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Scrap Car Snags Utility Lines



Above, Building owner and former publisher of The McKenzie Banner Joel Washburn and officers with the McKenzie Police Department peer at the damage caused from Monday's accident. Below, Pictured up close, a crushed car snagged a power line on Main Street in McKenzie and made a small dent in The McKenzie Banner's building. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

AT&T Lines Downed; Banner Office Sustains Minor Damage

McKENZIE (July 27) — A Bordeaux-owned semi-truck loaded with crushed automobiles struck an AT&T trunk line while traveling along North Main Street on Monday, downing fiber optic and stranded phone lines and slightly damaging the front left corner of The McKenzie Banner's brick-and-mortar office at the intersection of Banner Row and South Main Street.

One crushed car from the truck snagged on the utility lines and was pulled from the cargo hold, striking the corner of The McKenzie Ban-

ner and coming to rest against the building. The accident temporarily disrupted power and heavily damaged the AT&T lines.

Robert Douglas was sitting in the gazebo in downtown McKenzie when he saw the scrap car hit the utility line. He said he heard a sequence of "popping" sounds as the metal collided with the fiber optic and stranded phone lines.

The McKenzie Police Department (MPD) and Carroll County Electric were first on the scene,

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Webb School Hosts Back-to-School Events

McKENZIE (July 25) — The Webb School was the site of a community effort Saturday to help local children prepare for the upcoming school year. The event was open to students in grades K-8.

Children attending the event received free clothing, shoes and undergarments, along with haircuts and hairstyles, as they prepared to return to school. The program helped local families with some of the expenses associated with getting children ready for a new school year while giving students the opportunity to begin the year feeling confident and prepared.

The event was made possible through the generosity of local businesses, organizations and individuals who donated funds, supplies and services.

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Gary Hilliard, Gary Durovka, Armand Hebert and Kim Bell-Webb take a moment helping distribute food bags.

School Starts Next Week for Local Students

New School Policies, Open House Dates

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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As summer break comes to a close, students in the Carroll and Henry County school systems are gearing up to head back to the classroom next week. Most students across the region are set to report for their first half-day on August 3 or 4, marking the official start of the 2026-27 academic year.

As the school year begins, students will encounter

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Huntingdon School Board Approves \$15.7 Million Budget

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (July 22) — The Huntingdon Special School District (HSSD) Board of Education approved a \$15.7 million budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year following a work session on Wednesday.

In what Director of Schools Dr. Jonathan Kee called the district's "largest jump yet," the budget includes a three-percent raise

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Missing Elderly Man Located by Helicopter

CARROLL COUNTY (July 24) — The Tennessee Highway Patrol's Jackson District Aviation Unit assisted local agencies today in the search for an 83-year-old Carroll County man with dementia and limited mobility who had been reported missing.

THP Aviation located the man in a field holding his dog and directed members of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, Carroll County Rescue Squad,

Baptist EMS and Carroll County Fire Department to his location.

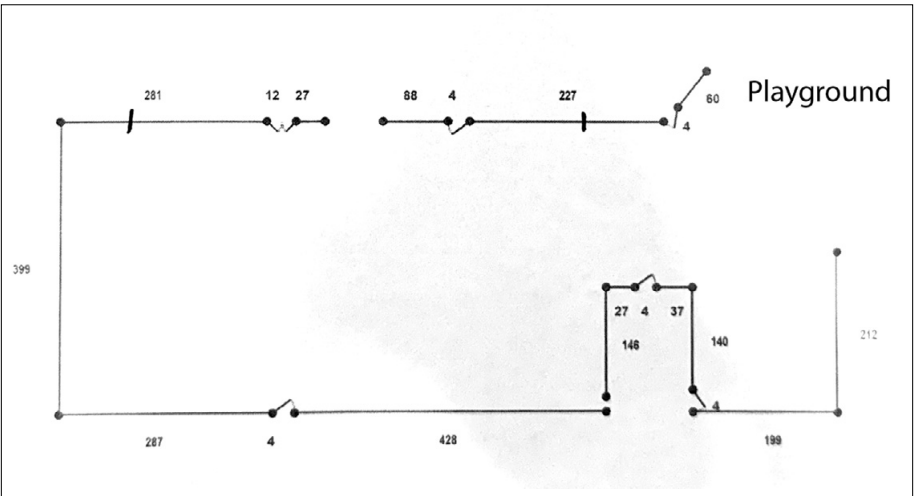
Thanks to the swift response and coordination of THP Aviation and local law enforcement and volunteers, the man was found safely.

A THP helicopter is based at the Carroll County Airport.

Local emergency responders, many of whom are volunteers, train for search and rescue opera-

tions. The THP helicopter with its thermal imaging cameras, provides a great asset in such operations.

In April, 2026, the Carroll County Rescue Squad, Carroll County Sheriff's deputies, THP searched for Lisa Fields, who was missing. A daytime search by foot and with drones was unsuccessful. The THP Aviation unit located Mrs. Fields that evening. She was rescued and received medical care.



A drawing of the new soccer fencing, which will enclose the new soccer complex at Mulberry Park.

City Approves Bid for Soccer Fencing

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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MCKENZIE (July 24) — Fencing was approved for the new Mulberry Soccer Field during a special called meeting of the McKenzie Mayor and Council on July 24 at 10 a.m.

The Board considered bids for both black and galvanized fencing, at various heights to enclosed the newly built soccer fields.

All-Star Fencing/Owens Construction was the successful bidder at \$46,384 for 2,640 linear feet of black fencing at 5 feet tall. The fencing will surround all the soccer fields including the regulation size and the junior-sized soccer fields.

Mayor Ryan Griffin said he hopes the fencing and fields will be ready in time for a September ribbon cutting.

This is part of Phase 1 of the project, which converted Mulberry Park's aging baseball and softball field into a soccer complex.

Other anticipated upgrades include:

Bathroom Renovations: A men's group from First Baptist will provide labor for renovations; the project will only cover material costs. Republic Allegion is donating three new steel doors. Hand dryers will be installed instead of paper towel dispensers.

Soccer Fields: Backstop nets are needed for the large field (estimated at \$15,000-\$16,000) and two smaller fields (estimated at \$12,000). Large soccer goals are also required, with an estimated cost of \$4,000-\$5,000 each.

Basketball Courts: Plans include resurfacing, relining, and increasing the number of goals from

two to four. A tall perimeter fence around the courts was also proposed.

Other Items: Signage, benches, security lighting, poles, cameras, and additional gravel for parking lots are included in the plan.

Items for future phases were briefly mentioned.

A scoreboard and lighting for the large field are planned for a later phase.

Renovations to the walking trail to meet ADA compliance are part of a grant application, with funding potentially available next year.

The motion was made by Councilman Bobby Young and seconded by Councilman Drew Beeler to accept All-Star Fencing's bid. The vote was unanimous with Tom Alexander, Tim McBride, and Jessie Townes approving. Carol Armppriest was absent.

ALOHA FROM HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC



Above, Hometown Health's Ellen Pruitt (far right) served Chelsea Nash and Addy and Liam Wilson some popcorn and sno-cones during Wednesday's Back to School Blitz. Below, Patrice Boyd of United Healthcare West Tennessee shows Selah Banuelos all of the goodies at her booth. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Hometown Health Clinic Hosts Hawaiian-Themed Back to School Blitz

BY LYNDEY SUMMERS
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MCKENZIE (July 22) — Hometown Health Clinic hosted a Hawaiian-themed Back to School Blitz event Wednesday at its McKenzie pediatrics location.

Complete with leis, popcorn, sno-cones and face painting, Hometown Health's Back to School Blitz was the perfect imaginary beach getaway for kids in need of their yearly wellness checks or back-to-school vaccinations.

To top it all off, United Healthcare and BlueCare Tennessee had booths set up in the clinic's waiting room, giving away various toys and school supplies.

At the start of the event, Marketing/Human Resources Manager Ellen Pruitt said more than 20 kids had wellness checkups and vaccinations scheduled for the day, and walk-ins were welcomed.

Hometown Health Clinic's pediatrics center is located at 205 Hospital Dr., McKenzie.



Jessica, Caroline and Caelynn Mullins are pictured with Hometown Health Clinic's Lindsey Burney and Amber Sullivan. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie Special School District Agenda

The McKenzie Special School District meets August 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the McKenzie Special School District Board Room.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

1. Prayer and Pledge to the Flag
2. Adoption of Agenda:
 - A. Consent Agenda
 - B. Regular Agenda (New Business)
3. Hear correspondence addressed to the Board
4. Public comment(s) on actionable agenda items or matters germane to school board jurisdiction (not to exceed 15 minutes)*
 - MSSD Board Policy 1.404
- NEW BUSINESS (Actionable Items):**
 - 5. Installation of the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education Student Board Representative, Madelyn Morris
 - 6. Consider for approval McKenzie SSD budget amendment(s)
 - 7. Consider for approval reimbursement mileage rate for district travel
 - 8. Consider for approval, on First Reading, amendments to the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education Policy Manual.
 - 1.400 School Board Meetings
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ment Goals

- 2.200 Annual Operating Budget
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 - 4.213 Family Life Curriculum
 - 4.215 Instructional Use of Digital Devices
- 4.300 Extracurricular Activities
 - 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics
 - 4.600 Grading System
 - 4.603 Promotion and Retention
 - 4.605 Graduation Requirements
- 5.104 Equal Opportunity Employment
- 5.106 Application and Employment
- 5.200 Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers
- 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers
- 5.302 Sick Leave
- 5.303 Personal and Professional Leave
- 5.501 Complaints and Grievances
- 5.600 Staff Rights & Responsibilities
- 5.801 Director of Schools Recruitment and Selection
- 6.100 Student Goals (and Objectives)
- 6.200 Attendance
- 6.202 Home Schools
- 6.205 Student Assignments
- 6.301 Rights and Responsibilities of Students
- 6.303 Questioning Students and Searches
- 6.304 Student Discrim-

ination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying & Intimidation

- 6.3041 Title IX & Sexual Harassment
- 6.306 Disruption & Interference of School Activities
- 6.318 Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students
- 6.4053 Outside Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy
- 6.412 Emergency Allergy Response Plan
- 6.506 Students from Military Families
- 9. Consider for approval Memorandum of Understanding—McKenzie Police Department and McKenzie Special School District for SRO services
- 10. Consider for approval the MSSD Disciplinary Hearing Authority
 - 1. Tonya Brown or designee, McKenzie Elementary
 - 2. Josh Kee or designee, McKenzie Middle
 - 3. Kelly Spivey or designee, McKenzie High
 - 4. Other district supervisor(s), as required
- Members of the DHA are appointed to one (1) year terms and subject to reappointment as stated in Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority Policy, 6.317
- 11. 2025-2026 Bullying Report
- 12. Discussion of McKenzie Elementary Roof replacement project
- 13. Director's Report

Budget

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for non-certified staff and a \$2,500 increase to the certified staff salary schedule.

Dr. Kee said he wanted the salaries to be competitive not only with other schools in the county but with other surrounding districts.

The total balanced budget is \$15,754,075, an increase of \$490,930 from the previous year, driven largely by rising salary and benefit costs. The spending plan includes \$13,415,213 for the General Purpose Fund and \$829,218 for the Cafeteria Fund. Debt services decreased by \$45,650, while federal projects are allocated \$816,019. Local maintenance of effort

remains unchanged at \$2,552,633.

Under the new budget, all students will receive free admission to regular season home athletic events—a move costing the district \$45,000. For non-students, admission for high school football and basketball games is set at \$7, with other high school events at \$5. Middle school football and basketball games are \$6, while other middle school events are \$5.

Huntingdon residents will see no change in the property tax rate, which remains at \$0.7022 per \$100 of assessed value.

“For 25 years, we have not had to increase taxes,” said Board Chairman Dr. Lee Carter. He commended the district's leadership for maintaining the lowest tax rate in Carroll County.

Dr. Kee cautioned the

board regarding the district's future financial landscape.

“We are running a very tight budget,” Dr. Kee said. “There are things we need to be aware of.”

He cited concerns including rising health insurance and operational costs, the lack of state pre-K funding, and a standstill in federal allocations. Additionally, Dr. Kee noted that the district faces funding uncertainties with a new governor taking office next year and ongoing debates surrounding statewide virtual school funding.

HSSD also has two years remaining on the Carroll County local funding contract with other county schools.

The 2026-27 school year begins Tuesday, August 4 with a half day.



The Bordeaux-owned semi-truck pictured above was loaded with crushed automobiles when one of its crushed cars snagged and downed an AT&T trunk line on Monday afternoon. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Scrap

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arriving in minutes. Carroll County Electric crews restored power in the area after approximately 20 minutes and later utilized their trucks to remove the crushed car from the side of The McKenzie Banner.

MPD blocked off a section of Main Street be-

tween the intersection of Cedar Street and Bruce Street from the time of the incident until approximately 5:40 p.m. Monday, rerouting drivers from the scene.

Tennessee Highway Patrol's Lieutenant Caleb Cooper and troopers Zack Barker, Jason Russell and Samuel Wendorff investigated the incident while the McKenzie Police Department man-

aged traffic and secured the scene. No injuries were reported, and The McKenzie Banner building sustained only minor damage.

Carroll County Electric crews cleared the scene at 2:21 p.m., leaving AT&T personnel to complete repairs. Two AT&T representatives said local AT&T Internet and phone services would likely be down until Tuesday, July 28.

Candidate Petition Deadline for November Election is August 20

BY BRAD SAM
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CARROLL COUNTY (July 27) — Municipal seats in Atwood, Bruce-ton, Hollow Rock, McKen-zie, McLemoresville and Trezevant are on the No- vember 3 general election ballot. The deadline for candidates to file signed petitions is Thursday, Au- gust 20 at noon.

On Monday, the Carroll County Election Commis- sion released an ongoing list of petitioners for the November election.

Municipal seats on the November 3 ballot are as follows:

- Atwood**
Mayor: Terry Joe Hern- don has picked up a peti- tion for the seat. Incum- bent Fridie Algee has not yet picked up a petition.
Two alderman posi- tions: Dustin Church and Joann Long have filed peti- tions, and Tommy Polinski has picked up a petition. Incumbents Jim Lewis and Randy D. Long have not picked up petitions.
- Bruceton**
Mayor: Johnathan Pierpoint and incumbent Robert T. Keeton, III, have picked up petitions.
Two alderman posi-

- tions:** Michael Wilson and incumbent Jack R. Blocker have picked up petitions; incumbent James A. Butler has not.
Hollow Rock
Mayor (two-year unex- pired): Incumbent Ron- nie Webb has picked up a petition.
Two alderman posi- tions: Sherry Ozier, James Robison, Misty Dawn White and incumbent An- gela Stockdale have picked up petitions. Incumbent T. Richard Goodwin has not yet picked up a petition.
Alderman (two-year unexpired): Incumbent Cathie Pardue has picked up a petition.
- Huntingdon**
Three council mem- ber positions: No one has picked up a petition. In- cumbents are John Sand- ers, Kelly Eubanks and Andrew Maddox.
McKenzie
Mayor: Incumbent Ryan D. Griffin has filed a petition.
Three councilman po- sitions: Incumbent Bobby L. Young has filed a pe- tition, and his fellow in- cumbents Tom Alexander and Carol Armpriest have picked up petitions. Ar- mand J. Hebert, III, and Raymond Glisson also

- picked up petitions.
McLemoresville
Mayor: Incumbent Phil Williams, Austin Prater and Nathan Worrell have picked up petitions.
Five alderman posi- tions: Incumbents Kim Wheeler, Sharron Holland and Robby Alford have filed petitions. Adam Mar- tin and incumbents Mike Presson and Lana Y. Suite have picked up petitions. Incumbents Don T. Reed and Angie Martin have not picked up petitions.
- Trezevant**
Three alderman posi- tions: Incumbents Donald M. Barger, Dan Diering- er and Pamela D. Joyner have picked up petitions. Beth Anne Farrell and Liz Yohman have also picked up petitions.
- TN House**
Kirk D. Carter also qual- ified in March as an in- dependent candidate for the Tennessee House of Representatives District 79 seat. Representative Brock Martin (R-Hunting- don) currently holds this position.
- For more details, contact the Carroll County Elec- tion Commission Office at 731-98-1968, or www. carrolltnelections.com

Students

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changes resulting from leg- islation passed during the 2025-26 session.

New state requirements mandate that health edu- cation for K-12 students include instruction on child trafficking. Addi- tionally, schools are implementing a policy intended to prioritize teacher-led instruction that essentially bans electronic instructional materials for grades K-5. Exceptions to the tech- nology policy are permit- ted for assessments, re- mediation, virtual schools and students with IEPs or 504 plans.

District nutrition pro- grams also see updates this year. Four of Carroll County's five school dis- tricts—Hollow Rock-Bru- ceton, Huntingdon, West Carroll and South Car- roll—will offer free break- fast and lunch to students throughout the year. The McKenzie Special School District will provide free breakfast at all three of its schools.

Families are invited to meet teachers and tour facilities at upcoming open

house events. Below is the schedule for Carroll Coun- ty schools:

Clarksburg School: Monday, August 3, from 5:30-7 p.m.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District: Sunday, August 2 from 2-4 p.m.

Huntingdon Primary School: Kindergarten — Thursday, July 30 from 12:30-6 p.m. by appoint- ment only; First through third grade — Thursday, July 30 beginning at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Huntingdon Middle School: Monday, August 3 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Huntingdon High School: Thursday, July 30 from 5-6:30 p.m.

McKenzie Elementary School: Thursday, July 30 from 1-6 p.m.

McKenzie Middle School: Fifth Grade Ori- entation — Thursday, July 30 at 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium; Open House — Thursday, July 30 from 4-6 p.m.

McKenzie High School: Freshman Orientation — Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. in the school gym; Open House — Thursday, July 30 from 7-8 p.m. Attendees are asked to park in the

rear of the school

West Carroll Pre-K, Kindergarten: Tuesday, August 4 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., by appointment only.

West Carroll Primary: First grade — Thursday, July 30 from 6-7 p.m.; Sec- ond grade — Thursday, July 30 from 7-8 p.m.

West Carroll Elemen- tary: Monday, August 3, from 6-7 p.m.

West Carroll Jr./Sr. High School: Tuesday, July 28 from 5-6 p.m.

The five Carroll County school districts (McKenzie, Huntingdon, West Carroll, Hollow Rock-Bruceton and South Carroll) began staff in-service on Monday, July 27. Students report for a half-day on Tuesday, Au- gust 4.

In-service for Henry County School System staff began Thursday, July 23. Students report for a half-day on Monday, August 3.

Students in the Paris Special School District also return for a half-day on Monday, August 3.

Weakley County Schools begin later, with staff reporting for in-ser- vice on Monday, August 3. Students begin the year with a full day on Mon- day, August 10.

Early Voting for August Election Ends Saturday

BY BRAD SAM
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CARROLL COUNTY (July 27) — The early vot- ing period for the August 6 election ends Saturday, August 1 at noon. Early voting from July 17 through Monday afternoon totaled 1,461 ballots, according to the Carroll County Election Commission.

The bulk of the ballots,

1,171, were cast by Repub- lican voters. Democrats have submitted 243 bal- lots, while 47 cast general ballots.

Carroll County residents wishing to cast an early ballot must vote at the Carroll County Election Commission Office at 625 High Street in Huntingdon (in the rear of the Carroll County Complex).

Voting hours are Monday

through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Election day is Thursday, August 6 at the respective local precincts.

All voters must present a federal- or state-issued photo ID, unless an excep- tion applies. College stu- dent IDs, non-U.S. Citizen IDs and IDs issued by lo- cal governments or other states are not accepted.



Left, Members from McKenzie First Baptist, Angie Hollowell and Jennifer Ognibene, help sort school supplies. Right, Shawn Hughes provides a hair cut to a local student. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Webb

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Organizers extend their sincere appreciation to the following sponsors and supporters:

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A little girl looks over the inventory of free backpacks. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

len, Mary Higgins, Carroll County News-Leader, and an anonymous donor.

Special thanks are also extended to all of the volun- teers who gave their time and talents to make the Back-to- School Bash possible.

The community's sup- port of the event demon- strated the commitment of local organizations and individuals to helping McKenzie's children start the school year ready to learn and succeed.

Huntingdon School Board Approves 36 Policy Updates Ahead of 2026-27 School Year

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (July 22) — New state laws have triggered a significant over- haul of Huntingdon Special School District (HSSD) po- licies. The Board of Educa- tion approved 36 updates during Wednesday's meet- ing, impacting everything from student grading and extracurricular eligibility to teacher employment and gender definitions.

See some of the policy changes:

Instruction

In grades K-5, HSSD will prioritize teacher-led instruction and non-elec- tronic materials, with ex- ceptions for assessments and students with specific education plans.

Schools are now required to include child trafficking instruction as a component of health education for stu- dents K-12.

Grading and Promotion

Starting in 2027-28, sev- enth-grade students who excel on math assessments will be automatically en- rolled in Algebra I for eighth grade, though parents may opt out. Middle school students' Algebra I perfor- mance will also be factored

into their high school GPAs.

Third-grade students can now be promoted to the fourth grade based on read- ing screener proficiency, bypassing traditional tutor- ing requirements.

Athletics

Students attending small private schools who are zoned for Huntingdon may now participate in district athletics, following state association guidelines.

Early Graduation

Students may use the Classic Learning Test for early graduation requests. Credits earned before ninth grade will count toward graduation requirements.

Attendance and Conduct

Transfer students will carry over unexcused absences from previous schools.

Schools are now required to alert parents regarding classroom evacuations caused by student behavior.

Principals must create safety plans for students holding an order of protec- tion against another student.

Employment and Benefits

The district will imple- ment the E-Verify program for all new hires, ensuring they are eligible to work in the United States.

Policies regarding sick

and personal leave have been adjusted to provide more flexibility based on contract length.

Teachers can no longer have their licenses suspend- ed by the school board for mid-year contract breaches.

Professional Conduct

Teachers are strictly pro- hibited from engaging in sexually related behaviors with students, including those who have graduated or withdrawn within the last 12 months.

School Board Operations

Board members may now attend meetings electroni- cally during emergencies, provided a quorum is not required.

Meeting agendas must be public at least 48 hours in advance.

Public comment is now permitted on any topi- c relevant to the Board's jurisdiction.

Legal and Compliance Adjustments

The district updated 12 policies to redefine "sex" and "gender" to align with state definitions based on birth anatomy and genetics. Additionally, fiscal manage- ment policies now require annual internal control re- views and specific budget reporting to the state.

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OPINION

Novelty Tennessee License Plates Are Often Upside Down



Travel across any Tennessee highway today, and you are likely to spot a curious sight: the iconic three-star logo of the novelty front license plates. Understand, these are not state-issued plates, but novelty plates sold by non-government companies that are often unintentionally displayed upside down. What was intended as a symbol of volunteer pride is often a point of public confusion. It is supposed to represent a “V” as in the word “Volunteer.” It has a “V” with a slight clockwise rotation.

In comparison, in maritime and national tradition, flying the U.S. flag upside down is a recognized signal of dire distress. An inverted Tennessee license plate may not constitute an emergency, but it does represent a lack of knowledge to properly display

the state’s image.

The three stars on the Tennessee flag symbolize more than just geography - west, middle and east Tennessee; they are a profound emblem of the state’s unity. Its design is symbolic: the pure white stars representing the three grand divisions of the state bound together by an endless circle of blue. This design signifies an “indissoluble trinity,” emphasizing the strength of the state when its regions are united.

The Three-Star design is evident on state-issued registration plates and drivers’ licenses.

To rectify the incorrect display, the manufacturers should implement a simple, low-cost solution: a temporary “This Side Up” sticker placed on the face of each new plate. This small addition would guide motorists during installation and ensure the Tennessee 3-star logo is displayed with the dignity it deserves.

Now, I hope that you can never ‘unsee’ an incorrectly displayed state emblem.



TACO PIE

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
1 teaspoon canola oil
1 (15oz.) can Mexican stewed tomatoes
1 tablespoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 (6oz.) package corn muffin mix
1 egg
2/3 cup milk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Brown ground beef and bell pepper in oil in large skillet and drain well. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt, tomatoes, 1 cup water, chili powder and garlic powder. Cook on medium heat for about 10 minutes or until most of liquid evaporates. Pour into sprayed 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle cheese on top.

Combine corn muffin mix, egg and milk in bowl and beat well. Pour over cheese. Bake for 25 minutes or until corn muffin mix is light brown. Remove from oven and let stand for about 10 minutes before serving. Serves 6-8.

QUICK FIESTA SUPPER

2 (15oz.) cans chili without beans
2 (15oz.) cans pinto beans with liquid
2 (15oz.) cans beef tamales, shucked
1 (8oz.) package shredded Mexican 4-cheese blend, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In greased 9x13-inch baking dish, spoon both cans chili in pan and spread out with back of large spoon.

Spread beans with liquid over chili. Spread tamales over beans. Sprinkle about 1/2 cup cheese ove top, cover and bake for 30 minutes.

Remove from oven and sprinkle remaining cheese over top of casserole. Return to oven for just 5 minutes. Serve with lots of tortilla chips. Serves 4-6.

SKILLET STEAK AND VEGGIES

1 pound boneless sirloin steak, cut in strips
2 (15oz.) cans Italian stewed tomatoes with liquid
1 (16oz.) package frozen Italian green beans, thawed
1 (8oz.) carton sour cream
Egg noodles cooked

Place sirloin strips in large skillet with a little oil. Cook on high heat about 3 minutes. Add stewed tomatoes and green beans, bring to boiling, lower heat and cook for 5 minutes. Just before serving, fold in sour cream. Serve over hot, cooked egg noodles. Serves 4-6.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

A Stinking Dog

You know how it is at the end of a workday and supper’s over and the dishes are done? You’re ready to settle down, put on your pajamas, and have a little quiet time before going to bed. Yeah, that’s the way I like it, too.

On one such night, after “quiet time” was over and it was time to go to bed, I opened the front door and called for our rescue-beagle, Russell, to come inside from his “after-supper-run-around-the-woods-and-neighborhood” excursion, which oftentimes lasted for an hour or two. This time, though, instead of having to call and coax him in, he ran pell mell through the open door and jumped on the couch like he was being chased by a rabid badger.

A split second later, the smell of a skunk was shoved up my nose, and I began to gag.

But Russell wasn’t running from the skunk outside; he was running from himself BECAUSE HE’D GOTTEN SPRAYED BY A SKUNK!!!!!!

He was frantically rubbing his face on the couch and pawing at his nose.

“Russell!” I yelled.

But neither my voice nor anything else was going to draw his attention away from the acrid stench he was trying to escape.

Pandemonium broke loose in the house as everyone screamed and ran out the room.

I had no choice but to pick

Russell up and summarily pitch him out the door.

From around the corner of the doorway to our bedroom, my wife asked, “What are you going to do now?”

Indeed, that was the question of the hour.

“Go to the kitchen and get me all the tomato juice we have.”

When we passed each other as I headed to the bedroom, she actually held her nose and stepped away when she got close to me. Apparently “for better or for worse” didn’t include smelling like a skunk.

Taking off my pajamas (which had to be thrown away) and putting on the oldest clothes I could find, I donned rubber boots and rubber gloves and went outside armed with a quart of tomato juice in each hand.

Walking outside was like walking into a wall of the smell. I could hardly breathe.

Russell was rubbing himself across the grass, making unnatural, guttural sounds. But as soon as he saw me, he rushed to me and reared up on me in hopes I could deliver him from the inescapable odor.

Even though he’d never been given a tomato bath, he stood stock still as I rubbed and scrubbed him from the tip of his tail to the tip of his nose.

I really hadn’t thought through what I was going to do with a tomato-soaked

dog.

My first idea was to use the garden hose and rinse him off, but it was winter-time with a temperature in the 30’s. So I discarded that idea.

I closed my eyes when the only other option became apparent and wondered if this might be the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back of my marriage.

Putting my arms underneath Russell, I lifted him and carried him inside.

I won’t repeat everything Brenda said as I stepped inside, but let’s just say she: 1. Wasn’t happy; and 2. Questioned my sanity.

With my rubber boots, rubber gloves, and stinking tomato-juice-soaked clothes, I got into our walk-in shower with Russell and closed the doors.

“Bring me the Dawn dish detergent,” I called out.

Using the handheld wand in the shower, I soaked, soaped, and rinsed Russell multiple times.

At first, the bottom of the shower looked like a technicolor version of the shower scene from Alfred Hitchcock’s movie “Psycho.” Eventually, though, it turned pink and, after twenty minutes or so, finally turned clear.

At work the next day, some of my coworkers wrinkled their nose when I got close.

“It’s my new cologne,” I told them. “What do you think?”

(p.s. the couch had to be thrown away)

** Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume III: A Harrowing Halloween Tale*

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

There Are Teachers, Then There Is...

Chick King was the best baseball coach I ever played for. He spent 11 years in professional baseball, at times with the Detroit Tigers, Chicago Cubs, and St. Louis Cardinals.

I was barely sixteen when I met him. And I played the next three years of American Legion Baseball under his tutelage. We’d practice one Saturday in late May each summer and play 50 plus games in the next two months.

I asked him once why only one workout, and then so many games? He said, “You don’t get many practice days in life.”

That might not be the greatest thing he ever said to me, but I tell you, it has rolled around in my head ten thousand times over the years.

Chick (the first time I met him and called him Mr. King, he looked down at me, paused to read my soul, and said, “It’s Chick, son, everybody calls me Chick.”) never missed an opportunity to teach you something.

Baseball was the main thing on the menu...I thought. Until I lived through those summers. And believe me, Chick was all baseball. But he was a teacher first and foremost. In every sense of that word!

“Men,” he was addressing the team in the dugout during a rain delay, “nobody is going to give you anything in life. You’ve got to earn it. Don’t think your mom and dad will care for you forever. That’s not fair to them. Or you! Get your eyes open. And take your place in this world.”

I’m sitting there thinking most managers would be looking up at the sky figuring if we could finish this

game. Or in Chick’s case, you’d think he’d be telling us about a hit he got off of Whitey Ford. He didn’t live in the past.

He’d stop by our house. I hoped to give me some sound baseball instruction. “Kes, have you thought about what you are going to do with your life? How you’re going to make a living? Money is not an all in all, but it sure helps to have enough to live comfortably. You need a plan. I’m not going to let you just drift along...”

Good golly Miss Molly, I’m sixteen years old. No! I ain’t given a cat’s whisper to what I’m doing next week, much less for the rest of my life!

Chick took me to that good restaurant down at Paris Landing, “Kes, you’ve got so much potential.” I straightened up. Was he telling me I was a good baseball player? “God has given you a good mind. You understand actions and consequences. You have got to get a good education. Learning is the key. Get yourself prepared! Don’t you dare let life slip upon you.”

We were at a truck stop in Jackson, eating lunch. Chick traveled in his business and he would sometimes pick me up and I’d ride along, “Kes, there are evil people in this world. You’ve got to be able to spot them. They will tell you anything, try to sell you anything, make you believe upside down is right side up, and take all you’ve got if you are not paying attention.”

He never gave up. He never let a learning moment pass. “There are also wonderful, God fearing, sensible people around you. They love life, and they will love you. You find them.” He paused and leaned over the table like he was about to deliver an edict

from on high, “You BE one of THEM!”

Chick and I were the only two left in the dugout after a particularly tough loss. I thought he was going to console me, “Kes, there is a girl here in town I think you ought to date.”

What!

“She is very pretty. But, more importantly, she is prettier on the inside than she is on the outside. And her family loves the Lord. You need to look at the parents when you are considering dating. She would be just right for you.”

I left shaking my head in disbelief. But I ended up “going steady” with her for the next three years.

Chick had a farm. He paid me to haul hay for him when I really needed the money. Later in life, after I had gotten out on my own, I bought a few black angus cows and went into business with him. He never stopped giving me advice. He never stopped cheering me on. He never stopped believing in me.

He musta bought me a hundred meals. He gave me his undivided attention. He didn’t have to teach me the importance of serving others. He lived it in front of me.

I tried to thank him numerous times; he’d interrupt with another life lesson.

When folks ask who’s the man in the featured picture in the baseball locker room in our house today, a million thoughts flood my soul. You could not sum up what he’s meant to me in a month of Sundays.

So, I quietly say, “He’s just a guy I used to know.” But inside I’m thinking, “that I modeled my life on.”

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Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday is this Weekend

NASHVILLE — Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, 2026.

During this time clothing, school supplies and computers may be purchased tax-free, with certain restrictions.

Items must be purchased for personal use, not for business or trade.

Items sold online are also eligible.

CLOTHING

Exempt: General apparel that costs \$100 or less per item, such as shirts, pants, socks, shoes, dresses, etc.

Not exempt: Apparel items priced at more than \$100 (items sold together, such as shoes, cannot be split up to stay beneath the \$100 maximum); items such as jewelry, handbags, or sports and recreational equipment.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Exempt: School and art supplies with a purchase price of \$100 or less per item, such as binders, backpacks, crayons, paper, pens, pencils, rulers and art supplies such as glazes, clay, paints, drawing pads and artist paintbrushes.

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Exempt: Computers for personal use with a purchase price of \$1,500 or less. Laptop computers, if priced at \$1,500 or less, also qualify, as well as tablet computers.

Not exempt: Storage media, like flash drives and compact discs; individually purchased software; printer supplies; and household appliances.

For more information, visit tn.gov/revenue/taxes/sales-and-use-tax/sales-tax-holiday.

Unemployment Rate Slightly Increases in Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE — Unemployment percentages increased in June 2026 in the tri-counties as compared to one month earlier, but showed a decrease in unemployment compared to one year earlier.

According to information released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Tennessee recorded an unemployment percentage of 3.5 percent in June, down from the May rate of 3.6 and equal to the rate in June 2025.

In Carroll County, the unemployment percentage was 4.7 in June, compared to 3.8 one month earlier and 4.9 one year earlier. From a labor force of 12,299, there

were 11,716 employed and 583 unemployed.

Henry County reported an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent in June, compared to 3.8 one month earlier and 4.7 percent one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,071, there were 12,480 employed and 591 unemployed.

Weakley County reported an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent in June, compared to 3.8 one month earlier and 4.9 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,665, there were 12,993 employed and 672 unemployed.

Unemployment rates increased in 94 of the 95 counties during June compared to May.

Heat Warning Tuesday; Cool Down, Stormier Weather Ahead

MCKENZIE (July 28) — McKenzie and Carroll County will begin the eight-day forecast period with another round of dangerous heat Tuesday, July 28, before temperatures and humidity ease during the middle of the week and showers and thunderstorms become more likely heading into the weekend.

An Extreme Heat Warning remains in effect for Carroll County and much of West Tennessee until 8 p.m. Tuesday. The National Weather Service in Memphis said heat index values could reach as high as 115 degrees within the warning area, significantly increasing the risk of heat-related illnesses.

Tuesday is expected to be sunny and hot in McKenzie, with a high near 97 degrees and a heat index as high as 113. West-southwest winds are expected at 5 to 10 mph before becoming northwesterly during the afternoon. A 30-percent chance of showers and thunderstorms enters the forecast Tuesday night as temperatures fall to around 71 degrees.

A front moving through the Mid-South should bring noticeably lower humidity beginning Wednesday. The National Weather Service expects clouds during the morning followed by gradual clearing and a high near 89 degrees. Wednesday night should be mostly clear with a low around 67. Thursday is forecast to be sunny with another high near 89 and a nighttime low near 67. Forecasters said the front should push dewpoints into the 60s and bring heat index readings below warning or advisory levels by Thursday.

Rain chances begin increasing Friday. The National Weather Service calls

for a 30-percent chance of showers and thunderstorms Friday afternoon with a high near 88. The chance of precipitation rises to 50 percent Friday night, followed by a 60-percent chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday. Saturday's high should be near 87, with a nighttime low around 68.

Scattered storms remain possible Sunday, when the National Weather Service places the chance of rain at 40 percent and forecasts another high near 87. The National Weather Service's broader forecast discussion describes the weekend pattern as wet and unsettled but notes that the exact timing and coverage of storms remain uncertain.

The detailed National Weather Service point forecast currently extends through Sunday, Aug. 2. Preliminary extended guidance for Monday, Aug. 3, and Tuesday, Aug. 4, indicates that humid and unsettled conditions may continue. Monday could bring scattered morning thunderstorms followed by afternoon showers, with a high near 86 and a low around 68. Tuesday could reach approximately 89, with afternoon thunderstorms possible and a low near 69. Because those dates extend beyond the current detailed National Weather Service forecast, their temperatures and storm timing are more likely to change.

During Tuesday's extreme heat, residents should drink plenty of fluids, remain in air-conditioned areas when possible, limit time in direct sunlight and check on relatives and neighbors. Anyone working outdoors should take frequent breaks and watch for signs of heat-related illness.

Obituaries



THOMAS HAMILTON 1932 – 2026

PARIS (formerly of McKenzie) — Thomas J. Hamilton, 93, of Paris, died on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at West Tennessee Healthcare-Volunteer Hospital in Martin.

Dr. Hamilton was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 31, 1932.

He was married for 64 years to his beloved wife, Lorraine, who survives of Paris. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Charlotte Hamilton of New York; several nieces and nephews; grand-nieces and grandnephews; and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Dr. Hamilton was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Hildemann Hamilton; father, Thomas J. Hamilton; sister, Anne Marie Carney; and brother, John F. Hamilton.

Dr. Hamilton received degrees from four different universities: Saint John's (B.A. History), City College of New York (M.A. Romance Languages), Hunter College (M.A. Classics), and the University of Virginia (PH. D. Medieval Studies).

He subsequently was an assistant professor at the University of Virginia and Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. For many years he was also a leading expert on the Anglo-Saxon hagiography of the eleventh century. His writings on the subject are held by major American Universities and by European Libraries in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

After a decade of teaching, Dr. Hamilton became interested in the administration of Christian colleges. He studied Managerial Planning (Michigan State) and then served successively as Administrative Vice President of Kendall College, President of Nazareth College, President of the College of Saint Teresa, and President of the Jamestown University Foundation. While at Jamestown, he organized and developed scholarship endowments worth over 40 million dollars. Jamestown granted him an honorary degree as Doctor of Humane Letters in 2007. He worked at Bethel College in McKenzie.

Dr. Hamilton was also

vitaly interested in the religious education of teenagers. He served as a volunteer religion teacher of high school seniors for almost 50 years. His motto was Hebrews 12:1. He thought that verse captured the ideas that it was a struggle for young persons to become rooted in faith, that adults who wanted to share in their effort to become rooted should be non-dogmatic, and that the entire church community had to support the young adults by its example. Great idea and it even worked sometimes.

He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. He served on the committee that secured funding for Holy Family Hall, was the first chair of the Holy Cross Catholic Pre-School board, worked with the group that introduced the Life Teen program to Holy Cross and was a member of the team that designed and secured funding for the parish's Memorial Garden. In 2009, he received the Angel of the Catholic School Award for his service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Memphis.

Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap Street, Paris, TN, 38242, handled the arrangements. His remains were cremated with a memorial visitation on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Holy Cross Catholic Church from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A Rosary Service followed.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Saturday, July 25, 2026. At a later date, burial will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Holy Cross Youth Group, 1210 East Wood Street, Paris, TN 38242. +

EVELYN HARRISON GILLIAM 1938 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Evelyn Harrison Gilliam were Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Gilliam, 88, died at Baptist Memorial Hospital Carroll Co. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

She was a seamstress for H.I.S. Gleason, a homemaker, and a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Born on March 20, 1938, in Henry County, to Ardie and Eller Ray Rayburn Harrison.

She is survived by her children, Ray (Lisa) Gilliam of McKenzie, Carol Kyle of Huntingdon, and daughter-in-law, Janice Gilliam of McKenzie; sisters, Faye Cook, Wanda (Barry) Travis and Catherine (Junior) Gibson, all of McKenzie; a brother, Jerry Harrison of Clearwater, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Jeremy Gilliam,

Kayla (Richard) Holmes, April (Chris) Thomas, Kirk (Cera) Gilliam, Morgan (Joseph) Crocker, Bradley (Kayla) Fowler, Daniel (Jazzlyn) Parker and Jamie Kyle; eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry Gilliam; son, Lynn Gilliam; son-in-law, Michael Kyle; and two sisters, Ruth Toombs and Janice Harrison.

For additional information, please contact Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.+

CHARLES KENNETH 'KENNY' RUSH 1941 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Charles Kenneth "Kenny" Rush, 84, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Life Care Center.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and on Wednesday at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, 9 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m.

Mr. Rush was born August 21, 1941, to the late Gaylon Rush and Mary Sue Gooch Rush. He was a deacon and member of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church

and a longtime electrician. He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Rush.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy Rush of Huntingdon; two sons, David Lynn (Tonyia) Rush of Huntingdon and Charles K "Ken" (Emily) Rush of Lexington, Ky.; two sisters, Susan Sanders and Michael (Sandy) Rush of Henderson, Tenn.; one sister-in-law, Mary Ann Rush; and three grandchildren.

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

BILLY CLAYTON WILLIAMS 1954 – 2026

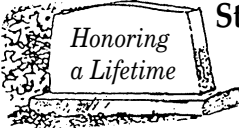
MCKENZIE — Mr. Billy Clayton Williams, 72, of McKenzie, died Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at Cherrywood Post Acute in McKenzie.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Billy was born May 22, 1954, in Milan to the late Dallas and Alice "Tootsie" Williams.

He is survived by his sister, Carolyn Gooch Newton of Memphis; his cousin, Bob and Donna Williams of Huntingdon; and other family members, Amelia and Jemma Jordan, Caroline and William Alexander, John, Devon, Emory, and Everly Williams, Kathy Williams Burkett, Jack Newton, and Elliott and Frances Stables.

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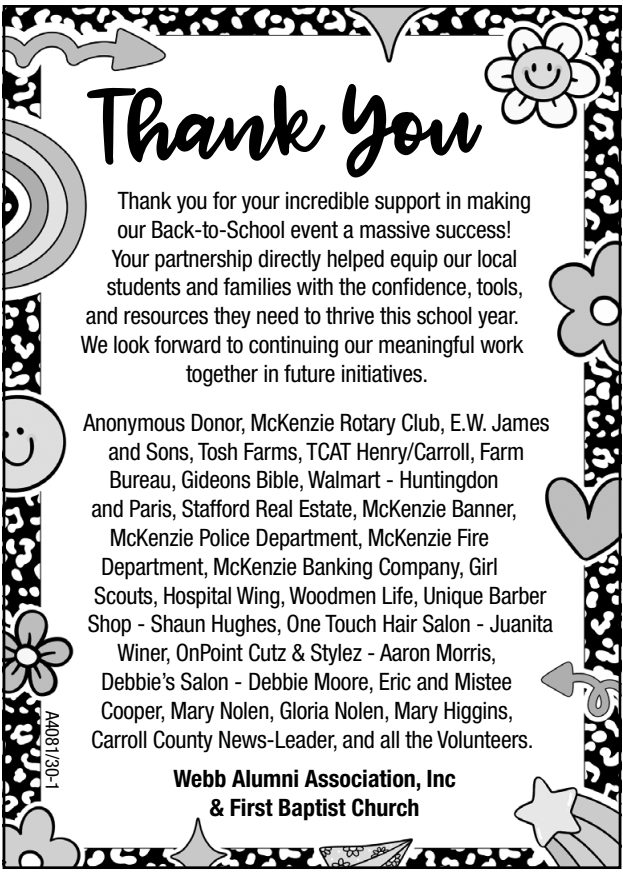
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McKenzie Head Start was the grand prize winner of this year’s #GrowFoodChallenge, receiving a \$250 cash prize that will help support their garden and possibly expansion of the site. Submitted photo

McKenzie Early Head Start Wins #GrowFoodChallenge Grand Prize

MARTIN — The Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network (NWTN LFN) recently announced the winners of its 2026 #GrowFoodChallenge, a regional initiative encouraging youth and families to grow food and reduce food waste. McKenzie Early Head Start earned the challenge’s \$250 grand prize, and two Weakley County individuals earned second and third place.

This year’s challenge engaged 310 participants across Northwest Tennessee who planted gardens, learned new skills and shared their gardening experiences through photo submissions.

2026 #GrowFoodChallenge Winners:

- **Grand Prize Winner (\$250):** McKenzie Early Head Start (Carroll County)
- **Second Place Win-**

ner (\$100): Clayton Ward (Weakley County)

- **Third Place Winner (\$75):** Brooks Crowe (Weakley County)

“The true winners of this challenge are all 310 participants who chose to grow something this year,” said Samantha Smith Goyret, co-director of NWTN LFN. “Every seed planted represents healthier families, stronger communities and a more resilient local food system.”

The #GrowFoodChallenge encourages individuals, families, schools, childcare centers and community groups throughout Northwest Tennessee’s nine-county region to grow food, compost food scraps and share their experiences. Participants discover that gardening can happen anywhere from backyard gardens and raised beds to community plots, patios and

windowsills.

This spring, 7,763 free seed packets were distributed throughout the region thanks to generous donations from the International Seed Company and the Society of St. Andrew. NWTN LFN also extended its appreciation to the 15 community organizations and agencies that served as seed distribution partners, helping ensure residents across Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley counties had access to free seeds and educational resources.

The Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network serves as a catalyst for a thriving and equitable local food system through education, community engagement, farm-to-school initiatives, and local food system development.

Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center Announces New Season

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center is proud to announce its 2026-2027 Main Events, featuring an exciting lineup of legendary musicians, award-winning entertainers, holiday favorites, tribute productions, gospel performances, comedy, and family-friendly experiences.

Season ticket renewals for 18th-20th season ticket holders begin Monday, July 27 at 10 a.m.. General public season ticket sales open Monday, August 3 at 10A, with individual show tickets becoming available Monday, August 10 at 10 a.m.. Season tickets may be purchased through the box office, in person or by phone. Individual tickets may be purchased through the DixiePAC Box Office and at DixiePAC.net.

The 2026-2027 Season includes:

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- Will Hoge - Saturday, October 10, 2026
- Guy Penrod & The Blackwood Quartet - Sunday, October 18, 2026
- The Legendary Life of Tom Petty - Thursday, October 22, 2026
- Darryl Worley - Thursday, October 29, 2026

- Micky Dolenz: 60 Years of The Monkees - Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- Terri Clark “It’s Christmas...Cheers!” - Sunday, December 6, 2026
- Suzy Bogguss: A Swingin’ Little Christmas - Wednesday, December 16, 2026
- Dedicated Men of Zion - Friday, January 15, 2027
- Thomas Gabriel - Friday, January 22, 2027
- High Road - Friday, January 29, 2027
- Bellamy Brothers - Thursday, February 4, 2027
- U4ia: Celebrating the Music of U2 - Friday, February 12, 2027
- Forever George & Tammy - Saturday, February 13, 2027
- Collin Raye Trio - Friday, February 26, 2027
- Lee Hardin - Saturday, February 27, 2027
- TUSK: The Classic Tribute to Fleetwood Mac - Saturday, April 17, 2027
- John Midgley - Saturday, May 8, 2027

In addition to the 2026-2027 Main Events lineup, The Dixie will continue to offer a variety of special events throughout the season, beginning with the announcement of Christmas at The Dixie on Saturday, December 12, 2026,

and the Designing Women Curated Market on Saturday, March 6, 2027.

Season ticket packages offer patrons the best value of the season, including a 10% discount when purchasing 5 or more shows, along with preferred seats for every selected performance. Packages are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and available through October 1, 2026.

Season Ticket Dates

Monday, July 27 at 10 a.m. — Season ticket renewals for 18-20 season ticket holders Available through the DixiePAC Box Office, in person or by phone

Monday, August 3 at 10 a.m. — Season tickets available to the general public Available through the DixiePAC Box Office, in person or by phone

Individual Show Tickets

Monday, August 10 at 10 a.m. — Available through the DixiePAC Box Office and DixiePAC.net

For complete event information, season ticket details, and box office hours, visit DixiePAC.net or contact the DixiePAC Box Office in person or by phone at 731.986.2100, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Carroll County Fair Releases 2026 Schedule

HUNTINGDON — The 2026 Carroll County Fair is just weeks away, beginning on Saturday, August 8. This year’s fair appears to be bigger and better than ever, with two days of pageants, four carnival days, two days of Predator Monster Truck rides, a Lawn Mower Rodeo, Hub City Wrestling and more.

Schedule

Saturday, August 8: Pageants from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Little Miss Carroll County (4-6), Little Miss Fairest of the Fair (7-9), Junior Fair-

est of the Fair (10-12), Miss Teen Fairest of the Fair (13-15) and Miss Fairest of the Fair (16-20). \$5 spectator admission.

Sunday, August 9: Pageants from 2:30-4:30 p.m. — Fair Friends Baby Show (0-23 months) and Tiny Mr. and Miss Carroll County (2-3). \$5 spectator admission.

Wednesday, August 12: Family Night — Carnival, Petting Zoo, Predator Monster Truck Rides (free gate admission).

Thursday, August 13: Lawn Mower Rodeo, Car-

nival, Petting Zoo, Predator Monster Truck Rides (\$2 gate admission).

Friday, August 14: Hub City Wrestling (\$10 admission), Carnival and Petting Zoo (\$2 gate admission).

Saturday, August 15: Dog Show at 8 a.m. (\$5 spectator admission), Tractor Pull, Carnival and Petting Zoo (\$15 gate admission).

Gates open at 5 p.m. on August 12-15.

Armbands are available for \$25 on August 12-13 and for \$30 on August 14-15.

Ryan White Selected for Local Government Leadership Program

McKENZIE (July 21) — McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White has been selected for the 2026 Local Government Leadership Program, the McKenzie Police Department announced Tuesday.

White is one of 40 participants chosen from across Tennessee to join the program, which aims to enhance the expertise of elected officials and senior government leaders. The program, based in Jackson, begins in September.

White’s selection adds to a long list of professional development credentials. He is a graduate of the First Line Leadership Program, the Southeastern Leadership Academy, the Carroll County Leadership Program and the WestStar Leadership



Chief Ryan White

Program.

“Chief White’s passion for professional development reflects his belief that great leaders never stop

learning,” the department said in a statement. “We are proud to see his hard work and dedication recognized at the state level.”

Gasoline Prices Increase

TENNESSEE (July 27) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 9.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.69/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 34.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 92.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 17.8 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.255 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$3.19/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.30/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.19/g while the highest was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.30/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 10.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.06/g today. The national average is up 23.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 95.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

July 27, 2025:	\$2.76/g
(U.S. Average:	\$3.10/g)
July 27, 2024:	\$3.03/g
(U.S. Average:	\$3.50/g)
July 27, 2023:	\$3.34/g
(U.S. Average:	\$3.69/g)
July 27, 2022:	\$3.84/g
(U.S. Average:	\$4.26/g)
July 27, 2021:	\$2.85/g

(U.S. Average: \$3.15/g)

“Average gasoline and diesel prices rose in nearly every state over the last week, as continued escalations between the U.S. and Iran, renewed Houthi attacks in the Red Sea, and fresh Ukrainian strikes on Russian oil refineries combined to keep upward pressure on both crude and refined product markets,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “However, a weekend pullback in hostilities offered some relief, with oil prices opening sharply lower Sunday, suggesting the pace of increases at the pump may moderate in the days ahead. For now, motorists should expect prices to remain elevated, but the intensity of further gains will depend heavily on how the geopolitical situation develops in the coming week.”



Carroll County Library. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Carroll County Library Awarded TOP Grant

NASHVILLE (July 21) — State Sen. John Stevens, State Rep. Brock Martin, and Secretary of State Tre Hargett announced a \$4,862 Training Opportunities for the Public (TOP) Grant award for Carroll County Library on Tuesday. The funding will help cover the cost of digital literacy training and circulating Wi-Fi hotspots.

TOP Grants are funded by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and administered by the Secretary of State’s office.

“Public libraries are vital resources in building strong communities in Tennessee,” said Secretary Hargett. “We are grateful to partner with the Department of Economic and Community Development as well as the Tennessee General Assembly to enhance the technological offerings available at our local libraries across the state.”

“The Carroll County Library serves as an important educational and community resource for residents throughout the county,” said Sen. John Stevens (R-Huntingdon). “This grant will help expand access to technology, strengthen educational programming and ensure students, families and lifelong learners have the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world. Investments like these help our libraries continue meeting the evolving needs of the communities they serve.”

“Libraries reflect a community’s commitment to

learning, stewardship and public service,” said Rep. Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon). “These funds will help strengthen an important local institution that benefits residents throughout our district.”

Tennessee public libraries can use these funds to address unique needs within their communities. Resources provided through TOP Grants can include digital literacy training, Wi-Fi hotspots, solar charging sta-

tions, and enhanced internet connectivity and access at each library.

This year, \$296,626 in TOP Grant funding is being awarded to increase access to technology at 49 public libraries across Tennessee. Grant awards are in the amount of up to \$20,000.

To learn more about grants for public libraries administered by the Library & Archives, visit <https://sos.tn.gov/tsla/services/grants-public-libraries>.

REAL-WORLD LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCE MATTERS

McKenzie Police Chief Since October 2022

The only sheriff candidate currently serving in an executive-level position in law enforcement.

TRAINING (P.O.S.T. Approved)

Specialized Training..... 956

★ Narcotics451

★ Leadership 256

★ Miscellaneous.....249

Other Training 1,040

P.O.S.T. Approved Total 1,996

* Other leadership training not included in total: WestStar and Carroll County Leadership programs

I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE
FOR SHERIFF ON AUGUST 6

RYAN WHITE

FOR CARROLL COUNTY
SHERIFF

EARLY VOTING ENDS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
GENERAL ELECTION AUGUST 6, 2026

PAID FOR BY RYAN WHITE FOR SHERIFF, CARRIE HOLLOWELL, TREASURER.

Traffic Stop Leads to Drug, Weapons Arrest in Paris

PARIS (July 24) — A man was arrested on multiple drug and weapons charges following a traffic stop on North Market Street on Friday, according to Henry County Sheriff Josh Frey.

Deputy Coltin Wyrick initiated a stop on Jason Mobley for operating a vehicle without a valid license. A subsequent search reportedly led to the discovery of approximately two ounces of methamphetamine, 15 grams of marijuana, \$6,000 in cash, prohibited weapons and drug paraphernalia.

Mobley was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, simple possession of a Schedule VI substance, possession of prohibited weapons, driving without a license, and possession



Jason Mobley

of drug paraphernalia. He is currently being held at the Henry County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the 24th Judicial Drug Task Force and the Paris Police Department.

Property Transfers

McKenzie Public Library Enrichment Foundation to Tyler James Meek. No District listed.

Jonathan L. and wife, Amy E. Moody to Amy E. Moody in District 11.

Amy E. Moody to Amy E. Moody and others in District 11.

Charles David and wife, Debra Gayle Springer to Stephanie Danielle Cline in District 16.

Donald Lynn Reynolds to Donald Lynn and wife, Sandra Reynolds in District 11.

Laura J. Moore and others to Ashlee Michelle Sumner and others. No District listed.

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Patrick Lovell to Lucas J. and wife, Desarae Mitchell in District 22.

Amy Marie Flippin to Christopher P. Flippin. No District listed.

William Roy Ninness, Jr. and others to Wanda L. Edwards in District 11.

Mary Ann Newman to Lauren Gail and husband, Dekota Lynn Flowers in District 7.

Reba Neely and others to Ensley Dirtwork & Investment Properties, LLC and others in District 11.

Linda Reeves and husband, Douglas Wayne Wallace to Jason Sanford Reeves in District 12.

Shelby Zuniga to Shelby Zuniga and husband, Victor Hugo Zuniga Velazquez in District 4.

David A. Jones to Vicki A. Jones in District 13.

Otto Jordan II to Brian K. Wallace in District 4.

Fred Patterson and wife, Deborah Powell Stinson to Fred P. Stinson as trustee in District 11.

Fred Patterson and wife, Deborah Powell Stinson to Fred P. Stinson as trustee in District 23.

Marshall Chaney to Jessica Trevathan and others in District 12.

Sondra Melton to Kaleb and wife Allison Coleman in District 11.

Charlie Jewell Scates and others to Joyce Ann Scates in District 2.

Tommy G. and wife, Patricia A. Long to Dan P. and wife, Amber N. Mueller and others in District 2.

James Jackson Potts to Jessa Brooke Potts in District 11.

Kelly and wife, Donna Blair and others to Mikki V. Napier in District 11.

Michael Haywood and Steven Haywood to PGL Farms LLC in District 7.

Angie W. Hillard to Clint Hillard and others in District 1.

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Linda Edwards to Linda Edwards in District 22.

DRL56 Holdings, LLC to Gary and wife, April Johnson in District 6.

John Ross and wife Kayla Lynn Lee to Lexie Nicole Bolin in District 4.

Glenda Gale Akins to Autumn Nicole and husband, Joseph Thomas Outen in District 4.

GL Land, LLC to Kevin and wife Hollan Garner. No District listed.

Terry Wallace to Stephanie Wallace. No District listed.

Terry Wallace to Stephanie Wallace in District 7.

Cody Glenn Calaway to Cody Glenn Calaway and others. No District listed.

Keith A. and wife Myrna L. Johnson to Mark S. Porter, trustee in District 4.

Jimmy R. and wife Judy E. Lowe to Shannon and wife Shonda Walters in District 16.

Glen A. Presley to Kristina M. Schlink. No District listed.

Four Arrested in Savannah Williamson Park Triple Homicide Investigation

Courtesy Madison County Sheriff's Office

MADISON COUNTY (July 27) — The Madison County Sheriff's Office has made significant progress in the investigation into the July 19 triple homicide and shooting incident that occurred at Savannah Williamson Park, located at 152 Neely Station Road in Denmark, Tenn.

On Sunday, July 19, at approximately 10:34 p.m., Madison County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received multiple 911 calls reporting shots fired at Savannah Williamson Park. Deputies, along with emergency medical personnel and fire personnel, responded immediately to the scene.

Upon arrival, first responders located numerous individuals suffering from gunshot wounds. Personnel immediately began providing lifesaving treatment while deputies secured the area to ensure the safety of victims, first responders and the public. Multiple victims were transported to a local hospital by personal vehicles.

As of Monday, three individuals have died as a result of the incident. Two victims were pronounced deceased at the scene, while a third victim was later pronounced deceased at a local hospital. Several additional victims sustained injuries and were transported to area medical facilities for treatment. A total of approximately 12

individuals were injured or killed during the incident.

The investigation revealed that two vehicles, a white Nissan Altima and a silver Honda Accord, were traveling southbound on Neely Station Road immediately prior to the shooting. Investigators determined that occupants of the Honda Accord fired multiple rounds into a crowd attending a party at Savannah Williamson Park. Members of the crowd returned fire toward the Honda Accord.

This exchange of gunfire resulted in the deaths of Jeremiah Forbis, Garrian Greer and Jamarion Burns. Several other individuals sustained gunshot injuries during the incident.

Through an extensive investigation involving witness interviews, forensic evidence, the execution of multiple search warrants and the review of surveillance footage, investigators identified the following suspects involved in the incident:

-Rodney Parker, 21, of Medon, Tenn., identified as the driver of the Nissan Altima, has been charged with Felony Murder in perpetration of Attempted First Degree Murder x3.

-Roshod Parker, 19, of Medon, Tenn., identified as a passenger in the Honda Accord, has been charged with Felony Murder in perpetration of Attempted First Degree Murder x3.

-Ladarius Grimes, 21, of Jackson, Tenn., identified

as the driver of the Honda Accord, has been charged with Felony Murder in perpetration of Attempted First Degree Murder x3.

-Tomorris Person, 18, of Jackson, Tenn., identified as a passenger in the Honda Accord, has been charged with Felony Murder in perpetration of Attempted First Degree Murder x3.

Earlier in the investigation, the Madison County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the City of Jackson Police Department, the FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation-Jackson RA, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), executed multiple search warrants at locations throughout Jackson-Madison County, resulting in the collection of additional evidence and the arrests announced Monday.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Investigators continue to pursue additional leads, and additional arrests and charges remain possible as the investigation progresses.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Madison County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at 731-423-6000. Tips may also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 731-424-8477 or through the Madison County Sheriff's Office mobile app.

McKenzie Police Report

Shoplifting — Alyssa Parkins, Forest Drive, Martin, was charged with Theft of Merchandise on July 24.

Officer Darren Davis was dispatched to E.W. James and Sons Supermar-

ket, where Parkins was accused of entering the store, ordering three breakfast plates from the deli, and then walking out without paying for the food, valued at \$39.44. The in-store sur-

veillance camera footage indicates the theft. Parkins was summoned back to the store, where she stated she failed to pay for the food. She was charged with theft.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Driving on revoked license — On July 15, Deputy Dustin McClure conducted a traffic stop after observing a gold Buick sedan traveling without visible registration and with a broken passenger-side taillight on East Main Street in Atwood. The driver was identified as Laura Holley, 32, of Atwood.

Holley told Deputy McClure she had just left a gas station after purchasing headache medicine. She also advised she was epileptic and requested the deputy turn off the patrol vehicle's emergency lights because she was feeling faint. Dispatch confirmed Holley's driver's license had been revoked for a DUI conviction in Georgia and had not been reinstated.

Deputies learned Holley's three children were riding in the vehicle. Because of her reported medical condition and the fact that no one was available to care for the children, Holley was issued a citation into Carroll County General Sessions Court rather than being taken into custody. She also received verbal warnings for the equipment, registration and insurance violations.

Holley was cited for driving on a revoked license.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Vandalism — On July 17, Deputy James Boaz responded to the Carroll County Jail after jail staff reported an inmate had damaged jail property. The inmate was identified as Cedric Worles, 51, of Humboldt.

Correctional officers reported Worles had removed an air-conditioning vent cover from the wall inside his cell. When staff attempted to retrieve the vent cover, Worles was holding it along with a plunger and told officers, "Come in and get it." After several requests, he surrendered both items to correctional staff.

The damaged vent cover was valued at approximate-

ly \$180.

Worles was charged with vandalism.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Possession of Schedule II methamphetamine — On July 18, Deputy Steven Scott conducted a traffic stop in McLemoresville after observing a vehicle driven by a registered owner whose driver's license had been revoked. During the stop, Deputy Scott detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The passenger was identified as Anna Reasons, 45, of Cedar Grove.

The driver admitted there was a marijuana cigarette inside the vehicle. Deputies located a marijuana roach on the dashboard and a rolled marijuana cigarette in the ashtray. During a search of the vehicle, deputies found approximately one gram of methamphetamine inside a small container concealed behind the passenger seat. The container also held a marijuana roach with lipstick on it. Reasons denied knowing anything about the container.

Reasons was arrested and charged with possession of Schedule II methamphetamine.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Possession of Schedule VI marijuana / possession of drug paraphernalia — On July 19, Deputy Alex Sherwood conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle traveling without registration plates on Veterans Drive in Huntingdon. The driver was identified as David McGee Jr., 38, of Rosenberg, Texas.

During the investigation, deputies learned McGee was wanted on an active felony warrant out of Stewart County for violation of community corrections stemming from charges that included possession of Schedule II cocaine or methamphetamine, felony failure to appear, aggravat-

ed assault and two counts of possession of Schedule VI marijuana. McGee was taken into custody on the warrant.

While conducting a search of the vehicle incident to the arrest and an inventory before it was towed, deputies located approximately two ounces of marijuana inside McGee's backpacks. Deputies also recovered approximately three grams of loose marijuana, a marijuana smoking pipe and rolling papers.

McGee was charged with possession of Schedule VI marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also held on the active Stewart County warrant.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Identity theft investigation — On July 21, Deputy Heather Townes responded to a residence in Atwood after receiving a report of a possible identity theft.

The complainant reported receiving a letter from a debt collection agency stating he was responsible for a delinquent rental property account owed to a company in the amount of \$17,173.24. The complainant advised he had never co-signed for the property and had never conducted business with the company.

The complainant notified his bank and loan officer, who contacted the company and was advised a police report should be filed if the account had been opened fraudulently. Deputy Townes attempted to contact the company using the telephone number listed in the letter but was unable to reach anyone. At the time of the report, deputies found no discrepancies on the complainant's credit report and no unauthorized withdrawals from the complainant's bank account.

The investigation remains ongoing.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS#: 2026-25796-TN

Whereas, Dustin Storm Ray and Alexis Ann Ray, Husband and Wife by Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), dated 9/29/2023 and of record in Deed Book 735, Page(s) 316-327, and/or as Instrument Number 200996, in Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed to Wilburn J. Evans, Trustee, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the "Note") described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to FirstBank, and subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and Whereas, Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC has been duly appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by instrument recorded in Deed Book 771, Page(s) 538-540 and/or as Instrument Number 214866 in Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and Whereas, the owner and holder of the Note has demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust. The notice requirements of T.C.A. §35-5-101 and 35-5-104 have been satisfied. Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that an agent of Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and conferred by the Deed of Trust, will proceed to sell the below-mentioned property on 9/15/2026, at 12:00 PM at the At the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344, to the highest call bidder for cash free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Carroll County, Tennessee, described as follows: Lying And Being Situated In The 11th Civil District Of Carroll County, Tennessee And Further Described As Follows: Map 063, Group ____, Parcel 016.12 Beginning At A Point In The North Margin Of Holmes Mill Road And The Southeast Corner Of Reynolds (DB 212, PG 449); Runs Thence With The East Line Of Reynolds And Wheeler (Now Miller), North 05 Degrees 21 Minutes 16 Seconds East, 276 Feet To A Point And Being The Northwest Corner Of The Herein Described Tract; Thence Proceeding East Approximately 375 Feet To A Point On The West Margin Of Crossroads Church Road (Formerly Upper Paris Road) With Said Point Being 05 Feet North From The North Edge Of Mann's Concrete Driveway; Thence With The West Margin Of Crossroads Church Road 350 Feet To The Intersection Of The West Margin Of Crossroads Church Road With The North Margin Of Holmes Mill Road; Thence With The North Margin Of Holmes Mill Road 426.55 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. This Property Is Subject To A Water Line Easement In Favor Of The Town Of Huntingdon, Tennessee As Recorded In Deed Book 261, Page 044 In The Register's Office Of Carroll County, Tennessee. This Being The Same Property Conveyed To Dustin Storm Ray And Wife, Alexis Ann Ray By Deed From Matthew Mann And Jeanne Mann Dated The 29th Day Of September, 2023 And Recorded In Deed Book 411, Page 991 In The Register's Office Of Carroll County, Tennessee. The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 735 Crossroads Church Rd, Huntingdon TN 38344, but if such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

Owner of Property: Dustin Storm Ray and Alexis Ann Ray The sale is subject to occupant(s) rights in possession of the premises. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The purchaser shall have no further record against the grantor, the grantee or the trustee. Notice To Bidders: Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5.

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Area Marriage Licenses

Brandy Katesha Webb, 28, of McKenzie, to Benny Beya Benny, 21, of McKenzie.
Shelby Lyne Richey, 21, of McKenzie, to Mauricio

Javier Granobles Villasmil, 22, of McKenzie.
Krystal Joy Reeves Brewer, 51, of McKenzie, to Larry Wayne Andrews Jr., 47, of McKenzie.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Shoplifting — According to a report made on July 11, Officer Brad Allen responded to Walmart after receiving a report of a shoplifter. Upon arrival, Officer Allen made contact with store security, who advised that Lola D. Clark had taken sev-

eral items from the store without paying for them. The stolen merchandise was valued at \$25.56.
Clark was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court and charged with theft of property involving merchandise.

County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (July 22) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on July 22.
James Anderson, Clear Lake Road, McKenzie, Guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail to run concurrent with sentence in Henry County.
Jayden Ayers, Phelps Lane, Milan, dismissed, Probation Violation.
Joe Barker, Abbott Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, guilty, Unlawful Possession of Weapon. \$2,500 fine, unspecified jail time, supervised probation, forfeit handgun, cognitive behavior training course.
Kevin L. Blackmon, Mountain Creek Road, Camden, guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, supervised probation, cognitive behavior training course, alcohol/drug evaluation; dismissed, Driving While Suspended Second Offense.
Keith Hart, Anderson Street, Milan, guilty, Speeding, Drivers License Must

Be Carried and Exhibited, driving school required, unsupervised probation, unspecified fine.
Julia Hull-Marbry, May Street, McKenzie, guilty, Disorderly Conduct, pay court fees, unsupervised probation.
Crystal Mealer, Main Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail, can attend rehab and get day-for-day credit for successful completion.
Robert Bruce Nunn, Cherrywood Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail/probation.
Michael A. Smith, Walnut Avenue W., McKenzie, dismissed, Tampering with Evidence; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, probation, cognitive behavioral test, alcohol/drug evaluation.
David Sparks, Coy Johnson Road, Scotts Hill, guilty, Probation Violation.
Mark Douglas Wortham, Jr., Wortham Loop, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation, probation.

NOTICE

FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY & COUNTY GENERAL

August 6, 2026

TO THE VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

You are hereby notified that the Federal/State Primary and County General Election will be held in all voting precincts in Carroll County, Tennessee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026 FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

THE POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT: LAVINIA
Lavinia Baptist Church
4200 Hwy 220
Lavinia, TN 38348

PRECINCT: TREZEVA NT
Trezevant Senior Citizens Center
135 Front St.
Trezevant, TN 38258

PRECINCT: McLEMORESVILLE
McLemoresville Community Center
5637 Main St
McLemoresville, TN 38235

PRECINCT: CEDAR GROVE
Cedar Grove Fire Department
4215 Hwy 70
Cedar Grove, TN 38321

PRECINCT: CLARKSBURG
Clarksburg City Hall
65 Clarksburg Rd
Clarksburg, TN 38324

PRECINCT: RECYCLING CENTER
Carroll County Recycling Center
21650 Hwy 77
Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCT: CIVIC CENTER
Carroll County Civic Center
201 Mustang Dr.
Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCT: HUNTINGDON POLICE STATION
Huntingdon Police Station
12740 Lexington St.
Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCT: HOLLOW ROCK
Hollow Rock City Fire Department
21280 Seminary Rd
Hollow Rock, TN 38342

PRECINCT: ATWOOD
Atwood City Hall
45 First St.
Atwood, TN 38220

PRECINCT: SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
McKenzie Senior Citizens Center
172 South Main St.
McKenzie, TN 38201

PRECINCTS: CONCORD/WESTPORT
Westport Fire Department
7301 Westport Rd
Westport, TN 38387

PRECINCT: CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church of Christ
16300 Highland Dr.
McKenzie, TN 38201

PRECINCT: McKENZIE CITY HALL
McKenzie City Hall
2470 Cedar St.
McKenzie, TN 38201

PRECINCT: BRUCETON
Bruceton Fire Station
30794 Broad St.
Bruceton, TN 38317

EARLY VOTING is going on now: M-F 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-NOON. Last day of Early Voting is August 1. EARLY VOTING IS ONLY in the Carroll County Election Office, 625 High St., Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

The ABSENTEE COUNTING BOARD will commence duties on Election Day, August 6, 4 p.m. in the Carroll County Election Commission Office, 625 High St., Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

You can visit the Tennessee Division of Elections Website at <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/> to check your voter registration status and the location of your polling place.

ATTENTION VOTERS:
YOU MUST PRESENT A FEDERAL OR TENNESSEE STATE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID WHEN APPEARING TO VOTE.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES
Display of campaign posters, signs or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials and solicitation of votes is strictly prohibited within 100 feet of any polling place. (TCA 2-7-111) During the hours that the polls are open, candidates are not to enter a polling place unless they are there to cast their vote. (TCA 2-7-103)

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
Ronald R. Reiter, Chairman • Mike Corrado, Secretary
Judy D. Alexander, Commissioner • Michael K. Tate, Commissioner
Linda Wallace, Commissioner • Peg Hamlett, Administrator

ELECTION DAY:

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR AUGUST 6, 2026 ELECTION

FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS

The Carroll County Election Commission announces VOTING for the Federal/State Primary and County General, August 6, 2026. Registered voters, in Carroll County, may cast a ballot on Election Day by personal appearance at their designated polling location.

State law requires voters to present a Federal or State government issued photo ID to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. This photo ID requirement includes Early Voting and Election Day at the polls.

EARLY VOTING FOR THE AUGUST 6, 2026 ELECTION is underway now through Saturday, August 1. Weekday voting is 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday voting is 9 a.m.-12:00 NOON.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR CARROLL COUNTY
STATE PRIMARY AND STATE AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON August 6, 2026

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

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STATE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
GOVERNOR
Vote for One (1)

☐ Marsha Blackburn
☐ Monty Fritts
☐ John Rose
Write-in

UNITED STATES SENATE
Vote for One (1)

☐ Bill Hagerty
Write-in

UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 8
Vote for One (1)

☐ David Kustoff
Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 76
Vote for One (1)

☐ Tandy Darby
Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 79
Vote for One (1)

☐ Brock Martin
Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 24
Vote for One (1)

☐ Ryan Anthony Ellegood
Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 24
Vote for One (1)

☐ Tess Robbins
Write-in

STATE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
GOVERNOR
Vote for One (1)

☐ Carnita Atwater
☐ Tim Cyr
☐ Jerri Green
☐ Adam "Ditch" Kurtz
☐ Kevin Lee McCants
Write-in

UNITED STATES SENATE
Vote for One (1)

☐ Marquita Bradshaw
☐ Maria Brewer
☐ Kevin Lee McCants
☐ Civil Miller-Watkins
☐ Diana Onyejiaka
Write-in

UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 8
Vote for One (1)

☐ Dewey Gordon Bryan
☐ Jordan D. Hinders
☐ Heidi Kuhn
☐ Leonard Perkins
Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 76
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 79
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 24
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 24
Vote for One (1)

☐ Tammy Floyd-Wade
Write-in

STATE AND COUNTY GENERAL
COUNTY MAYOR
Vote for One (1)

☐ Joseph G. Butler
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 1
Vote for Three (3)

☐ Darrell Ridgely
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Jimmy Halford
Independent Candidate
☐ Randy Long
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 2
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Daniel Lee Willman
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Lana Y. Suite
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 3
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Brandy Boyd
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Will McMackin
Independent Candidate
☐ Amon Miller
Independent Candidate
☐ Dwayne Tordsen
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 4
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Morris L. Rogers
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 5
Vote for Three (3)

☐ Jimmy Crossett
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Cyril Ostiguy
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Paul D. Hugueley
Independent Candidate
☐ Rakaya Humphreys
Independent Candidate
☐ Barry Mac Murphy
Independent Candidate
☐ Curt Taylor
Independent Candidate
☐ Anna Wheat
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 6
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Madison Boyd Endres
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Kurt Hunley
Independent Candidate
☐ Jimmy D. McClure
Independent Candidate
☐ Philip E Moore
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 7
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Lori Dillahunt
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Jimmie Sue Staten
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Lynn Grice
Independent Candidate
☐ Walter Smothers
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 8
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Jay Phipps
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Willie Huffman
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION District 9
Vote for Three (3)

☐ Jason R. Martin
Independent Candidate
☐ Ricky Price
Independent Candidate
☐ Spiridon L. Roditis
Independent Candidate
Write-in

ASSESSOR of PROPERTY
Vote for One (1)

☐ John Austin
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY TRUSTEE
Vote for One (1)

☐ Paula Bolen
Independent Candidate
Write-in

SHERIFF
Vote for One (1)

☐ Eric W. Sawyers
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Michael A. Smith
Independent Candidate
☐ Ryan White
Independent Candidate
Write-in

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote for One (1)

☐ Sarah Bradberry
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY CLERK
Vote for One (1)

☐ Darlene Kirk
Independent Candidate
Write-in

REGISTER of DEEDS
Vote for One (1)

☐ Natalie McCullough Porter
Democratic Party Nominee
Write-in

ROAD SUPERVISOR
Vote for One (1)

☐ Ronnie Wade
Independent Candidate
Write-in

CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD District 1
Vote for One (1)

☐ Mike Foster
Independent Candidate
Write-in

CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD District 2
Vote for One (1)

☐ Deborah Broadbent
Independent Candidate
Write-in

CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD District 3
Vote for One (1)

☐ Charlotte Tucker
Independent Candidate
☐ Write-in

HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER 15th District
Vote for One (1)

☐ Michael Graves
Independent Candidate
Write-in

HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER 16th District Town of Bruceton
Vote for One (1)

☐ Brandy Boyd
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER 16th District, At-Large
Vote for One (1)

☐ Eric Daniel Gonzalez
Republican Party Nominee
☐ April Hampton
Independent Candidate
Write-in

HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER 16th District Town of Hollow Rock Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

☐ Johnathan Tedford
Independent Candidate
Write-in

HUNTINGDON SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER At-Large
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Morgan Butler
Independent Candidate
☐ Shawna Smith
Independent Candidate
Write-in

McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER At-Large
Vote for Four (4)

☐ Renee Hobson
Independent Candidate
☐ Matthew Lane
Independent Candidate
☐ Spiridon L. Roditis
Independent Candidate
☐ Brian Keith Stafford
Independent Candidate
☐ Brian Winston
Independent Candidate
Write-in

SOUTH CARROLL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER At-Large
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Keith E. Hollowell
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Brian Crum
Independent Candidate
☐ Sam Melton
Independent Candidate
Write-in

WEST CARROLL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Old Atwood District
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

☐ Write-in

WEST CARROLL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Old County District
Vote for One (1)

☐ Linda Black
Independent Candidate
Write-in

WEST CARROLL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Old Trezevant District
Vote for One (1)

☐ Kelly M Weaver
Independent Candidate
Write-in

WEST CARROLL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Old Trezevant District Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

☐ Paul Mueller
Independent Candidate
Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Clarksburg
MAYOR
City of Clarksburg
Vote for One (1)

☐ Jeff Reed
☐ Howell Wayne Todd
Write-in

ALDERMAN City of Clarksburg
Vote for Two (2)

☐ Barbara A. McClure
☐ Judy Grant Smith
Write-in

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS

Supreme Court - At Large
Kyle A. Hixson
Vote for One (1)
Shall Kyle A. Hixson be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Supreme Court - At Large
Mary L. Wagner
Vote for One (1)
Shall Mary L. Wagner be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Appeals - Eastern Division
William E. Phillips II
Vote for One (1)
Shall William E. Phillips II be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Appeals - Western Division
Steve Maroney
Vote for One (1)
Shall Steve Maroney be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Appeals - Western Division
Valerie L. Smith
Vote for One (1)
Shall Valerie L. Smith be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Criminal Appeals - Eastern Division
Stacy L. Street
Vote for One (1)
Shall Stacy L. Street be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?

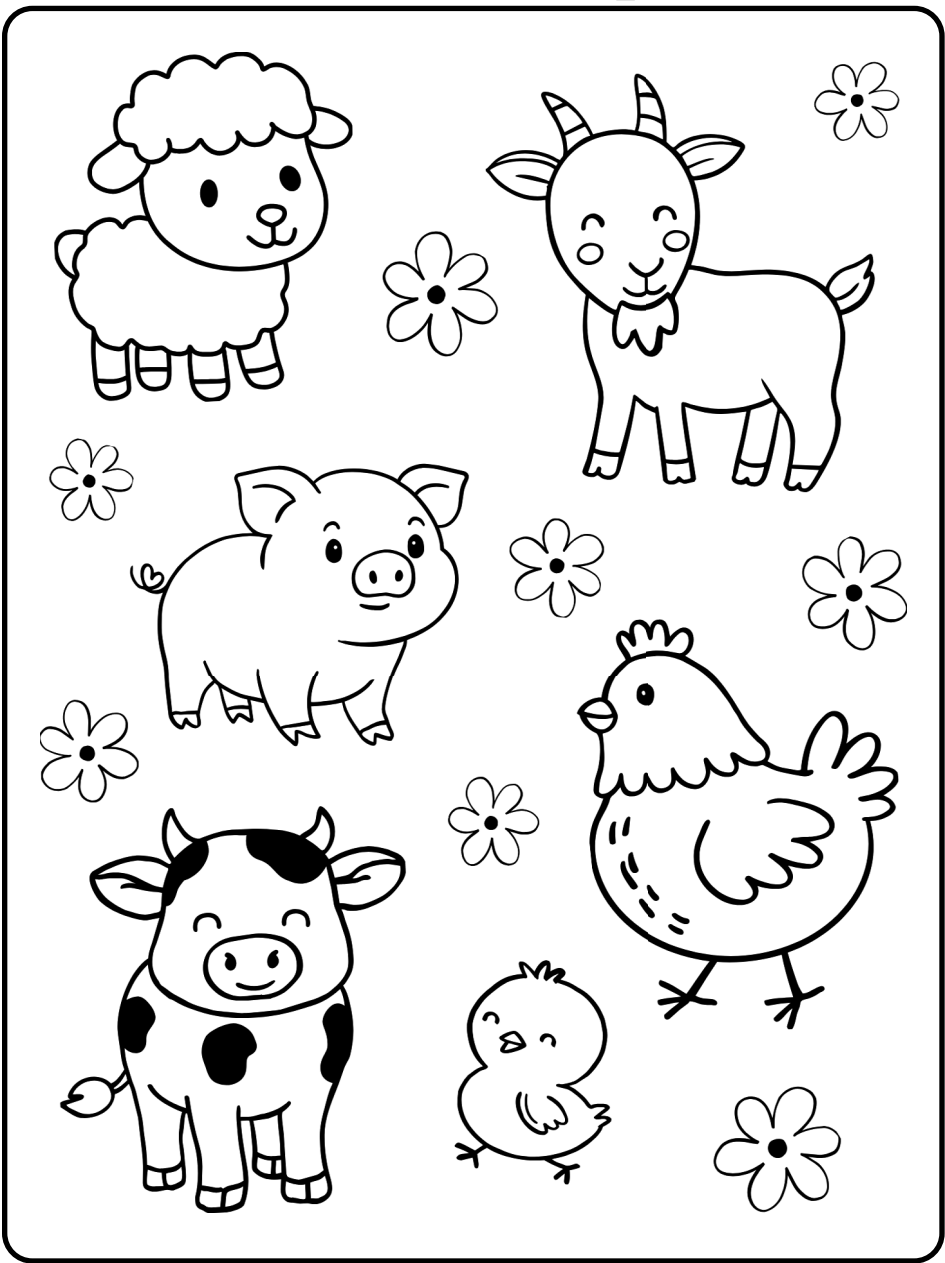
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Criminal Appeals - Eastern Division
Steven W. Sword
Vote for One (1)
Shall Steven W. Sword be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

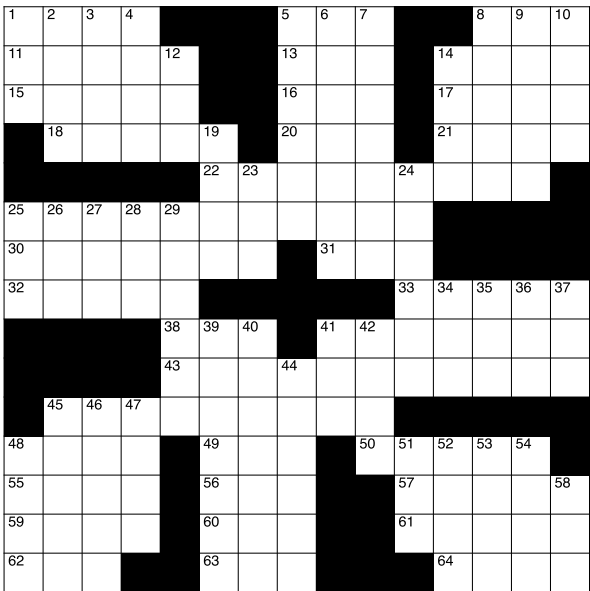
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Weekly Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Egyptian bull god
 - 5. Romanian monetary unit
 - 8. Santa's helper
 - 11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal
 - 13. Sea eagle genus
 - 14. Broad volcanic crater
 - 15. Minneapolis suburb
 - 16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)
 - 17. Exchange rate
 - 18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea
 - 20. Men's fashion accessory
 - 21. Craft material
 - 22. Offerings
 - 25. Early
 - 30. Large room
 - 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 32. One who hauls
 - 33. Shorthand for accepting
 - 38. Promotional materials
 - 41. Loss of memory
 - 43. One who beheads
 - 45. Photographers
 - 48. Small, rich sponge cake
 - 49. White clerical vestment
 - 50. Partner to "oohead"
 - 55. Abba __, Israeli politician
 - 56. Zero
 - 57. Owl monkey genus
 - 59. Lace bug genus
 - 60. Mild expression of surprise
 - 61. Storage devices
 - 62. Keyboard key
 - 63. Make a mistake
 - 64. One-time Korean president



- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Bridge building degree
 - 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
 - 3. Large, stocky, lizard
 - 4. Rumanian river
 - 5. Missive
 - 6. Stout-bodied moths
 - 7. Brings out
 - 8. Bird of prey
 - 9. King of Thebes
 - 10. Cleaving tool
 - 12. African antelope
 - 14. Three are particularly famous
 - 19. Satisfy
 - 23. C. European river
 - 24. Dictator
 - 25. Portion of (abbr.)
 - 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 27. Consume food
 - 28. Woman (French)
 - 29. Scrape or wear away by friction
 - 34. Popular vegetable
 - 35. Pacific Standard Time
 - 36. Brazilian state capital
 - 37. Paddle
 - 39. Cause to become insane
 - 40. Drier and flakier
 - 41. Mimic
 - 42. ESPN host Kimes
 - 44. One who moseys
 - 45. Secret political clique
 - 46. Behind the stern of a ship
 - 47. Supernatural force
 - 48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches
 - 51. Swiss river
 - 52. Grayish white
 - 53. Engrave
 - 54. UNC's chief rival
 - 58. Midway between south and southeast

Week 30

See solution in next week's edition.

On The Farm Word Search

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

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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1901: A LAND LOTTERY BEGINS IN OKLAHOMA.
- 1914: THE CAPE COD CANAL OPENS.
- 2005: ASTRONOMERS ANNOUNCE THEIR DISCOVERY OF THE DWARF PLANET ERIS. IT IS MASSIVE AND THE SECOND-LARGEST KNOWN DWARF PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

SUDOKU

WEEK 30

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

Level: Beginner

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 irrigation.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = R)

A. 14 7 22 11 12

Clue: H2O

B. 10 12 9 8 20

Clue: Plants grown as food

C. 22 1 12 4 17 11

Clue: Flourish

D. 24 12 4 8

Clue: Slowly leak

Answers: A. water B. crops C. thrive D. drip

LETTER MIX-UP

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

AGRICULTURE

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

Riddle Me This

What kind of garden does a baker have?

Answer: A flour garden!

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

EHSO

Answer: Hose

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor and former athlete born in Michigan on July 30, 1968. I attended Western Michigan University, where I played football. I played a handful of seasons in the NFL. I segued into acting and starred on a TV series as the lead character's father. I also have been in many movies.

Answer: Terry Crews

Peace of Mind.

One of the many services we provide.



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 29 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 29

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

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Above, Director Daniel Capua introduces the Marching Rebels for their preview performance Thursday evening. Below, The Marching Rebels concluded their two-week camp Thursday in preparation for their 2026 field show, “Awakening.” Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Marching Rebels Wrap Camp with Preview Performance

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (July 23) — The McKenzie High School Marching Rebels completed their annual two-week camp Thursday in preparation for the upcoming football and competitive marching seasons. The band previewed their 2026 field show, “Awakening,” with an evening performance in the gymnasium for parents and the community.

Daniel Capua, entering his third year as Director of Bands, spoke to The Banner about the band, the show and the community. “Awakening” features three movements, including arrangements of “Uninvited” by Alanis Morissette, “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen and “Nimrod” by Edward Elgar.

Capua said the theme of the show is moving from darkness to light. He called it “abstract” and said, “It can mean whatever you want it to mean.”

The visual elements are meant to emulate a lava lamp and evoke the emotional ups and downs of life.

The Marching Rebels are bigger than last year with 44 performers and one manager.

There are eight seniors, split evenly between the band and the color guard, with few sophomores and juniors. More than half

of the band is eighth and ninth graders.

Capua said, “We have a lot of really good leaders in the junior and senior class, and I wanted the eighth graders to experience that.”

The leadership team of the band includes field commander Meghan Cowan, woodwind leader Janyla Piro, low brass leader Ozzy Lessenberry, high brass leader Lola Barton, percussion leaders Jonathan Jenkins and Caleb Burns and color guard leader Jaylee Montgomery.

Staff for the camp were guard instructor Kendra Cole, percussion instructor Conner Callahan, brass instructor Makayla Shell and woodwind instructor Clara Capua.

During the first week of camp, band members practiced a lot of marching fundamentals. Capua said, “If you don’t have the foundations, it’s going to be hard to put everything else together.”

In the second week, they began working on drill (the movement and formations seen on the field).

The head index hampered the outdoor schedule for the first part of the week, but a reprieve on Wednesday and Thursday let the band progress.

Capua lamented that they had not gotten as much accomplished as he had hoped, but he was

hopeful they would have the first song on the field for the first football game on Friday, August 21 at Huntingdon.

The Marching Rebels begin their competition season with the Pete Evans Showcase in Milan on Saturday, August 29, which serves as a sort of “scrimmage” for bands to perform in front of judges and get good feedback.

McKenzie will attend competitions at South Gibson, Union City, Huntingdon and Camden before concluding the season at the Tennessee Division I State Marching Band Championship on Saturday, November 7 at Independence High School in Thompson’s Station.

Capua shared his feelings on his time in McKenzie so far. “The first word that comes to mind is proud. Proud of the progress the students have made. Proud of the growth that this program has seen in recent years. It’s not just me, it’s the kids that want it. They see my vision and they’re bought in. They want it as bad as I do.

“I’m excited. I love McKenzie. The community’s great. The administration is so supportive of everything I’m trying to do here. I literally don’t have any complaints. It’s a great community, and I’m excited for the future of band here.”

Carroll County Leaders Convene For Financial Wellness Summit

Local and state officials gathered in Carroll County recently for a Financial Wellness Scorecard Summit to examine the economic health of the region and discuss strategies for improvement.

The event, co-sponsored by Senator John Stevens and Representatives Brock Martin and Tandy Darby, was led by State Treasurer David H. Lillard, Jr., who serves as Chair of the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission (TNFLC). The summit focused on data from the Tennessee Financial Wellness Scorecard, a collaborative project between the TNFLC and the University of Tennessee’s Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research.

During the review of local data, officials revealed that Carroll County holds a Composite Financial Wellness score of 51.9, trending slightly below the statewide

average of 59. The scorecard is designed to identify specific areas where financial education and economic development can make the most significant impact on citizens’ lives.

Economic data presented at the summit highlighted a median household income of \$50,391 for Carroll County, which is approximately 25% lower than the state average of \$67,097. Additionally, reports indicated that one in six households live in poverty, with nearly 14% of the population receiving some form of social assistance. These challenges are often linked to higher rates of non-business bankruptcies and distressed debt within the community.

Despite these hurdles, the data also showcased local strengths. Carroll County boasts a homeownership rate of 74.8%, a figure that stands well

above the Tennessee state average. Treasurer Lillard noted that homeownership remains a critical indicator of long-term financial stability and asset-building for families.

“The purpose of the Scorecard Summit was not simply to report these figures, but to guide action,” the Treasurer’s office stated regarding the mission to empower Tennesseans with better financial management tools.

The summit concluded with a call for continued collaboration between educators, business leaders, and policymakers to address persistent financial stressors and improve upward economic mobility across generations in Carroll County.

Residents interested in reviewing the full data set or learning more about commission resources can visit TNFLC.org.

Chamber of Commerce Accepting Applications For 2026 Adult Leadership Carroll County

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce announces that applications are now open for the 2026 Adult Leadership Carroll County (LCC) class. This premier program offers participants an in-depth look at the life, work, and future of Carroll County.

LCC is a comprehensive program consisting of nine engaging sessions and a hands-on community service project, designed to identify the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing our county in the coming years.

Natalie Porter, chair of the LCC program, said, “The goal of the Leadership Carroll County program is to provide participants with information

about the life and work of Carroll County and to identify the issues, challenges, and opportunities that our county will face in the coming years.”

Program Schedule

All sessions run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Session 1: August 27
Session 2: September 3
Session 3: September 10
Session 4: September 24
Session 5: October 8
Session 6: October 22
Session 7: November 5
Session 8: November 19
Session 9: January (Joint LCC/YLCC session)

Application and Tuition

The deadline for applications is August 14, 2026. The program tuition is \$325, which includes all

program costs and meals associated with the sessions. Tuition is payable upon confirmation of acceptance into the program.

For an application or additional information, please contact the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 731-986-4664 or email cchamber@earthlink.net.

Since its inception in 1990, the program has graduated approximately 1,100 individuals, many of whom have gone on to serve in vital business, civic, and government roles. Participation offers a unique opportunity to network with fellow community leaders, presenters, and business professionals.

Bethel University Launches School Of Visual & Performing Arts

McKENZIE — Bethel University announced the launch of the School of Visual & Performing Arts, bringing Art, Music and the University’s nationally recognized Renaissance Performing Arts Experience together in a single creative home within the College of Arts & Sciences. The new school spans seven program areas: Art, Music, Music Education, Music Performance, Music Business, Music Production and Renaissance.

The move marks a milestone for Renaissance, one of Bethel’s most beloved and distinctive traditions. For more than two decades, Renaissance has operated as a premier co-curricular program, offering performing artists the same scholarship support as student-athletes and sending graduates to national stages and screens. Those defining characteristics remain unchanged, and this new structure further secures and strengthens the tradition Renaissance has become and will continue to be at Bethel. Now, for the first time, Renaissance joins Bethel’s academic structure, placing the program alongside the University’s arts degree programs and giving every student artist at Bethel, whether painting in a studio, composing in a practice room, mixing in a recording studio or performing under stage lights, one shared creative foundation and one identity.

Art and Music have each held a place at Bethel since the early 2000s. The Music department has built a strong record of excellence across its degree offerings, including Music Education, Music Performance, Music Business and Music Production, preparing graduates for successful careers as educators from elementary classrooms to college campuses, music ministers, touring artists and producers. Students perform in recitals and community concerts, including appearances by the University Singers with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. They also present recording production projects, attend professional conferences, and complete internships in music production and music business.

liberal arts education while giving the arts a home of their own. I could not be more excited about what this means for our students.”

Together, these programs form a complete creative ecosystem where students sharpen their craft, collaborate across disciplines and prepare to carry the arts into classrooms, churches, studios, stages and communities around the world.

Dr. C. Scott Shepherd Named Associate Dean

Dr. C. Scott Shepherd has been named Associate Dean of the School of Visual & Performing Arts. Shepherd currently serves as Interim Executive Director of the Renaissance Performing Arts Experience and previously served as associate director of the Renaissance Program, giving him a deep familiarity with the program’s artistic standards, operational structure and students.

Shepherd brings more than two decades of experience in performing arts administration and leadership across higher education, nonprofit, church and community settings. He has overseen large-scale concerts, conferences, statewide choral initiatives and complex artistic productions, and his background includes executive leadership roles within the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and the Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference. He holds a Doctor of Worship Studies from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor of Music Education from Shorter University.

The Renaissance Legacy

Renaissance was built on an innovative premise: performing artists deserve the same scholarship support as student-athletes. That idea broadened Bethel’s reach, fueled enrollment growth and grew into the Renaissance Performing Arts Experience, spanning four divisions: Vocal, Instrumental, Theatre and Production.

Today, Renaissance students lead worship in chapel, perform in diverse vocal and instrumental ensembles, present full-scale theatrical productions, and operate professional-grade sound, lighting and video, all while pursuing any major the University offers and receiving substantial scholarship support. Renaissance alumni have gone on to national stages and screens, including “The Voice” finalist Mandi Thomas-Moore, actor Nick Darnell, and touring musician Garrett Anderson of Dailey and Vincent.

Why Bring These Programs Together

The decision to unite the visual and performing arts grew out of a simple observation: Bethel’s creative programs had already grown intertwined in practice, if not yet in structure. Vocal music education majors took the stage in Renaissance musical theatre productions, while Bluegrass performers pursued degrees in music production. Art students assisted with the sets, props, and costumes for productions. The new school formalizes what students were already accomplishing, dissolving the boundaries between disciplines in favor of shared resources, cross-disciplinary faculty expertise and creative opportunities spanning every art form.

“This new structure allows us to invest more intentionally in every art form we offer,” said Dr. Joe Hames, University Provost. “It gives our faculty and students the framework to grow together and gives the arts the standing they deserve at Bethel.”

A New Home Within the College of Arts & Sciences

The School of Visual & Performing Arts will be housed within the College of Arts & Sciences, connecting Bethel’s student artists to the full breadth of the University’s liberal arts tradition.

“The arts teach students to see, to listen and to create with purpose,” said Dr. Keith D. Hennis, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. “As a musician, I have watched the arts shape lives at Bethel for nearly 20 years. Housing this new school within the College of Arts & Sciences connects our student artists to the full richness of a

for the opportunity to serve in this role,” said Shepherd. “Bringing Art, Music and Renaissance together allows us to create an even more connected and fulfilling student experience. Our goal is to help students grow academically, artistically and professionally while giving them opportunities to collaborate, create and prepare for meaningful careers in the arts and beyond.”

About Bethel University

Founded in 1842, Bethel University has spent nearly 185 years helping students turn their talents into purpose. Located in McKenzie, Tennessee, within two hours of both Nashville and Memphis, Bethel is a Christian community of nearly 3,000 students from 33 states and 41 countries. The University’s mission is to equip individuals for a life of service through academic, spiritual, social and experiential learning to go forth and transform the world. With 52 undergraduate programs and nine graduate programs, Bethel aims to be a leader in student-centered education through innovative academics, character formation and life skills development. For more information, visit bethelu.edu.

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Coach Greg Blackburn and the 1989 Jean Shoppe men’s slow pitch softball team. Photo courtesy Greg Blackburn

Blackburn to be Inducted into USA/ASA Tennessee Hall of Fame

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Greg Blackburn of McKenzie will soon join a fourth Hall of Fame for his career as coach/sponsor of the Jean Shoppe men's slow pitch softball team. Blackburn will be inducted into the USA Softball/Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Tennessee Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday, August 1 at 4 p.m. CDT at The Mill at 300 North Maple St. in Lebanon. Blackburn was the coach of the Jean Shoppe team for 35 years. In that time, the team won ten world tournaments and 30 state tournaments. Blackburn spoke to The Banner about the team's success over the years. "I travelled all over the United States to play. I found the toughest tournaments we could play in and we played tough competition, and that's what made us a better team." He said, "I want to thank all of my players and everybody that was involved for me to get an award like this. The only reason that I played and coached softball is because I enjoyed the challenge of becoming a winner. I want all my players to know that I'm really thankful for what they've done for me to get these accolades. I couldn't



Greg Blackburn in December 2024, when he was inducted into the Independent Sports Association (ISA) National Hall of Fame. File photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

have done it without them." Blackburn noted the players from Carroll County that were members of his teams, including Roy Grant, Mark Cooper, Billy Ray Hampton, Webb Maddox, Larry Tippitt, David Huss, Phillip Martin, Stevie Blackburn, Jimmy Peritt, Mike Lane, A.P. Plunk, Clay Morgan, Kenny Paschall and Mickey Stafford. Blackburn has previously

been inducted into the Independent Sports Association (ISA) National Hall of Fame, the National Softball Association (NSA) Hall of Fame and the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Hall of Fame. To register to attend the Hall of Fame ceremony or for more information, contact Edward Rowe at 423-355-0694 or trusauc24@gmail.com.



MHS Coach Keith Hodge spoke to McKenzie Rotary on Tuesday, July 21. Pictured are Armand Hebert, president of the club, Lelan Gordon, Dawson Reeder, and Coach Keith Hodge.

Rebels Look to Future Under Coach Hodge

MCKENZIE (July 2) — The McKenzie Rebels are entering another season of football under the leadership of Coach Keith Hodge, a veteran mentor known for building programs centered on discipline, teamwork, and character development. Hodge addressed members of the Rotary Club of McKenzie on Tuesday, July 21 on the campus of Bethel University. Hodge brings a philosophy that prioritizes developing young people into strong students and citizens alongside athletic success. The Rebels are preparing for the upcoming season with a roster of 54 players, a group that includes 24 freshmen and eight seniors. Hodge notes that this depth is essential for a Class 1A program, allowing for more efficient practices and increased participation across the board. Community and player engagement has become a hallmark of the program's offseason. The

team recently hosted a youth football camp with over 90 participants and is organizing a large-scale meet-and-greet at the home stadium to showcase the football, cheer, and band programs to the community. The team has also scheduled some pre-season scrimmages at Bethel University's newly improved stadium. These efforts are part of a broader initiative to strengthen the program's ties to the town and ensure the team remains a visible, positive force. The schedule presents significant challenges, beginning with a rivalry game against Huntington and a high-stakes matchup against Christian County, Kentucky, a consolidated school with approximately 2,200 students. Hodge acknowledges the disparity in size and depth but views these games as vital opportunities for growth and strategic development. Player leadership remains a cornerstone of the team, even as key athletes recover from injuries. Se-

nior Lelan Gordon, a four-year contributor who has successfully rehabilitated a torn labrum, continues to anchor the team as a multi-position player and long snapper. Off the field, Gordon is managing a growing mowing business with plans to pursue horticulture after graduation. Sophomore linebacker Dawson Reeder, also returning from an ACL injury, has spent his summer working in construction, an experience that has led him to reconsider his post-high school plans and now contemplate college. Hodge is supported by a dedicated coaching staff, including Trey Cantrell, Ben Hargett, Austin Chapman, Merritt Spence, Kentrell Diggs, Coach Tyler Reeder, and Chris Wall. The program is also seeing a resurgence in its feeder system, with middle school coach Jay Taylor credited for boosting participation numbers and strengthening the long-term pipeline for the Rebels.

Area High School Football Schedules

Gleason			McKenzie		
Aug. 21	Fulton Co. (Ky.)	Oct. 2	@ Riverside		
Aug. 28	@ Hollow Rock-Bruceton	Oct. 9	@ Harpeth		
Sept. 4	Obion Co.	Oct. 16	BYE		
Sept. 11	@ Dresden	Oct. 23	@ Peabody		
Sept. 18	Lake Co.	Oct. 30	@ Union City		
Sept. 25	@ Perry Co.				
Oct. 2	South Fulton				
Oct. 9	@ West Carroll				
Oct. 16	BYE				
Oct. 23	Humboldt				
Oct. 29	@ Greenfield				
Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central			West Carroll		
Aug. 21	Scotts Hill	Aug. 21	Gibson Co.		
Aug. 28	Gleason	Aug. 28	Fayette-Ware		
Sept. 4	@ Greenfield	Sept. 4	@ Dresden		
Sept. 11	West Carroll	Sept. 11	@ Hollow Rock-Bruceton		
Sept. 18	@ Wayne Co.	Sept. 18	Humboldt		
Sept. 25	Collinwood	Sept. 25	@ Greenfield		
Oct. 2	@ Liberty Tech	Oct. 2	Lake Co.		
Oct. 9	@ McKenzie	Oct. 9	Gleason		
Oct. 16	BYE	Oct. 16	BYE		
Oct. 23	@ McEwen	Oct. 23	@ Liberty Tech		
Oct. 29	Perry Co.	Oct. 29	@ South Fulton		
Huntingdon					
Aug. 21	McKenzie				
Aug. 28	Camden				
Sept. 4	Milan				
Sept. 11	Halls				
Sept. 18	@ JCM				
Sept. 25	Gibson Co.				

REGION 7-1A FOOTBALL Will Dresden Repeat as Region Champion?

BY MICHAEL ODOM
Mirror-Exchange

Last season, Dresden was the cream of the Region 7-1A crop. The Lions won the region championship with an unbeaten record in region play, and running back Luke Di Pietro was named a Class 1A Mr. Football semifinalist. Di Pietro and others graduated, and a few more players transferred, so the Lions will have a new look this season. Greenfield and South Fulton also reached the second round of the Class 1A playoffs last year, and Humboldt made the playoffs, so there will be plenty of teams trying to take that top spot from the Lions.

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Humboldt
2. Dresden
3. Greenfield
4. South Fulton
5. Lake County
6. West Carroll
7. Gleason

Team Tidbits Dresden Lions

2025 record: 9-3 (6-0 7-1A)
Coach: Justin Cruse (3rd season: 14-8)
What to know: Last season saw the Lions rise back to the top of the Region 7-1A standings and a spot in the second round of the Class 1A playoffs. But Dresden was hit hard by graduation – including starting quarterback Bruce Willis. So Dresden will be young this year. Sophomore Athan Spaulding has taken over at quarterback, and leading receiver Ayden Flora is also back for his senior year. The defense

will have to lead the Lions at the start of the season with the offense picking up steam as the season progresses.

Gleason Bulldogs

2025 record: 3-7 (2-4 7-1A)
Coach: Noah Lampkins (24th season: 83-162)
What to know: The Bulldogs graduated nine seniors last year, and all of them played quality minutes. Gleason will be young this season with very few upperclassmen on the roster. So the Bulldogs will take some hits early, but this team should get better as those young players gain experience. Brennan Cook was Gleason's best lineman last year, and he is back for his junior season. Bo Bailey got some playing time last year at quarterback when Drake Lehmkuhl was moved out to receiver. Junior James Flaurr has shown the ability to make plays and will be key in the Bulldogs' passing game.

Greenfield Yellowjackets

2025 record: 7-5 (4-2 7-1A)
Coach: Don Pitt (14th season: 57-79)
What to know: The Yellowjackets finished third in Region 7-1A last season and reached the second round of the Class 1A playoffs with a win over Oakhaven. Quarterback Easton Sullivan was a dual threat last year with 1,200 passing yards and 1,200 rushing yards. Knox Liggett is set to take over the duties at quarterback. Junior Westin Porter is back after rushing for 797 yards and 13 touchdowns, while recording 406 receiving yards with two touchdowns. Senior Jerrick McMullen is expected to have a breakout season after rushing for 212 yards and having 184 receiving yards. A big question is the line as Cevon McMullen and Caden Sparkman were the leaders last year, but both were seniors. Greenfield does return a majority of the defense,

so those guys should set the tone every game. Junior Brock King is a big part of the defense because of his versatility after finishing with 85 total tackles last season with 40 solo tackles, 10 tackles for loss, two sacks, one interception and one forced fumble.

West Carroll War Eagles

2025 record: 1-9 (0-6 7-1A)
Coach: Nick Cobb (1st season)
What to know: The War Eagles have had a different head coach for each of the past four years, and Cobb is the fifth head coach of the program since 2020. Cobb was on Jay Taylor's staff last season, so the players are accustomed to his ways. West Carroll has to figure out a way to move the ball and score as the team only had 134 points last season, and the top player in total yardage – Mason Taylor – has transferred to Milan. West Carroll ended the season holding South Fulton to 17 points, and that is what the program has tried to build on during the offseason. Cole Mueller and Noah Cecchini will be leaders on the defensive line, Caleb Vermillion and Keegan Mealer will be key in the linebacking corps, and Braden Marise is hoping to be back from injury to lead the secondary. Sophomore Parker Newman is back at quarterback after starting last season, but now he has a year of experience under his belt.

The full version of this story can be read at mckenziebanner.com or milanmirror-exchange.com.

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Lady Wildcats Top NAIA Academic Team Honor Roll

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ATLANTA (July 21) — University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Mercy University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Bethel University (Tennessee), and Trinity Valley Community College sit atop their respective divisions in the 2025-26 WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls announced Tuesday by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. The WBCA Academic Top 25 recognizes college women's basketball teams across the nation in their respective divisions that carry the highest combined GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. A team must have a combined GPA of 3.0 or better and be nominated by its head coach,

who must be a member of the WBCA, to be recognized. The 2025-26 season is the 31st in which the WBCA has compiled the honor rolls. Green Bay, coached by Kayla Karius, finished first among NCAA Division I members for the second straight year with a 3.965 cumulative team grade-point average, which is also best overall across all membership divisions. Mercy, coached by Scott Lagas, claimed top academic honors in NCAA Division II with a 3.853 GPA. Nebraska Wesleyan, coached by Sydney Golladay, took top honors in NCAA Division III with a 3.897 GPA. Bethel, coached by Chris Nelson, was No. 1 in the NAIA division with a 3.829 GPA. Trinity Valley, coached by Precious Ivy, finished atop the two-year college standings with a 3.777 GPA. "The WBCA is pleased to

recognize those women's basketball programs that have committed themselves to excellence on the court and in the classroom," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "The 119 ranked teams we honor this year across all five collegiate membership divisions strive to achieve all-around success, and we commend their efforts. Congratulations!" Coach Nelson commented, "Our players have proven that you don't have to choose between being successful and being exceptional people. They continue to win on the court, excel in the classroom, and, most importantly, win with people. The proof is in the pudding, and this award is a testament to their commitment, character, and the culture they've created together."



Youth Football Camp participants and MHS players and coaches at the conclusion of the event. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Hosts Youth Football Camp

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McKENZIE (July 20) — Coach Keith Hodge and the McKenzie High School Rebels hosted the third annual Youth Football Camp Monday evening at the indoor practice facility.

Over 90 kids participated in the two-hour camp. The event started with agility and warm-ups, then rotated in smaller groups at stations to focus on learning specific skills such as passing, receiving, tackling and kicking.

The event closed with a receiving competition and a “postgame huddle.”

Coach Hodge spoke to The Banner about the camp. “Another great turnout from the community. It’s great to see all the kids out here, learning football skills. We’re doing more tackling this year, which is great for the kids. We’re just trying to get them excited about football season. This is a great way to

get them going.

“It’s a really good turnout. Being year three, we’ve still got a lot of kids coming. That says they like being a part of it.

“The main thing is it’s for the kids, for the community. Making our high school kids get around the younger kids who look up to them. Making a connection between coaches, the youth and our high school football players, that’s always good.

“We’ve got some other things we’re going to do. The meet-and-greet is going to be big, where we’ll get them together again. The more community events we can do, the better.”

The Rebels Meet-and-Greet is Saturday, August 8 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Rebel Stadium. Participating in the event will be the high school and middle school football teams, bands and cheerleaders, as well as the McKenzie Youth Football League.



Left, Callum Petering, 8, makes a deep catch during the receiving competition. Right, King Howard, 11, makes a clean takedown of the “tackle wheel.” Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebel Football in Preseason Action This Weekend

BY BRAD SAM

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McKENZIE — It’s football time in McKenzie this weekend as both the high school and middle school host preseason action.

McKenzie High School hosts Obion County Central for a scrimmage Friday, July 31 at 6 p.m. at Bethel University’s Walter Butler Stadium.

McKenzie Middle School hosts its annual jamboree on Saturday, August 1 at 5 p.m. at Rebel Stadium,

featuring 12 teams playing two half-field scrimmages simultaneously.

MMS Jamboree Schedule

5 p.m. — Lexington v. Milan; McKenzie v. Greenfield

5:45 p.m. — Lexington JV v. Milan JV; McKenzie JV v. Greenfield JV

6:30 p.m. — Henderson North v. Milan; Waverly v. Gibson Co.

7:15 p.m. — West Carroll v. Gleason; Dresden v. Camden

Game times are approximate.

The MMS regular season begins Thursday, August 6 as the Rebels host Union City at 6:30 p.m.

MHS hosts Lexington for a final home scrimmage on Friday, August 7 at 6 p.m., again at Bethel.

The high school Rebels close their preseason Friday, August 14 at the Henry County High School Jamboree against McCracken County at 7 p.m.

MHS begins the regular season Friday, August 21 at Huntingdon. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Rebel running back Navadius Owens finds a gap for a good gain. Right, Rebel Jonah Henson takes down a Milan ball carrier in the backfield. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Hosts Milan for Scrimmage

BY BRAD SAM

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McKENZIE (July 23) — McKenzie Middle School football hosted Milan Thursday evening at Rebel Stadium for a scrimmage with the regular season quickly approaching.

The teams alternated running eight plays straight on offense, regardless of result, to help both offenses and defenses to establish a rhythm and get a feel for the flow of the game.

The Rebels head into the year with a familiar set of faces on the coaching staff, but with a new head coach at the helm, McKenzie High School alum and lifelong McKenzie resident Jay Taylor.

Coach Taylor told The Banner upon his hiring in April, “I’m excited. I’ve been investing in a lot of other people and other communities, and now I have an opportunity to invest in my own.”

Taylor said he hopes to help the football program succeed at a high level.

The MMS Rebels host their annual jamboree on Saturday, August 1 at 5 p.m.,



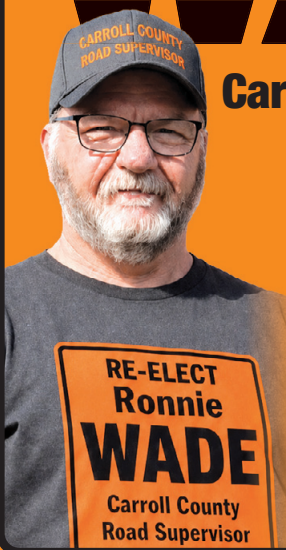
Rebel Makhyn Gilbert runs down a Milan receiver to prevent a touchdown. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

featuring 5-8 teams playing two half-field scrimmages simultaneously.

The regular season begins Thursday, August 6 as the Rebels host Union City at 6:30 p.m.

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PLEDGE

As your Sheriff, I will modernize the department with body cameras, utilize zoning to reduce response time county-wide, reduce recidivism by implementing second chance life skills programs for inmates, prioritize mental health resources, and lean on my narcotics background for aggressive drug enforcement. I will implement these programs while saving taxpayers money by utilizing grant programs. The citizens of Carroll County deserve a Sheriff with the proven leadership experience to be ready on day one.

A SHERIFF FOR ALL OF CARROLL COUNTY



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FOR CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF

I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE FOR SHERIFF ON AUGUST 6, 2026

THE EXPERIENCE TO LEAD

- ★ **EXECUTIVE:** Current Chief of Police, Former Assistant Chief and Lieutenant.
- ★ **SPECIALIZED:** K-9 Handler, Narcotics / General Investigator, Former Clan Lab Technician / Site Safety Officer.
- ★ **TECHNICAL EXPERTISE / INSTRUCTOR:** Current Firearms Instructor, Former General Departmental Instructor (GDI) and Former Driving School Instructor and Evidence Custodian.
- ★ **BOOTS ON THE GROUND:** Patrol Officer, Corporal, K-9 Handler, and Sergeant.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- ★ First Line Leadership Graduate (2014)
- ★ SELA Graduate (Southeastern Leadership Academy, 2017)
- ★ Carroll County Leadership (Class of 2025)
- ★ WestStar Leadership Program (Class of 2026)

FULL CIRCLE

In April 2001, I fell in love with law enforcement right here in Carroll County. I started my journey as a Reserve Deputy with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, driven by a simple desire to serve. Now, after 25 years and numerous hours of leadership training, I am coming back to finish where I started — bringing the experience of a Chief back to the Department that first gave me a badge.

EARLY VOTING ENDS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
GENERAL ELECTION AUGUST 6, 2026

TOP PRIORITIES

- ★ **FASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** Implement Strategic County Zoning to ensure rural areas receive the same fast response as towns.
- ★ **MODERN ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY:** Implementing body cameras, increased deputy training and communication with the public.
- ★ **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Save taxpayers money through grants while implementing new programs.
- ★ **AGGRESSIVE DRUG ENFORCEMENT:** Leveraging years of experience as a narcotics investigator working with and alongside local, state and federal agencies.
- ★ **JAIL REFORM:** Reduce recidivism by implementing “Second Chance” life-skills programs for inmates and utilizing mental health services.
- ★ **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT:** Launch a county-wide Shop with a First Responder program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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