

Webb Alumni to Host Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The Webb Alumni Association is hosting a Martin Luther King , Jr. Celebration with a community soup kitchen on January 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is in honor of the many accomplishments of the civil rights leader.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact 731-697-5468.

Norval to Share Story of Local War Hero with Historical Society

It is a new year and it is time for the first meeting of the Huntingdon TN Historical Society. The society meets in the conference room of Huntingdon City Hall on Wednesday, January 21, at 9 a.m.

Joe Norval, principal of the Carroll County Technical Center, is an avid historical enthusiast with an emphasis on World War II and the American Civil War. He will share the story of a Carroll County hero who served in World War II.

Norval is a 35-year educator, having spent 31 years at Hollow Rock-Bruceton High School as principal, coach and teacher.

The Huntingdon TN Historical Society urges the public to join them as they learn the name of this local hero and the facts surrounding his heroism. The Huntingdon TN Historical Society meets every third Wednesday of the month.



Nineteen-year-old Jackelyne Padilla opened ZAPO January 2. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

ZAPO Brings Formal Fashions to McKenzie

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The story starts in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico. Jackelyne Padilla, just a little girl, walks through her dad's hometown in awe at the fashions on display in the town's shops. Every year, her family would visit the town. Every year, Padilla would say she wanted a similar store of her own.

Friday, January 2, Padilla, now 19, saw her dream come to life with the grand opening of ZAPO, McKenzie's only formal gown shop. She named the store after the city that sparked her love for fashion, and she introduced the tagline, "the Crib of Fashion," also in honor of Zapotlanejo. The small store sits next door to Dilla's Sewing, her parents' tailoring and embroidering business.

Padilla took inspiration from high-fashion boutiques in Zapotlanejo while planning her own store, but she also infused some personalized characteristics. From floor to ceiling, the small shop is sleekly decorated. A black ceiling looks down on the marbled floors of her store, and dazzling dresses hang on gold racks. Padilla utilizes several mannequins in the store, showing off some of her most eye-catching fashions.

Situated on the left wall, though, are some dresses customers won't be able to find anywhere else.

Growing up, Padilla was very interested in fashion and clothing. Her parents opened Dilla's Sewing when she was eight years old, and she grew up playing in the store. She remembers playing with random pieces of textiles and fabrics, making dresses out of her parents' scrap pieces.

Padilla's early understanding of clothing design gave her the special ability to design her own dresses for the store. Padilla, with some tailoring assistance from her parents, created a rack of custom homecoming dresses using fabrics donated by a known designer for Miss Universe contestants. Padilla's dresses are labeled with a ZAPO tag and cost significantly less than other featured dresses in the shop.

ZAPO also carries dresses by popular brands including Ellie Wilde and Sophia



Owner Jackelyne Padilla designed several homecoming dresses for sale only at ZAPO. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Thomas. Dress sizes range from double-zero to 16, and prices range from \$99 to \$600.

"Compared to other boutiques, I feel like our dresses are pretty affordable," said Padilla.

Additionally, since the store is connected with Dilla's Sewing, customers can receive in-house alterations. The shop caters most specifically to customers looking for prom or homecoming dresses, and ZAPO carries all kinds of styles, from ruffles to sparkles to lace. Padilla said she finds it important to listen to customer input and pay attention to demand when choosing dresses to sell at her store.

"I want to be on top of trends," said Padilla. "And, because I'm younger, I feel like I can keep up with what the girls want in a sense. My target audience is kind of my age."

As a young entrepreneur and first-generation American, Padilla is in a unique situation. She is also a full-time student at Bethel University, studying biology on the pre-med track. She often looks to her parents for inspiration.

"They have a business, which wasn't easy for them either," said Padilla. "They are the kind of people that I want to be. They're always working hard, 24/7."

Looking into the future, Padilla has many goals – for ZAPO and for herself.

She wants to get the word out about ZAPO and watch it grow, she wants to one day sell pageant dresses and she wants to start her own collection of dresses.

She also wants to complete her degree and attend Bethel University's physician assistant (PA) program.

"I've always wanted to be a doctor, kind of, so I don't wanna let that dream go," Padilla said. "I feel like I can do both."

As she progresses in school, she has the support of her entire family. Her younger sister, Stephanie, 15, helps run the store when she can. Her mom also helps in the store if needed.

Before she opened ZAPO, Padilla's parents told her, "No matter what you do in life, always do what you're passionate about. Every time you go into work, it doesn't need to feel like work. It needs to feel like something that you want to do."

Now, even on Saturdays, Padilla is awake at 6:30 a.m., ready to have fun and help girls find dresses. Despite being a one-woman operation of marketing, accounting, ordering and selling, Padilla is living her dream.

"It doesn't feel like work to me," Padilla said.

ZAPO, located at 183 South Main Street in McKenzie, is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

West Carroll School Board Swears in Mueller, Honors BETA State Competitors

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ATWOOD (January 8) — Paul Mueller is the newest member of the West Carroll Special School District Board of Education.

Mueller was sworn in at the beginning of the board's regular monthly meeting Thursday by Chris Hayden, attorney for the district. Mueller was appointed to fill the seat of Misty Mitchell, who recently resigned from the position.

Dozens of students from elementary through high school who competed and represented West Carroll at the recent BETA Club State Convention in Nashville were recognized for their efforts, which yielded many awards. Many of the students were present at the meeting, and several had their projects on display.

Board Chairman William Robinson thanked the students, sponsors and parents for their hard work and representation of the district.

Board members approved the first of two readings of a request for a junior-senior high band field trip to Chesterfield, Missouri in May.

Director of Schools Preston Caldwell gave an update on the district's five-year strategic plan, including data from the most recent state report card.

Caldwell reiterated the district's mission: "To prepare students for life beyond the classroom."

He said, "We accomplish this through small class sizes, diverse academic and career pathways and



New West Carroll school board member Paul Mueller (left) was sworn in at the January meeting by Chris Hayden, attorney for the district. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

a safe, supportive learning environment where every child is known, valued and inspired to reach their full potential."

The director listed seven district-wide goals and priorities:

1. A constant focus on safety and security.
2. A focus on every student.
3. To improve K-12 literacy, numeracy and college and career readiness.
4. To invest in our people.
5. To partner with our stakeholders.
6. To improve all aspects of extracurricular activities.
7. To improve district-wide ACT growth and achievement.

In the state report card, West Carroll's grades 3-5 and 6-8 both obtained a Level 4 in growth for economically disadvantaged students.

The district is at a 100 percent career and college readiness rate.

The overall district designation is "Advancing". Caldwell said, "We have been

'Satisfactory' in the past... I would love for us to reach 'Exemplary.'

Members approved the second and final reading of a policy update regarding the safe relocation of students. The new language states that any necessary relocation will comply with Special Education laws.

In his monthly report, Director Caldwell welcomed Mueller to the board and Deputy Walter Smothers as a new school resource officer serving the junior-senior high.

He reported a threat of violence that occurred in November. The incident had been determined to not be an imminent threat to safety.

Caldwell also noted that upgrades to doors and windows at the primary school were complete save "a few small things," and that it "looks fantastic."

The meeting adjourned after 45 minutes.

The next meeting of the board is Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Kim Smith Named CASA Program Director

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Lifelong educator Kim Smith received a new title January 1, rising from her retirement from the McKenzie Special School District to become Carroll County's program director for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) of Henderson and Carroll counties.

CASA is a nonprofit organization of court-appointed community volunteers who stand up and speak out to help abused and neglected children in the court system. These volunteers take strides to get children the help they need — through counseling, educational assistance and more. With their reports, they help the judge make important decisions about a child's case.

Smith joined CASA in September of 2023 as a volunteer, having taken an early retirement from McKenzie Middle School in May of the same year. She found out about the organization when she and her husband, Larry, attended a CASA gala in Henderson County.

"I told my husband right away that when I retired, I wanted to do that," said Smith. "It's a way I can continue to give back to the community. I can help children in a different fashion."

In her 20 years of teaching in McKenzie, Smith said she encountered many children whose family lives were not great. She knew that a lot of the kids in the school system grew up in some hard environments. With CASA, she could help these children in a different way than she did as a teacher.

With CASA, volunteers' only focus is to advocate for children and make sure that they get into a safe, healthy and permanent home. After 30 hours of intense training, volunteers are sworn into the court to become an extra set of eyes and ears for the judge. Amid the judge, attorneys and Department of Child Services (DCS) workers, a CASA volunteer is an extra



Kim Smith

person on a case who is only focused on the child's best interest.

A judge assigns each CASA volunteer with one case at a time. Once assigned, the first thing a volunteer will do is meet the kids.

"We don't go in and investigate to see if there has been abuse or neglect," said Smith. "We already know that's happened. We go in and investigate: Are there any family members in this family who could take these children and provide them a living home if they are not able to be reconciled with their parents? Are they in a safe environment? Are they being provided everything they need? Are their educational needs being met? Are their medical needs being met? Are their physical needs being met?"

The volunteers establish a level of trust between themselves and the children. As a retired teacher, Smith is familiar with connecting with children. While working on one case with CASA, she found herself talking about tricky math problems with a child in seventh grade.

"I started talking. I said, 'You know, I used to teach seventh grade. How's that math going? Seventh grade math's pretty rough.' And then she started talking, and then she started feeling comfortable ... And then she unloads what's going on in her life," said Smith.

While CASA volunteers are advocates for children, they also take strides in

helping parents recover. By helping parents find jobs or encouraging their sobriety, volunteers try to find paths to reunite children with their birth parents. However, volunteers sometimes find that reunification isn't an option. They may decide that a child would be better served by other relatives or with a different family altogether. They report this information to the judge.

CASA volunteers work on a case from beginning to end, helping find children a permanent, safe home.

"The children might not have the same attorney all the time. They may not have the same DCS worker. They may not have the same counselor. But they've always got the same CASA worker," said Smith.

Since joining CASA in 2023, Smith has completed four cases. She became interim director of CASA of Carroll County — a paid position — October 21, 2025, planning to only serve for 90 days. However, she said she was sucked in. January 1, she became the county nonprofit's official program director.

Smith now supervises all CASA cases in Carroll County and manages cases of her own. She works primarily in the Huntingdon office, located at 20565 East Main Street, but also works on the road traveling to cases. She attends juvenile court twice a month, and she assists all volunteers when they need help or have questions. She also fills in for volunteers when they are unable to show up for court proceedings or meetings.

CASA in Carroll County has five volunteers currently, but Smith's team is growing. Training for new volunteers begins January 29. It is a five-week program that takes place Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m.

With more volunteers, Smith said CASA will be able to serve more children in Carroll County.

Those interested in volunteering may call Smith at (731) 358-5774 or complete an online application on CASA's website: www.casactn.org.

Elections

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qualified for candidacy.

The primary election for county offices and board of education seats — for each political party — is Tuesday, May 5, 2026. All candidates, party affiliated or independent, must qualify for their positions by noon on February 19, 2026, to be considered for the May 5 primary and August general election.

Following the primary election is the Thursday, August 6, general election — which includes the county office race, board of education race and Clarksburg municipal race for mayor and two alderman seats.

Candidate petitioning for the Clarksburg race began January 9, 2026. Candidates must qualify by March 10 at noon to be put on the August 6 election ballot.

Carroll County Election Administrator Peg Hamlett provided the following list of petitioners and qualified candidates on January 8 at 2 p.m.

Sheriff Andy Dickson announced he is not seeking re-election. Four candidates, so far, have picked petitions to seek the office. Those include Michael Anthony Smith and Ryan White as independent candidates and Eric Sawyers, Joel Pate and Timothy W. Pratt, who are seeking the Republican nomination in the party's primary. White has completed and filed his petition, officially qualifying for candidacy.

The county has reduced the number of road supervisors from two to one effective September 1, 2026. Incumbent Ronnie Wade and newcomers Otis Nesbitt and William Jason Longmire have picked petitions for the position. Wade and Longmire have completed and filed their petitions, officially qualifying for candidacy. All are running as independent candidates.

Property Assessor Rita Jones is not seeking re-election. John Austin has picked a petition to seek that office in the Republican primary.

In the race for register of deeds, incumbent Natalie McCullough Porter and newcomer Chad Barnhart have each picked petitions for the position. Porter is running as a Democrat, and Barnhart is running as a Republican.

Five candidates seek the three County Commissioner District 5 seats. Incumbents Cyril Ostiguy and Barry Mac Murphy and newcomers Paul Dewey Hugueley, Rakaya Humphreys and Anna Wheet have each picked petitions. Ostiguy and Hugueley will run as Republicans. Murphy, Humphreys and Wheet will run as independents.

Thirteen candidates are seeking Republican nominations: John Austin - Assessor of Property; Chad Barnhart- Register of Deeds; Circuit Clerk Sarah Bradberry - Circuit Court Clerk; Mayor Joseph Butler - County Mayor; Lori Dillahunty - County Commissioner District 7; Eric Daniel Gonzalez - Hollow Rock-Bruceton School Board District 16 At-Large; Paul Dewey Hugueley - County Commissioner District 5; Patrick E. Lindsey - West Carroll School Board Old County; Cyril Ostiguy - County Commissioner District 5; Joel Pate - Sheriff; Tim Pratt- Sheriff; Morris L. Rogers - County Commissioner District 4; Eric Sawyers - Sheriff.

Twenty-four individuals are seeking office as independent candidates: Linda Black - West Carroll School Board - Old County; Paula Bolen - County Trustee; Morgan Butler - Huntingdon School Board; Michael Graves - Hollow Rock-Bruceton School Board District 15 Buena Vista; April Hampton - Hollow Rock-Bruceton School Board District 16 At-Large; Willie Huffman - County Commissioner District 8; Rakaya Humphreys - County Commissioner District

5; Kurt Thomas Hunley - County Commission District 6; Darlene Kirk - County Clerk; William Jason Longmire - Road Supervisor; Jason Rance Martin - County Commission District 9; Will Randolph McMackin - County Commission District 3; Samuel Melton - South Carroll School Board; Paul Robert Mueller - West Carroll School Board-Old Trezevant; Barry Mac Murphy - County Commission District 5; Otis Nesbitt - Road Supervisor; Rickey Price - County Commissioner District 9; Spiron L. Roditis - County Commissioner District 9; Michael Anthony Smith - Sheriff; Shawna Barger Smith - Huntingdon School Board; Charlotte Tucker - County School Board District 3; Ronnie Wade - Road Supervisor; and Charles Ryan White - Sheriff.

Seeking office as a Democrat candidate is Natalie McCullough Porter - Register of Deeds.

The following seats are on Carroll County's May 5 primary and August 6 general election ballot:

Carroll County Seats

Circuit Court Clerk (four-year term), held by Sarah Bradberry.

County Mayor (four-year term), held by Joseph Butler.

Property Assessor (four-year term), held by Rita Jones. Jones is not seeking re-election.

County Clerk (four-year term), held by Darlene Kirk.

Trustee (four-year term), held by Paula Bolen.

Register of Deeds (four-year term), held by Natalie Porter.

County Sheriff (four-year term), held by Andy Dickson. Dickson is not seeking re-election.

Road Supervisor (four-year term), held by Ricky Scott (District One) and Ronnie A. Wade (District 2). There will only be one Road Supervisor position in 2026 and following.

Republican State Executive Committee Man, held by Ryan Ellegood.

Republican State Executive Committee Woman, held by Tess Robbins.

County Commission Seats (four-year term)

Three District 1 (Atwood, Cedar Grove, Lavinia) seats, held by Darrell Ridgely, Jimmy Halford Jr. and Randy D. Long.

Two District 2 (McLemoresville, Trezevant) seats, held by Daniel Willman and Lana Y. Suite.

Two District 3 (Bruceton, Buena Vista, Sp. Grove, Vale) seats, one vacant and one held by Joey Simmons.

Two District 4 (Cannon, Hollow Rock, Macedonia) seats, held by Morris Rogers and Daniel J. Thomas.

Three District 5 (Civic Center) seats, held by Joey W. Darnall, Cyril Ostiguy and Barry Mac Murphy.

Two District 6 (Clarksburg, Concord, New Liberty, Westport) seats, held by Jimmy D. McClure and Philip E. Moore.

Three District 7 (Huntingdon Police Station) seats, held by Walter Smothers and Lori Dillahunty.

Two District 8 (McKenzie Senior Citizens Center) seats, held by Jerry R. (Jay) Phipps and Willie Huffman.

Three District 9 (McKenzie Church, City Hall) seats, held by Jason R. Martin, Spiros L. Roditis and John Austin.

Carroll County School Board (four-year term): one District 1 (Lavinia, Cedar Grove, Atwood, McLemoresville, Trezevant, McKenzie Senior Citizens Center) seat, held by Mike Foster; one District 2 (Bruceton, Recycling Center, Hollow Rock, McKenzie Church, McKenzie City Hall) seat, held by Deborah Broadbent; and one District 3 (Civic Center, Clarksburg, Concord/Westport, Huntingdon Police Station) seat, held by Charlotte Tucker.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District (four-year term): one District 16 Hollow Rock city seat (2-year unexpired), held by Jonathan Tedford;

one District 16 Bruceton city seat, held by Brandi Boyd; one District 16 at-large seat, held by April Hampton; and one District 15 Buena Vista seat, held by Jeffrey (Michael) Graves.

Huntingdon Special School District (six-year term): two at-large seats, currently held by Morgan Butler and Shawna Smith.

McKenzie Special School District (four-year term): four at-large seats, currently held by Bobby Young, LaShonda Williams, Spiros L. Roditis and George Cassidy. Candidates must live in Carroll County.

South Carroll Special School District (four-year term): two at-large seats, currently held by Christy Blount and Tom R. Miller.

West Carroll Special School District (four-year term): one Old County seat, held by Betty Wallace; one Old Atwood seat, held by Keith Murray; and one Old Trezevant seat, held by Kelly M. Weaver.

City of Clarksburg: Mayor and two alderman positions are on the August 6 ballot. Clarksburg is the only Carroll County city with an August municipal election. Currently, Howell Todd is Clarksburg mayor, and Judy Grant Smith and Barbara McClure are aldermen.

The following offices are listed on the August 6 primary midterm election ballot:

U.S. Congressional District 8, held by David Kustoff.

U.S. Senate, held by Bill Hagerty

Tennessee Governor, held by Bill Lee

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 76, held by Tandy Darby

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 79, held by Brock Martin

The general election for these seats is Tuesday, November 3, along with municipal elections for Atwood, Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Huntingdon, McKenzie, McLemoresville and Trezevant. To run for the following seats, all candidates must reside in the listed municipality.

The following municipal seats are on the November 3, 2026, ballot:

Atwood

Mayor, held by Fridie Algee

Alderman, held by Jim Lewis

Alderman, held by Randy D. Long

Bruceton

Mayor, held by Robert T. Keeton, III

Alderman, held by Jack R. Blocker

Alderman, held by James A. Butler

Hollow Rock

Mayor (two-year unexpired), held by Ronnie Webb

Alderman, held by T. Richard Goodwin

Alderman, held by Angela Stockdale

Alderman (two-year unexpired), held by Cathie Pardue

Huntingdon

Council member, held by John Sanders

Council member, held by Kelly Eubanks

Council member, held by Andrew Maddox

McKenzie

Mayor, held by Ryan D. Griffin

Councilman, held by Tom Alexander

Councilman, held by Carol J. Arm Priest

Councilman, held by Bobby Young

McLemoresville

Mayor, held by Phil Williams

Alderman, held by Sharon Holland

Alderman, held by Mike Presson

Alderman, held by Don T. Reed

Alderman, held by Angie Martin

Alderman, held by Lana Y. Suite

Trezevant

Alderman, held by Dan Dieringer

Alderman, held by Pamela D. Joyner

Alderman, held by Don Barger



Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire

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and accountability in volunteer fire departments,' said Comptroller Mumpower. 'Departments must separate financial duties, maintain accurate records, and require documentation for all purchases. I am encouraged that all volunteer fire department funds in Carroll County are now under the control of the Carroll County Mayor's Office, which should greatly strengthen internal oversight.'

In a statement provided by Chief Gaskins:

"To be clear, these actions

occurred prior to the transition to a countywide fire department by the Carroll County Commission in January 2025.

"At that time, individual community fire departments operated independently and relied on local donations, with financial oversight handled at the station level by volunteer leadership. After the transition to a countywide fire department, concerns of possible fraudulent activity were brought to the attention of leadership. In response, our leadership team informed the Comptroller's Office and have since cooperated fully in their investigation.

"Since the establishment

of the countywide fire department, all funding, purchasing, and grant activity has been centralized at the county level. Financial oversight is now provided by the Carroll County Finance Department, with all transactions subject to established county procedures, regular review, and auditing.

"While situations such as this are unfortunate, the actions taken by the Carroll County Commission to implement a countywide fire department have significantly strengthened accountability and transparency."

Browning is being held at Carroll County Jail on a \$10,000 bond, \$5,000 for each count.



The McKenzie High School Band was presented with a proclamation for their competitive spirit.

Fluoride

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the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Also, by adding fluoride to the water, additional chemicals are needed to counteract the acidity. It was stated that fluoride is now more common in products such as toothpaste and mouthwash, and the necessity of fluoride in public water systems is less necessary.

At the end of the workshop, it was decided that the Council will take a vote in the February meeting to decide the fate of the fluoride.

During the regular meeting, property along Old Highway 22 and the Tower Road Subdivision was annexed. The property, owned by Samuel Davis (Tax Map 11P, Group C Parcels 3.00), which consists of approximately 1.4 acres outside the McKenzie's corporate limits, was annexed at the owner's request.

The annexation lead to Ordinance # 576 — providing a Municipal Zoning Plan for the annexed property to be coded as R-1 (low density). Resolution 26-001 — Adoption of a Plan of Service for the annexation. Currently, a proportion of the property is in the city limits, which



Mayor Ryan Griffin presented past McKenzie Industrial Board Chairman Joel Washburn with a resolution recognizing his time with the board.

in turn means the property already has possible access to water / sewer, police protection, fire protection, solid waste collection, street lighting, and street repair.

The Council agreed to the plans with the Parks Department to drain the pond at the city park. By breaching a levee wall, the pond could be drained, allowing for it to be dredged in order to deepen it in hopes of improving finishing and oxygenating the water. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) would help with the removal of fish and later restocking of the pond. A water feature would later be added.

The McKenzie High School Band, along with Band Director Daniel Capua, was presented a proclamation recognizing their "competitive spirit" and stellar season.

Also recognized with a res-

olution was former McKenzie Industrial Board Chairman Joel Washburn. Washburn was lauded for his 12 years of service and accomplishments on the board.

In department reports, it was noted that the Public Works / Street Department made repairs to a culvert on the Highway 79 end of David Street, and there are plans to make an additional repair further down in hopes of allowing for paving of the street.

Chief Brian Tucker stated the Fire Department received 57 calls in December with 30 calls of which were medical related. He added that in 2025, the department had 742 calls, with 435 calls related to medical.

The next meeting of the McKenzie City Council is on February 12.

Judge

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with assault of a citizen in Bruceton. The indictment indicates Crossno did intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly cause bodily injury.

Dakota Shea Cameron is charged with Aggravated Rape of a Child, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, Rape of a Child, Aggravated Sexual Battery, Aggravated Statutory Rape and various age children.

Brandie Lou Ann White is charged with Financial Exploitation of an Elderly or Vulnerable Adult; Aggravated Neglect of an Elderly or Vulnerable Adult

Other indictments:

Jared Tyler Baugus - Evading Arrest, Reckless Driving, Violation of Interlock Device.

Rashad Jovan Brown - Aggravated Assault, Reckless Endangerment, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Michael Lee Browning, Jr. - Theft, Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

Jeffrey Wayne Harrington - Possession of Meth with Intent to Deliver

Keith Walderain Haynes - Criminal Attempt to Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Tampering with Evidence, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Alan Donald Jastrzembski - Evading Arrest, Reckless Driving, Driving While Suspended, Possession of Meth and Other Controlled Substances, and Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Deadly Felony.

Chance Clayton Johson - Introduction of Drugs into a Penal Institution, Possession of a Controlled Substance,

Falsification of the results of a Drug Test.

Cheyenne Johnson - Aggravated Child Endangerment

Bobby Eugene Johnson - Possession of Meth with Intent, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Rodrigo Atkinson Reyna - four counts of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Demarcus Montrell Robinson - Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Antwain Laman Spears - Possession of Meth with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Jonathan Ray Sullivan - Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property, Escape

Gregory Neal Young - Tampering with Evidence, Possession of Meth, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Criminal Impersonation.

Overflow Church Homeschool Group Visits the Newspaper



McKENZIE (January 7) — On Wednesday, a group of homeschooled children that attend Overflow Church visited The Banner to learn about the newspaper and print shop. Approximately 15 children aged 1 to 11 years old participated in the tour accompanied by parents or guardians. Topics discussed included the history of the newspaper, how it's made, printing and presses as well as the planned and unplanned nature of the news. Thank you for visiting! Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Editor's
VIEW

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Long Live

I often think about history in the context of what we are doing in this moment, the present. We are making history as we speak. Though it may never be talked about in a classroom or museum, we are all a part of history. Our actions, big and small, affect our collective story.

I've had a song in my head recently in the context of the new year titled "Long Live."

"I said, 'Remember this moment'... in the back of my mind."

Do you ever look at old photos of your grandparents or great-grandparents and wonder what they were like at that moment in time? What was life like for them? What did they care about? What were their worries? What were their dreams? Did they want to do something different from what they ultimately did as a career? Did they ever wonder about the future and their future children and grandchildren?

If you had ancestors that packed up everything they owned and traveled a long distance to start a new life, that took guts and survival skills. Maybe surviving hardships gets encoded in our DNA and affects how our descendants move through their lives.

James L. Washburn served in WWII after the bomb was dropped on Japan. I'm sure his parents worried if he would come home safe. James and Ramona went on to start a family and get into the newspaper business... a decision that shaped the lives and career decisions of their children and grandchildren.

"You held your head like a hero... on a history book page. It was the end of a decade, but the start of an age."

I don't know yet if my children will live to an old age and if they will have kids of their own. I don't know if I'm going to be a great-grandmother to someone or fade into obscurity with the passing of time.

I could be just a blip on the genealogical family tree. What makes my time here memorable or worth mentioning?

Is some great-great-grandson of mine going to research the family someday and say, "Ah yes, this is where the wheels started to come off the cart."

What about a great-grandmother of mine? Did she raise hell while she was alive? Did she fight for the right to vote or heaven forbid wear a dress that showed her legs?

"Long live the walls we crashed through. How the kingdom lights shined just for me and you. [...] Long live all the magic we made [...] one day we will be remembered."

We think our mannerisms are unique to us, but you may find that you had a great grandfather that had that same smile or way that he walked.

My son CJ smiles just like his Great-Great-Uncle Billy Washburn, and it is haunting to see. All at once, I miss Billy's face and start to tear up, and in that same moment, I know that in some small way Billy is still here and carries on through his children, grandchildren and even his great-great nephew.

The people we love are never really lost, because a record of their existence is imprinted on our memories. It reveals itself in small moments like this.

When Savannah was first learning to walk and run, she would swing her arm in a very distinct way; my dad said it looked just

like her great-great grandfather's walk. My mom said Savannah's eyes look just like her great-grandmother's eyes.

As the kids have grown, their faces have revealed different family traits at different times. Right now, Savannah looks like her Grandma Joy as a little girl, and sometimes she purses her lips like her Great-Grandmother Ramona.

At three years old, CJ looked just like his daddy, Jason; now he looks like we have successfully cloned Joel Washburn. Genetics are wild!

Looks are one thing, but I suspect our genes play a role in our decision-making as well. Maybe you'll never know how your great-great someone handled a problem, but you may end up attacking it with the same ingenuity.

I think that's how we honor the ones who are gone on a daily basis... we survive and thrive. That same determined, fiery spirit lives on in our children and grandchildren. In this way, past and present are always connected and the years are just a number.

"If you have children someday... When they point to the pictures... Please tell them my name. [...] Tell them how I hope they shine. Long live the walls we crashed through. I had the time of my life with you."

So how will we be remembered by our descendants?

I don't know, but I hope they know just how much they were loved and prayed for. I hope they know that their existence is a miracle. It took surviving so many hardships throughout time to get to this moment.

Love is everlasting and enduring. Our children are the proof.

Lyrics Credit: "Long Live" By Taylor Swift, Speak Now, October 25, 2010.

Bilger Receives Master's Degree from UT Martin



MARTIN (January 5) — Hannah Bilger completed her time in graduate studies at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The McKenzie native walked the graduation stage December 13, receiving a master's degree in higher education leadership. Currently, she serves as the community engagement coordinator at the Weakley County Prevention Coalition. Pictured (L to R) are Bilger's grandmother, Glenda Payne; her brother, Joe'L Bilger; her father, Jeremy Bilger; her mother, Aimee Bilger; Hannah Bilger; her boyfriend, Frederick Huddleston; and his parents, Evon Huddleston and Frederick Huddleston. For more information about UT Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861).

Carroll County Chamber to Recognize Colonel Harding

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce will recognize Colonel James Harding Friday, January 16, at 8 a.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center for receiving the Distinguished Career and Leadership Award. The recognition will be held at the beginning of the Chamber's Capitol Talk with Tennessee Representative Brock Martin.

James C. Harding is a retired United States Air Force colonel and pilot. He served two tours during the Vietnam War and flew a

total 596 missions, all in propeller aircraft. Colonel Harding's awards and decorations from the Vietnam War include the Air Force Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star and a Purple Heart with three bronze leaf clusters. Colonel Harding is the 25th most decorated American veteran.

Colonel Harding, now retired and living in Huntingdon, was awarded the Distinguished Career and Leadership Award by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in October 2025.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Hope Springs Eternal, No Matter When You Start

I was sitting on my back steps at 1310 Garrison Avenue the first week of January. Thinking. And watching three cats roaming around in the yard. Only one of the felines halfway belonged to us. It was the one my first wife stole from our nice, polite, but unsuspecting next-door neighbors.

I was wondering if cats realize a new year is upon us. Do they have some kind of innate dreams, hopes, or premonitions of things to come? I asked them about it several times. You'd never heard such silence. They were more interested in the extra expensive cat food Cathy routinely piled on the steps for them.

They probably didn't know, or care, that this New Year's "resolving" game has progressed mightily during my lifetime. Me and Yogi, and sometimes Buddy Wiggleon or Ricky Hale would sit on another set of steps on our side porch and just guess at what was going to happen in 1956.

We didn't have no hints. This was way before television had been invented in our neck of the woods. We only read the sports section of the Nashville Banner. We had never heard of the Zodiac, Ouija boards, Tarot Cards, or Madame Rue.

Now, there was a lady out on the Shiloh Road that most everyone swore could read tea leaves. Golly Bill, we were only nine years old! And would never throw off on what a grownup said, or believed. But you think about that for a second. A lady, in all seriousness, could look into a cup with some dirty tea leaves floating about...and tell you what was going to happen tomorrow, or next month.

Yogi said he'd have to see that to believe it. We all nodded in agreement. But come Sunday lunch, the only time we had tea, I did sneak a peek into that pot Mom boiled the tea in. Nothing spoke to me at all. Those tea leaves were as silent as the cats running around in our back yard.

Truthfully, in those days most every year was like the preceding one. We didn't have much movement in the 1950's. We'd sit on those steps and wish for a new baseball glove in the upcoming year. Or maybe a BB gun. The prevailing thought was we'd all have a better year than the last one.

Here's how naïve we were; a war of sorts broke out in 1956 between Israel and the Arab nations. Nobody foresaw that in January. And we didn't even know about it till several years later when we were studying the Middle East in junior high. By then, we were not forecasting for better toys; we were trying to figure out how to get Jane Hill to notice us...

I reckon you could say the future arrived slowly back then. It ambled in much like Butch Dickson entering the pool hall after a stint at his cab stand in front of the City Café.

Sitting on the back steps looking at the cats running to and fro, I got to pondering on how the youth of Apalachicola, Eastpoint, and Port St. Joe are bracing up for the New Year. I don't believe it is going to stroll in for them.

Not when they have automatic updates vibrating in their pockets. Teenagers in 2026 live in a sharply different landscape. They've got screens all around, filling them with constant, up to date information about anything, and everything.

They knew about America's recent insertion into Venezuela almost before it happened.

They don't have to imagine. All the knowledge, entertainment, connection, and mindboggling opportunities are right at their fingertips.

Forget about the tea leaves lady out on the Shiloh Road or Ouija boards. They don't have to guess what's coming around the next corner.

Just dial up any AI platform. And ask!

Of course, that brings in a whole set of "situations" that me, Rick, Buddy, and Yogi never encountered: political unrest, climate anxiety, an economy that bounces around like a ping pong ball, social inequities...and it is delivered to them daily, in high definition.

I'm not sure which generation was better off. We didn't know enough to be frightened by coming attractions. Today's teenagers must be burdened by the dark clouds floating over so much of their future.

But I think, deep down, there is a lot of similarities. Young people want to belong. They want to be happy. They want to be loved. And feel safe. They want lives that count, whether they are looking forward, or backwards.

We sat on the porch steps, not knowing much, but looking for better things to come. Modern technology cannot keep youngsters today from echoing that same thought.

Different generations. But the same hope. That never changes.

I looked at the cats fighting over the food at my feet, and told them I'd give anything to have had one of those smart phones back in 1962. I guaranteed them Jane Hill would have noticed me then....

Respectfully,
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Obituaries



DORIS BLOUNT
1941 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Ms. Doris Caperton Blount, 84, died at Baptist Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. She was born on March 22, 1941, at Morris Chapel, Tenn., to Wallace B. and Faye Moffett Caperton. Ms. Doris held various clerical positions throughout her career and was a member of McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children, Cindy Jones of Medina and Chris (Missy) Blount of McKenzie; and five grandchildren, Abigail Jones, Mary Catherine Jones, Caitlyn Jones, Gracie Blount, and Brady Blount.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Jane Shutt; and her brother, Branson Caperton.

The family has requested that if you would like to make a memorial in her memory, please consider giving to McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church or the Carroll Co. Humane Society.

If you require additional assistance, please contact Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

REBECCA CHEATHAM
1944 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Rebecca I. Cheatham were Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Enon Baptist Church in McKenzie. Interment was at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Cheatham, 81, died at her residence on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. She was born on February 18, 1944, in Chicago, Ill.

She is survived by her children, Jeff (Kathleen) Cheatham of Clermont, Fla., Jennifer (Erich) Murrell of Frederick, Md., Jenise (Dennis) Tegethoff of McKenzie and Janna (Anthony) Parker of McKenzie; a sister, Nelda Ann Brewer of Russellville, Ala.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jason and Josie Armstrong, and her husband of 45 years, Arthur Cheatham.

ROBBYE 'BETH' FUZZELL
1952 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Robbye "Beth" Fuzzell were Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Everett's Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Fuzzell, 74, died on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Alive Hospice in Nashville. She was a member of Long Heights Baptist Church and a retired LPN. She was born on January 4, 1952, in Paris, Tenn., to Melvin Kemp and Willie Cox Duckett.

She is survived by her husband, Ricky Fuzzell; her daughter, Melissa (Jimmy) Allen of Medina; two sons, Ron (Angie) Fuzzell of McKenzie and William Michael (Candi) Kemp; a brother, Robert Kemp of Section, Ala.; and grandchildren, Jacob (Jesalyn) Cozart, Gaige Cozart, Madison Fuzzell, Mason Fuzzell, Bailey Christman and Morgan Christman; and six great-grandchildren, Kamari, Lydia, Ethon, Myles, Landon, Brantlee.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, William Kemp and Hal Kemp.

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visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +



SANDRA McMAHEN
1941 – 2025

MCKENZIE — Mrs. Sandra Walker McMahon, 84, died at Cherrywood Post Acute on Thursday, December 18, 2025. A Celebration of Life is Saturday, January 17, 3 p.m. with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in McKenzie. She will be interred in the Walkerville Cemetery in Magnolia, Ark.

Mrs. McMahon was born in Connecticut on February 17, 1941, to Wayne and Reba Irene Hider Walker, and grew up in St. Albans, Vt. Mrs. McMahon is a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Music Performance. During her time in McKenzie, she has been involved in productions and concerts at Bethel College, given private piano lessons, and served as the organist at McKenzie First United Methodist Church. She received a bachelor's degree in business from Bethel College and worked at H&R Block for several years. Mrs. McMahon was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Inglenook Book Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly McMahon and her significant other, Clark Brown, both of McKenzie.

Mrs. McMahon is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Rowe Gene McMahon.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to McKenzie Memorial Library, The American Cancer Society or Guiding Eyes For The Blind.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

PATRICIA FULLMER
1939 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Mrs. Patricia A. Fullmer, 86, died at her residence on Monday, January 5, 2026. There will be no services at this time.

She was born on March 27, 1939, in Big Rapids, Mich., to Milford and Estella DeWitt Croff.

She is survived by her husband, David Fullmer; a daughter, Estella (Scott) Brown; two sons, Alex (Donna) Fullmer and Jeff Fullmer; a brother, Paul Croff; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Roxanne Elaine Pett; and one grandchild.

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JEAN L. MOORE
1946 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Jean L. Moore, 79, of Huntingdon, died on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Interment was Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

Mrs. Moore was born on October 5, 1946, in Chicago, Ill., to the late Nathanael and Helen Marrs. Jean was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Marrs.

Jean Moore is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Tony "Anthony"; her older brother, Robert Marrs (Sharon); her daughter, Julie Melson (Jay); and her son, Dan Wosz (Olga). She also leaves four grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Chase Funeral Home.

ROBERT RAY CROCKER
1951 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Robert Ray Crocker were Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Enon Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Crocker, 73, died at his residence on Friday, January 2, 2026. He was born in McKenzie on October 24, 1951, to Robert and Gladys Penney Crocker.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marilyn Sherrod Crocker, of McKenzie.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Bonnie Foster.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, McKenzie.

MARSHA LENE 'MIMI' TOWNES
1940 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Marsha Lene "Mimi" Townes, 85, died at her residence on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Funeral services for Marsha Lene "Mimi" Townes are Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service time. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Townes was a member of Great Enon Baptist Church, worked at Brown Shoe Co., WSW, Oak Manor Nursing Home, McKenzie Hospital and was a private sitter. She was born on February 17, 1940, in Trezevant, and her parents were Jessie and Modena Fuqua.

She is survived by her children, Anita Newbill, Carol Townes, Jessie (Cheryl) Townes and Jimmy Townes, all of McKenzie; her sister, Georgia Pearson of McKenzie; her brother, Fred Phillip of Huntingdon; 12 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, U. L. Townes; sons, Ewell E. "BC" Townes and Carl Townes; and two great-grandsons, Lorenzo Townes and Shannon Townes.

OSCAR EZRA GRAHAM, JR.
1946 – 2026

BRUCETON — Mr. Oscar Ezra Graham Jr., 79, of Bruceton, died Monday, January 5, 2026.

Graveside services were Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Prospect Cemetery in Hollow Rock.

Mr. Graham was born on March 12, 1946, in Beckley, W.Va., to the late Mr. Oscar Graham Sr. and Juanita Barker Graham. Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Unk and Silvia Gardner; and one grandson, Noah Graham.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mrs. Faye Ridings Graham, two sons, one daughter, one sister, and a grandson.

Bruceton Funeral Home.

JAMES HERROLD VAUGHN
1941 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mr. James Herrold Vaughn, 84, of Huntingdon, died Friday, January 9, 2026, at his home.

Graveside services were Sunday January 11, 2026, at Hebron Cemetery.

Mr. Vaughn was born January 20, 1941, to the late James Ernest Vaughn and Minnie Ellis Vaughn in Detroit, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill, Carter, Joe, Mike, Ricky; sister, Carolyn; and daughter-in-law, Kelli.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patsy Christian Vaughn; two children, Anthony Vaughn (fiancé Susie) and Tina Turner (Phil); two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MCKENZIE SENIOR CENTER SCHEDULE

McKenzie Senior Center schedule of events for the week of 1/14-1/20:

1/14 - Dominos at 12:30 p.m. Nancy's line dance class at 6 p.m., open to everyone, \$4.

1/15 - Crafts with Tammy at 1 p.m.

1/16 - Gameday at 12:30 p.m.

1/17 - Dominos at 12:30 p.m. Cakewalk and dinner open to everyone! Dinner is at 5 p.m. and will be pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, dessert, and beverage for \$5. Auction at 5:45 p.m. Cakewalk at 6 p.m., \$5.

1/19 - Gameday at 12:30 p.m.

BEATING HEARTS SOUP FOR LIFE

Beating Hearts is hosting its annual Soup for Life event at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on February 6.

911 BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors (911 Board) meets in a called meeting on January 16, 3:30 p.m. at 20406 East Main Street, Huntingdon. For more information or to register to speak to the board, phone 731-986-8911.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC

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

TRIVIA BOWL IS JANUARY 24

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents its 15th annual Trivia Bowl on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 7 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 16835 Highland Drive in McKenzie, Tennessee. Teams will battle it out for first, second, and third place trophies and all the bragging rights! Only \$5 per person for

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CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets every second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex, 625 High Street, Huntingdon, Tenn.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. in various locations in the county. In January, the meeting is at the McLemoresville Activity Center.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS, NEWS

Job Opening

We are currently accepting resumes for the Kennel Manager position. If interested, contact 731-358-1019 for more information or email cchstn@gmail.com.

Cat Vouchers

Cat spay/neuter vouchers are always available for \$60. To purchase by phone for use at Paris Vet Clinic, call 731-514-0878 and leave a message. These are available to anyone regardless of residency. We now offer cat vouchers to Carroll

County residents for \$60 at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic. These must be purchased in person at the shelter with cash or card, and proof of residency is required. However, Carroll Co. residents can still use Paris Vet Clinic if preferred.

MCKENZIE TOPS MEETS WEEKLY

Win over weight with support and encouragement by meeting with the McKenzie Chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) each Monday at 3 p.m. in the McKenzie Church of Christ gymnasium. The first meeting is free. For more information, call 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bulldogs, Lady Yellowjackets Claim District Wins

BY BRAD SAM
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GREENFIELD (January 9) — Greenfield High School hosted Gleason Friday for a pair of district basketball contests. The host Lady Yellowjackets pulled away early for a 77-35 win. The Bulldogs led early, then bounced back from a fervent Yellowjacket rally in the third to claim a 79-65 victory.

Greenfield
Lady Yellowjackets 77,
Gleason Lady Bulldogs 35

The Lady Yellowjackets doubled up Gleason in the opening frame, 26-13, led by Ella Porter with 14 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Rayanna Fisher scored five with a three. Skylar Arnold had four points, Madelyn Cobble had a pair, and Maddie Paschall hit a free throw. Karlie Wilson led the Lady Bulldogs with seven points. Hylan Leach hit a three, and Ahmyre Allen also scored three points.

Greenfield shut out Gleason, 23-0, in the second quarter, led by Porter

with 12 points, again with a pair of threes. Fisher scored six, Orin McNeil hit a three-pointer, and Arnold added a pair. At the half, the Lady Yellowjackets led 49-13.

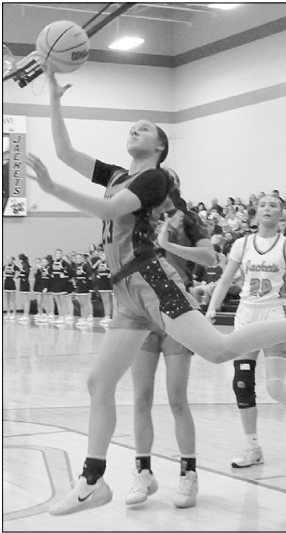
The third quarter was a 20-20 wash. Fisher led Greenfield with nine points, including a three. Porter scored six. Arnold and Kensie Garner each had a pair, and Adlee Sullivan hit a free throw. Leach led Gleason with nine points, including a three-pointer. Allen scored six, Kadence Witherspoon had four points, and Madi Dean hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, Greenfield led 69-33.

The Lady Yellowjackets capped the win with an 8-2 tilt in a quick fourth. Cobble, Sullivan, McNeil and Mary Katherine Moore each had a pair. Lady Bulldog Kristiana Addison also scored two points.

Greenfield's Ella Porter led all scorers with 32 points, including four three-pointers. Rayanna Fisher scored 20 with a pair of threes.



Left, Bulldog Kade Sawyers floats to the basket for two points. Sawyers led all scorers with 21 points. Right, Lady Bulldog Hylan Leach finds a lane for an off-balance shot. Leach led Gleason with 12 points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Hylan Leach led Gleason with 12 points, including a pair of threes. Ahmyre Allen had nine points.

Bulldogs 79,
Yellowjackets 65

Gleason had a 23-13 lead after the first frame, led by Kade Sawyers with nine points, including a pair of three-pointers. Parker Morgan scored eight, also with a pair of threes. Drake Lehmkuhl had four points, and Brody Sanders had a pair. Nick Brown led Greenfield with six points on a pair of threes. Anthony Green scored three points, and Cruze Porter and Caden Sparkman each had a pair.

The Bulldogs had a 16-13 edge in the second quarter, led by Sawyers with five points. P. Morgan hit a three, and Lehmkuhl and Miami Woolridge each scored three points. Ashton Morgan had a pair. Porter and Sparkman each scored four for Greenfield. Brown hit a three-pointer, and Easton Sullivan had a pair. At the half, Gleason led 39-26.

Greenfield rallied 23-17 in the third, led by Porter with eight points, including

a pair of threes. Sullivan scored five with a three, and Baker Biggs had four points. Brown and Sparkman each added a pair. Sawyers led the Bulldogs with seven points. Lehmkuhl and Sanders each scored four, and Brock Dilday had a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Bulldogs led 56-49.

Gleason sealed the win with a 23-16 advantage in the fourth, led by Lehmkuhl with six points. P. Morgan scored five. A. Morgan, Woolridge and Sanders each had four points. Sullivan led Greenfield with eight points, including a pair of threes. Biggs scored four, and Porter and Sparkman each added a pair.

Bulldog Kade Sawyers led all scorers with 21 points, including a pair of threes. Drake Lehmkuhl scored 17, and Parker Morgan had 16 with a trio of three-pointers.

Cruze Porter led the Yellowjackets with 18 points, including a pair of threes. Easton Sullivan scored 15 with a trio of three-pointers, and Nick Brown had eleven points, also with a trio of threes.

Area Players Named to TSWA
Football All-State Team

NASHVILLE (January 9) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association released its Football All-State Team for classes 1A-3A Friday, including several area players.

The Class 1A team includes McKenzie's junior quarterback Cole Brown and junior wide receiver Avery Brown.

Class 2A selections include Huntingdon's senior offensive lineman Silas Sharp, senior defensive lineman Owen King and sopho-

more linebacker Gavin Gray. Also included is Milan senior running back Jaydon Peete.

Named to the 3A team are Westview's sophomore quarterback Graham Simpson, senior wide receiver Donteze Joy and sophomore defensive lineman Drake Hickman.

A complete list of TSWA Football All-State team members can be found at www.mckenziebanner.com.

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McEWEN (January 9) — McKenzie High School began district basketball play Friday with a pair of road contests at McEwen. The Lady Rebels carried an early advantage into the third, where the Warriorettes took the momentum and the lead. McKenzie rallied in the fourth to claim a narrow, 56-54 victory. The Warriors pulled away early for a 78-44 win.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 56,
McEwen Warriorettes 54

The Lady Rebels had an 11-7 lead after the opening frame, led by Madeline Gottshall with seven points, including a three-pointer. Jaycee Stafford scored four. Warriorette Laila Downs had five points with a three, and Ava Lastovka had a pair.

McKenzie had a 16-13 edge in the second quarter, led by Braylin Auvenshine with nine points on a trio of threes. Stafford scored four, and Gottshall had three points. Lastovka led McEwen with seven points, including a three. Georgia Drinnen scored three, Downs added a pair, and Maggie Baker hit a free throw. At the half, the Lady Rebels led 27-20.

The Warriorettes rallied 22-12 in the third to pull ahead, led by Downs with 13 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Drinnen, Lastovka and Carly Baker each hit a three. Stafford led McKenzie with four points. Auvenshine and Ava Hastings each hit a three-pointer, and Addyson Littleton had a pair. Entering the final frame, McEwen led 42-39.

The Lady Rebels came back for the win with a 17-12 advantage in the fourth, led by Stafford with six points. Hastings scored four with a three-pointer. Auvenshine also hit a three, and Gottshall and Littleton each added a pair. Downs led the Warriorettes with nine points, including a three. Lastovka added a pair, and Drinnen hit a freebie.

McEwen's Laila Downs led all scorers with 29

points, including four three-pointers. Ava Lastovka scored 14 with a pair of threes.

Jaycee Stafford led McKenzie with 18 points. Braylin Auvenshine scored 15 on five three-pointers. Madeline Gottshall had 12 points with a three.

Warriors 78, Rebels 44

The Warriors stormed out to a 30-12 lead after the first frame, led by Ty Green with 14 points, including a three-pointer. Case Green scored ten, also with a three. Kainan Gill had six points. Cole Brown led McKenzie with four points. Avery Brown hit a three, Nolan Fawcett and Eli Vinson each had a pair, and Kason Brown hit a free throw.

McEwen grew the lead with a 20-4 advantage in the second quarter, led by T. Green with six points. Truman Gill scored four, and Tyde Dodd hit a three-pointer. Elijah Villarruel, Miner Reed and C. Green each had a pair, and K. Gill hit a freebie. Ethan Bradberry had all four Rebel points. At the half, the Warriors led 50-16.

McKenzie rallied 18-13 in the third, led by C. Brown with 12 points, including a pair of threes. A. Brown, K. Brown and Cooper Davidson each had a pair. Koby Hudson led McEwen with six points. T. Gill hit a three, and K. Gill and C. Green each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, McEwen led 63-34.

The Warriors closed the win with a 15-10 tilt in the fourth, led by K. Gill and Dylan Green with four points each. Andrew Prieto hit a three-pointer. T. Green added a pair, and Villarruel and C. Green each hit a free throw. C. Brown led McKenzie with four points. Vinson, K. Brown and Cayden Ownby each had a pair.

Warrior Ty Green led all scorers with 22 points, including a three-pointer. Case Green scored 15 with a three, and Kainan Gill had 13 points.

Cole Brown led the Rebels with 20 points, including a pair of threes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Fillies, Bulldogs Split Wins

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (January 10) — Huntingdon Middle School hosted Inman Saturday afternoon for a pair of basketball games. The Fillies rode an early lead to a 49-36 victory, while the visiting Bulldogs claimed a thrilling, 40-39 win.

It was a special day at HMS as between games, the gymnasium was dedicated in honor of legendary coaches Bill Ezell and David Hale (see separate story).

Huntingdon Fillies 49,
Inman Lady Bulldogs 36

The Fillies had a 9-8 edge after the opening frame and made their hay in the second with a 15-4 advantage. The 13-point gap held as the final two quarters were washes, 12-12 and 13-13, respectively.

Inman's Aubri Flowers led all scorers with 16 points. MaKayla Harris scored 13 with a three-pointer. Londyn McFerren had five points, also with a three. Novah Tharpe had a pair, and Raegan Bastyr hit a free throw.

Ella Atkins led the Fillies with 14 points, including a trio of threes. An-

derson Pearson scored 13 with a pair of three-pointers. Kaylee Eatmon had nine points, and LaKeitha Cason scored eight with a three. June Dillahunty hit a three-pointer, and Emma Smith had a pair.

Bulldogs 40, Mustangs 39

Huntingdon had an 11-9 edge after the first frame, but Inman outscored the Mustangs 8-3 in the second for a 17-14 lead at the half. Huntingdon regained the momentum, 12-9, and tied the contest at 26-26 after three quarters. The final frame was back-and-forth, but the Bulldogs claimed the win with a 14-13 tilt.

Mustang Hayden Weathers led all scorers with 23 points, including seven three-pointers. Noah Webb and Derius Pratcher each scored five. Davay Strayhorn had four points, and Noah Goble had a pair.

Braden Fishinghawk led Inman with eleven points. Brody Doods, Ezra Homesly and Darnari Ray each scored seven, Doods with a pair of threes and Homesly with one. Ryker Spellings had five points with a three, and Paxton McMasters also hit a three-pointer.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2024, CACHENGO, INC., by a Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 745, at Page 396, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 (\$139,300.00), payable to CURA, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by CURA, LLC, which appointment will be recorded in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee prior to the deed evidencing this sale; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and CURA, LLC, the lawful owner and holder of the said indebtedness, has declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid in certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or upon a credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The auction shall occur at the East door of the Courthouse at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Tuesday, February 4, 2026, at 3:45 p.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.

Lying, and being situate in the City of McKenzie, 4th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

Tract No. 1:
BEGINNING at a stake in the west margin of Medical Center Drive, the stake being located 50 feet north of the eastern extension of the water tank fence; runs thence North 31 degrees 00 minutes West with the west margin of Medical Center Drive 220 feet to a stake; thence South 58 degrees 45 minutes West 103.5 feet to an iron pin; thence South 04 degrees 05 minutes East 228 feet to a stake; thence North 63 degrees 30 minutes East 207.3 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.76 acres, be the same more or less.

Tract No. 2:
BEGINNING at an iron pin in fence on State of Tennessee Vocational School's east line at Motheral's original southwest corner; thence North 4 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds East 67.23 feet along fence and Dr. Holancin's west line to an iron pin; thence South 64 degrees 00 minutes West 39 feet through Motheral's property to an iron pin on State of Tennessee Vocational School's east line; thence South 33 degrees 30 minutes East 61.3 feet along School's east line to the point of beginning, containing 0.027 acres, more or less. Description taken from survey of Sameul K. Carrell, Tennessee RLS No. 349, dated January 22, 1996.

(Descriptions taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Cura, LLC, a Tennessee Limited Liability Company, to Cachengo, Inc., a Tennessee Corporation, dated September 20, 2024, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 416, at Page 915, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 011, Parcel 040.02

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 132 Hospital Drive, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, but 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.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION, IF ANY.

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. Other interested parties: None.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.

This office is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

This Notice of Sale has been posted by ForeclosureTennessee.com and can be viewed online at ForeclosureTennessee.com.

WITNESS my signature, this the 13th day of January, 2026.

KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC

BY: STEPHEN L. HUGHES, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320, Milan, TN 38358 (731) 238-3199

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PE241

ESTATE OF: PHILLIP JOE RORER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 23RD day of DECEMBER, 2025 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of PHILLIP JOE RORER deceased, who died SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 23RD day of DECEMBER, 2025.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

REID SCOTT HOWELL, Executor/Administrator
DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Drug Charges — On January 3, Deputy Alex Sherwood conducted a traffic stop on a black 1997 Ford F-150 after observing a non-illuminating driver-side headlamp. The stop occurred on Highway 104 East near Hickory Flat Road.

According to the report, the driver, George Southerland, 36, of Cedar Grove, appeared very nervous and was making furtive movements inside the vehicle. After contact was made, Southerland consented to a search of the vehicle. During the search, deputies located a small clear plastic bag containing a crystal-like substance on the center console. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed approximately 0.5 grams.

Southerland was arrested and charged with possession of Schedule II (methamphetamine). The vehicle was towed, and the suspected methamphetamine will be sent to the TBI lab for analysis.

Driving on Revoked License — On January 6, Deputy Dustin McClure observed a silver 2006 Nissan Altima traveling north on Spruce Street in Bruceton after leaving a convenience store. While following the vehicle, Deputy McClure observed it slowly roll through a stop sign.

A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver was identified as William Arnold Taylor, 66, of Bruceton. Taylor confirmed that his driver's license was revoked due to a prior DUI. A records check confirmed the revocation and showed the offense was a second violation.

Taylor was arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail on a charge of driving on a revoked license for DUI, second offense. The vehicle was seized, and a seizure hearing was scheduled.

Fraud Investigation — On January 6, Investigator Angel Furr responded after a report was made regarding fraudulent online purchases. The reporting party advised that multiple credit cards had been compromised and used to make unauthorized purchases through Walmart.com.

During the investigation, it was determined that two iPhones had been ordered online and delivered to the reporting party's address using stolen credit card information. The phones were later picked up through UPS using an electronically generated return label, despite the reporting party never initiating a return.

Further investigation revealed that an unknown individual had gained access to the reporting party's Walmart and credit card accounts and changed the phone number associated with the accounts to a number belonging to the suspect. The phone number used was determined to be a spoofed VOIP number that could not be traced.

Tracking information confirmed that both devices were ultimately shipped to the same address in Falls Church, Virginia. The investigation verified that the reporting party did not authorize the purchases and was not in possession of the devices.

The case remains pending with the involved financial institutions and merchants.

McKenzie Police Reports

Violation of Order of Protection — A traffic stop on January 11 led to two people being charged with separate charges.

Officer Matthew Cunningham stopped a vehicle for a brakelight violation. The driver, Clare A. Joyner, 22, McKenzie, was cited into court for Light Law Violation and Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Her passenger, Ralph L. Dennie, Jr., was charged with Violation of Order of Protection after it was discovered that Joyner had an active Order of Protection against Dennie out of Milan. Dennie, 21, of Huntingdon, was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Fraudulent Loans — A resident of Highland Drive reported she received notice

of three fraudulent loans made in her name. The items purchased were from an online retailer: two Nintendo Switches, some digital games, and a TV. The value was approximately \$2,000.

Officer Dalton Raspberry filed the report.

Domestic Assault — Kevin A. Umsted, 30, of Walnut Circle, McKenzie and Steven Ryshon Lewis, 38, Walnut Circle, were charged with Domestic Assault after he

and his friend were involved in a physical altercation on January 9.

Officer Matthew Cunningham reported to Highland Drive, where he saw Lewis walking and Umsted following in a van. The two had been in the van, had an argument at McDonald's, and then an altercation at a nearby business. Witnesses reported seeing the altercation at McDonald's.

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (January 7) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on January 7.

The following cases were bound over to a grand jury:

David W. Brown, Old Lavinia Road, Cedar Grove, bound over, Evading Arrest; bound over, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment; bound over, Reckless Endangerment - Vehicle/Misd.; bound over, Driving While License Revoked.

Ramsey William Carter, Park Cove, McKenzie, bound over, Possession of a Fire-

arm Intent to Go Armed - Dangerous Felony; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; bound over, Schedule III Drugs: MFG, Del, Sell, Possess.

Herivia La Shea Strayhorn, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; bound over, Schedule II Drugs: Cocaine - 0.5 Grams or Greater.

Phillip B. Williams, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, bound over, Accessory After the Fact - Attempt; bound over, Tampering

With Evidence - Attempted Sol.

The following case resulted in a guilty plea or finding:

Dalton Allen, Clover Street, Bruceton, guilty, Tamper With/Remove/Vandalize Monitoring Device, 0 fine, \$20 fine on contempt,

unsupervised probation for sentence balance.

The following case was dismissed:

Carla R. Summers, Hilliard Road, McKenzie, dismissed – cost to defendant, Public Intoxication.

The following cases were rescheduled:

Paul Raymond Buckland Jr., Steven Merrell.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, ASHLEE M. YOUNG, by a Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 694, at Page 1143, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$346,750.00), payable to CHRISTOPHER C. LUTZ AND MARY BESS TOOMBS; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by CHRISTOPHER C. LUTZ AND MARY BESS TOOMBS, the legal owners and holders of the said Note, by appointment executed on November 12, 2025 and November 20, 2025, respectively, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 761, at Page 733 and Trust Deed Book 761, at Page 735, respectively, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and CHRISTOPHER C. LUTZ AND MARY BESS TOOMBS, the lawful owners and holders of the said indebtedness, have declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid in certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or upon a credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The auction shall occur at the East door of the Courthouse at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.

Lying, and being situate in the 11th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows: to-wit:

BEGINNING at a set iron pin in the south right-of-way of Maerebell Road (30.00 feet from centerline), said point being 313.00 feet as measured along said right-of-way from the intersection of said right-of-way with the west right-of-way of McAdoo Road (24.00 feet wide); Thence South 3 deg. 05' 00" W along the west line of an 8.359 acre tract in the Industrial Park property division, 842.00 feet to a set iron pin; Thence N 87 deg. 03' 00" W along a new division line, 258.70 feet, set iron pin as corner; Thence N 3 deg. 05' 00" E continuing along a new division line, 842.00 feet to a set iron pin in the south right-of-way of Maerebell Road; Thence S 87 deg. 03' 00" E along said right-of-way, 258.70 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.00 acres.

There is an overhead power line across the north end of said property. Said property is vacant. Bearings refer to record bearing (S 87 deg. 03' 00" E). As surveyed by Aaron F. Edwards, Tennessee Licensed Surveyor, License No. 366, on the 1st day of April, 1990.

THERE IS INCLUDED, BUT TO BE EXCLUDED THEREFROM, a 0.084 acre tract of land conveyed to the County of Carroll as recorded in Deed Book 243, Page 435, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

THERE IS INCLUDED, BUT TO BE EXCLUDED THEREFROM, a 0.060 acre tract of land conveyed to the Town of Huntingdon, Huntingdon, Tennessee as recorded in Deed Book 245, page 696, Register' Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The above description is the same as in the previous deed of record.

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Christopher C. Lutz and Mary Bess Toombs, to Ashlee M. Young, dated September 15, 2020, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 394, page 860, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 061, Parcel 012.01

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be Industrial Access Rd., Huntingdon, Tennessee, but 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.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION, IF ANY.

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. Other interested parties: Department of the Treasury – Internal Revenue Service.

This property is subject to Federal Tax Lien of record in Lien Book 23, at Page 314, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Notice of said sale required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425(b) to be given to the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service has been timely given, and said sale will be subject to the right of the Secretary of the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service to redeem such property as provided by 26 U.S.C. § 7425(d)(1).

Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.

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This Notice of Sale has been posted by ForeclosureTennessee.com and can be viewed online at ForeclosureTennessee.com.

WITNESS my signature, this the 30th day of December, 2025.

KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC

BY: STEPHEN L. HUGHES, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320, Milan, TN 38358 (731) 238-3199

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NOTICE

Carroll County Emergency Communication District is currently seeking requests for proposals for a security camera system. A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the Carroll County Emergency Communication District at 731-986-8911 or emailing kristymeggs@carroll911.com The RFP's are due by noon on Friday, February 16, 2026.

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NOTICE

The Carroll County Emergency Communication District is currently seeking requests for proposals for access control doors. A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the Carroll County Emergency Communication District at 731-986-8911 or emailing kristymeggs@carroll911.com The RFP's are due by noon on Friday, February 16, 2026.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: **2025PA243**

ESTATE OF: OPHELIA MARIE HAMMER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **31st** day of **DECEMBER, 2025** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **OPHELIA MARIE HAMMER** deceased, who died **SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

This 31ST day of DECEMBER, 2025.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

RICKY PRICE, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, CACHENGO, INC., by a Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 743, at Page 904, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand and 00/100 (\$152,000.00), payable to CARLA MARIE HARVEY AND HEIDI VARELA; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by CARLA MARIE HARVEY AND HEIDI VARELA, the legal owners and holders of the said Note, by appointment executed on December 29, 2025, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 763, at Page 120, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and CARLA MARIE HARVEY AND HEIDI VARELA, the lawful owners and holders of the said indebtedness, have declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid in certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or upon a credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The auction shall occur at the East door of the Courthouse at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Tuesday, February 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.

Lying, and being situate in the City of Huntingdon, 11th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the 11th Civil District, Carroll County, State of Tennessee and being situated in the Town of Huntingdon and fronting on Main or Nashville Street and being our home place bounded on the North by N. C. and St. L. Railroad right of way on the East by Harold Hayes formerly W. H. Lassiter on the South by Main or Nashville Street and Iva Mae Williams on the West by Iva Mae Williams and Marshall Priest heirs and being a part of the Lot which was bought from the James Glizzrd heirs, a part of said Lot having been sold off to the Baptist Church of Huntingdon. And a tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the 11th Civil District, Carroll County, State of Tennessee and being situated within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Huntingdon and being on the North side of East Main Street formerly Nashville Street and described as follows: Said Lot fronts 80 feet on East Main Street, formerly Nashville Street and 80 feet on the back, said Lot is also generally described as follows: Bounded on the West by Mrs. W. H. Lassiter (now Ramsey); on the North by N. C. and St. L. Railway, now the L&N Railway, on the East by Warc (now Graves) and on the South by the North Margin (sic) of East Main Street. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Carla Marie Harvey and Heidi Varela, to Cachengo, Inc., dated August 1, 2024, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 416, at Page 196, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 073L, Group D, Parcel 013.00

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 20065 Main St., Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, but 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.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION, IF ANY.

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. Other interested parties: None.

This property is subject to the to the permanent telecommunications easement granted to U. S. Sprint Communications Company in Warranty Deed Book 364, at Page 579, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.

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This Notice of Sale has been posted by ForeclosureTennessee.com and can be viewed online at ForeclosureTennessee.com.

WITNESS my signature, this the 13th day of January, 2026.

KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC

BY: STEPHEN L. HUGHES, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320, Milan, TN 38358 (731) 238-3199

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF CARROLL, TOWN OF BRUCETON,
TOWN OF HOLLOW ROCK, TOWN OF HUNTINGDON,
CITY OF MCKENZIE, AND TOWN OF TREZEVANT

VS. CIVIL ACTION NOS: CIVIL ACTION NOS: 2025-CV-96, 2025-CV-84, 2025-CV-99, 2025-CV-102, 2025-CV-85 & 2025-CV-94

ALVIN ABEL, ET. AL., 2023 DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR DELINQUENT 2023 PROPERTY TAXES

NOTICE OF THE ADDITION OF TITLE OPINION FEES

NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND TAX SALE

WHEREAS, the above Plaintiffs have filed their Complaints in the above referenced Cases for the collection of the 2023 delinquent property taxes; AND WHEREAS, the above Plaintiffs prayed for a Default Judgment and Order of Sale to satisfy the 2023 property taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees;

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given to the below listed Defendants that their 2023 property taxes remain unpaid, then the Plaintiffs will on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Chancery Courtroom on the second floor in the Carroll County Courthouse, in Huntingdon, Tennessee: ask the Chancellor for a "Default Judgment and Order of Sale"** of the property of the below listed Defendants whose property taxes remain un-paid. If the 2023 property taxes remain unpaid, **the actual Tax Sale will be advertised later and the Tax Sale will take place on or about 10:01 a.m., on Friday, April 24, 2026,** at the Carroll County Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee. **The actual Tax Sale date is subject to change and will be advertised later.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, A TITLE OPINION FEE OF \$200.00 WILL BE ADDED TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE ON EACH TRACT THAT THE TAXES REMAIN UNPAID ON.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby notify the below listed Defendants who: as shown below and some are not to be found in Carroll County, Tennessee, after diligent search, and the resident and non-resident Defendants that their 2023 property taxes for the County of Carroll, the Town of Bruceton, the Town of Hollow Rock, Town of Huntingdon, the City of McKenzie, and/or the Town of Trezevant are delinquent and unpaid as follows:

CARROLL COUNTY DELINQUENT TAXES

TAX YEARS SELECTED: 2023 TO 2023

Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel	Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel
Allen Kalap D	14005 Paris St	11-062 - -062 -094.00- -000	00407/00440	\$291.00	Willis Hulon Etux Shirley	Thorne Ln	11-062 - -062 -083.03- -000	00207/00759	\$54.00
Anderson James Stephen	Main St	22-012 M -J -012 M -015.00- -000	00401/00221	\$195.00	C/O Diane Johnson				
Anderson Mark Et Ux Malissa	17615 Highland Dr	04-011 - -011 -018.10- -000	00361/00921	\$555.00	Willis Linda	2240 Buena Vista Rd	11-072 - -072 - 101.04- -000	00233/00041	\$283.00
Barker Joe L Jr Et Ux Pamela K	400 Abbott Ln	11-063- -063 -030.01- -000	00342/00146	\$135.00	Willis Shirley Ruth	Thorne Ln	11-062 - -062 -081.01- -000	00268/00308	\$142.00
Becerra Hugo Et Al Prudencio	203 Paris Pike	04-011 H -B -011 H -010.00- -000	00375/00512	\$370.00	C/O Diane Johnson				
And Jose Becerra					Wolfchase Limb & Brace Llc	919 Excalibur Trl	06-154 - -154 -008.21- -000	00339/00030	\$319.00
Becerra Hugo Etal	Walnut Ave W	22-012 L -A -012 M -005.00- -000	00410/00575	\$156.00	Yoder Wayne E	80 Bethlehem Church Rd	23-042 - -042 -033.01- -000	00401/00708	\$349.00
Becerra Jose Et Al Hugo & Prudencio Becerra	698 Stonewall St	04-012 L -C -012 L -004.00- -000	00353/00183	\$1,057.00	Yoder Wayne E Et Ux Fannie	7145 Westport Rd	24-135 - -135 -001.04- -000	00384/00598	\$331.00
Becker Bradley A Et Ux Danielle H	4155 Hwy 423	09-018 - -018 -005.03- -000	00401/00001	\$487.00	7thirtyone Nutrition	16214 Highland Dr	04-011 1-E -011 1-007.00-P-007	00380/00033	\$31.00
Becton Thomas Kevin	208 Hwy 79	21-100 - -100 -053.02- -000	00287/00673	\$729.00	Abc Discount Grocery Llc	585 Main St N	04-012 L -P-012 L -001.00-P-004	00406/00329	\$30.00
Becton Thomas Kevin Et Ux Carol Elizabeth	690 Barker Rd	21-100 - -100 -025.02- -000	00298/00472	\$1,160.00	Addy's Car Wash	215 Main St S	22-012 M -J -012 M -015.00-P-004	00401/00221	\$5.00
Berger Carl Etux Mildred	Hwy 70	16-065 - -065 -007.01- -000	00090/00340	\$54.00	Anderson James Stephen	Main St	22-012 M -J -012 M -015.00- -000	00401/00221	\$74.00
Bledsoe Geneva C/O Jennifer Bledsoe	724 Hamilton St	22-012 M -F -012 M -001.00- -000	00228/00019	\$939.00	Anderson Mark Et Ux Malissa	17615 Highland Dr	04-011 - -011 -018.10- -000	00361/00921	\$212.00
Bobb Renee R	113 Park St	22-012 K -B -012 N -015.00- -000	00359/00986	\$13.00	Big Daddy's Bar-B-Que	17615 Highland Dr	04-011 - -011 -018.10-P-002	00361/00921	\$26.00
Branon Frank Et Al Candice	220 Leach Rd	07-107 - -107 -051.00- -000	00351/00186	\$220.00	Bledsoe Geneva C/O Jennifer Bledsoe	724 Hamilton St	22-012 M -F -012 M -001.00- -000	00228/00019	\$357.00
Branon & Yolanda B Eskew					Bullen Steve C/O Joyce Bullen	15 Walnut Ave E	04-012 L -K -012 L -025.00- -000	00310/00277	\$14.00
Brown Linda	Main St	21-079 P -A -079 O -016.01- -000	00248/00206	\$22.00	Burke Sammie C C/O Carol Crocker	773 Main St	04-012 L -F -012 L -012.00- -000	00218/00432	\$312.00
Brown Linda	915 Main St	21-079 P -A -079 O -016.02- -000	00248/00206	\$350.00	Crocker				
Bryant William	Park St	02-058 - -058 -082.00- -000	00327/00233	\$50.00	Clean Kutz	15750 Highland Dr	04-011 I-F-011 I-015.00-P-004	00401/00948	\$4.00
Bryant William	Park St	02-058 - -058 -082.00- -001	00327/00233	\$196.00	Coco's Essentials	130 Locust Ave	22-012 K -A -012 K -020.00-P-001	00355/00125	\$4.00
Bryant William	Broad St North	02-058 - -058 -083.00- -000	00327/00233	\$664.00	Cole Margaret G	41 Cheryl St	22-012 M -H -012 M -031.00- -000	00174/00206	\$134.00
Bryant William	Broad St North	02-058 - -058 -083.00- -001	00327/00233	\$17.00	Crocker Zachary Todd	Highland Dr	04-011 - -011 - -017.04- -000	00324/00841	\$212.00
Carroll Tracey Lajean	580 High St	16-066 A -C -066 A -025.00- -000	00345/00386	\$109.00	Davis Millie A Et ALJ B D	112 Winchester St	22-012 L -J -012 L -003.00- -000	00222/00231	\$65.00
Cole Margaret G	41 Cheryl St	22-012 M -H -012 M -031.00- -000	00174/00206	\$353.00	C/O Helen Floyd				
Coleman Deborah L	92 Walker Rd	02-055 - -055 -035.01- -000	00342/00956	\$1,237.00	Davis Samuel Sr Et Ux Myra Bennett	273 Booker St	22-012 N -C -012 N -003.00- -000	00385/00076	\$3.00
Coleman Norma Gail Irrevocable Trust	11520 Hwy 77	11-074 - -074 -047.00- -000	00349/00971	\$1,406.00	Expressions Tanning Salon	299 E Walnut Ave	22-012 L -L -012 L -004.00-P-002	00227/00381	\$19.00
Crocker Todd Et Ux Denise	325 Mt Pleasant Church Rd	11-064 - -064 -010.04-000	00313/00661	\$93.00	Ford Marvin C	314 Oak St	22-012 M -C -012 M -012.00- -000	00323/00070	\$331.00
Crocker Zachary Todd	Highland Dr	04-011 - -011 -017.04-000	00324/00841	\$557.00	Freeman Sarah M	195 Bailey St	04-012 E -K -012 E -008.00- -000	00408/00319	\$163.00
Crocker Zachary Todd	167 Sydnor Rd	22-031 - -031 -049.00- -001	00349/00610	\$629.00	French Robert T	40 Field St	22-012 F -G-012 F -006.00- -000	00293/00656	\$71.00
Davis Millie A Et AIJBD	112 Winchester St	22-012 L -J-012 L -003.00- -000	00222/00231	\$171.00	Gulledge Robert F Etux Mary Louise	56 Cheryl St	22-012 M -H -012 M -002.00- -000	00307/00857	\$107.00
C/O Helen Floyd					Hensley James E	Cherry Ave	04-012 E -D -012 E -001.02- -000	00300/00040	\$2.00
Dos Santos Adilson	Dollar Rd	18-115 - -115 -008.00- -000	00383/00010	\$440.00	Howard Derrick A Et Al Tho	78 Haynes St	22-012 N -D -012 N -024.01- -000	00377/00250	\$133.00
Driggers Warren	233 Wyatt St N	16-047 M -D -047 N-012.00- -000	00356/00424	\$217.00	Howard Derrick Antwon	Jackson St	22-012 M -G -012 M -019.00- -000	00381/00933	\$17.00
Drinkard Henry PEtux Deanna	125 Leach Rd	08-107 - -107 -048.00- -000	00226/00087	\$216.00	Howard Derrick Et Ux Tiffa	23 Caldwell St	22-012 M -G -012 M -020.00- -000	00377/00124	\$32.00
Ford Marvin C	314 Oak St	22-012 M -C-012 M-012.00- -000	00323/00070	\$870.00	Howard Jermaine	20 Caldwell St	22-012 M -G -012 M -003.00- -000	00355/00329	\$20.00
French Robert T	40 Field St	22-012 F -G-012 F -006.00- -000	00293/00656	\$186.00	Howard Thomas Jermaine	Haynes St	22-012 N -D -012 N -023.00- -000	00377/00248	\$79.00
Galinsuga Rogelio	893 Excalibur Trl	06-154 - -154 -008.18- -000	00400/00332	\$56.00	Howard Thomas Jermaine Et	66 Haynes St	22-012 N -D-012 N -024.00- -000	00384/00691	\$16.00
Garrett Nell	Harts Mill Rd	21-079 J-B -079 J-011.01- -000	00335/00925	\$10.00	Jermaine Howard Jr-King Ho				
Goodrum Justin	145 Old 22 Ln	11-062 - -062 -072.00- -000	00343/00350	\$563.00	Hunley Harold Douglas Jr Et	5717 Cole St	04-002 O -B -002 O-006.00- -000	00374/00540	\$129.00
Graham Lindsey	1065 Mann Rd	10-007 - -007 -019.03- -000	00309/00753	\$678.00	Al John Keith Adams				
Gulledge Robert F Etux Mary Louise	S6 Cheryl St	22-012 M -H -012 -002.00- -000	00307/00857	\$282.00	Johnson Juanita R	56 Pate Aly	04-012 L -D -012 L -021.00- -000	00214/00258	\$95.00
Gullett Clyde Allen Etal Debra Kay Gullett Cra	5795 Main St	02-077 C -D -058 N -031.00- -000	00379/00734	\$244.00	C/O Bobby Sneed				
Hammer Ophelia Price	95 Park Cr	22-012 N -B -012 N -005.00- -000	00280/00278	\$373.00	Johnsonius J B Dds	14815 Highland Dr	22-016 D -H -016 D -012.00-P-001	00323/00325	\$24.00
HANSBRO JOHN E	150 Melton St	02-058 N -B N N -022.00- -000	00134/00299	\$341.00	Jones Arnita	Booker St	22-012 N -D -012 N -015.00- -000	00318/00641	\$5.00
Hays Lisa Dawn	120 Crooked St	02-077 B -A -058 N -006.00- -000	00333/00024	\$69.00	Luna David J	54 Morris St	22-012 M -J -012 M -020.00- -000	00408/00803	\$35.00
Henderson Bill C	600 Christian Chapel Rd	07-120 - -120 -032.01- -000	00340/00649	\$319.00	Martin Jack	97 Broadway St	04-012 L -F -012 L -004.00- -000	00386/00958	\$160.00
Hernandez Hugo Becerra Et Prudencio Becerra Lopez. An	46 Chestnut Ave	22-012 M -B-012 M -020.00- -000	00403/00783	\$285.00	Masimo Americas Inc	161 Hospital Dr	04-011 - -011 -040.03 -P -015	00401/00122	\$6.00
Hernandez Jose R Becora	105 Spruce St	04-012 E -F -012 F -008.00- -000	00399/00701	\$333.00	C/O Ryan, Llc				
Hinson Samantha Jo	190 Pine St	04-012 M -K L L -000	00378/00477	\$59.00	McKenzie Nutrition	16214 Highland Ave	04-011 I -E -011 I-007.00- -P -006	00380/00033	\$31.00
Holder George Russell Et Ux Mildred Jane	489 Cotton Ln	11-072- -072 -038.04- -000	00354/00611	\$712.00	McKenzie Station Bar & Gri	5 Broadway St	04-012 L -N -012 L -014.00- -P -002	00369/00540	\$53.00
Hutchison Raymond	40 Park In	22-012 N -E -012 N -009.00- -000	00321/00771	\$11.00	Morgan James Michael	6 Lee Ave	04-012 L -P -012 -011.00- -000	00398/00833	\$75.00
Jordan Dennis N	2352 Buck Ditch Rd	15-093 - -093 -028.00- -000	00302/00402	\$252.00	Old West Steak House	15895 Highland Dr	04-011 1-E -012 L -018.02 -P -001	00397/00804	\$220.00
Jordan Jessica Marie Aka Jessica Foster	230 Hollow Rock Branch Ln	16-065 - -065 -021.00- -000	00372/00823	\$482.00	Pate Roanne M	72 Spruce St N	04-012 E -L -012 E -004.00- -000	00318/00194	\$99.00
Joseph Jesse Et Ux Ashley	496 Cheatham St	16-066 C -D -066 C -017.00- -000	00365/00071	\$265.00	Philips Brian A Et Ux Whi	Elwood Dr	04-011 A -A -002 P -012.02- -000	00396/00748	\$21.00
Koebel Sharon	North St	16-048 - -048 -034.01- -000	00354/00587	\$31.00	Serendipity	15142 Highland Dr	22-016 D -B -016 D -002.01 -P -003	00353/00511	\$11.00
Koebel Sharon	3192 North St	16-048 - -048 -034.07- -000	00354/00587	\$933.00	Sexton James E	Hwy 423	04-011 - -011 -077.00- -000	00345/00851	\$52.00
Mccasin Patrick	13880 Hwy 79	22-016 - -016 -055.00- -000	00346/00936	\$630.00	Sexton James E	590 Hwy 423	04-011 - -011 -079.00- -000	00356/00379	\$119.00
McCauley Eric D	Roundhouse Rd	16-047 - -047 -088.00- -000	00299/00209	\$13.00	Sexton James E	690 Hwy 423	04-011 - -011 -080.00- -000	00387/00159	\$368.00
Mcclure Delana Brinkley	180 B&g Ln	11-095 - -095 -006.07- -000	00403/00844	\$1,006.00	Sexton Julian L. Et Ux Thelma	118 Hazel Ave	04-001 M -B -001 M -011.00- -000	00159/00342	\$178.00
Mckenzie Mhp Llc	Fields School Rd	09-018 - -018 -028.03- -000	00334/00075	\$39.00	Steele James Gladstone III	43 West End Ave	04-012 L -A -012 L -006.00- -000	00388/00398	\$221.00
Mcnullen-Richman Deborah	419 Snap Bean Ln	06-154 - -154 -008.04- -000	00336/00436	\$84.00	Steele James Gladstone III	West End Ave	04-012 L -N -012 E -007.00- -000	00388/00398	\$10.00
Eltvir Jeff Richman					T-N-T Bbq	436 Elm St	04-012 F -F-012 F -003.02 -P -003	00387/00488	\$3.00
Mendoza Jose Carmen	237 Elm St	22-012 K -B -012 K -034.01- -000	00323/00751	\$133.00	Thompson Regina Brooks	134 Everett St	22-012 N -A -012 N -004.00- -000	00399/00740	\$89.00
Moody Jonathan Lee Et Ux Jamie Kathryn	Shoreline Dr	07-120 - -120 -018.22- -000	00400/00409	\$631.00	Thompson Regina Brooks	151 Mcdonald Ave	22-012 N -D -012 N -019.01- -000	00396/00445	\$95.00
Orr Michael Craig Et Al Cameron Mitchell Orr	745 Concord Rd	24-117 - -117 -004.02- -000	00363/00022	\$154.00	Tiny Tots Daycare	299 Walnut Ave E	22-012 L -L -012 L -004.00- -P -001	00227/00381	\$26.00

Huntingdon Police Reports

Harassment — According to a report made on January 2, officers responded to Lend Nation in Huntingdon in reference to the harassment of an employee. Employees advised that Donald Sullivan entered the business and made inappropriate comments and gestures toward an employee, including asking her age while looking her up and down and licking his lips. Sullivan repeatedly attempted to move closer to the employee and mumbled inappropriate comments each time she stood up from her desk.

The employee reported that Sullivan moved behind her desk and attempted to whisper into her ear, prompting her to yell and run to the back of the store to get away from him. She stated she felt very violated and uncomfortable as a result of his actions. Written statements were obtained from the employee and witnesses, and an arrest warrant was prepared for Sullivan for harassment, which was later served by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

Theft of Property — According to a report made on December 20, officers responded to Walmart on Veterans Drive North in Huntingdon for a shoplifting complaint. Store security reported that Donnie Jay Mathis selected a pair of boots, removed his own shoes, and placed them inside the boot box. The box containing his shoes was then left in the back of the store, and Mathis continued through the store wearing the new boots and a camouflage jacket without paying for either item.

Mathis was escorted to the store's security office, where he admitted to taking

the items and stated that he was homeless. During the investigation, officers recovered a men's camo jacket valued at \$34, a Coast flashlight valued at \$39.97, and the men's boots valued at \$64.47. All items, totaling \$151.94, were returned to Walmart. Mathis was cited into court for theft of property and advised of the 10-day booking requirement.

Child Abuse and Neglect (non-violent) — According to a report made on December 15, officers received information from the Department of Children's Services regarding an incident involving Heather Wallin and her two minor children. The report states that Wallin arrived at the Baptist Emergency Room in Huntingdon with both children, who were unresponsive upon arrival. Medical staff noted a strong foul odor coming from the children and observed that one child had a severely saturated diaper.

Officers also noted that the children were not dressed appropriately for the current cold weather conditions.

Medical staff determined the children were suffering from hypothermia and carbon monoxide poisoning. Medical records indicated the children were ice cold to the touch, with purplish discoloration to their hands and feet. One child had a rectal temperature of 92 degrees Fahrenheit and a carbon monoxide hemoglobin level of 40.6 percent, while the other had a rectal temperature of 94 degrees Fahrenheit and a carbon monoxide hemoglobin level of 42 percent. Due to the severity of their conditions, both children were transported to Methodist Le Bonheur for further medical

treatment. Further investigation revealed Wallin was aware that the vehicle she was operating had an exhaust leak and that the heating system was not functioning. Despite the extreme cold weather conditions, she transported the children in the vehicle while attempting to take them to Head Start in McKenzie. Wallin was later taken into custody and charged with child abuse and neglect (non-violent).

Driving on a Suspended License — According to a report made on January 2, Sgt. Kristen Lee observed a vehicle traveling 70 mph in a 55-mph zone on Highway 22 South. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was identified as Justin N. Harrigan, who presented a Tennessee driver's license.

A check through dispatch revealed Harrigan's license had been suspended as of Oct. 17, 2025, for failure to pay fines and costs. Harrigan stated he had paid the fines in November and provided documentation showing payment, but the license still showed as suspended at the time of the stop. Harrigan was cited into court for driving on a suspended license and given a verbal warning for speeding. He was advised of the ten-day booking requirement at the Carroll County Jail.

Theft of Merchandise — According to a report made on December 21, officers were dispatched to Walmart in Huntingdon regarding two female shoplifters. Store security reported that Regina C. Bryant had taken several items from the store without paying.

The items taken on December 21 were valued at \$212.39 and were recovered. Store security also reported that Bryant had been in the store on De-

cember 13 and took additional items valued at \$93.20, which were not recovered. Bryant was cited into General Sessions Court and charged with theft of property, conduct involving merchandise.

Assault — According to a report made on January 7, officers responded to a 911 call regarding an assault at a residence on Paris Street in Huntingdon. The investigation determined that Rihanna Wilkes was involved in an altercation that escalated into a physical assault. Wilkes allegedly threw a cellular phone, striking the victim in the nose, and grabbed her by the arms during the incident. The victim later sought medical treatment and was advised that her nose was broken in multiple places. Warrants were completed charging Wilkes with assault.

Arson — According to a report made on December 27, officers were dispatched to a residence on Hawkins Lane in reference to a house fire. Upon arrival, officers observed smoke coming from the roof of the residence and made contact with William A. Hollowell, who was seated outside the home. Officers observed a pile of papers that appeared to have been on fire near where Hollowell was sitting, along with a 12-pack of beer with several cans missing, and noted the odor of alcohol coming from his person.

Further investigation revealed an active fire beneath the residence in a basement or crawl space area. Due to the circumstances, the incident was treated as a possible arson, and the scene was secured for further investigation. On December 29, Hollowell was arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail, where he was charged with arson. The investigation remains ongoing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Civil Service Commission are announcing the procedure for applicants who seek the position of Deputy Sheriff, Communications Officer, and Clerical Personnel as they become available.

Application forms may be picked up Monday thru Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office, 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Job descriptions may be requested from the Sheriff's Office.

On February 23, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. promptly, there will be no late admittance. A written test will be administered to all applicants who have not previously been tested or failed a previous test. The test will be given at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office training room 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon TN 38344. The test will cover the areas of reading, math, and basic writing skills. The written test will conclude at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the written test, interviews (oral examinations) will be conducted by a member of the Sheriff's Office and a member of the Civil Service Commission. All applications need to be turned into the Sheriff's Office no later than Tuesday, February 17 2026 at 4 p.m. Only the top 7 applicants in each category will be notified.

Carroll County Civil Service Commission
A13/PO#101-42546/2-2

NOTICE

Cause No. 2025 AA 219
In the Chancery Court for Carroll County, Tennessee
At Huntingdon

Adoption of Gary Wayne Searatt, DOB: July 30, 2022
By: Shawn Patrick Blassingame and Regina Blassingame, Petitioners,
VS.

Chloe Marie Scales and Lucas Searatt, Respondent.
In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the Respondent, Lucas Searatt's, residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it was ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, in the McKenzie Banner, to notify Respondent, Lucas Searatt, to file an answer with this court and send a copy to Petitioners' attorney, Laura A. Keeton, whose address is P.O. Box 647, Huntingdon, TN 38344, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered against Respondent. Failure to appear may result in the termination of Respondent's parental rights to the above-named child. The cause is set for hearing before this Court on March 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., to provide said Respondent with an opportunity to appear and defend.

This 12th day of December, 2025.
Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master
A8515/R26861/51-4

CARROLL COUNTY DELINQUENT TAXES NOTICE

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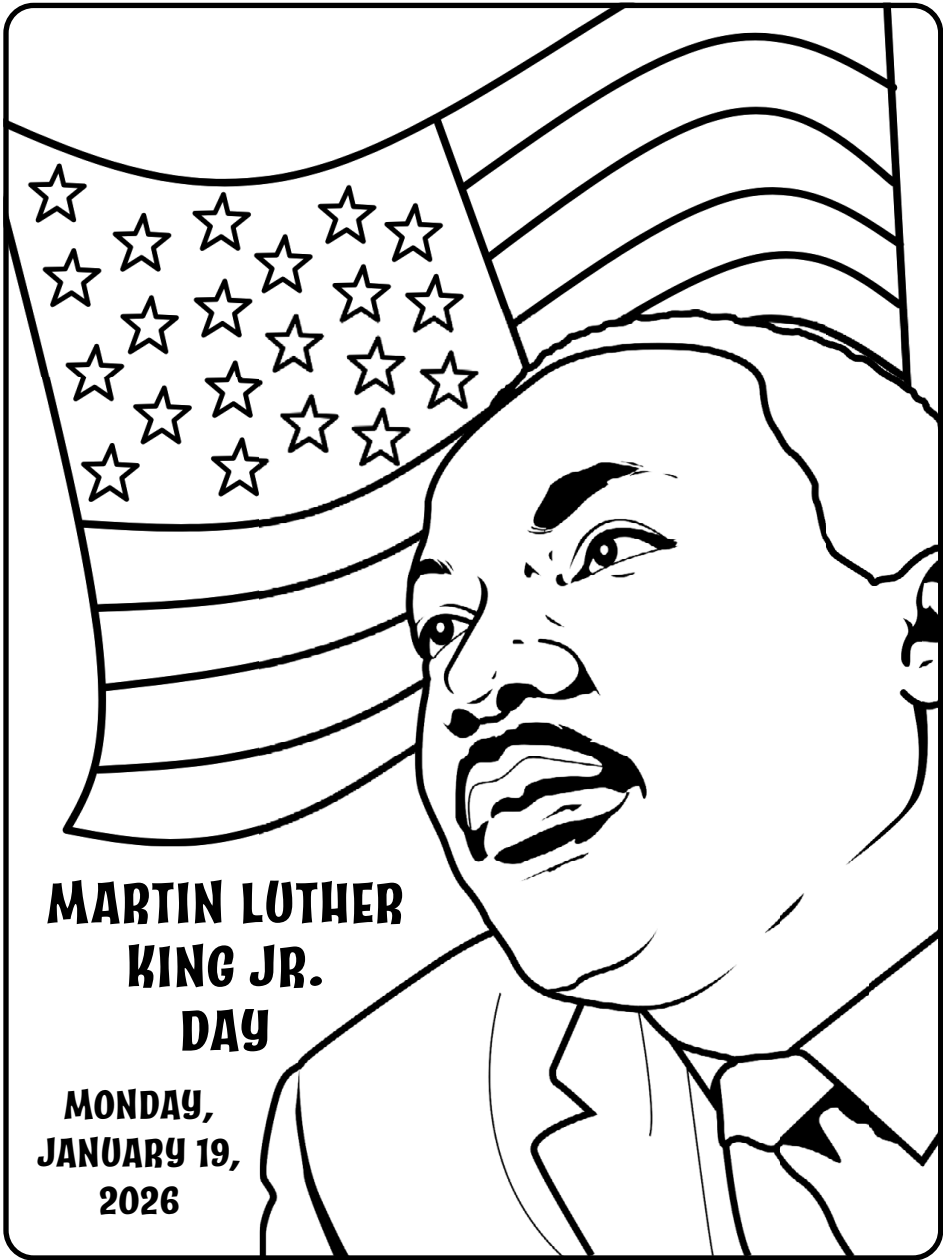
Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel	Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel
Wilson Ricky Wayne Et Al	3375 Old Stage Rd	11-083 --083 -018.00--000	00388/00048	\$205.00	Lykes Brandi Mashea Et Al	65 Lansden Dr	21-079 K -B -079 K -030.00--000	00400/00245	\$486.00
Angie Michelle Heathcott A					Bernard Lykes Et Ux Vivian				
Yoder Jesaias Etux Ida	Hwy 77	11-063 --063 -046.00--000	00404/00978	\$109.00	Maxwell Steven Et Al Joshu	845 Fry Rd	01-176 --176 -004.00--000	00365/00243	\$102.00
Yoder Wayne E	1362 Hebron Rd	23-042 --042 -044.00--000	00399/00991	\$452.00	Moore Jarrett	Spring Creek Rd	01-175 --175 -023.01--000	00399/00232	\$1,268.00
Yundt David W Et Ux Mary E	255 Holmes Mill Rd	11-063 --063 -042.00--000	00408/00734	\$518.00	Moyers Michael Lee Et Ux	1735 Rimmer Rd	02-057 --057 -019.01--000	00353/00638	\$153.00
Becerra Jose Rosario Etal Hugo	Magnolia Ave	04-012 E -M -012 E -009.00--000	00362/00860	\$399.00	Christy Jean				
Alberto Becerra And					Roper Carl Et Al Gloria Bridgeman	665 New Zion Rd	19-037 --037 -021.00--000	00348/00735	\$112.00
Becker Bradley A Et Ux	4129 Hwy 423	09-018 --018 -005.10--000	00398/00816	\$22.00	Taylor Jason Lamar	220 Bryant Rd	21-100 --100 -004.00--000	00357/00537	\$241.00
Danielle H					Walker Joshua	1541 Main St	21-079 J -E -079 J -002.00--000	00369/00091	\$323.00
Bullen Steve C/O Joyce Bullen	15 Walnut Ave E	04-012 L -K -012 L -025.00--000	00310/00277	\$37.00	Walker Joshua Lynn Et Al	1520 Main St	21-079 J -F -079 J -019.00--000	00366/00982	\$155.00
Burke Sammie C C/O Carol	773 Main St	04-012 L -F -012 L -012.00--000	00218/00432	\$821.00	Jake Mitchell Walker				
Crocker					Driggers Warren	233 Wyatt St N	16-047 M -D -047 N -012.00--000	00356/00424	\$174.00
Crocker Zachary Todd	Sydnor Rd	22-031 --031 -049.00--000	00349/00610	\$134.00	Joseph Jesse Et Ux Ashley	496 Cheatham St	16-066 C -D -066 C -017.00--000	00365/00071	\$213.00
Freeman Sarah M	195 Bailey St	04-012 E -K -012 E -008.00--000	00408/00319	\$428.00	Moore Jeffery M	Taylor St	16-066 K -B -066 K -007.01--000	00390/00435	\$14.00
Hernandez Hugo Becerra Et	51 May St	22-012 M -E -012 M -005.00--000	00399/00340	\$134.00	42 Investment Properties L	Broad St 28020	16-065 C -B -065 C -010.01--000	00403/00893	\$293.83
Al Prudencio Becerra Lo					Carroll Tracey Lajeane	High St 580	16-066 A -C -066 A -025.00--000	00345/00386	\$59.23
Hernandez Hugo Becerra Et	222 Everett St	22-012 N -E -012 N -013.00--000	00405/00442	\$258.00	Foulks Virginia	High St	16-066 A -C -066 A -018.00--000	00251/00370	\$5.59
Prudencio Becerra Lopez					Jacobs Lisa Marie	North St 3091	16-048 --048 -027.01--000	00400/00107	\$14.90
Hernandez Jose Becerra Etal	71 Alabama St	22-012 L -C -012 K -022.00--000	00410/00931	\$73.00	Jacobs Lisa Marie	North St 3103	16-048 --048 -027.02--000	00400/00107	\$37.62
Hugo Prudencio					Jordan Jessica Marie Aka	Hollow Rock Branch	16-065 --065 -021.00--000	00372/00823	\$262.24
Hernandez Jose R Becerra	57 Paris St	04-012 E -E -012 E -005.00--000	00374/00794	\$361.00	Jessica Foster	Ln 230			
Hernandez Jose R Becerra	84 Linden Hts	22-012 M -J -012 M -001.01--000	00374/00791	\$217.00	King Lee Ira Et Ux Ruth	Oak St 565	16-065 L -D -066 L -001.00--000	00243/00573	\$56.99
Horton Eddie Mae C/O	Everett St	22-012 N -B -012 N -022.00--000	00270/00564	\$13.00	Koebel Sharon	North St	16-048 --048 -034.01--000	00354/00587	\$16.76
Terrence Roy					Koebel Sharon	North St 3192	16-048 --048 -034.07--000	00354/00587	\$507.72
Johnson Juanita R C/O	56 Pate Aly	04-012 L -D -012 L -021.00--000	00214/00258	\$250.00	Mccauley Eric D	Roundhouse Rd	16-047 --047 -088.00--000	00299/00209	\$7.08
Bobby Sneed					Noles Eugene Et Ux Carolyn	Mill St 620	16-048 M -B -048 M -001.01--000	OOONA/000NA	\$9.31
Lee Virginia Darlene	3775 Fields School Rd	09-029 --029 -005.00--000	00375/00306	\$259.00	Pace John	Kee St	16-065 --065 -023.00--000	00328/00640	\$70.40
Luna David J	54 Morris St	22-012 M -J -012 M -020.00--000	00408/00803	\$92.00	Avery Properties	Main St E 22650	11-072 --072 -041.00-P-003	398/85	\$8.00
Morgan James Michael	6 Lee Ave	04-012 L -P -012 L -011.00--000	00398/00833	\$197.00	Be Crowned	Main St E 20314	11-073 L -G -073 L -004.01 -P -022	402/175	\$4.00
Parkwood Enterprises Llc	Forrest Ave	04-011 I -D -011 I -009.01--000	00403/00201	\$112.00	Bush Laura Caitlyn	Fourth Ave 114	11-073 L -E -073 L -012.00--000	398/677	\$210.00
C/O Donald Edmonds					Carroll Hardwood Company	Industrial Dr	11-061 --061 -012.02-P-001	379/805	\$940.00
Pate Roanne M	72 Spruce St N	04-012 E -L -012 E -004.00--000	00318/00194	\$261.00	Dodd Harold D Etux Terry	Jamison Ct 407	11-062 M -C -062 M -013.00--000	242/553	\$222.00
Rimmer Jerry L Et Ux Debra	1135 Oak Manor Rd	22-031 --031 -032.02--000	00203/00387	\$270.00	Enterprise Fm Trust	Lexington St 12575	11-073 N -B -073 N -001.02 -P -002	401/259	\$121.00
Sexton Julian L Et Ux Thelma I	18 Hazel Ave	04-001 M -B -001 M -011.00--000	00159/00342	\$468.00	Expert Tech Center	E Main St 20322	11-073 K -G -073 L -004.01 -P -015	402/175	\$1.00
Stewart Eddie Et Ux Nancy	14090 Hwy 79	22-016 --016 -061.02--000	00305/00221	\$735.00	Goodrum Justin	Old 22 Ln 145	11-062 --062 -072.00--000	343/350	\$278.00
Thompson Regina Brooks	151 Mcdonald Ave	22-012 N -D -012 N -019.01--000	00396/00445	\$250.00	Heron Aerial Photography &	Woodlawn Ave 325	11-073 D -B -073 D -011.00 -P -001	408/469	\$5.00
Arrington Joseph Wesley Et	Strike King Dr	07-154 --154 -007.71--000	00397/00434	\$146.00	Holder George Russell Et Ux	Cotton Ln 489	11-072 --072 -038.04--000	354/611	\$351.00
Ux Tara Elizabeth					Mildred Jane				
Bolen Larry A Et Ux Britta	93 Roans Creek	13-157 --157 -029.03--000	00401/00174	\$662.00	J & M Auto Care	Carter Dr 615	11-062 --062 -060.00 -P -002	404/433	\$103.00
	Levee Ln				Mcclure's Lawn & Landscapi	Fomey Rd 139	11-072 A -A -072 A -004.00 -P -001	371/589	\$7.00
Hilliard Floyd Edward Jr Et	30 Buck Ditch Rd	24-110 --110 -009.00--000	00350/00117	\$86.00	Powers Debra	Main St 18420	11-084 B -A -084 G -012.00--000	354/331	\$44.00
Ux Carol					Rainwaters Sam	Northwood Dr 365	11-072 H -N -073 E -039.00--000	375/844	\$195.00
Orr Michael Craig	Concord Rd	24-117 --117 -004.05--000	00350/00564	\$274.00	Redbox Automated Retail LI	Veterans Dr N 180	11-073 --073 -018.02 -P -010	306/708	\$7.00
Orr Michael Craig Et Al	Westport Rd	24-117 --117 -003.00--000	00363/00022	\$163.00	C/O Altus Group Us Inc				
Cameron Mitchell Orr					Roberts John Farrell	Hawkins Ln 227	11-073 C -D -073 C C -010.00--000	323/16	\$261.00
Orr Michael Craig Et Al	160 Concord Rd	24-118 --118 -018.00--000	00363/00022	\$363.00	Sills Mary Kay	Watson Ave 285	11-073 D -B -073 D -019.05--000	322/280	\$248.00
Cameron Mitchell Orr					Smarty Pants Kidz	Main St 22180	11-072 --072 -034.01 -P -003	403/533	\$2.00
Pace John W Et Ux Wendy C	Hwy 22	13-166 --166 -006.02--000	00379/00393	\$30.00	State Farm Insurance	Haywood Dr 41	11-073 --073 -039.01 -P -002	403/129	\$20.00
Pace Wendy	1197 Hwy 22	13-166 --166 -006.01--000	00392/00608	\$736.00	Studio A	W Main St 19195	11-073 N -A -073 N -002.00 -P -003	285/223	\$37.00
Pinkley Harold Landon Jr Et	8075 Hwy 424	13-167 --167 -021.02--000	00380/00710	\$96.00	Taylor Desmond	Cox St 112	11-073 F -B -073 F -004.00--000	392/767	\$100.00
Ux Sherry Lynn Taylor					Taylor Desmond	Paris St 13340	11-073 F -B -073 F -005.01--000	289/007	\$155.00
Stewart Eddie Etux Nancy A	Hwy 22	13-142 --142 -005.00--000	00282/00378	\$149.00	Yundt David W Et Ux Mary E	Holmes Mill Rd 255	11-063 --063 -042.00--000	408/734	\$255.00
Adams Hilton Et Ux Tammie Jo	Hwy 104	06-146 --146 -050.04--000	00312/00728	\$356.00	Boone Gerogia Adkisson	Broad St	02-077 --077 -038.00--000		\$9.59
Bullington Jeffery David E	415 Main St	21-100 --100 -013.00--000	00389/00350	\$451.00	Eltvir Jim				
James David Bullington					Hansbro John E	150 Melton St	02-058 N -B -058 N -022.00--000		\$84.39
Byrd Tiffany Marie	527 Bryant Rd	21-079 --079 -077.02--000	00365/00632	\$233.00	Hays Lisa Dawn	120 Crooked St	02-077 B -A -A-058 N -006.00--000		\$17.24
Fox Mary Delores C/O	55 Sandy Branch Ln	21-103 --103 -012.01--000	00258/00073	\$72.00	Hugs A Bunch Daycare	5985 E Main St	02-077 C -E -077 C -006.00 -P -000		\$24.36
Darrin Patterson					Pauls Bar & Lounge	53 Park St	02-058 N -E -058 N -005.00-P-000		\$4.68
Grant Regina A	483 Water Tower Rd	06-145 --145 -008.02--000	00369/00585	\$380.00	Redbox Automatic Retail LLC	5490 Broad St	02-077 C -B -077 C -003.00-P-000		\$6.90
Hayes Mary	430 Jax Rd	21-100 --100 -063.00--000	00349/00816	\$84.00	Scates Avery J	102 Hurt St	02-077 C -B -077 C -017.00--000		\$48.29
Hays Curtis V Etux Patricia A.	40 Spring Creek Rd	01-151 --151 -028.00--000	00218/00413	\$153.00	The Food Genie	5443 Broad St	02-077 C -A -077 C -012.00-P-000		\$10.17
Keymon Trevor Wade	1400 Howse	21-099 --099 -029.06--000	00397/00450	\$121.00					
	Church Rd								
Lane Tony L	1425 Hwy 190	02-055 --055 -037.00--000	00409/00487	\$840.00					
Lawrence Jamie J Etux Julia A	903 Church St	21-079 O -B -079 O -013.00--000	00267/00432	\$650.00					
					Top Notch Roofing and	275 W Main St	02-077 C --100 -007.06 -P -000		\$7.60
					Home Repair				

NOTICE: IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that the above named Defendants enter their appearance before the Clerk & Master, Kenneth Todd, at his Office in the Carroll County Courthouse, Room 105, in Huntingdon, Tennessee, and to file an Answer to the Plaintiffs' Original Bill, or a **Default Judgment will be taken against them on TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.**
This the 6th day of JANUARY, 2026.

ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFFS: LAURAA. KEETON BEAU PEMBERTON

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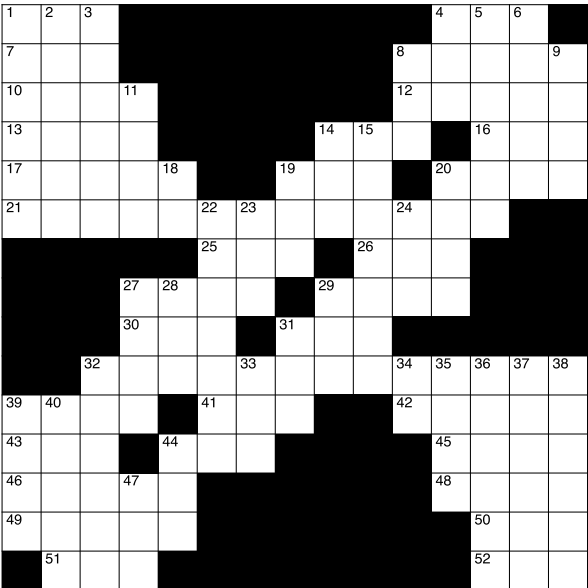
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Language
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Demand
- 10. Rich man
- 12. Short-tailed marten
- 13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 14. Superconducting super collider
- 16. International group of countries within the Americas
- 17. Sacred state for Muslims
- 19. Shock therapy
- 20. Engrave
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Periodical
- 27. Dishonestly gained money
- 29. Gain possession of
- 30. Actor DiCaprio
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Sign of healing
- 41. One's grandmother
- 42. Entrap
- 43. One who simultaneously buys and sells
- 44. ___ Francisco
- 45. Web-based data provider of marine life
- 46. Type of snake
- 48. Dark mark or stain
- 49. Member of the Salii



- 50. Former measure of length
- 51. CNN's founder
- 52. Witness
- inches
- 22. Sandwich meat
- 23. An awkward stupid person
- 24. Strong tree
- 27. Commoner
- 28. Electroencephalograph
- 29. ___ Mahal
- 31. Congressman
- 32. Disorderly crowd
- 33. 007's creator Fleming
- 34. Atomic #55
- 35. Part of a door
- 36. Short-tail martens
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Gang in "The Outsiders"
- 40. Of Croatia
- 44. Body cavity
- 47. Get free of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Console
- 3. Hunting expedition
- 4. Pie ___ mode
- 5. Simple shoes for peasants
- 6. Eurasian shrub
- 8. Reciprocal of a sine
- 9. Work together in harmony
- 11. Grenade
- 14. File extension
- 15. Minute pores in a plant
- 18. Medal of Honor
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advance slowly, as if by

Week 2

See solution in next week's edition.

Ski Slopes Word Search



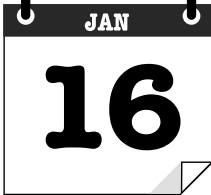
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY



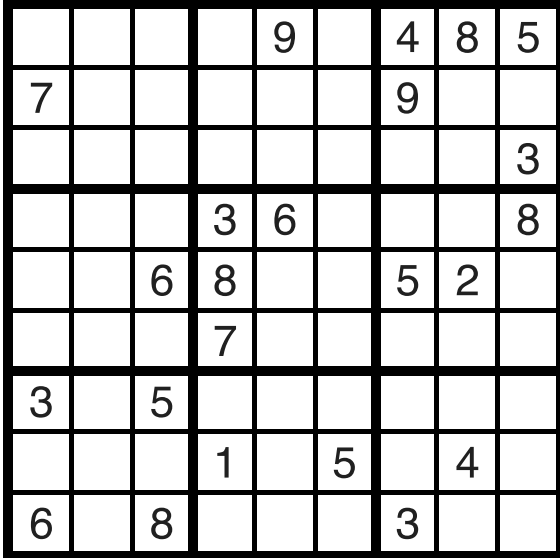
1909: Ernest Shackleton and his expedition find the magnetic South Pole.

1920: The League of Nations holds its first council meeting in Paris, France.

1969: Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 4 and Soyuz 5 perform the first-ever docking of crewed spacecraft in orbit.

SUDOKU

WEEK 2



Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to skiing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = I)

A. 7 23 15 19 24 20 5 19

Clue: Tall land mass

B. 4 5 8 24

Clue: Conveyance

C. 9 23 6 13 22 25

Clue: Soft snow

D. 10 5 4 4

Clue: Raised area of land

Answers: A. mountain B. lift C. powder D. hill

LETTER MIX-UP

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

AVALANCHE

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
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- 16. _____
- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

How do you make "one" disappear?

Answer: Add a C to it and it's gone.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

LOSPE

Answer: Poles

GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer born in England on January 12, 1993. I planned on becoming an English teacher, but a chance audition as a solo artist on "The X Factor" changed my career trajectory. I was later added to a boy band by Simon Cowell.

Answer: Zayn Malik

MISSING DOG

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TOFFEE

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Color: Tan
Collar: Missing

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 1 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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S	L	O	A	N		P	R	A	U		E	L	B	A	
E	D	A	M		S	O	N	A	R		R	A	S	P	
C	A	R	E	T	A	K	E	R		S	A	B	E	R	
			S	O	R	E	S		M	E	G		N	A	
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SUDOKU

SOLUTION WEEK 1

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

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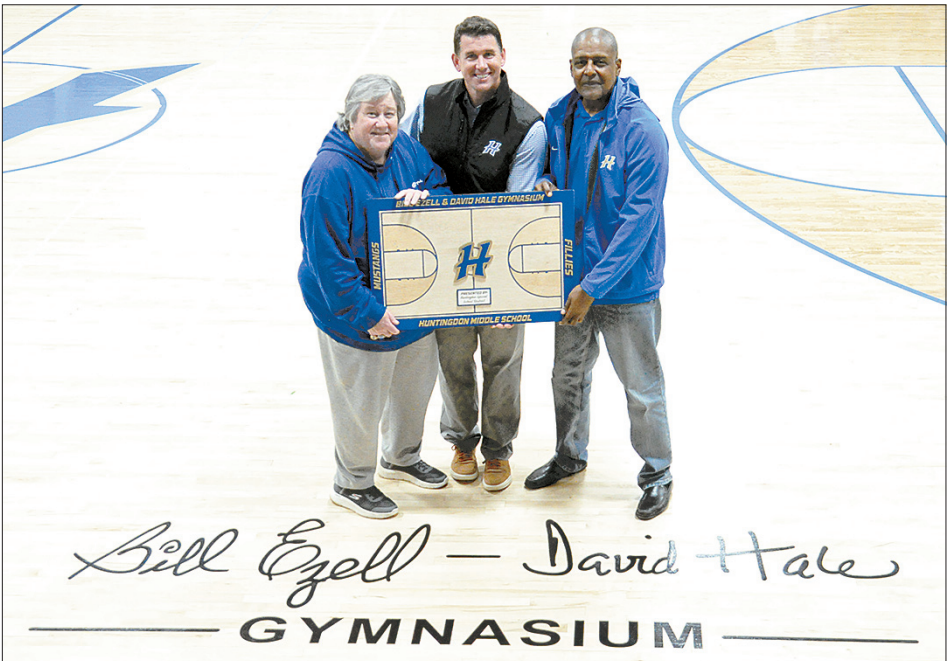
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(L to R) Coach Bill Ezell, Director of Schools Dr. Jonathan Kee and Coach David Hale. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

HMS Dedicates ‘Bill Ezell-David Hale Gymnasium’ to Legendary Coaches

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HUNTINGDON (January 10) — A large crowd gathered Saturday afternoon at Huntingdon Middle School for a dedication ceremony naming the gymnasium for legendary coaches Bill Ezell and David Hale.

Bill Ezell, a Huntingdon basketball and baseball standout, began his teaching and coaching career in 1977 at Atwood High School. After two years, he returned to his alma mater, where he taught and coached for 37 years, including high school baseball, softball, girls’ basketball and football and middle school football and boys’ basketball.

David Hale, a basketball standout at Atwood High School, went on to coach basketball for 43 years, including 37 year in Carroll County between Atwood, West Carroll and Huntingdon.

The event took place between basketball games between Huntingdon and Inman, the first such games with “Bill Ezell-David Hale Gymnasium” emblazoned upon the hardwood court.

Huntingdon Special School District Director of Schools Dr. Jonathan Kee led the ceremony.

The two coaches were honored on the court, joined by their wives, Mary Jane Ezell and Joyce Hale, and some special guests.

Payten Butler, a 2006 Huntingdon graduate, spoke about Hale, her basketball coach at HMS.

Butler called Hale “one of the most influential people in my life” and “like a second father.”

She said, “As hard as he was on us, we knew that he loves us. He had a way of making people feel special. He’s a great man, a great husband and father. He’s a man of Christ... Thank you for everything.”

Tracy Brewer, a 1985 Huntingdon graduate, spoke about Ezell, his baseball coach at Huntingdon High School.

Brewer spoke about conversations with the coach after his days as a student. “Any chance I could, I made a point to come by and see Coach and just talk. Our relationship grew from that. We would talk about family and life. It all started with sports. It started with doing things right. It was old school. It was hard-nosed. We talked about doing things right, because that’s the way he lived, that’s the way he coached, that’s the way he taught.

“He would tell me every time we talked, ‘I’m proud of you.’ I don’t care how old you are, you never get too old to hear that. And when it’s someone you look up like I look up to Coach Ezell, it means more than words that I can say here to him and to you all today.”

He concluded by congratulating Ezell and saying, “I appreciate you as my coach, mentor, role model, and more that anything the last 30 years, you’ve been my friend. And I get to say it back to you today. I’m proud of you. I love you.”

Dr. Kee also spoke about the pair.

“All of the people that are in the gym this afternoon are a testament to what these two guys mean. Usually when we do these dedications, we focus on [the fact that] these guys had a lot of wins. And they did. There were lots of wins, lots of championships. But that’s not what we’re going to focus on today. The impact that these two guys had on this community and this school system is immeasurable.”

Kee noted that the coaches always talk about their students, the gym that now holds their name, and the people they worked with.

He spoke about summers when they would open the gym for kids, who would flood the facility despite the heat. “It begs the question, why would kids flood this gym when it was much hotter in here than it was out there... But I’m going to tell you why, because I was one of them. They just wanted to be with Coach Hale and Coach Ezell. Because they trusted them. They cared for them and loved them. In this gym right here, these two men changed lives. For that, I want to say thank you.”

Kee asked for anyone present who played for the coaches or worked with them to stand, which amounted to scores of people.

Each coach was presented with a large plaque designed to look like the gym floor. The plaques were presented by Lynn Twyman, former principal and superintendent, and Mike Partridge, former assistant principal and coach.

The two coaches also addressed the crowd of former students, colleagues and friends.

Coach Hale said of his time at HMS, “You all made me feel like I was on cloud nine... I loved every one of you. When you see our names on the court, think about the good things about us and apply those things to your life.”

Coach Ezell said, “I want to say thank you, but it falls so short of what I feel today: gratitude and humility. God had a plan for us, and y’all were the plan. Most of all, what I want you to know is, home means a place that, no matter what else has happened to you, you can go there and be safe, you can be happy and you can feel loved. This gym was a safe place for those kids to come.”

The ceremony concluded with a standing ovation for the two pillars of Huntingdon history.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Left, Rebel Nolan Fawcett drains one of his seven three-pointers. Fawcett led all scorers with 27 points. Right, Lady Rebel Madeline Gottshall gets inside for two points. Gottshall had six points in McKenzie’s win. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Sweeps West Carroll

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MCKENZIE (January 6) — McKenzie High School hosted West Carroll Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests and earned a sweep. A strong second quarter carried the Lady Rebels to a 50-31 win, while the Rebels pulled away in the third frame for a 78-34 victory.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 50, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 31

The Lady Rebels had a 13-8 lead after the opening frame, led by Jaycee Stafford with ten points. Ava Hastings hit a three-pointer. Aubrey Hammett led West Carroll with five points, including a three. Hailley Mitchell scored three points.

McKenzie pulled away with a 14-4 advantage in the second quarter, led by Braylin Auvenshine with five points, including a three-pointer. Stafford scored four, Molly French hit a three, and Madeline Gottshall had a pair. Mitchell and Taylor Robinson each had a pair for West Carroll. At the half, McKenzie led 27-12.

The Lady Rebels enjoyed a 14-9 tilt in the third, led by Stafford with nine points. Auvenshine scored four, and Gottshall hit a free throw. Lady War Eagle Gracelyn Vernon scored five with a three. Marissa Mueller had three points, and Hammett hit a freebie. Entering the final frame, McKenzie led 41-21.

West Carroll had a 10-9 edge in the fourth, led by Hammett with four points. Kinsley Poff hit a three, Abbi O’Byran had a pair, and Mitchell hit a free throw. Stafford scored four for McKenzie, Gottshall hit a three, and Aurora Johnson had a pair.

Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford led all scorers with 27 points, including 11 of 12



Left, Lady War Eagle Aubrey Hammett pulls up in the paint for a midrange jumper. Hammett led West Carroll with ten points. Right, War Eagle Mason Taylor elevates for a contested shot. Taylor led West Carroll with 12 points. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

from the line. Braylin Auvenshine scored nine with a three-pointer.

Aubrey Hammett led West Carroll with ten points, including a three.

Rebels 78, War Eagles 34

McKenzie had a 16-10 lead after the first frame, led by Nolan Fawcett with six points on a pair of threes. Cole Brown scored four, and Avery Brown hit a three. Eli Vinson had a pair, and Kason Brown hit a free throw. War Eagles Demarion Gilbert and Bryler O’Neal each hit a three-pointer, and Isaiah Snyder and Mason Taylor each had a pair.

The Rebels had a 14-11 edge in the second quarter, led by K. Brown with six points. Fawcett hit another three, and A. Brown also scored three points. C. Brown and Cooper Davidson each hit a free throw. Taylor and Trey Williamson each scored four for West Carroll, and O’Neal hit another three-pointer. At the half, the Rebels led 30-21.

McKenzie pulled away with a 27-9 advantage in the third, led by Fawcett

with eleven points, including a trio of threes. Cayden Ownby scored six. C. Brown and A. Brown each had five points, C. Brown with a three. Taylor led West Carroll with four points. Gilbert scored three, and O’Neal added a pair. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 57-30.

The Rebels capped the win with a 21-4 tilt in the fourth, led by Parker Ross and Sammy Willen with five points each, both with a three-pointer. Fawcett hit another three, and Malaki Harris also had three points. C. Brown and Ethan Bradberry each had a pair, and Vinson hit a freebie. Gilbert and Taylor each added a pair for West Carroll.

Rebel Nolan Fawcett led all scorers with 23 points, including seven three-pointers. Cole Brown scored 12 with a three, and Avery Brown had eleven points, also with a three-pointer.

Mason Taylor led the War Eagles with 12 points.

McKenzie’s Weatherford Signs with Bethel Golf

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MCKENZIE (January 9) — McKenzie High School senior golf standout Charli Weatherford will continue her athletic career at Bethel University following a signing ceremony Friday in the MHS Theatre. She was joined by family, coaches, teammates, classmates and other longtime supporters.

Last fall, Weatherford crowned an illustrious prep career with an eighth-place finish among 46 competitors at the 2025 TSSAA Class A Girls Golf Championship after earning the state berth by claiming individual titles in both the District 14A and Region 7A tournaments.

The future Lady Wildcat spoke to The Banner about her career and her decision.

She said, “My entire family plays golf. I hadn’t really been interested in the game of golf up until my eighth grade year. My dad got me an old set of clubs to go and try out, and then I decided that I actually wanted to learn how to play golf and get good at it. So I started taking lessons, started going to Clarksville and getting professional lessons. And I just grew to love

the game.”

Weatherford said, “Bethel is five minutes away from my house. My original plan was to go as far away as I could, but I ended up deciding to stay here at home, closer to my friends and family.”

She explained one big factor in her decision was Bethel Head Coach and former McKenzie coach Larry Joe Smith. “I cannot be more excited to play for Larry Joe. I love him. I’ve known him for the longest time. He’s always really energetic around me, and ever since I started pursuing the game of golf, he’s gotten really close with me and is always making little hints about how he’s always wanted me to go to Bethel. We’ve just always been really good friends.”

Her hopes for college golf are “to have fun and meet a lot of good people and shoot some good scores, win a couple of tournaments.”

Asked about her favorite golf memory, she replied, “Probably going to state. I’d never been to state, and I was just very happy that I was able to have that opportunity. And I had a lot of fun. I met a lot of new people that I still talk to today. A bunch of good friendships.”



MHS senior Charli Weatherford signs with Bethel University golf. Pictured are (L to R) Seated: Charli’s sister, Juleyanne; dad, Kelly; Charli; mom, Clara; and sister, Anna. Standing: MHS Head Coach Tyler Holt and Bethel Head Coach Larry Joe Smith and Assistant Coach Wyatt Glover. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

She also spoke about the good friendships she’s made at home. “My teammates have been really good to me. They’ve always helped me out. I’ve heard a bunch of other teams, they’re not really close, but this team at McKenzie High school, we’re pretty close.

“To be a Rebel, this community, they’re all joined together as a community, and I’m glad to be a part of it. They’re very uplifting and very supportive. And they’ve always helped me out with my game. They always just look to help. They’re really good to me.”

Coach Smith also spoke to

The Banner about the signing. “I compare this to sort of like Christmas time, when you never expect to get that gift under the tree that you want. Then all of a sudden, you open it up and Mom and Dad or Santa Claus got it for you. That’s the way I feel. What Charli doesn’t realize is what an influence she is gonna have on people locally, female golfers locally. I’ve been around this program for 30 years, and she is one of the tops to ever come through the school. And for us at Bethel University to get her and the influence she’s going to have on other kids. It’s going to be immeasur-

able, and she doesn’t realize that yet. And that’s ok, but she’s gonna make me look a lot smarter as well. I can’t wait to get her on campus and involved.”

He spoke about her biggest strengths. “Number one, she has the distance off the tee to play collegiate golf. I coached high school golf for 26 years, and the biggest thing to go from high school to college is the distance of the courses. You know, there’s no red tees at the collegiate level. You’re playing courses 6,000 yards and longer. The great thing is she has the length off the tee to play these courses.

“The other thing that is

insurmountable is her work ethic. She loves to practice. She loves to play. Once we can get this golf facility on campus finished, she’s going to be able to have access to that year-round, and she’ll put the time in that it takes to get better. And that’s all that you can ask for as a coach. Those that are willing to work and improve their game.”

MHS Head Coach Tyler Holt told The Banner, “I’m super proud of her and just the amount of work that she’s put in. It’s definitely shown. She deserves every bit of this media day for her. I’m super excited for her moving forward. She helped the Lady Rebel Golf program tremendously, and I can’t wait to see what she does next.”

Holt also complimented her work ethic. “She’s never satisfied. Even if she plays a good round, she’s not going to take a couple days off. She’s going to continue to work. She’s going to figure out something to get better at.”

Weatherford will major in health science and plans to get the prerequisites to pursue a degree in dental hygiene.