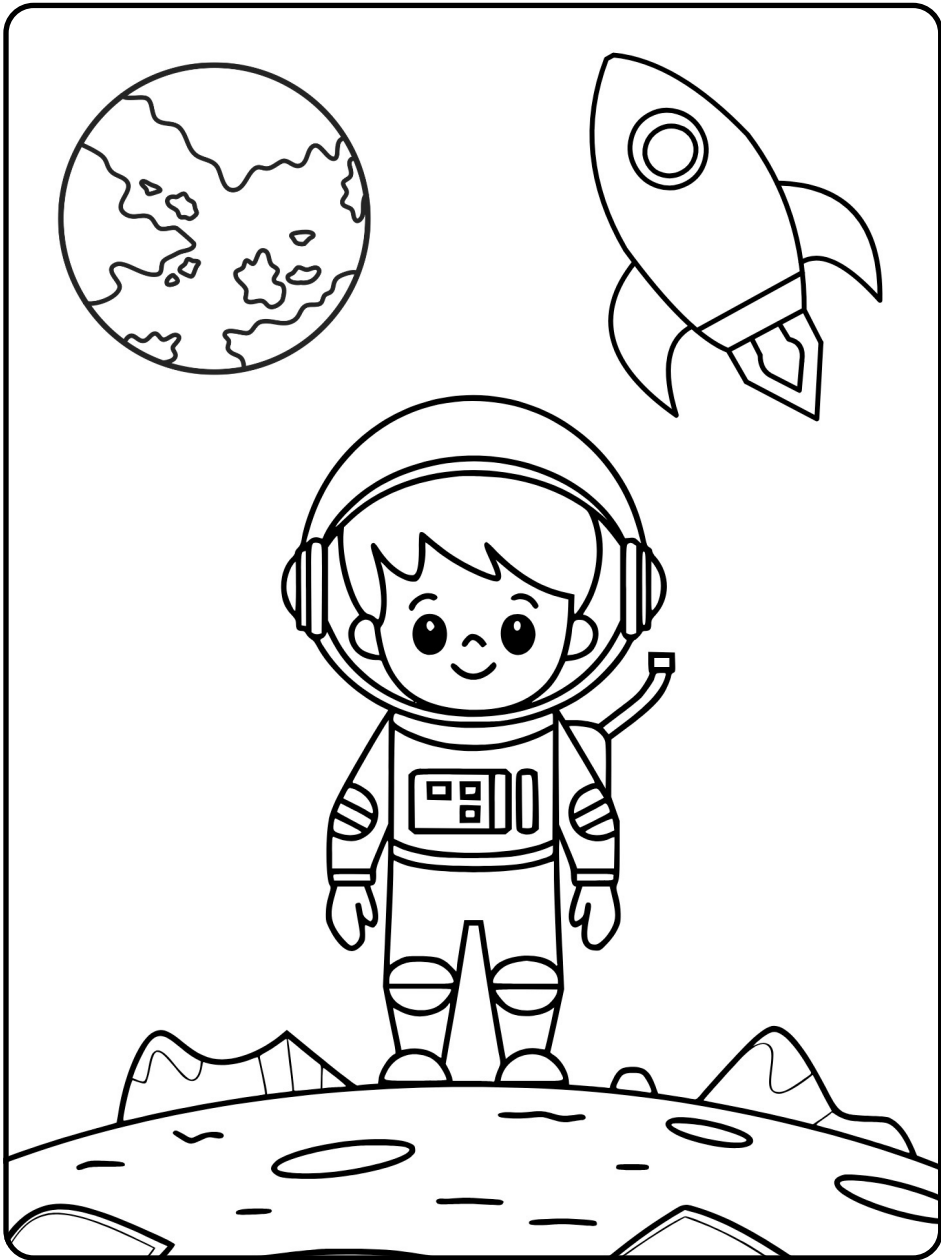
The victim provided printed statements from her bank showing four counterfeit checks drawn from Navy Federal Credit Union. Two checks, issued under the fraudulent names Lindsey and James Zaremba to Sarah Wagner, and two more from Sue and Ron Goodman to Jamie Uhles, were each written for \$950. All four checks used the victim's routing number and were cashed at a Regions Bank in Texas.

The victim advised that she had looked into the listed addresses and found they corresponded to houses currently for sale in Texas. The bank confirmed she would be reimbursed once a police report was completed.

The incident was documented by deputies and remains under investigation.

Possession of Metham-

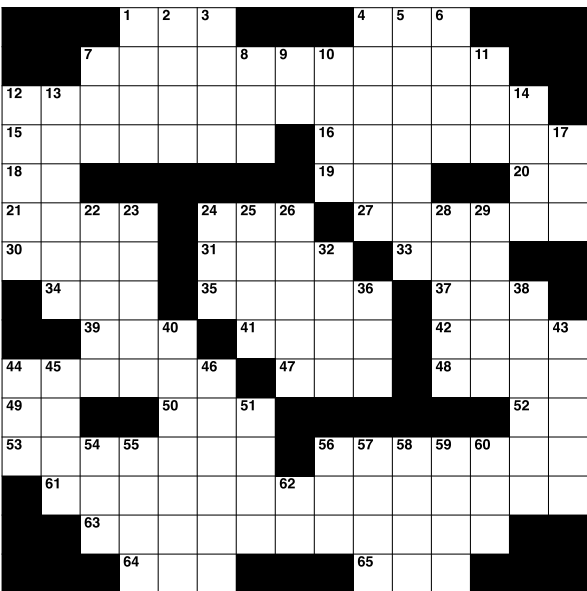
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Expression of surprise
- 4. Keyboard key
- 7. One who works on lights
- 12. Notable children's story
- 15. Fall back into a bad pattern
- 16. Eye parts
- 18. Atomic #18
- 19. Of she
- 20. Farm state
- 21. One point south of southeast
- 24. British media entity
- 27. Asian garment
- 30. Drench
- 31. Expressions of pleasure
- 33. Turf
- 34. UK trade union (abbr.)
- 35. Bleated
- 37. Fifth note of a major scale
- 39. Paddle
- 41. Monetary unit of Italy
- 42. American classical pianist
- 44. Shuts down for the day
- 47. Seize
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 49. Greeting
- 50. Some cars still need it
- 52. Atomic #22
- 53. Let go
- 56. Marched in public
- 61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
- 63. Hostilities
- 64. Speak aloud
- 65. River in NE Scotland



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Razorbill genus
- 2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
- 3. Performs on stage
- 4. Supports a sentiment
- 5. Rugged mountain ranges
- 6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
- 7. Snakelike fish
- 8. Men's fashion accessory
- 9. Hospital worker
- 10. Something to scratch
- 11. No (Scottish)
- 12. Volcanic ash
- 13. Of this
- 14. American jazz drummer Watts
- 17. Drop down
- 22. English dialect
- 23. Predatory seabirds
- 24. Imams' deputies
- 25. Fertility god
- 26. Fence material
- 28. Parks and DeLauro are two
- 29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
- 32. Protein-rich liquids
- 36. Touch lightly
- 38. Season for Catholics
- 40. Boat race
- 43. Police actions
- 44. Chinese river
- 45. Waterfall (Scottish)
- 46. Walk ostentatiously
- 51. Type of carpet
- 54. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
- 55. Sea eagles
- 56. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 57. Dry
- 58. An increase in price or value
- 59. The highest point of something
- 60. Government lawyers
- 62. Larry and Curly's pal

Week 45

See solution in next week's edition.

Geography Word Search

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

Archipelago
Basin
Continent
Delta
Desert
Equator

Erosion
Glacier
Hemisphere
Isthmus
Latitude
Longitude

Mountain Range
Peninsula
Plateau
Prime Meridian
Rainforest
Rivers

Savanna
Topography
Tundra
Valley
Watershed
Weather

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1851: "Moby Dick" is published in the United States.

1889: Journalist Nellie Bly begins a successful trip to travel around the world in less than 80 days.

1960: Ruby Bridges becomes the first Black child to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana.

SUDOKU

WEEK 45

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to geography. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = N)

A. 8 2 7 23 13 21 12

Clue: Average weather

B. 13 21 3 2 2

Clue: Ring-shaped island

C. 8 13 25 11 3 25

Clue: Deep cleft

D. 8 3 25 21 7 25 12 25 21

Clue: Large land region

Answers: A. climate B. atoll C. canyon D. continent

LETTER MIX-UP

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

HEMISPHERE

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

Riddle Me This

Why can't you play "Hide and Seek" with a mountain?

Answer: Because the mountain always "peaks"!

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

DLEAT

Answer: Delta

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in California on November 11, 1974. An agent suggested I begin my career acting under the name Lenny Williams. I made my big screen debut in a film about critters, but appeared in sitcoms before that. I've had a titanic career with many meaty roles.

Answer: Leonardo DiCaprio

Peace of Mind.

One of the many services we provide.



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 44 Crossword Puzzle Solution

	H	A	R	D				S	A	M	P	
S	E	R	I	E	S			J	U	L	I	E
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V	I	S	E		E	N	A	T	E		B	E
	C	A	R	L		O	R	E	M		D	U
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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 44

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7	8	1	4	6	9	3	2	5
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8	6	4	3	5	1	7	9	2
9	5	7	2	4	8	1	6	3
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Above, The MHS girls Cross Country team finished third at the state meet. *File photo* Below, The HHS boys cross country team finished sixth at the state meet. *Photo courtesy HHS*



Local Schools Excel at State Cross Country Meet

Dresden, McKenzie, Huntingdon Runners Earn Medals

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MEMPHIS (November 6) — Runners from several local schools excelled at the TSSAA Class A State Cross Country Championships Thursday at Shelby Farms Park, earning numerous medals and high team finishes. Dresden earned both the girls' and boys' individual championships.

In the girls' meet, the McKenzie High School team finished in third with an average time of 22:42, behind champions University School of Johnson City (21:21) and runners-up University High School (21:48). Camden Central High School finished in sixth (24:53), and Dresden High School was eighth (25:19). 15 teams competed in the girls' meet.

Out of 114 individuals, the champion was Dresden's Hudson McDaniel (19:12:20). McKenzie's

Abigail Wallace was the runner-up (19:30:60), and her teammate Autumn Haywood finished eighth (21:14:60). Other area medalists (top 15) were Camden's Kayedence Christopher (11th), Dresden's Bailey Warbington (14th) and Union City's Ainsley Sadler (15th).

Just outside of medal contention were Hollow Rock-Bruceton's Madison Holder (17th) and McKenzie's Bella Sass (18th).

Rounding out McKenzie's competitors were Sophie Dameron (47th), Ava Hastings (61st), Gracie Aird (63rd) and Morgan Little (87th).

Dresden's team also included Alivia Rainey (55th) and Tess Ogg (72nd).

University School of Johnson City (17:33) and University High School (17:51) also finished as champions and runners-up, respectively, in the boys' meet. Union City took third

(18:07), while Dresden was fifth (18:18) and Huntingdon earned sixth (18:32). 16 teams competed in the boys' meet.

Out of 127 individuals, the champion was Dresden's Vaughn Bounds (16:18:79). Huntingdon's Blaine Todd finished third (16:32:16). Greenfield's Deegan Arant earned sixth (16:47:23), and Huntingdon's Shawn Simpson was ninth (17:01:39). Other area medalists (top 15) were Union City's Rushdon Howell (12th) and Woodrow McKinnis (13th).

Rounding out Dresden's competitors were Carson Brownlow Rendon (21st), Connor Evans (34th), Miles Cary (47th), Carter Oliver (49th), Christian Pash (58th) and Asher Matheny (97th).

Huntingdon's team also included Jaden Toler (46th), Carson Watters (63rd), Zachary Watkins (64th), Charlie Logan (65th) and Cody Partridge (99th).

TSSAA CLASS 1A FOOTBALL STATE PLAYOFFS



Left, Rebel Jacobi Melton finds room for extra yards after a catch. Melton had four catches for 83 yards and a touchdown. Right, Rebel Timmy Arline runs to the outside for a big gain. Arline had 14 carries for 137 yards and a touchdown. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*

Rebels Swat Hornets, 42-13

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (November 7) — McKenzie High School hosted Huntland Friday night for the first round of the TSSAA Class 1A Football State Playoffs. On a foggy field, the Rebels pummeled the Hornets, 42-13, to advance to round two.

McKenzie hosts Greenfield Friday night. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

During halftime of Friday's game, the Touchdown Club presented the J.A. Abernathy awards. The award for a business or non-profit supporter went to McKenzie Church of Christ, accepted by Randy McCadams. The individual supporter award was presented to Tammy Collins.

Also recognized at halftime was the girls cross country team, who a day earlier had secured third place at the state meet. Abigail Wallace was the state runner-up as an individual.

Huntland won the toss and elected to receive the opening kick. They found some success on the ground, earning a pair of first downs and moving into McKenzie territory before stalling out and punting.

The Rebels took over at their own 11 and pounded the ball on the ground on a 13-play drive. On the final snap, the first play of the second quarter, they took to the air with a 15-yard pass from Cole Brown to Lelan Gordon. The PAT missed, but McKenzie led 6-0.

A good return gave the Hornets good starting position at their 37, but on third down, quarterback Grant Jernigan's pass was intercepted by C. Brown.

Taking over near midfield, the Rebels scored on five plays. Jayden Callis scored from four yards out. C. Brown threw to Jacobi Melton for two points, and McKenzie led 14-0 with 7:28 to play in the first half.

A McKenzie penalty after the touchdown was assessed on the kick, and the first kick went out of bounds, giving Huntland favorable position again at the Rebel 47. Big stops by Maddox Shiell on third down and Mason Batten on fourth gave the Rebels possession.

A shaky drive ended quickly as a second down pass was caught, but then fumbled and recovered by the Hornets at their 39.

Huntland managed a pair of first downs to get to the McKenzie 24, but turned the ball over on downs as Rebel Kason Brown defended a fourth-down pass to the end zone.

McKenzie aired it out for a four-play, 75-yard drive. C. Brown hit Melton for 37 yards, and Aiden Mason hit the PAT for a 21-0 lead with just over a minute remaining in the second quarter.

The Hornets ran five plays before time expired.

The Rebels received the second-half kick, an onside attempt that Fletcher Holt



Above, Rebel Cole Brown drags down a Hornet ball carrier near the line of scrimmage. Brown had five solo tackles and three assists. Below, McKenzie Touchdown Club President Chad Batton (center) presented J.A. Abernathy Awards to Tammy Collins and McKenzie Church of Christ (accepted by Randy McCadams). *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*



secured at midfield. Four plays later, Cole threw to Avery Brown for a 21-yard touchdown. Mason kicked, and McKenzie led 28-0 early in the third.

Huntland got on the board with a ten-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 15-yard run by Bryant Mooney. Julio Ramirez kicked the PAT, and the Rebel lead was 28-7 with five minutes to play in the third frame.

McKenzie responded with a five-play, 65-yard drive. C. Brown punched it in from seven yards out. Mason kicked, and the Rebels led 35-7 with two minutes remaining in the third.

The Hornets earned a pair of first downs and got as close as the Rebel 16 early in the final frame before turning the ball over on downs. Matteo Tabada made the fourth-down stop on the Mooney run.

Taking over at the 18, the first McKenzie snap resulted in an interception by Caleb Maxwell returned for a touchdown. The PAT was blocked, and the McKenzie lead was 35-13 a minute into the fourth.

Huntland's second onside kick attempt was recovered by Aiden Legens to give the Rebels another midfield start. McKenzie nearly went three-and-out, but a Hornet player ran into C. Brown on the punt. The penalty made it fourth-and-one, and Gordon converted with a three-yard carry. Timmy Arline, back from an injury early in the season, ran three straight times for eleven, 28 and a nine-

yard touchdown. Mason's PAT put the Rebels up 42-13 halfway through the final frame.

A fumble and two penalties doomed Huntland to a three-and-out.

The Rebels took over with three minutes remaining and ran out the clock.

McKenzie had 466 yards of total offense, 244 in the air and 222 on the ground.

Rebel quarterback Cole Brown was 16 of 18 passing for 244 yards and three touchdowns. He also had eight carries for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Timmy Arline had 14 carries for 137 yards and a touchdown. Jayden Callis rushed four times for 33 yards with one touchdown.

Jacobi Melton had four catches for 83 yards and a touchdown. Avery Brown caught three passes for 48 yards and a touchdown. Lelan Gordon had three catches for 43 yards with one touchdown.

Kason Brown had one catch for 27 yards. Jayden Callis had a pair of catches for 23 yards. Timmy Arline caught three passes for 20 yards.

Mason Batten led the defense with six solo tackles and one assist, including one for a loss. Aiden Legens had five solo and an assist with two for losses. Cole Brown and Lelan Gordon each had five solo and three assists. Dawson Reeder had five solo and two assists. Maddox Shiell had four solo and three assists, including one for a loss. Jayden Callis had four solo tackles.



Left, Keimonte Strayhorn tries to intercept an MBA pass. Right, Braylin Dearmon outruns the fog and a MBA defender. *Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner*

Mustangs Close Out Memphis Business 22-12

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When the fog lifted Friday night at Paul Ward Stadium, the Huntingdon Mustangs found themselves a 22-12 victor over the Memphis Business Academy Execs in the first round of the TSSAA Class 2-A playoffs. The path through the playoffs became less cloudy as the Mustangs plan to travel to Hohenwald to face the Region 5 Champion, Lewis County.

Huntingdon's defense shone through the dense fog that settled on Paul Ward Stadium and held the high-scoring Execs to two scores, forcing two turnovers and limiting the Execs Division I prospect Khamoni Williams to 46 yards on the ground.

The Mustangs made a statement to start the game, taking the opening kickoff and moving 62 yards in 13 plays to score. Huntindon used almost six minutes off the clock. The Mustangs ran 12 straight running plays on the drive before Kenton Smith tossed a nine-yard touchdown pass to Garvin Kee with 6:09 left in the first.

The extra point was missed, and the Mustangs held a 6-0 lead.

The Execs tied the game with 4:23 left in the half after going 94 yards in seven plays to score on a three-yard run. The Execs found some success through the passing game as they had one pass play go for 44 yards and another that covered 34 yards that came on third down and 33. The attempt for a two-point conversion failed, and the score was knotted at 6-6.

The Mustangs answered on the legs of senior running back Braylin Dearmon. The Mustangs moved 57 yards in 10 plays, and Dearmon, who rushed for 162 yards in the game, carried seven of the ten plays and scored the touchdown on a five-yard run with 48.3 seconds left in the half. The extra point was blocked, and the score remained 12-6.

Huntingdon's defense forced a three-and-out from MBA to start the second half and added points on its next possession after fielding a punt at the Exec 48. The Mustangs reached the Exec 14 in eight plays but

lost two yards, and Greyson Anderson kicked a 33-yard field goal to give the Mustangs a 15-6 lead with just over five minutes left in the third.

MBA answered again with the passing game as they traveled 80 yards in nine plays and completed 5 of 7 passes on the drive for 55 yards and scored on a Williams 12-yard run with 1:33 left in the third quarter. The conversion failed, and the Mustangs clung to a 15-12 lead.

The Mustang defense ended an MBA drive at their 37 with a sack that gave the ball back to Huntingdon's offense, and in one play closed the doors on Memphis Business as Tyreke Hutch scampered 62 yards to the end zone with 5:51 left in the game. Anderson added the point after, and the Mustangs would hold on for a 22-12 win to advance.

The Mustangs rushed 45 times for 270 yards and passed for 18, with Dearmon leading the way with 162 yards. MBA rushed for 129 yards and completed 17 of 30 passes for 204 yards.

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