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Webb School Concludes Black History Month with Program of Reflection

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE — Webb School alumni and community members gathered February 28 at the historic Webb School to conclude Black History Month with a program built around the theme, "Looking Back and Moving With a Sense of Direction."

The afternoon featured music, reflection and a keynote address

from Rev. Richard Adkisson — a retired engineer with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, an alderman on the Milan City Council and pastor of Progressive Baptist Church in Paris, Tenn. Adkisson challenged attendees to remain grateful for progress while continuing to move forward.

Rev. Wallace Cunningham served as master of ceremony

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Rev. Richard Adkisson was the keynote speaker at Webb School's Black History Month program, delivering a constructive message to influence new generations for the better. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Chad Barnhart

Chad Barnhart Withdraws From Register Of Deeds Race

HUNTINGDON — Chad Barnhart, an elected member of the Huntingdon Town Council and a candidate for Carroll County Register of Deeds, announced his withdrawal from the race, citing

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TOGETHER WE CAN END HUNGER



The McKenzie Rotary Club recently began delivering food parcels to the McKenzie Police Department. Pictured (L to R): Sgt. Austin Jones, Lt. Justin Brister, Assist. Chief Trey Boucher, Rotary Vice-President Armand Hebert, Rotary President Ricky Price, and Police Chief Ryan White. Photo by Jason R. Martin/The Banner

McKenzie Rotary Starts Food Initiative

McKENZIE (February 26) — On Thursday, the McKenzie Rotary Club took a meaningful step towards fighting hunger in McKenzie by donating 12 food boxes to the McKenzie Police Department. These essential boxes are a crucial resource,

allowing officers to provide nourishing meals to residents in need when they encounter them in our community. Ricky Price, president, and Armand Hebert, vice-president, from the Rotary Club, promised Chief Ryan White that they would

continually replenish these boxes, ensuring ongoing support for those facing food insecurity.

Each box is filled with comforting, easy-to-prepare items, including

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Danny Toombs, Cary Don Smith Retiring from Carroll County Electric

HUNTINGDON (February 26) — Cary Don Smith and Danny Toombs are both retiring from Carroll County Electric on March 15 after 51.5 years and 44.5 years, respectively. The Carroll County Electric Department's Board of Directors was notified of the impending retirements during the February 26 meeting. A retirement celebration is Friday, March 6, 11 a.m. at the Colonial Room in Huntingdon.

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Danny Toombs (left) is retiring from Carroll County Electric after 44 years. General Manager Ryan Drewry (right) made the announcement at the February 26 meeting.

HUNTINGDON Town Council Advances Rezoning Requests

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (February 24) — The Huntingdon Town Council met Tuesday night at Huntingdon City Hall, advancing multiple zoning matters, approving the appointment of a new executive director for the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center and granting park use for a local fundraiser.

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McKENZIE PLANNING Commission Approves Subdivision Changes

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McKENZIE (February 25) — The McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission met Wednesday at McKenzie City Hall, approving revisions to the Deerwood Hills Subdivision and a final plat for the Perkins Corporation minor subdivision.

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McKenzie Set to Vote On Fluoride Issue

The McKenzie City Council meets Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. with a light agenda. The top point of discussion is a Resolution # 26-002 Removal of Fluoride from City Water System.

During a workshop, on January 8, 2026, McKenzie Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead spoke to the Council at length about the possibility of removing fluoride from the water system. Umstead explained the inefficiency of adding fluoride. According to studies, a concentration of less than 0.9 is not very effective; the max concentration allowed is 0.7, as recommend-

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

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.

The second item on the agenda is a discussion regarding TDOT Miscellaneous Safety Improvements and J-Turn Intersection plans in regards to SR124 to SR-423.



Treasurer Reni Toombs (center) accepts the donation on behalf of McKenzie Touchdown Club. Pictured with Toombs are Jason R. and Brittany (Washburn) Martin, owners of Tri-County Publishing, Inc. dba The McKenzie Banner and TCP Print Shop. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie Banner Donates to McKenzie Touchdown Club

MCKENZIE (February 27) — For 25+ years, the McKenzie Touchdown Club and Tri-County Publishing, Inc. dba The McKenzie Banner and TCP Print Shop have partnered to create the Rebels' Football Program featuring high school and middle school players, managers, coaches, cheerleaders, rosters, schedules, statistics and supporting advertising from the community.

In the past, a Touchdown Club representative, usually a parent, volunteered an estimated 60+ hours of their time selling sponsorship advertising for the book. Since 2021, the production method has looked a little different.

The Banner now gathers the content, sells the sponsor advertising and no longer charges the Touchdown Club for creating and printing

the books but gives a percentage donation to the club with 100-125 programs to sell for additional revenue.

Over the last four years, The Banner has also donated a percentage of Rebel football yard sign sales to the Touchdown Club.

On Friday, Reni Toombs, treasurer for McKenzie Touchdown Club, accepted a \$2,169 check for proceeds from advertising and yard sign sales from The Banner.

Previous years' donations were \$2,969.80 in 2024; \$3,523.40 in 2023; \$2,656 in 2022; and \$2,286 in 2021, totaling to \$13,604.20 over five years. This is the first time in recent years that the donation has been photographed.

The Banner is honored to partner with McKenzie Touchdown Club to support the McKenzie Rebels.



Above Left, The Banuelos family (Lauren, Braxton, Selah, and Jonathan) view the two-toed sloth at the Happy Book Stack in downtown McKenzie. At the time, the sloth was resting in its bed. The sloth, named Patches, is from Southland Safari in Clarksburg. Above Right, Patches the sloth hanging out at The Happy Book Stack. Right, Tosha Gurley feeds Patches as he hangs from his climbing structure. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Sloth Delights Visitors At Happy Book Stack

MCKENZIE (February 28) — Chris Gurley, owner of Southland Safari in Clarksburg, said Patches is one of five sloths at the local, family-owned safari. The Gurleys often visit area events and schools to educate people about the animals at the local safari. Patches was at Bethel University in December 2025, just before the semester exams, to help students relax and enjoy the moment.

Two-toed sloths are known for their slow movements and spending almost all their time hanging upside down in the canopy of trees, which is where they eat, sleep, and even give birth. They are primarily nocturnal and herbivorous, with a diet consisting mainly of leaves, tender shoots, and fruit. Their slow metabolism means they only descend to the ground about once a week to defecate.



Huntingdon Council Approves Cash Saver's Beer Request

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (February 24) — After months of discussion and ordinance changes, Huntingdon's Beer Board has approved a request allowing Cash Saver to sell packaged beer for off-premises consumption.

The decision came during Tuesday's Huntingdon Beer Board meeting, which followed the Huntingdon Town Council meeting. Board members present were Will Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Lori Dillahunt, John Sanders and Mayor Chad Edwards. Vice Mayor Andrew Maddox and council members Daniel and Kelly Eubanks were absent.

The board considered an application filed for Cash Saver, located at 20150 Main Street East, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, seeking a permit to sell beer at retail for off-premises consumption. The application was submitted by Tabitha Lee Pierce, store manager and contact person for the business.

On the final vote, the measure passed 3-1, with Atkins voting no. The request was first presented to the town council in September 2025, when Cash Saver



store supervisor Jackie Streetman petitioned the council to allow packaged beer sales at the grocery store.

At the time, Huntingdon's municipal code prohibited businesses located within 1,000 feet of a school, church or public gathering place — including public playgrounds and parks — from selling beer for on- or off-premises consumption. Cash Saver is located across the road from Thomas Park, a veterans memorial site.

Streetman argued the memorial site should not prevent the store from selling beer, stating it is not a recreational park. She also told council members that other E.W. James stores in the region sell beer and wine products and that one store's beer sales exceed the total sales of other locations. She said the restriction placed the Huntingdon store at a competitive disadvantage and resulted in missed revenue for both the business and the town.

In November 2025, after reviewing the area between the store and Thomas Park, the council voted to amend the Alcoholic Beverages section of the municipal code. The change allows issuance of a permit within 300 feet in B-1 (Neighborhood Business District) and B-2 (General Business District) zones.

During that review, officials also discovered the Cash Saver building had been incorrectly zoned as R-2 (Medium Density Residential), while only its parking lot was designated B-1. On first reading in November, the council agreed to amend the official zoning map to rezone a portion of the James Realty (Cash Saver) property to B-1 from R-2.

With the zoning amendment and ordinance changes in place, the Beer Board's vote on February 24 cleared the final step for Cash Saver to begin selling packaged beer for off-premises consumption.

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Letter Requesting Money for Deed Copies is Not from County

HUNTINGDON (March 2) — Natalie McCullough Porter, Carroll County Register of Deeds, is alerting property owners of a mailed letter that requests money for a service her office offers without charge.

The letter requests \$98 for a copy of the landowner's property deed. The letter is not mailed from a government agency, as stated in the letter. However, some landowners pay for a service that is free from the county Register of Deeds Office.

Porter said the Carroll County Register of Deeds office has an online free subscription serve that enables the public to monitor their name/business within the Register's office for potential fraudulent activity.

Subscribers will be notified when the name they have submitted is used in any activities that involve the recording of deeds.

Protecting consumers' information and real estate property is a top priority of the office, said Porter. The service known as "My Land Alert" does not prevent fraud from happening, it does provide an early warning system for property owners to take appropriate action should they determine possible fraudulent activity has taken place.

My Land Alert is available by free subscription: www.mylandalert.com. For more information, contact the Register of Deeds office at 731-986-1952.

Carroll County to Purchase New Radio Equipment

The Carroll County Commission meets on March 9 at 7 p.m. with multiple items on the agenda. The most interesting is Resolution 3-08-2026, which would amend the General Fund Budget for the Fire Department in the amount of \$90,000 to purchase Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN) radio equipment for the Carroll County Fire Department and emergency services.

For several years, county agencies, along with local municipalities, have had various issues with the current radio system. With the advancement in technology, most local agencies and utility companies, along with state agencies, are joining the TACN system.

TACN is a statewide radio system that provides communication connectivity infrastructure for local, state, and federal first responders. With TACN, first responders, including law enforcement, fire, EMS, and healthcare providers, have reliable communications capabilities for daily operations and the ability to talk to each other to coordinate at the local, regional, and statewide level to respond in the event of an emergency or disaster.

TACN is made up of mobile and fixed radio transmission sites across the state so that, from Tennessee's urban to most rural areas, first responders will have consistent communication coverage.

No matter where you are in Tennessee, even when other means of communication fail, TACN offers seamless communication for our partners. TACN has built-in redundancy to ensure the network will still offer statewide coverage in the event any location becomes inoperable after a natural or man-made disaster.

Other items on the agenda are:

Resolution 3-01-2026 adds Ewe Lane (0.2 miles) to the Carroll County Highway Road System.

Resolution 3-02-2026 authorizes the submission of an application for Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed \$1 million.

Resolution 3-03-2026 reappoints Renee Ford and appoints Daniel Hollowell to the Carroll County Indigent Care Board.

Resolution 3-04-2026 reappoints Casey Drewry and Bradley C. Smith, and appoints Louanne Blakketter, Hal Eason, and Vicki Williams to the Carroll County Board of Equalization.

Resolution 3-05-2026 implements a purchasing card program for the Carroll County Finance Office and Carroll County Fire Department.

Resolution 3-06-2026 authorizing the county mayor to sign a project proposal with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The project described is

"from near Old Loop 22/Thorne Lane to South of SR-124 Old McKenzie Road Route: SR-22" for improvements to State Route 22, including miscellaneous safety improvements and a j-turn intersection, with the project being federally funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and designated as State Project No. 09006-2219-94.

Resolution 3-07-2026 amends the General Fund Budget for the Health Department for funds to add a new clerical position to the Carroll County Health Department. The funds for the positions will be fully reimbursed by the State of Tennessee to Carroll County.

Resolution 3-09-2026 amends the General Fund Budget for the Library to cover overages in a technology contract.

Resolution 3-10-2026 amends the Grant Fund Budget to account for an increase in State funds to the Office on Aging (\$8,857) and a security grant for Carroll Academy (\$121) to purchase a camera for a transportation van.

Resolution 3-11-2026 amends the Drug Fund Budget to account for overtime.

Resolution 3-12-2026 amends the General Purpose School Fund Budget by \$19,653 from the fund balance.



E.W. James graciously agreed to work with the McKenzie Rotary Club in collecting food donations. Pictured (L to R): Rotary Secretary Jason R. Martin, President Ricky Price, Store Manager Emily Lowe, E.W. James Supervisor Steve Legons, and Rotary Vice-President Armand Hebert.

Rotary

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soups, cereal, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, and other generous donations. The McKenzie Rotary Club begins an unwavering mis-

sion to eradicate hunger in McKenzie and the surrounding area. Hebert stated, “We extend our heartfelt thanks to E.W. James, our dedicated community members, and the brave responders of McKenzie for their unwavering support in this vital initiative! Together, we are making a tangible

difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.” As this project takes root, the McKenzie Rotary Club will look to expand its collection and distribution process. The club plans to partner with other groups, organizations and companies to extend its reach in helping those in need.

Electric

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General Manager Ryan Drewry said Mark Simpson will replace Toombs as the operations manager. Toombs was present at the meeting and was thanked for his long service and contributions. He expressed his gratitude to the board and management and praised General Manager Drewry. In other business, the board approved an increase of \$38,579.80 for components of the soon-to-be-built substation in the Leach Community. The total increase is \$38,579.80, including site

work, which increased by approximately \$23,571, and gravel by \$13,684. The \$7 million project is set to begin construction in March following the recent environmental site approval by the Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment. DC Construction will mobilize as soon as conditions are dry, anticipated for the end of March. Drewry said the bid packages for improvements at the Huntingdon primary substation near Carroll County will be ready for approval soon. That includes two 69kV breakers and 161kV relay control panels involves more engineering and is expected to go out and be returned later.

Tennessee Valley Authority has initiated the Rate Change Process
On February 18, TVA communicated a rate change letter, initiating a 180-day collaboration period. This is the first such letter issued since 2018. CCED is working with a rate consultant to develop a formal position on seven key items. The items include: contract demand alignment, rate structure stabilization, marginal pricing options, enabling large loads, redefining the applicability of manufacturing services, off-peak energy charges, and on-peak hour shift. The earliest the TVA board could approve changes is August, for a potential October 1 implementation.

Barnhart

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an issue with a missing required document. Barnhart, whose opponent was incumbent Natalie Porter, decided to withdraw after being informed by the Carroll County Election Commission about the unfiled required document. Barnhart explained that he received a call last Thursday from the Election Commission regarding a missing document, a paper he and the commission were previously unaware was required. This document, related to a 2023 Tennessee law, was not familiar to the election commission, even though he had previously run for council. Despite having his rights

restored years ago and diligently submitting all required paperwork when he successfully ran for the Huntingdon Town Council, Barnhart faced this unexpected hurdle. He stated that he had submitted all necessary documents 33 days early for the current race, and that the election commission initially believed everything was in order, according to a Facebook video post by Barnhart. After consulting with the state attorney and hiring legal counsel, Barnhart had a court proceeding scheduled to address the issue. However, he ultimately made a “conscious decision” not to pursue a lawsuit against the county election commission, even though he felt confident he would win. According to the video, he expressed a desire to avoid

bringing negativity to the county he serves and loves. Barnhart extended his best wishes to his opponent, Natalie Porter, describing her as “sweet” and a “good person.” He thanked his supporters for their “overwhelming support” and acknowledged the momentum his campaign had gained. Looking ahead, Barnhart affirmed his commitment to his faith and his current role on the town council and with the rescue squad. He also indicated plans to run again in four years, stating, “We’re going to come with an army, and I don’t care who runs against me. We’re going to be prepared... and we’re going to win.” He chose to release a video to clarify the situation directly, rather than a post, to ensure transparency.

Rezoning

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Council members present were Will Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Lori Dillahunt, John Sanders and Mayor Chad Edwards. Vice Mayor Andrew Maddox and council members Daniel and Kelly Eubanks were absent. The council opened a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the official zoning map to rezone a portion of property located on R.B. Wilson Drive and Chickasaw Drive, identified as Carroll County Tax Map 63, Parcel 49.03. Public notice of the meeting had been duly advertised. Mayor Edwards called for a recess and asked if anyone wished to address the issue. No one spoke. The meeting was then called back into session. On second and final reading, the council approved Ordinance No. 654, which rezones the property located on R.B. Wilson Drive and Chickasaw Drive — along with an adjacent right-of-way — from H-M (Hospital-Medical) to R-1 (Low-Density Residential).

The property is owned by Ensley Dirtwork and Investment Properties LLC and Beaver Creek Management Group LLC. The council also considered Ordinance No. 655, which would amend the zoning map to rezone approximately 66.8 acres at the northeast corner of Northwood Drive and Crossroads Church Road. The property, identified as Tax Map 63, Parcel 23.00, along with a portion of the Crossroads Church right-of-way between two sections of the property being annexed, is currently zoned R-1 (Low-Density Residential). The ordinance would change the designation to R-2 (Medium-Density Residential). While previously owned by Ashlee Young, Mayor Edwards noted the property is now owned by Jason Kirby and Collin Miller, who are proposing its development. The Huntingdon Planning Commission approved the rezoning request at its February 9 meeting and recommended it be sent to the town council for consideration. The council approved the ordinance on first reading.

Council members voted to appoint Kimberly Kraft McLemore as executive director of the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. Mayor Edwards said 16 candidates were interviewed by a 10-person panel before bringing McLemore forward for appointment. He noted she comes from the Nashville Symphony and said securing a candidate of her caliber is significant for the community. McLemore visited The Dixie on Thursday, February 26, to observe operations. A formal meet-and-greet is in the works. The council approved a request for use of Edwards Park and Veterans Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026, for a softball tournament fundraiser benefiting Jacob “Jake” Warbritton. Warbritton, a longtime Huntingdon teacher and coach, is battling Stage 4 cancer. All proceeds from the tournament will go to assist him and his family. Due to spring break week and the anticipated lack of a quorum, the council voted to move its regular Tuesday, March 24, 2026, meeting to Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

West Carroll School Board Meets March 5

The West Carroll Special School District (WCSSD) Board of Education meets Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Carroll Jr./Sr High School (WCJSHS) cafeteria. The following items are on the WCSSD Board’s March agenda:

- Hear WCJSHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) update from Ms. Erin Lewis.
- Discuss/Approve WCJSHS grades 7-12 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) field trip request to Chattanooga for April

- 6 - April 9 (one reading required).
- Discuss/Approve WCJSHS grades 8-12 band field trip request to Chesterfield, Mo., for May 1 - May 2 (Second of two required readings).
- Discuss/Approve WCJSHS grades 9-12 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCLA) field trip request to Chattanooga for April 9 - April 11 (one reading required).
- Discuss/Approve bids for WCJSHS Nursing Program manikins and Busi-

ness Program embroidery machine (Innovative Schools Model Grant).

- Discuss/Approve WCJSHS grades 7-12 Future Farmers of America (FFA) field trip request to Gatlinburg for March 21 - March 25 (one reading required).
- Discuss/Approve WCES Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant (\$3000).
- Discuss/Approve WCSSD Youth Basketball Program.
- Discuss/Approve (first of two readings) WCSSD Policy #4.301 Interscholastic Athletics.



Rev. Richard Adkisson was the keynote speaker at Webb School’s Black History Month program, delivering a constructive message to influence new generations for the better. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

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and opened the program with appreciation for the occasion. “For this program, I just want to first say what an honor it is to get to serve as the master of ceremony on such a worthy occasion,” Cunningham said. Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he added, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. And hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.” Rosella Glenn welcomed guests, including Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler and McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, along with vendors, voter registration representatives and NAACP members. “We know you could have done something else today and but you chose to spend the afternoon with us,” Glenn said. “So we hope you enjoy yourself and just plan to be back again.” Rev. Craig Hobson delivered the invocation, and the audience joined in singing “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” The New Reedy Creek and St. John Youth Choirs performed several selections, and McKenzie High School student Carlton Townes read Dr. King’s “I Have A Dream” speech. Margaret White offered a history of the Webb School’s

Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and the effort to establish King’s birthday as a national holiday. She reflected on organizing early countywide observances and emphasized unity. “Black history is not about black people,” White said. “Black history is a part of American history.” She reminded the audience that remembering the past is essential to shaping the future. “It’s hard to know where you’re going, right, if you don’t know where you came from,” she said. When Rev. Adkisson rose to speak, he noted he had been asked not to preach, but his message remained rooted in faith and forward movement. “If God don’t do nothing else, He’s already done enough,” Adkisson said. Referencing 1776, 1863 and 1963 as defining moments in American history, Adkisson placed the struggle for equality within a broader timeline, noting that the nation still wrestles with judging people by the color of their skin. He emphasized education as a pathway forward, speaking about the importance of prioritizing learning and highlighting contributions made by Black inventors. “Study,” Adkisson said. “Tell your children to study.” He also cautioned against complacency and forgetting identity.

“I don’t care how much character God blessed you with; you’re still Black. And please remember, ‘good’ ain’t good enough,” he said, urging listeners to pursue what is right rather than settling for what is merely acceptable. Throughout his message, Adkisson stressed faith and unity across racial and social lines, reminding the audience that Black history is inseparable from American history and that progress requires collective responsibility. “As we look in our world today, it’s alright to look back, but we don’t want to go back,” he said. “Always look ahead. Dr. King has died, but the dream is still alive.” As the month dedicated to Black history drew to a close, Adkisson lastly reminded attendees not to confine reflection to February. The program included a Love Offering led by Kim Webb, Natalie Porter, Neal Williamson and Melinda Falls-Quisenberry. Williamson delivered the vote of thanks, and Rev. Cunningham offered the benediction. Committee members for the event were Gina Atkins, Mavis Curtis, Rosella Glenn (chair), Natalie Porter, Melinda Falls-Quisenberry, Bertha Taylor, Kim Webb, Neal Williamson and Mar-shawn Fuller.

Changes

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Community Planner Donnie Bunton of the Northwest Tennessee Development District presented the latest plat revision to the Deerwood Hills Subdivision, owned by Marvin Alexander of Martin. Alexander previously purchased 14.887 acres fronting Como Street and backing up to McKenzie City Park. The commission approved residential development plans in November 2025 for five building lots along Como Street, stretching from Joy Drive toward the city’s pickleball courts. Two homes have already been constructed on parcels adjacent to the courts. Bunton explained that the February proposal marked the third variation brought before the commission. The original plan included four rear lots served by a single access easement. However, regulations allow only one lot to rely solely on an access easement for road frontage, leading to the denial of the initial request. A revised proposal presented in November reduced the rear develop-

ment to one lot served by an easement, bringing it into compliance and earning approval. The matter returned this month after a neighboring property owner to the south, identified as Mr. Scott, sought to purchase part of the property. The new revision splits one lot and reintroduces a separate easement to serve what will effectively function as a landlocked parcel. Commission members approved the revised plat, including the easement adjustment. Commissioners also considered a final plat for the Perkins Corporation minor subdivision on McKenzie’s Highland Drive, where Dollar General, Factory Connection and Subway are located. The final plat involves combining two commercially zoned lots into one. Currently, the property is split by a lot line running through the middle of the parcel, and zoning districts divide the tract between R-3 (multi-family residential) in the rear and B-2 (general business) in the front. Bunton said the applicant intends to combine the lots before seeking rezoning to make the entire property

B-2. The owner wants consistent commercial zoning in place before marketing the property for sale. An additional issue involves a narrow tract west of Clark Street that remains part of the same tax map and parcel but has never been legally subdivided. The area, described as primarily a drainage ditch, must be shown on the plat as part of the subdivision process. Discussion also included the possibility of dedicating that portion to the City of McKenzie. The mayor has inspected the property but has not yet provided an opinion. Bunton noted the tract would likely have limited development potential regardless of ownership. Commissioners clarified that Wednesday’s vote addressed only the lot combination. No rezoning action was taken. The final plat was approved. Before the meeting concluded, Chairperson Carol Nanney announced that Commissioner A.J. Maxwell, who was absent from the February meeting, will resign from the board — effective after the May meeting — after being notified of a year-long deployment to the Middle East.

Living at Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

We started out the month still frozen in, but as the weather improved, so did our month.

We weren't sure on Groundhog Day if we would have a spring fling or a winter one, but he saw his shadow, so we are preparing for some extra weeks of winter. We celebrated with a safe fire, roasted marshmallows and made s'mores.

We recognized Lanisa Nunnery on National Mail Carrier Day with a small gift to thank her for all the service she provides for each resident.

We welcomed in the 2026 Winter Olympics with some trivia and fun facts, along with a tiramisu dessert and faux wine spritzer, as Italy was the home for this year's games.

On National Wear Red Day, most of the residents put on their red outfits and listened to a presentation given by the Carroll County Health Department. We appreciated hearing all the information about good heart health.

We had a Super Bowl Pre-Kick-Off Party with a couple of fun games, a football toss and a game score prediction board with Charles Garner being the lucky winner of a huge snack time gift basket. A special thank you goes out to Angie with Baptist Hospice for hosting a Categories activity, Ricky with Aseracare for making Cupid Shakes for residents and to Becky with Cherrywood Post Acute for her Cupid Arrows Game. We switched things up and played nighttime Bingo, and we had a full house and gave a bunch of prizes away.

Our residents love celebrating holidays and they love to cook, so we had lots of fun when we combined the two and made Mardi Gras King Cakes at a cooking class.

February is the month of love, and we showed it. Residents filled funnels with treats, wrapped them in foil and put personalized messages to employees to mimic chocolate candy kisses for a Valentine surprise. Valentine's Day, we had a



Clark Brown and Sue Smith were selected by residents as the Lakeside Sweetheart King and Queen.

sweetheart luncheon with a heart-shaped cake with fresh berries and whipped topping. Residents cast their ballots for who will represent us as the Lakeside Sweetheart King and Queen. The winners this year are Clark Brown and Sue Smith. Our Royalty was gifted a beautiful crown, a scepter, a cape, a gift basket for each from Evans Clinic and a basket from Gentiva Hospice.

We went to the Carroll County Senior Valentine Dance, which was hosted by the Carroll County Office on Aging, McKenzie Senior Center and Lakeside Senior Living. The first 50 guests were gifted with a candy heart of chocolate provided by Dr. Merrick and Hometown Health Clinic, along with two gourmet cookie boxes for a guessing game door prize. Lifecare of Bruce-ton provided the Homemade Lasagna; Carl Byars provided spaghetti, salad and rolls; and Lakeside provided the cherry cobbler and cheese-cake, along with heart M&Ms that were used as tabletop decorations. We had a great time, and we hope many seniors will come out March 3 for the free community St. Patty's Day Dance.

A few more outings this month were to the McKenzie Chinese Restaurant for

Chinese New Year and to the last home Bethel Lady Wildcats basketball game of the season. We are so proud of these young ladies who finished first in their region and have begun playoffs. We also went each Monday to the Hometown Health Clinic Breakfast Club.

We thank two churches that went above and beyond for residents this month: Huntingdon First Baptist Church and Overflow Church.

Huntingdon First Baptist Church offered one-on-one visits with residents, giving a fruit basket and words of encouragement or a word of prayer.

Overflow Church welcomed two of our residents for their Tim Tebow Night to Shine Event. Siblings Julie and Charles Garner were treated to a red-carpet experience that included a limousine ride, hair and makeup, crowns, a paparazzi-type photo moment, food, singing and dancing while paired with a volunteer buddy.

God bless these churches for their kindness.

We celebrated two birthdays: Julie Garner and Carol French.

We welcomed two new residents: Ann Isom and Peggy Luther.

Until next time...

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Every Kid Dreamed of Being Him

He wasn't a big guy, known more for his glove than his bat; although his 2,000 plus major league hits indicated he could bring some wood to the plate. He turned double plays at second base like Rembrandt painted portraits.

He has eight Gold Gloves to his credit. He never took a day off, and his seven-time selection to the All-Star Team is testimony that he was more than just a defensive specialist.

He spent his entire 17-year career with the Pittsburgh Pirates. I can see that big number 9 on the back of his sleeveless home jersey like it was yesterday. I applauded him more times than you could ever imagine. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001.

But none of that is what made him special....

William Stanley Mazeroski died this past week. The news reported that he was 89 years old. I don't believe that! Bill Mazeroski will forever be 24, racing around the bases in the most historic moment ever at Forbes Field. The date was October 13, 1960.

The New York Yankees and Pirates had split the first six games of the World Series. The seventh game was played on a Thursday afternoon. I begged a couple of junior high teachers to let me out of class to go to the auditorium and watch the small screen TV that the school would set up on special occasions.

(It was this same TV our entire student body was glued to three years later, on November 22, 1963.)

The Yanks, as always, were the heavy favorites. The final game swayed back and forth. It was tied 9-9 when Mazeroski led off the bottom of the ninth inning. He didn't waste any time. He hit the second

pitch Raph Terry threw just slightly left of the 406-foot sign, and well over the 12-foot-high left field wall.

There was nothing cheap about this World Series ending homerun! I could hear Mel Allen describing the action. And I watched the dejected shoulders of the Yankee left fielder, Yogi Berra, sag as we all realized it was over.

Wow! Was all I could think of. Wow!

Real baseball people will tell you from the depths of their hearts, it is the most dramatic moment ever in the history of baseball....

But it stretches way deeper than even that. It is the only walk-off homerun ever hit in the seventh game of the World Series.

And that brings millions of young people from all walks of life into this picture. Kids from Bangor, Maine, to Walla Walla, Washington, have, for years, stood in backyards, never ending fields of clover, cow pastures, beside railroad tracks, vacant lots, small makeshift baseball diamonds of every description, and anywhere else they could toss a ball up in the air and smack it with a bat, stick, or broom handle...in hopes of living that dream Bill Mazeroski showed them was possible.

The most memorable words in Ernest Thayer's poem are not, "mighty Casey has struck out." It is the amazing life breathing possibilities, "The rest clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast."

I know young people who were born on the wrong side of the tracks, the back side of nowhere, the outskirts of Osage County, and way out at the end of Stonewall Street. The pace of life was a tad past stopped. We fought inaction, tedium, boredom, monotony, and each

other.

The one respite, or more correctly, the escape, we had in life was baseball. We played it with reckless abandon in every shape, form, fashion, and way that we could muster up. Sometimes it was choosing up sides and playing all day. We played pitch, rolling at the bat, throwing to a spot...we sat on the porch and juggled baseballs.

When we didn't have another soul to pitch with, we'd bounce the ball off the side of the house. The game had to go on! We'd be our own pitcher, hitter, fielder, umpire, and we'd have ghost runners on every base. The game always came down to the bottom of the ninth inning. In the seventh game of the World Series.

We always hit the game winning homerun...in our minds. And, our hearts.

You may not think this much of a big deal. But it was our moment to be someone. I can still hear the roar of the crowds....

I had college baseball teammates who followed this same path. Books have been written about us, "Boys of Summer." I don't know why we haven't started a club to keep track of all of us.

I met Bill Mazeroski once. His son, Darren, was the baseball coach at Gulf Coast and his dad was at the game. I thanked him, and he cordially nodded his understanding. He'd obviously known many like me, and felt the connection.

It would have sounded like bragging, so I didn't mention it, but I could have told Mr. Mazeroski I have hit a million seventh game, bottom of the ninth, game winning World Series homeruns...just like him!

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Is There Any Hope For Me?

It's one of the most common questions I'm asked during the first session of therapy.

Whether it's the couple who's on the verge of divorce, or the individual who suffers from severe bipolar disorder, or the one who's lived a life in addictions, or the person who's trying to find their path out of the ramifications of a chaotic childhood, they all want to know the same thing.

Most of them feel doomed; some of them from as far back as they can remember. They

believe they're fatally flawed—unredeemable.

To be in a place of such hopelessness fatigues resolve and frays the fabric of souls. It's a dark, dark place.

The cry of, "Is there any hope for me?" is the last gasp of the drowning man before he goes under for the third time.

That's when I am glad they've come to see me because I'm the eternal optimist. I always think things can work out, even though there've been times I've been disappointed in outcomes. Still, I main-

tain my optimistic outlook. And here's why:

There are two things that cannot be quantified or measured. One is the power of the human spirit and the other is the power of God. When those two things work in conjunction with each other I've seen things accomplished that I never dreamed possible.

So, is there hope for you? Absolutely!

Do not, I repeat, do not give up.

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

West Carroll Elementary School Recognizes SOAR Award Recipients for Weeks 17-18

West Carroll Elementary School faculty and staff continue to celebrate student achievement through its SOAR Awards program, which honors students who exemplify the school's core values of Safety, Ownership, Achievement and Respect. The program recognizes students for academic effort, positive character and meaningful contributions to the school community.

The Week 17 SOAR Award recipient was Trinity Scales, a fourth-grade student.

Her teacher, Beth Hysmith, said, "Trinity is a wonderful example of how much students can grow when they have the motivation and determination to succeed. She is helpful to both her peers and her teacher and does her best each and every day. She has grown so much this year and has so much to be proud of."

The Week 18 SOAR Award recipient was Austan Kelly, also a fourth-grade student.

His teacher, Madison Mc-



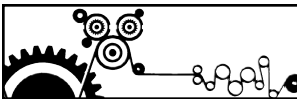
Weeks 17-18 SOAR Award Recipients (L to R): Trinity Scales, Camilla Jenkins and Austan Kelly. Submitted photo.

Clure, said, "Austan is a dutiful and dependable student. He consistently completes his assignments on time and demonstrates an impressive work ethic. Additionally, his hard work to stay focused in class reflects his dedication to learning."

Recognized for both Weeks 17 and 18 was Camilla Jenkins, a sixth-grade student who received the award through teacher nominations.

Her math teacher, Marcia Miller, said, "Camilla is truly deserving of this honor. She is well-behaved and demonstrates a strong motivation to learn, setting a positive example for those around her."

West Carroll Elementary School faculty and staff congratulate these students on their achievements and thank them for modeling the values that help make the school community a place where all students can thrive.



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BILLY JOE BELEW 1948 – 2026

MURFREESBORO (formerly of Huntingdon) — Billy Joe Belew, 77, of Murfreesboro, died peacefully on February 17, 2026, with his loving family by his side.

Billy Joe was born on September 10, 1948, in Huntingdon, to the late Jimmy and Clara Belew. Throughout his life, he was known for his kind and goofy spirit, his great love for baseball and golf, and his unwavering care for those closest to him. He found great joy in spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Billy Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Frances Davison, and his brother, Thomas Belew.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Karen Belew; his son, Nathan Belew; his daughter, Whitney Morris (husband, Blake Morris); and his cherished grandchildren, Wyatt and Josie Belew, and Bennett and Elliott Morris. He also leaves behind extended family members and many dear friends who will miss him greatly. His memory will live on in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made by copying and pasting the following links to your internet browser:

The American Heart Association at www.heart.org/en/honor-memorial

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at <https://www.komen.org/how-to-help/donate>.

Billy Joe's life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. +

PHYLLIS JO MOON 1929 – 2026

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Phyllis Jo

Moon are Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 12 p.m. until the service time. Interment will follow at Mt Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Moon, 97, died on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Eiffel Garden Assisted Living, Paris.

She was born on July 3, 1929, to John C. and Esther Carson Bunyard in Piedmont, Mo.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold E. Moon; and her brothers, George Bunyard, Don Bunyard, and Mac Bunyard.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

NELSON STEWART 1946 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Nelson Stewart, 79, of Huntingdon, died on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in McAuley Cemetery.

Mr. Stewart was born December 21, 1946, in Selmer, Tenn., to the late Ross Everett and Lucy Avis Brewer Stewart.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Ross Stewart; four brothers, Elvin Stewart, Bobby Stewart, Jerrold Stewart, Tommy Stewart; and a sister, Ruby Cole.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becky" Stewart; a daughter, Camey Hall (Kevin) all of Huntingdon; and a brother, Ricky Stewart (Darlene), of Corinth, Miss. He also leaves four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home.

FRANCES REED 1934 – 2026

WESTPORT — Mrs. Frances Reed, 91, of Westport, Tenn., died Friday, February 27, 2026, at her residence.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Inter-

ment was at Barr Springs Cemetery.

The family received friends Monday, March 2, 2026, at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home, 5-8 p.m. and again on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m.

Frances was born April 28, 1934, in Rock Springs, Tenn., to the late Joseph Simpson Douglas and Mae Bell Douglas. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Junior Reed; her daughter, Andrea Gail Edwards; two sisters, Daltha Miller and Myrtle Douglas; and two brothers, Joe Herman Douglas and Charles Douglas.

She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Ann Stewart of McKenzie; one son, Eugene (Mary Ann) Boyd of Westport, Tenn.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

TOMMIE TEDFORD 1949 – 2026

BRUCETON — Mrs. Tommie L. Tedford, 76, of Bruceton, died Monday, February 23, 2026.

Funeral services were on Friday, February 27, at the Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church with burial in Prospect Cemetery in Hollow Rock.

Mrs. Tedford was born July 9, 1949, in Hollow Rock, Tenn., to the late Lonnie Lankford and Marie Redden Lankford.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Wayne Tedford; a daughter, Joanna (Johnathan) Crutcher of Bruceton; a son, Johnathan (Sharon) Tedford of Hollow Rock; a brother, Charles (Carolyn) Lankford of Hollow Rock; five sisters, Tonia Hollingsworth, Bette McKelvy both of Bruceton, Sue Arnold of Camden, Wanda Hollingsworth of Hollow Rock, and Lynn (Jeff) Kloeck of Memphis. She also leaves four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING BAZAAR, BAKE SALE

The Craft Ladies of McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have their Spring Bazaar/ Bake Sale on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church, 16835 Highland Drive, McKenzie. Everyone is invited to buy craft and bake sale items.

McKENZIE'S EGGSTRAVAGANZA

McKenzie's Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the McKenzie City Park, 570 Como Street, McKenzie.

Egg Hunt Schedule:
0-2 years: 9:30 a.m.
3-4 years: 9:50 a.m.
5-7 years: 10:10 a.m.
8-10 years: 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled morning with the Easter Bunny, over 50,000 eggs and prizes, local vendors, food trucks, a petting zoo, balloon characters, and a bouncy house.

Admission is free (food vendor purchases optional).

CARL PERKINS CENTER PORK TENDERLOIN LUNCH

The Carroll County Carl Perkins Center is hosting a pork tenderloin lunch on Monday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center on Stone Ridge Cove, Huntingdon. Phone 731-986-5920 for more information.

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!

SCHOOL SPRING BREAKS

Carroll County Schools Spring Breaks March 23-27
Bethel University Spring Break March 9-12.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins March 8.

CAPITOL TALK WITH SENATOR JOHN STEVENS

Capitol Talk with State Senator John Stevens is Friday, March 13, 8 a.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. The event is free to attend. For more information, contact Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 731-986-4664 or email cchamber@earthlink.net.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS, NEWS

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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Emergency Night Out instructor Bradley Lumley, CCP, FCC, from the Hospital Wing talks to emergency responders about bag-valve ventilations. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Local EMS Sharpen Skills At ‘Emergency Night Out’

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (February 26) — Emergency responders from across Carroll County gathered at Baptist Memorial Hospital – Carroll County on February 26 for the latest session of the hospital’s “Emergency Night Out” training series, focusing this month on airway management.

The monthly training is held on the last Thursday of each month by the Hospital Wing, which is based at the Carroll County Airport in McKenzie. The training is primarily designed for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers needing continuing education units (CEUs) to maintain their certifications, but sessions are open to all first responders in the area. Participants that evening included representatives from McKenzie Fire, Huntington Fire, and other county first responders.

The focus of the February

session was airway techniques, a critical skill for emergency personnel responding to patients of all ages and conditions. Under the instruction of Bradley Lumley, CCP, FCC, participants practiced bag-valve ventilations, airway placement, and the use of basic adjuncts such as IG-ELs, NPAs, and OPAs. The training covered both adult and pediatric patients.

“Think about it, they’ll have an opportunity to come up and practice,” said Andy Rice, program manager of Hospital Wing 6. “It keeps their skills sharp so that when they’re on the actual scene... they’d be pretty sharp on it. The citizens benefit primarily because it keeps these responders sharp.”

Emergency services personnel often face widely varying situations, from a child experiencing shortness of breath to an elderly patient who has fallen at a nursing home.

“There’s so much that these folks have to know and be on top of,” said Rice. Beyond skill-building, the gatherings foster teamwork and camaraderie.

“Another great benefit besides the educational component,” Rice said, “it gives us a chance to meet together, fellowship, and get to know each other away from the stress of an actual emergency scene.”

Baptist Memorial Hospital – Carroll County provided the training space for the evening. “They’re very good to let us use the facility. It’s a good central location, training room and so forth. We really appreciate that,” Rice said.

The “Emergency Night Out” series began last year and is intended to resume monthly sessions moving forward. Each session provides CEUs and hands-on training to help ensure responders remain ready for the unpredictable demands of emergency care.



Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Trooper Jeff Ratkovich shows first responders the different parts of a THP helicopter, including where to locate the battery. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Carroll County First Responders Attend FAA Aviation Safety Training

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MCKENZIE (February 27-28) — Local fire, EMS and law enforcement personnel participated in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) training at the Carroll County Airport February 27 and 28, designed to prepare first responders for potential aviation accidents.

“We invited all the local fire departments, EMS and police officers in the county. It’s something a lot of us have never had before, and we thought it was important to give everyone a better understanding of what we’re dealing with,” said Captain Brian McDowell of the Huntingdon Fire Department.

The program included a classroom portion covering key safety procedures, followed by hands-on time inspecting aircraft on site.

Participants learned where critical switches are located on planes and helicopters, including fuel cutoff switches and how to safely secure a scene until FAA personnel arrive. Firefighters also reviewed patient care and fire suppression procedures in the event of a crash.

The training was intended as both a refresher and an introduction for those who had not received aviation-specific instruction. McDowell, who attended a similar FAA seminar in 2020, emphasized the importance of preparedness.

“We have a lot of air traffic in this area. This is a training that we hope we never have to use,” he said. “It just helps us brush up on our skills and understand things even more.”

Each session, taught by Phil Dixon from the FAA, lasted about two to three

hours. Groups were rotated through different aircraft, including both airplanes and helicopters, to discuss the procedures discussed in the classroom. Between 20 and 40 first responders attended the sessions.

McDowell noted that hands-on training and collaboration are crucial.

“It’s something different, and it gives us a chance to go through the procedures so we’re prepared if the need ever arises,” he said.

The FAA training builds on local efforts to ensure first responders are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely manage emergencies at the county airport and surrounding areas.

Huntingdon Fire Department will host a training session on electric vehicles this summer, held at the Carroll County Civic Center.

The Dixie Appoints New Executive Director

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON — Kimberly Kraft McLemore, of Nashville, is the new executive director of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards announced McLemore’s appointment during the Huntingdon Town Council’s February meeting.

McLemore comes from the Nashville Symphony Schermerhorn Symphony Center, where she serves as the vice president of education and community. In this role, she has directed the Symphony’s concert operations, community engagement efforts and orchestra activities. McLemore is a Nashville-based music educator, arts administrator and arts advocate. Before this role, she managed the Nashville Symphony’s nationally-recognized Accelerando pathway initiative, funded by the Andrew W.



Kimberly Kraft McLemore

Mellon Foundation, with the goal of preparing young musicians from diverse communities to enter the field of classical music.

McLemore’s resume also includes working on the Nashville Symphony’s Education and Community Engagement team and teaching high school choral and theater arts in Metro Nashville Public Schools. She served as a member of the Fine Arts Standards

Writing Committee for the State of Tennessee Board of Education and an ensemble manager for the Tennessee Music Educators Association’s state conference. She is in her sixth year as the ensemble manager for the All-National Honor Ensemble for the National Association for Music Education National Conference.

Kimberly earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the Pennsylvania State University.

In addition to her continued work as a local freelance musician and teaching artist, Kimberly also enjoys baking and spending time with her husband and two children.

“I feel like it’s a big deal to win somebody like that,” Mayor Edwards said.

McLemore, along with 15 other candidates, were individually interviewed by a ten-person panel for the position of executive director.

“I am deeply honored to join The Dixie at this exciting moment,” said McLemore. “This venue is more than a performance space — it’s a cultural anchor that enriches lives, celebrates artistic excellence and creates meaningful connections across generations. I look forward to working with the talented team, community partners and regional supporters to expand The Dixie’s mission and reach.”

As Executive Director, Kimberly will oversee strategic planning, creative programming, community and educational partnerships, and audience engagement initiatives designed to strengthen The Dixie’s role as a vibrant cultural cornerstone in West Tennessee.

The Town of Huntingdon and The Dixie PAC will host an official meet-and-greet for McLemore in the near future.

Tickets for The Dixie’s 2025-2026 performance season and educational programming are on sale now at DixiePAC.net and through The Dixie’s Box Office, Monday-Friday, 10-4 p.m., or by calling 731-986-2100.



West Carroll’s Carroll County Youth Leadership graduates (L to R): Kalee Coleman, Kahli Baum, Chandler Rimmer, Hayden Weaver and Arlexis Perry.

Five West Carroll Seniors Graduate from Carroll County Youth Leadership Cohort

West Carroll Jr./Sr. High School faculty and staff proudly congratulate five seniors who recently graduated from the Carroll County Youth Leadership Class of 2026. This selective program brings together student leaders from across the county to develop leadership skills, build community awareness and gain a deeper understanding of local government, business and civic responsibility. Throughout the year, participants engaged in leadership development sessions, toured local industries, met with community leaders

and explored the many systems that help Carroll County operate and grow. The experience is designed to equip students with confidence, communication skills and a broader perspective on how they can positively impact their communities.

West Carroll’s 2026 graduates include: Kahli Baum, Kalee Coleman, Arlexis Perry, Chandler Rimmer and Hayden Weaver.

These students represented West Carroll with professionalism and pride while strengthening their leadership abilities along

side peers from across the county.

Carroll County Youth Leadership continues to be a valuable opportunity for students to grow beyond the classroom and connect learning to real-world experiences. West Carroll staff are grateful to Brad Hurley and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for this great opportunity, and are proud of these seniors for completing the program, looking forward to seeing how they use their leadership skills in the future.



Students pictured at Gleason School were (L to R) Front Row: Janet Peeler, Academic Manager; Didactic Students, Class of 2028 — Makenzie Lunsford, Roxanne Flesher, Amie Johnson, Avery Rainey, and Asma Ullah. Back Row: Max Kulinich, Nick Haas, Kyle Morris, Sarae Ennis, Katie Strege, JD Gross, and Shelby Salerno.

Bethel Physician Assistant Students Provide Hygiene Products to Schools

GLEASON (February 27) — The didactic students of the Bethel University Physician Assistant Program participated in a Community Outreach initiative, visiting local schools to present to 4th- and 5th-grade students. Presentation topics include dental and oral health, nutrition and healthy eating,

handwashing and personal hygiene, exercise, and overall health and wellness.

The schools visited were: Dorothy & Noble Harrelson Elementary, Henry Elementary, Dresden Middle School, and Gleason School.

As part of this outreach effort, each elementary stu-

dent received a goody bag containing items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, dental floss, shampoo, soap, and other hygiene essentials. These items are generously collected and donated by local businesses to support the students and promote healthy habits.

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Bethel/Eastside FCE February Meeting

BY DANITA LAMAN

There were nine members present for our February 12 meeting in the home of Pennyne and Mary Mays. The meeting was called to order by our president, and then we read the Club Creed in unison. The roll call was answered with, “What can I do to stay on track with your New Year’s resolutions?” The minutes were read and approved from our January meeting. The treasury report was given and accepted as read. Reading lists were collected for the year 2025. The cluster meeting, which four members attended, was discussed. One of

the programs presented was on dementia. It was mentioned that we should stay active and eat a lot of fruit. There was very little old business to discuss. New business: The new year book was gone through, and months were assigned for hostess and programs; plus we decided on a month to make cakes for the nursing home. We voted to invite Macedonia FCE to meet with us at Lake Halford in May. Gail Eubanks will be the hostess that month. The meeting will be at our regular time, 4 p.m. This year we agreed to do “Read Across America”

for the Huntingdon Primary School on March 2 and Webb Head Start on March 4. The County Council will meet April 6 in the small conference room at the County Complex. For the Boo Baby workshop, guests were asked to arrive 30 minutes early to the March meeting. Lisa will get the eggs, and Pennyne will have the washcloths. The February program was themed for Random Acts of Kindness. And, it just happened to be National Hug Day! Spring Rally will be scheduled sometime after the Cluster meeting on May 1.

REGION 6-1A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Rebels Advance at Perry County

BY BRAD SAM
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LINDEN (February 27) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels advanced to the semifinals of the Region 6-1A Girls Basketball Tournament with a 59-32 opening-round win at Perry County. The Lady Rebels would face McEwen Monday night after The Banner’s press deadline. The winner advanced to the region championship on Wednesday and is guaranteed a sectional appearance. A loss means the end of the season. McKenzie jumped out to a 12-2 lead after the opening frame, led by Braylin Auvenshine with five points, including a three-pointer. Jaycee Stafford scored four, and Addyson Littleton hit

a three. Bell Warren had a pair for the Lady Vikings. The Lady Rebels had a 16-10 advantage in the second quarter, led by Stafford with seven points, including a three-pointer. Littleton scored four points. Auvenshine hit another three, and Alleigh Britt had a pair. Andalyn Weatherly led Perry County with five points, including a three. Zoey Mathis also hit a three, and Warren added a pair. At the half, the Lady Rebels led 28-12. McKenzie doubled up the Lady Vikings, 16-8, in the third, led by Stafford with seven, again with a three. Auvenshine and Madeline Gottshall each scored four, Auvenshine with a three-pointer. Littleton hit a free throw. Lady Viking Alayna Thornton scored four points, and Weatherly

and Warren each added a pair. Entering the final frame, McKenzie led 44-20. The Lady Rebels capped the win with a 15-12 tilt in the fourth, led by Stafford with six points. Britt and Molly French each hit a three-pointer. Gottshall added a pair, and Ava Hastings hit a free throw. Warren led Perry County with seven points, including a three. Abby Marshall and Bristol Bates each had a pair, and McKennah Jackson hit a free throw. McKenzie’s Jaycee Stafford led all scorers with 24 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Braylin Auvenshine scored 12 with a trio of threes. Bell Warren led the Lady Vikings with 13 points, including a three.

REGION 6-1A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Rockets End Season with Loss to Vikings

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LINDEN (February 28) — Perry County High School hosted Clarksburg Saturday to open the Region 6-1A Boys Basketball Tournament. The Rockets trailed by just two points at the half, but the Vikings pulled away in the third for a 49-36 win. The loss ends Clarksburg’s season. The Vikings had a 7-6 edge after the first frame, led by Kooper Haston with three points. Landon Warren and Kenner Haston each had a pair. Weston Vestal scored all six Clarksburg points.

Perry County had a 10-9 advantage in the second quarter, led by Ke. Haston with seven points, including a three-pointer. Brody Lee also hit a three. Rockets Garrett Bartholomew and Jake Miller each hit a three-pointer. Trae Cobb had a pair, and Vestal hit a free throw. At the half, Perry County led 17-15. The Vikings pulled away with a 19-9 tilt in the third, led by Lee and Ke. Haston with six points each, Lee with a three. Jake Mercer scored five with a three-pointer, and Warren added a pair. Reagan Halter hit a three for Clarksburg, and Cobb, Vestal and Bartholomew each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Vikings led 36-24. Perry County sealed the win with a 13-12 fourth, led by Ke. Haston with seven points. Ko. Haston scored three points, and Mercer added a pair. Lee hit a freebie. Cobb scored six for the Rockets with a three-pointer. Vestal and Clay Glosson each had three points. Viking Kenner Haston led all scorers with 22 points, including a three. Brody Lee scored ten with a pair of three-pointers. Weston Vestal led Clarksburg with 12 points. Trae Cobb scored ten with a three-pointer.

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Central Ends Seasons at Wayne County

BY BRAD SAM
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WAYNESBORO (February 27) — The Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Lady Tigers and Tigers traveled to Wayne County High School Friday for quarterfinals in their respective Region 6-1A Basketball tournaments. The host Lady Wildcats pulled away early for a 60-30 win, and the Wildcats followed suit for a 77-32 victory. The losses ended the season for both Central teams.

Wayne County Lady Wildcats 60, Central Lady Tigers 30

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 14-2 lead after the opening frame, led by Ava Ashley and Presley Daniel with six points each, Ashley with a three-pointer. Kyle Thompson had a pair. Lady Tiger Amelia Bennett scored two points. Wayne County had a 26-5 advantage in the second quarter, led by Ashley with eight points, including a three. Daniel scored seven. Kaybree Carroll and Mary-Grace Littleton each had four points, and Thompson hit a three. Haven Neely hit a three-pointer for Central, and Cloe Morgan had a pair. At the half, Wayne County led 40-7. The Lady Wildcats had a 13-12 edge in the third, led by Adaline Odle with

five points, including a three. Ashley scored four, Thompson hit a three, and Izzie Scaife hit a free throw. Emy Olds led the Lady Tigers with six points on a pair of threes. Lilly McGee, Ava Finley and McKenzye Castleman each had a pair. Entering the final frame, the Lady Wildcats led 53-19. Central enjoyed an 11-7 tilt in the fourth for a closer final, led by Olds with six points, again on a pair of three-pointers. Alayah Hill scored three points, and Morgan added a pair. Scaife scored four points for Wayne County. Emma Green had a pair, and Emerson Camfield hit a free throw. Lady Wildcat Ava Ashley led all scorers with 18 points, including a pair of threes. Presley Daniel scored 13. Emy Olds led the Lady Tigers with 12 points on four three-pointers. **Wildcats 77, Tigers 32** Wayne County stormed out to a 29-8 lead after the first frame, led by Kace Bryant with nine points on a trio of threes. Caysen Mosley, Drew Baugus, Cayman Camfield and Nate Bevis each scored four. Warren Camfield and Case Butler each had a pair. Tigers Brody Huff, Seth Thomas, Parker Finley and Liam Piersol each scored two points. The Wildcats had a 24-6

advantage in the second quarter, led by C. Camfield with seven points, including a three-pointer. Bryant scored five with a three, and Baugus and Logan Davis each had four points. Mosley and W. Camfield each added a pair. Huff, Thomas and Nic King each had a pair for Central. At the half, the Wildcats led 53-14. Wayne County enjoyed a 15-7 tilt in the third, led by C. Camfield with six points on a pair of threes. Bryant hit a three-pointer, and Baugus also scored three points. Butler added a pair, and Mosley hit a free throw. Tiger Sal Sala scored five points with a three, and Finley added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Wildcats led 68-21. Central had an 11-9 edge in the fourth, led by Huff with six points on a pair of three-pointers. Finley and Smith each added a pair, and Cole Baker hit a free throw. Wildcat Casey Franks scored five with a three, and Kyler Self and Hudson Floyd each had a pair. Wildcats Kase Bryant and Cayman Camfield led all scorers with 17 points each, Bryant with five three-pointers and Camfield with three. Drew Baugus had 11 points. Brody Huff led the Tigers with ten points, including a pair of threes.

REGION 6-2A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS



Left, Garvin Kee goes high to score in the Mustangs’ win over Cheatham County to start region play. Right, Ellie Wilson scores two points in the Fillies’ win over Harpeth to start region play. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

Fillies, Mustangs Advance to Semifinals

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The Huntingdon Fillies and Mustangs won their first-round region 6-2A games last week to move within one game of a region championship. The Fillies handily defeated Harpeth from District 11-2A 91-26 and the Mustangs defeated Cheatham County 52-49 to advance. The Fillies possibly set a school record against Harpeth, who entered the game with only two wins and the fourth-seeded team from District 11-2A. The Fillies scored 43 points in the first quarter and led 61-15 at the half. The Fillies had five players in double figures scoring and out-rebounded the Lady Cubs 43-19 in the game. The Fillies also forced 14 first-quarter turnovers to race to a 43-12 lead after one frame. In that first quarter the Fillies made five three-pointers and were six of seven from the foul line. Freshman Wylie Kee led the Fillies in the scoring ledger with 18 points that

all came in the first three quarters. Kee also had seven rebounds for the game. Knox Bennett added 15, Kyrstin Moore 13 and three three-pointers, Ellie Wilson 13, Emalynn Maness 12 (all from behind the arc), Grier Bartholomew 7, Maria Barreto de Vicente 5, Tatum Rich 3, Millie Luther 3 and Kaylen Cary 2. Cary led the Fillies with 8 rebounds for the game. Harpeth was led by Jayln Murfree with 9 and Ella Pomeroy with 8. The Fillies improved to 25-3 for the season and were scheduled to face Cheatham County in region play at Waverly on Monday, March 2 after The Banner’s press deadline. The Mustangs, who had dropped both district tournament games, got off to a fast start against Cheatham County leading 17-16 after one quarter. The Mustangs then went cold from the field and trailed at the half 35-26 after Garvin Kee made a 35-foot shot at the buzzer to cut the margin to nine at the break.

The Mustangs trailed by eight with seconds left in the third, but Lucas Smith was fouled on a three-pointer and Smith made two of three to cut the lead to 40-34 at the start of the fourth quarter. The Mustangs, who trailed 39-28 with 2:28 left in the third, went on a 17-3 run to take a 45-42 lead with four minutes left in the game. The Cubs tied the game at 45-45, but the Mustangs, with their defense, took a three-point lead with 22 seconds left and a three-pointer by the Cubs was missed and the Mustangs advanced after grabbing the rebound. The Mustangs improved to 16-6 for the season and will face Harpeth in region play on Tuesday in Waverly. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Kee with 16, Kelton Johnson 14, Caleb Ezell 9, Bryson Whiteside 6, Smith 4, and K’Shun Carter 3. Liam Lockert and Sebashan Bryant scored 12 for the Cubs, Copper Jenette 11, and Warner Hamm 8.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

Rebels Top Rockets in Season Opener

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HUNTINGDON (February 26) — Clarksburg hosted McKenzie Middle School Thursday at Kelley Sports Complex to open the soccer season. The Rebels claimed an 8-3 win. Rebel Aziz Jarju scored two goals and had an assist. Payton Cox and Anthony Navarro each scored a pair of goals. Lucas Wilson and Andres Hernandez each had one goal. Rockets Jase Huey, Eli Derryberry and Aiden Fowler each scored a goal, and Eli Jordan had an assist. McKenzie goalkeeper Javonte Piro had two saves. Clarksburg goalkeeper Drayden Frenslley had eight saves.



Above, Rebel Anthony Navarro scores a goal. Below, Rocket Jase Huey scored a goal. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



DISTRICT 12-1A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Rebels Top Lady Tigers to Claim Third

BY BRAD SAM
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McEWEN (February 23) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels finished third in the District 12-1A Girls Basketball Tournament with a 43-34 win over Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central in Monday’s consolation game at McEwen High School. Both teams will open region play on the road Friday at 7 p.m. McKenzie will travel to Perry County, while Central goes to Wayne County. The Lady Rebels jumped out to an 11-3 lead after the opening frame, led by Jaycee Stafford with eight points. Addyson Littleton hit a three-pointer. Lady Tiger Alayah Hill had a

pair, and McKenzye Castleman hit a free throw. McKenzie had a 16-6 advantage in the second quarter, led by Alleigh Britt with six points on a pair of threes. Kynadie Brown and Braylin Auvenshine each hit a three-pointer, and Stafford also scored three points. Madeline Gottshall hit a free throw. Lilly McGee, Cloe Morgan and Scarlett King each had a pair for Central. At the half, the Lady Rebels led 27-9. The third was a 13-13 wash. Auvenshine led McKenzie with seven points, including a three. Stafford scored four, and Gottshall added a pair. Castleman scored five for the Lady Tigers with a

three-pointer. McGee and Morgan each hit a three, and Ava Finley had a pair. Entering the final frame, the Lady Rebels led 40-22. Central rallied 12-3 in the fourth for a closer final, led by King with a three-pointer. Hill, Amelia Bennett, Emy Olds and Belle Blankenship each had a pair, and Morgan hit a freebie. Auvenshine added a pair for McKenzie, and Molly French hit a free throw. Lady Rebel Jaycee Stafford led all scorers with 15 points. Braylin Auvenshine scored 12 with a pair of threes. Cloe Morgan and McKenzye Castleman lead Central with six points each, both with a three-pointer.

Bethel Bids Farewell to Renaissance Director Holt

Courtesy Bethel University

For nearly 18 years, Matthew Holt has faithfully served the Renaissance Program at Bethel University, helping shape it into one of the most vibrant and innovative performing arts experiences in the nation.

Matthew's journey with Renaissance began as Associate Director of the Vocal Program, where his leadership and musical excellence quickly made an impression. He later served as Associate Creative Director, before being named Executive Director in 2014, a role in which he faithfully led the program for more than a decade with a steady hand and a deep commitment to its mission.

Reflecting on his time at Bethel, Matthew shared, "The last (almost) 18 years of serving the Renaissance Program at Bethel University has been very special, and we will always be grateful for our time here and the countless memories that we will carry in our hearts forever! It has truly been an honor to be a part of such a special program and to see so many lives changed (including our own) as a result of the work that's being done."

During his tenure, Matthew provided leadership to an estimated 1,500 students and helped guide a program that presented more than 100 performances annually. He also directed and traveled extensively with Renaissance groups throughout the United States and internationally, including the Philippines and Colombia. These countless rehearsals, performances and travel opportunities became part of a larger legacy—one defined by opportunity, growth and meaningful experiences for the students who passed through Renaissance.

Renaissance is truly unique. Renaissance is an extracurricular performing arts experience designed to complement students' academic pursuits, and it has encompassed an extraordinary breadth of artistic expression—from gospel choirs to bluegrass bands, from musical theatre to marching band, from gospel quartets to contemporary a cappella



vocal groups and nearly everything in between. Renaissance holds a distinctive place within the life of Bethel University, and Matthew was uniquely equipped to lead a program of such scope, diversity, and influence.

While many recognize Matthew's extraordinary musicianship—including his work as pianist for Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band and his distinction as a Grammy- and Dove-nominated artist—his leadership role over nearly two decades has also played a significant part in shaping Renaissance.

Newly named Interim Executive Director Dr. Scott Shepherd shared, "Matthew's incredible musicianship is widely known—he is truly that's a prodigy—but what many may not see is the steadiness he has brought to Renaissance through many seasons of growth and change. The way he has consistently advocated for the program—its staff and its students—is a testament to his care and belief in its mission. His influence on Renaissance will prove invaluable as the program moves into the future."

Aubrey Doyle, Director of Renaissance Theatre, shared, "Matthew has led with integrity, creativity, and has always strived to keep God at the forefront of everything we do. As much as we are sad to see him go, we bless him as he continues on the path God has for his life."

"On a personal level, it has been a privilege to serve alongside Matthew," Shepherd continued. "His steadiness in moments of pressure, his clarity in moments of uncertainty, and his unwavering commitment to our program have shaped not only Renaissance—but those of us who have had

the privilege of working with him and countless others who enjoyed the diverse and extraordinary performances during his tenure."

Matthew's heart for Renaissance and Bethel University remains evident as he looks toward the future: "We wish Bethel University and the Renaissance program nothing but the very best. I know the program will be in good hands, as Dr. Scott Shepherd has been named the Interim Executive Director of Renaissance. He is a very talented man and is well-respected as a leader. His level of integrity and heart for our staff and students will ensure success moving forward. I look forward to seeing the ways that God will continue using the Renaissance Program to impact future leaders, but ultimately, to draw people closer to Him."

Matthew now begins a new season of ministry at First Baptist Church of Martin while continuing his professional work as a pianist and producer and investing in his family—his wife Lindsey and their four children: Fletcher, Ridley, Carver and Mary Mae.

Regarding this next chapter, Matthew shared, "We are extremely excited about this next season for our family and ministry, and we give God all of the glory for the incredible opportunities He has given us to serve Him."

As Renaissance looks ahead, we do so with deep gratitude. Matthew's leadership represents an important chapter in the history of this program, and his work has helped shape the foundation on which Renaissance will continue to build.

While we celebrate all that has been, we also press forward with confidence and hope—committed to continuing the mission, building on the strong foundation that has been laid, and investing in the next generation of Renaissance students.

Matthew, thank you for your leadership, your musicianship, and your years of faithful service to Renaissance. Your fingerprints will remain on Renaissance for generations.

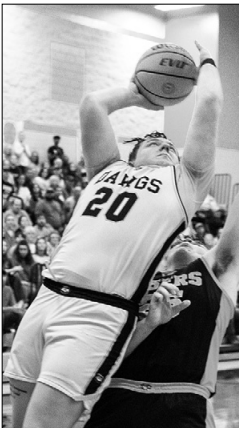
Gleason Defeats Halls in Region Play

GLEASON (February 28) — Gleason Bulldogs claimed a regional victory over the visiting Halls Tigers on Saturday, February 28.

In the physical, high-scoring contest, Gleason's second-half dominance led the way for a 75-60 victory. Hall's maintained a slight lead going into the half, however, Gleason's 20 and 26-point third and fourth quarters sealed the deal for the home team.

Scoring by quarters was: Gleason 18, 11, 20, and 26, while Halls scored 20, 11, 14, and 15.

Gleason was led by Miami Woolridge with 21 points, followed by Kade Sawyers with 16, Drake



Left, Kade Sawyers (#3) jumps to block a Halls' shot. Right, Drake Lehmkuhl (#20) shoots while under heavy defense from Halls.

Lehmkuhl with 15, Brody Sanders with 13, and Parker Morgan with 10.

Halls was led by Jeremiah Harris with 14, Ta'Miy-

on Gooch with 12, Sawyer Tetleton with 11, Makai Ward with 8, Clyde Tell-ton with 8, and Kadon Piphus with 7.

Bulldogs are Runner-Up to Lake County

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (February 23) — The District 14-1A Boys Basketball Tournament concluded Monday at Bethel University's Crisp Arena. In the championship game, the Gleason Bulldogs fell behind early to Lake County but climbed back to trail by just a point after three quarters. The Falcons held on in the fourth to claim a 53-50 win and the district title.

South Fulton defeated Dresden in the consolation game. All four teams advanced to the Region 7 tournament.

Following the games, district awards were presented.

All-District players were Gleason's Kade Sawyers (MVP), Drake Lehmkuhl and Brody Sanders; Dresden's Landon Floyd and Cannon Floyd; Greenfield's Easton Sullivan, Nick Brown and Cruze Porter; South Fulton's Grant Joyner, Jakob Cooley and Charles Michael Mulcahy; and Lake County's Jataveion Ricks and Jax Poole.

Gleason's Mike Riggs was named Coach of the Year.

All-Defensive players were Gleason's Ashton Morgan and Miami Woolridge; Greenfield's Cruze Porter; Lake County's Ka'Devon Gross; and South Fulton's Charles Michael Mulcahy (Defensive Player of the Year).

All-Tournament players were Gleason's Kade Sawyers and Drake Lehmkuhl; Dresden's Connor Floyd; South Fulton's Clark Rice;



Left, Bulldog Miami Woolridge floats to the basket. Right, District 14-1A Coach of the Year Mike Riggs of Gleason. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

and Lake County's Jataveion Ricks, Mark Owens and Jax Poole (MVP).

All-Academic players (seniors, 3.0 GPA or higher) were Gleason's Brock Dilday, Wylen Gustafson, Drake Lehmkuhl, Trey Mayo, Ashton Morgan, Parker Morgan, C.J. Reed, Brody Sanders, Kade Sawyers, Wes Wainscott and Miami Woolridge; Dresden's Grey Forrester; Greenfield's Caden Sparkman and Easton Sullivan; Lake County's Charliyah Butler, Ka'Devon Gross and Catelyn Ripley; and South Fulton's Charles Michael Mulcahy.

In the title game, Lake County jumped out to a 15-7 lead after the first frame, led by Jataveion Ricks with five points. Jax Poole scored four, and Aikee Ward and Mark Owens each hit a three-pointer. Bulldog Kade Sawyers scored four, and Drake Lehmkuhl had three points.

Gleason had a 15-14 edge in the second quarter, led by Sawyers with seven points. Lehmkuhl scored six with a three-pointer, and Ashton Morgan had a pair. Poole

led the Falcons with four points. J'Braylon Mays and Nigel Clark each hit a three, and Ricks and Cade Lanier each had a pair. At the half, Lake County led 29-22.

The Bulldogs enjoyed a 19-13 tilt in the third, led by Sawyers, Lehmkuhl and Brody Sanders with six points each. Miami Woolridge hit a free throw. Owens led the Falcons with six points. Ricks, Mays and Xander Hertel each had a pair, and Poole hit a freebie. Heading into the final frame, Lake County led 42-41.

The Falcons sealed the win with an 11-9 advantage in the fourth, led by Owens and Poole with four points each. Gross scored three. Lehmkuhl scored five for Gleason. Sawyers and Morgan each added a pair.

Bulldog Drake Lehmkuhl led all scorers with 20 points, including a three-pointer. Kade Sawyers scored 19 points.

Mark Owens and Jax Poole led Lake County with 13 points each, Owens with a three.



Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies (Microwave)

- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 cups oats
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Place sugar, milk, and butter in large microwave bowl and cook on high 4 to 5 min-

utes, just until mixture comes to a full boil. Stir in remaining ingredients until blended. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper. Let cool until firm.

Pineapple Sour Cream Pie

- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (20oz.) can crushed pineapple
- 8 oz sour cream
- 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 1 baked 9" pie shell
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 6 tablespoons sugar

For filling: In 1 1/2 quart pan, combine 1/2 cup sugar and flour. Stir in undrained pineapple and sour cream. Cook and stir over medium heat until bubbly. Reduce heat, cook and stir two minutes. Stir 1 cup of hot filling into beaten egg yolks and return to pan. Bring to a gentle boil, cook and stir two more minutes. Pour hot filling into bake pie shell. In bowl, add vanilla and cream of tartar to egg whites. Beat with mixer, gradually adding 6 tablespoons sugar. Beat on high 4 minutes or until peaks. Spread over hot filling. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Cool one hour. Chill 3 hours.

Gasoline Prices Increase During the Week

TENNESSEE (March 2) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 2.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.55/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 6.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 17.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 5.4 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.740 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.24/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.39/g, a difference of \$1.15/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.24/g while the highest was \$3.39/g, a difference of \$1.15/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.6 cents per gallon in the last week,

averaging \$2.94/g today. The national average is up 7.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 10.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Tennessee and the national average going back five years:

- March 2, 2025: \$2.72/g (U.S. Average: \$3.04/g)
- March 2, 2024: \$2.99/g (U.S. Average: \$3.34/g)
- March 2, 2023: \$3.03/g (U.S. Average: \$3.35/g)
- March 2, 2022: \$3.52/g (U.S. Average: \$3.69/g)
- March 2, 2021: \$2.48/g (U.S. Average: \$2.74/g)

"The national average price of gasoline has climbed for a fourth straight week, driven primarily by seasonal tightening and broader market dynamics," said Patrick

De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Looking ahead, markets will now begin reacting to this week-end's U.S.–Iran attacks, which have elevated geopolitical risk premiums even in the absence of immediate supply disruption. Oil prices have firmed as traders assess the potential for further escalation, and while fundamentals such as inventories and refinery activity remain important anchors, the risk of broader instability—particularly involving key transit routes—has injected fresh uncertainty into energy markets. In the week ahead, gasoline prices are likely to face heightened upward pressure as seasonal trends continue and markets navigate this evolving geopolitical landscape, with the national average poised to reach the \$3-per-gallon mark for the first time this year."

SOURCE GasBuddy

REGION 7-1A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Left, Lady War Eagle Hailey Mitchell drives to the basket for two. Mitchell led all scorers with 15 points. Right, Lady War Eagle Gracelyn Vernon fires a three-pointer. Vernon scored seven for West Carroll. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady War Eagles Fall to Dresden, End Season

BY BRAD SAM
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DRESDEN (February 27) — Dresden High School hosted West Carroll Friday night to open the Region 7-1A Girls Basketball Tournament. The Lady War Eagles kept the game close, trailing by just four entering the final frame, but the Lady Lions held on for a 45-36 win.

The loss ends the season for West Carroll.

Dresden had a 10-4 lead after the first frame, led by Jacie West and Elizabeth Jarred with a three-pointer each. Jentri Mangiaracina and Hanna Hale each had a pair. Hailey Mitchell scored

all four West Carroll points.

The Lady War Eagles had an 18-17 edge in the second quarter, led by Gracelyn Vernon with seven points, including a three. Aubrey Hammett scored four, and Kinsley Poff hit a three-pointer. Mitchell and Marissa Mueller each had a pair. Molly Robinson led the Lady Lions with eight points, including a pair of threes. Irah Cianfarani scored four, Gracie Adams had three points, and Jarred added a pair. At the half, Dresden led 27-22.

West Carroll had an 11-10 advantage in the third, led by Mitchell with nine points. Chloe Rimmer had a pair. West scored four points

for Dresden, and Adams and Robinson each hit a three. Heading into the final frame, Dresden led 37-33.

The Lady Lions claimed the win with an 8-3 tilt in the fourth. West hit a three, and Mangiaracina also scored three points. Robinson added a pair. Hammett hit a three for West Carroll.

Lady War Eagle Hailey Mitchell led all scorers with 15 points. Aubrey Hammett and Gracelyn Vernon each scored seven, each with a three-pointer.

Molly Robinson led Dresden with 13 points, including a trio of threes. Jacie West had ten points with a pair of three-pointers.

Area Teams Are Ranked in State Basketball Poll

NASHVILLE (March 2) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association and USA Today Network announced the basketball rankings for the 2025-26 season on Monday, March 2. The Top 10 teams in each of the four Division I classifications and Top 5 in two Division II classes were selected by TSWA members and USA Today writers with first-place votes in parentheses and total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote.

The Banner is listing Class 1 A and Class 2A top 10 teams.

BOYS — Division I Class 1A — 1. Eagleville (27-0) – 110 (11). Last Week: Ranked No. 1; 2. Jackson County (26-5) – 98. Last Week: Ranked No. 3; 3. Pickett County (28-4) – 87. Last Week: Ranked No. 2; 4. Humboldt (18-6) – 75. Last Week: Ranked No. 4; 5. Richland (20-5) – 63. Last Week: Ranked No. 5; 6. Wayne County (21-9) – 50. Last Week: Ranked No. 6; 7. Perry County (18-6) – 44. Last Week: Ranked No. 7; 8. Booker T. Washington (20-4) – 43. Last Week: Ranked No. 9; 9. Gleason (22-5) – 15. Last Week: Ranked No. 9; 10. Hampton (22-9) – 9. Last Week: Ranked No. 10

Class 2A — 1. Chattanooga Prep (15-11) – 109 (10).

Last Week: Ranked No. 1; 2. Tellico Plains (25-4) – 99 (1). Last Week: Ranked No. 2; 3. Gatlinburg-Pittman (22-4) – 89. Last Week: Ranked No. 3; 4. Martin- Westview (19-7) – 69. Last Week: Ranked No. 6; 5. White House Heritage (25-5) – 68. Last Week: Ranked No. 5; 6. Peabody (23-5) – 51. Last Week: Ranked No. 4; 7. East Nashville (20-4) – 39. Last Week: Ranked No. 9; 8. Tyner Academy (18-10) – 38. Last Week: Ranked No. 7; 9. Memphis Business Academy (11-6) – 22. Last Week: Not Ranked; 10. Hillcrest (22-4) – 8. Last Week: Not Ranked.

GIRLS — Division I Class 1A — 1. Greenfield (26-2) – 110 (11). Last Week: Ranked No. 1; 2. Richland (22-3) – 97. Last Week: Ranked No. 2; 3. Van Buren County (25-4) – 90. Last Week: Ranked No. 3; 4. Wayne County (26-5) – 77. Last Week: Ranked No. 5; 5. Jackson County (21-9) – 64. Last Week: Ranked No. 6; 6. Gordonsville (26-4) – 53. Last Week: Ranked No. 7; 7. Unaka (22-4) – 40. Last Week: Ranked No. 8; 8. Pickett County (19-11) – 35. Last Week: No. 5; 9. Coalfield (24-7) – 24. Last Week: Ranked No. 10; 10. North Greene (26-6) – 14. Last Week: Ranked No. 9

Class 2A — 1. Gatlinburg-Pittman (26-3) – 110 (11). Last Week: Ranked No. 1;

2. Huntingdon (25-3) – 94. Last Week: Ranked No. 2; 3. York Institute (25-6) – 88. Last Week: Ranked No. 3; 4. Westview (22-4) – 82. Last Week: Ranked No. 4; 5. Stewart County (26-4) – 64. Last Week: Ranked No. 5; 6. Smith County (20-11) – 43. Last Week: Ranked No. 6; 7. Gibson County (22-9) – 60. Last Week: Ranked No. 8; 8. East Nashville (20-4) – 38. Last Week: Not Ranked; 9. Memphis Business Academy (13-3) – 17. Last Week: Ranked No. 10; 10. Pearl-Cohn (23-6) – 15. Last Week: Ranked No. 7.

In 3A Girls — South Gibson is ranked 4 behind Stone Memorial, Daniel Boone, and White County. 1. Stone Memorial (27-3) – 109 (11). Last Week: Ranked No. 1 2. Daniel Boone (29-3) – 98 (1). Last Week: Ranked No. 2 3. White County (29-5) – 82. Last Week: Ranked No. 3 4. South Gibson (27-4) – 74. Last Week: Ranked No. 4

Publications that participated in the voting include: The Tennessean in Nashville, the Knoxville News-Sentinel, The Commercial Appeal in Memphis, The Daily Herald in Columbia, The Leaf-Chronicle in Clarksville, Five Star Preps, The Daily News Journal in Murfreesboro, The Chattanooga Times-Free Press, The Mirror-Exchange in Milan and Tri-Cities Sports.

Bethel’s Hart is Mid-South Player of the Year

COURTESY BETHEL SID

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — After a dominant 2025-26 regular season campaign that placed her among the league’s elite from start to finish, Bethel’s Micah Hart has been named the Mid-South Conference Women’s Basketball Player of the Year.

Hart started all 28 games this season, averaging 31.7 minutes per contest while pouring in 18.8 points per game, which led the league. In conference play, she elevated her game even further, averaging 20.7 points per outing against MSC competition. She finished the regular season with 527 total points, shooting an efficient 51 percent from the field and an impressive 39.3 percent from three-point range.

When the lights were brightest in conference action, Hart was even sharper. She shot 50 percent from the floor and a blistering 43.9 percent from beyond the arc, while knocking down 91.2 percent of her free throws. Her ability to score at all three levels made her one of the most difficult matchups in the league.

Hart’s impact went far beyond scoring. The versatile standout pulled down 168 rebounds (6.0 per game), dished out 58 assists, and added 56 steals and 28 blocks, showcasing her all-around presence on both ends of the floor. She consistently filled the stat sheet while maintaining efficiency and composure, committing just 46 turnovers all season.

Playing nearly 32 minutes per game overall — and almost 36 per game in conference play — Hart proved to be the steady force her team relied on night after night. Her combination of production, efficiency, and leadership ultimately set her apart, earning her the conference’s top individual honor.

“Micah is the definition of a complete player,” said Head Coach Chris Nelson. “What makes her special isn’t just the numbers — it’s the consistency, the leadership, and the way she competes every possession. She put the work in all year long, and this honor is a reflection of that. We’re incredibly proud of her.”

With the Mid-South Conference Player of the Year award now attached to her name, Hart’s 2025-26 season will be remembered as one of the most complete and impactful performances in recent program history.

Conference officials also announced the 2025-26 All MSC Women’s Basketball teams and individual award winners.

Bethel’s (Tenn.) Micah

Hart was selected as the MSC Player of the Year, Campbellsville’s (Ky.) Tyra Flowers is the Randy Vernon Defensive Player of the Year, and Georgetown’s (Ky.) Daysha Reid is the MSC Freshman of the Year.

Mid-South Conference head coaches selected the individual awards and all-conference teams by vote. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) John B. Wethington was voted by his peers as the MSC Head Coach of the Year, while Lindsey Wilson’s Terran Duncan is the MSC Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach of the Year.

Hart leads the 10-woman All Mid-South Conference

First Team. She is joined by teammates Mikee Buchanan and Madison Hart, Campbellsville’s Dea Bradley and Whitney Hay, Cumberland’s (Ky.) Joy Kendrick, Freed-Hardeman’s (Tenn.) Lilly Kee and Jenna Satterly, Georgetown’s Daisy Gale, and Lindsey Wilson’s Meadow Tisdale.

Flowers and Reid headline the 5-woman All Mid-South Conference Second Team. They are joined by Freed-Hardeman’s Rachel Satterly, Georgetown’s Kayra Freeman, and Lindsey Wilson’s Saniyah Shelton.

The Mid-South Conference Women’s Basketball Tournament begins on Friday, February 27, at Bowling Green Arena.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT

The City of McKenzie is seeking feedback on an application for a 2026 LPRF park grant for Mulberry Park. A public meeting will be held on **Monday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m.** at 2470 Cedar Street.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to give City feedback, there will be a post on our Facebook page active from March 16 to March 30. You are encouraged to leave comments there.

Input from the community would be greatly appreciated and the City of McKenzie urges all residents to attend. The City of McKenzie does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability. If accessibility assistance is needed, please contact City Hall at 731-352-2292.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PE15

ESTATE OF: **CHARLES KEITH HAIR, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Notice is hereby given that on the **12TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2026** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **CHARLES KEITH HAIR** deceased, who died **AUGUST 29TH, 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 **12TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2026**. THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

DENNIS G. HAIR, Executor/Administrator
JAMES W. CLEMENTS III, 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 894, 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 Million Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,040,000.00), payable to TERRIL SCOTT PROPERTIES, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by TERRIL SCOTT PROPERTIES, LLC, the legal owner and holder of the said Note, by appointment executed on January 12, 2026, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 764, at Page 343, 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 TERRIL SCOTT PROPERTIES, 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, March 17, 2026, at 10:00 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 12th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

Tract No. 1: Map 094, Parcel 011.00
BEGINNING on a stake in a branch on Clyde Johnson’s south lien and runs thence with the meanders of the branch in a general westerly direction; South 48-1/2 deg. West 16 poles; North 76-1/2 deg. West 17 poles, South 15-1/2 deg. West 20 poles; North 85 deg. West 41 poles; North 22 poles; North 75 deg. West 12 poles; West 20 poles; North 17 deg. West 24 poles; south 75 deg. West 8 poles to a stake in the public road on Clyde Johnson’s West boundary line and continuing with the meanders of said branch; South 54 deg. West 8 poles; South 60 deg. West 8 poles; South 85 deg. West 10 poles; North 35 deg. West 11 poles; North 5 deg. West 13 poles; North 61 deg. West 26 poles; North 12 deg. West 21 poles; North 52 deg. West 15 poles; North 4 deg. West 10 poles; North 31 deg. West 30 poles; North 47-1/2 deg. East 21 poles to a stake in the branch; thence South 65 deg. East 52-1/2 poles to a stake on Hood’s line; thence North 5 deg East 39 poles; thence North 87 deg. West 50 poles to a stake in the branch on Kirk’s line; thence with the meanders of the branch southwesterly to a stake on Kirk’s line Conyer’s corner; thence South 3 deg. West 81 poles to a stake in a branch; thence southwesterly with the meanders of said branch crossing the public road and passing Willow Springs to a stake in the branch of Clyde Johnson’s south line; thence North 78 deg. West 67 poles to a stake; thence South 10 deg. West 145-1/2 poles to a stake, Clyde Johnson’s southwest corner; thence South 80 deg. East crossing the drainage canal 142 poles to a stake; thence North 10 deg. East 298 poles to a stake; thence North 50 deg. West 41 poles to a stake; thence North 10 deg. East 72 poles to a stake; thence North 80 deg. West 41 poles to the point of beginning, containing 425 acres more or less. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

Tract No. 2: Map 094, Parcel 011.00
BEGINNING at a stake of F. E. Johnson’s east line run South 144 poles to a stake on Clyde Johnson’s line; thence North 49 deg. East 41.5 poles; thence southerly with the meanders of a branch or ditch to a stake on Clyde Johnson’s line; thence North 74 deg. East 76 poles to a stake on Carter line; thence North 6 deg. East with Carter’s and Hampton line 140 poles to a stake in branch, the old bed of Beaver Creek; thence with the meanders of said old creek bed to a stake in the old creek bed, North 74-1/2 deg. West 6 poles to a stake; thence South 86 deg. West 21 poles to the point of beginning, containing 123 acres more or less. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

Tract No. 3: Map 094, Parcel 011.00
Bonded on the North by Hawkins, on the South by Johnson, on the East by Kirk, on the West by Hilliard. Our title appears of record in Deed Book No. 84 page 439, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, said tract of land being further described as follows, to wit: Calls in survey of Wm. Hampton’s land in 12th Civil District of Carroll County, Lot No. 2 of 210 acre tract of land sold by order of County Court, Carroll County, Tennessee, on the 10th day of December 1887, as land belonging to the Estate of Allen Johnson, deceased, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a stake in the middle of Beaver Creek in the East boundary line of J. M. Dalton’s and McLellan lands across said creek with Ironwood tree pointers; thence in said creek bed in a southeast direction to the mouth of a slough to the 2nd slough below the Dalton old mill site; thence up said branch with its meanders to a willow the northeast corner of Tract No. 1 138 poles to a stake, maple, and sweetgum pointers, the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence North with the East line of Dalton and McLellan land 136 poles to the beginning, containing 149 acres be the same, more or less. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

Tract No. 4: Map 094, Parcel 012.00
BEGINNING at a stake, the northeast corner of the Ben Wilkes land; runs thence South 88-1/2 degrees West 88 rods to a stake in the branch, the same being the southeast corner of the land heretofore sold by Mr. Clyde Johnson to lie Williams and wife, Dessa Williams; thence in a northeastern direction with the meanderings of a branch, a distance of approximately 104 rods to a stake in the south line of the George Stacey land; thence with Stacey’s south line, North 86-1/2 degrees East 58-1/2 rods to a stake, Stacey’s southeast corner; thence North 3-1/2 degrees West with Stacey 85-1/2 rods to a stake in the drainage boundary line; thence with the drainage boundary line, North 44 degrees East 41 rods to a stake; South 38 degrees East 29 rods to a stake; South 8 degrees East 57 rods to a stake; South 18 degrees East 67 rods to a stake; thence leaving said drainage boundary line, about South 4-1/2 degrees East 216 rods to a stake, an outer corner of Wilkes; thence North 86-1/2 degrees West 71 rods to a stake; thence North 3-1/2 degrees East 140-1/4 rods to the point of beginning.

THERE IS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE BUT TO BE EXCLUDED THEREFROM A CERTAIN TRACT HERETOFORE CONVEYED TO Darrell Williams and wife, as recorded in Deed Book 184, page 398, ROCC, as follows: Beginning at a point being the Northwest corner of the tract conveyed on the South margin of Clyde Johnson Road and at the common corner of the lands of Martinex and Wilkes and this tract; thence generally South with Martinex and Wilkes line approximately 1050 feet

to the Southwest corner of the property conveyed and a common division line with Martinex and Wilkes; thence generally East approximately 1000 feet with the common Martinez and Wilkes line to a point on the Glenn Johnson West line and representing a three way corner of Martinez and Wilkes land, Glen Johnson land and the described tract and being the Southeast corner of the described tract; thence generally North with the common Glenn Johnson line approximately 800 feet to the South margin of Clyde Johnson Road being the Northeast corner of the described tract; thence generally Northwest with the south margin of the Clyde Johnson Road about 900 feet to the point of beginning. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same tracts of property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Terill Scott Properties, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, to Cachengo, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, dated July 31, 2024, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 416, page 177, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

RESERVATION OF EASEMENT: Map 094, Parcel 011.00
Grantors reserve for themselves and their successors and assigns a perpetual 60-foot wide easement for the purpose of ingress and egress over and across the above-described tract to access Grantor’s adjacent property described in Deed Book 263, Page 534, and being more particularly described, along the center of said easement as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of Beaver Creek Lane where said point intersects the south line of the above described tract, and being North 84 deg. 28 min. 33 sec. West 86.20 feet from a ½ inch iron pin at the northeast corner of the Crosso tract, as recorded in DB 299, PG 457; thence along the meanders of the center of the herein described 60-foot wide easement, the following calls: along a curve to the right, having a radius of 601.88 feet, an arc length of 201.96 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 22 deg. 26 min. 23 sec. East, and a chord distance of 201.02 feet to a point of tangency; along a tangent, North 32 min. 03 min. 10 sec. East 57.06 feet to a point of curvature; along a curve to the right, having a radius of 82.00 feet, an arc length of 107.12 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 69 deg. 28 min. 42 sec. East and a chord distance of 99.67 feet to a point of tangency; along a tangent, South 73 deg. 05 min. 46 sec. East 146.20 feet to a point of curvature; along a curve to the left, having a radius of 155.11 feet, an arc length of 122.09 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 84 deg. 21 min. 12 sec. East, and a chord distance of 118.97 feet to a point of tangency; along a tangent, North 61 deg. 48 min. 10 sec. East 130.74 feet to a point of curvature; along a curve to the left, having a radius of 167.41 feet, an arc length of 200.69 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 27 deg. 27 min. 38 sec. East, and a chord distance of 188.89 feet to a point of tangency; along a tangent, North 06 deg. 52 min. 54 sec. West 156.85 feet to a point of curvature; along a curve to the right, having a radius of 277.45 feet, an arc length of 454.06 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 40 deg. 00 min. 06 sec. East, and a chord distance of 405.06 feet to a point of tangency; along tangent, North 86 deg. 53 min. 05 sec. East 60.85 feet to a point of curvature; along a curve to the left having a radius of 267.43 feet, an arc length of 326.05 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 51 deg. 57 min. 27 sec. East, and a chord distance of 306.23 feet to a point of tangency; along a tangent, North 17 deg. 01 min. 49 sec. East 55.82 feet to a point of curvature; along a curve to the right having a radius of 254.66 feet, an arc length of 108.07 feet, said curve being situated along a chord bearing of North 29 deg. 11 min. 16 sec. East, and a chord distance of 107.26 feet to a point of tangency; along a tangent, North 41 deg. 20 min. 42 sec. East 67.91 feet to a point in the south line of the Replogle tract, as recorded in DB 263, PG 534, said point being North 83 deg. 32 min. 52 sec. West 1024.42 feet from a ½ inch iron pin at the northeast corner of the above described tract and being the point of termination. Survey and legal description by William P.I. Smith, R.L.S., Tennessee Registration No. 2093, dated March 8, 2002. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Quitclaim Deed from Terill Scott Properties, LLC, Georgia limited liability company, to Cachengo, Inc., a Tennessee corporation dated August 30, 2024, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 416, page 635, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 735 Beaver Canal Lane, 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: Source Code, LLC.

This property is subject to the following: Tract 1 of Map 094, Parcel 011.00, is subject to a transmission line easement to Southwest Tennessee Electric recorded in Deed Book 115, at Page 162, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

This property is subject to the following: Included in this conveyance is a Reservation of Easement for a perpetual 60-foot wide easement for the purpose of ingress and egress over and across the subject property (Map 094, Parcel 011.00) described in Deed Book 416, at Page 635, 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.

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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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McKenzie Police Reports

Theft — Laquice A. Newbill, Anderson Street, Milan, was charged with Theft on February 24.

Officer Dalton Raspberry responded to Dollar General, Highway 22 north, McKenzie, to a report of shoplifting. The store representative reported that two people entered the store, unpackaged \$240 worth of Febreze Air Fresheners, and left the empty boxes behind. The officer and store officials viewed the surveillance video and identified the subject.

Dollar General issued ban notices for the subjects to prevent them from returning to the store. Officer Raspberry cited Newbill into Henry County General Sessions Court. The incident indicates Newbill has additional warrants in other counties.

Public Intoxication — Ritesh B. Patel, Como Street, McKenzie, was charged with Public Intoxication on February 25.

Officer Jeff Winberry responded to a 911 call on Highland Drive and observed Patel unsteady on his feet and falling.

NOTICE OF MEETING
TOWN OF TREZEVANT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

The Town of Trezevant seeks citizen participation in reconstituting its seven (7) member Industrial Development Board (IDB) established pursuant to TCA 7-53-101 et seq. The IDB is elected by the Board of Mayor & Aldermen (Board) to serve without compensation for Staggered 2, 4, and 6 year terms. Applicants must be qualified to vote in any Trezevant municipal election and willing to complete a conflict of interest statement. The IDB and its meetings are subject to the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, so any applicant elected must be willing to participate in public meetings in connection with his/her service. Potential candidates for the IDB should be prepared for an interview by the Trezevant Board of Mayor and Alderman, as well as an orientation and training component to the election process. Interested parties may attend an informational meeting of the Board at the Trezevant Community Center on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6 p.m. to learn more.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS#: 2026-21269-TN

Whereas, William L. McCaleb, III And Wife, Janice S. McCaleb by Deed of Trust (the “Deed of Trust”), dated 7/20/2020 and of record in Deed Book 694, Page(s) 53-73, and/or as Instrument Number 184148, in Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed to Glenn Balletto, Trustee, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the “Note”) described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to ClearPath Lending, and subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and Whereas, Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC has been duly appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by instrument recorded in Deed Book 764, Page(s) 653-655 and/or as Instrument Number 212419 in Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and Whereas, the owner and holder of the Note has demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust. The notice requirements of T.C.A. §35-5-101 and 35-5-104 have been satisfied. Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that an agent of Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and conferred by the Deed of Trust, will proceed to sell the below-mentioned property on 3/26/2026, at 2:00 PM at the East Court House Door of the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344, to the highest call bidder for cash free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Carroll County, Tennessee, described as follows: The Following Described Tract Or Parcel Of Land, Lying And Being Situated In The 4th Civil District, Carroll County, State Of Tennessee, More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Stake In The South Margin Of Cherry Avenue, The Same Being 139 Feet West Of The Southwest Intersection Of North Main Street And Cherry Avenue; Runs Thence Southwardly 139 Feet To A Stake, The Same Being Dinwiddie’s North Line; Runs Thence West 194 Feet To A Stake, The Same Being The East Margin Of The L & N Railroad Right-Of-Way; Runs Thence Northwardly 154 Feet To A Stake In The South Margin Of Cherry Avenue, The Same Being The East Margin Of The L & N Railroad Right-Of-Way; Runs Thence Eastwardly With The South Margin Of Cherry Avenue 120 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 382 Cherry Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201, but if such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Owner of Property: William L. McCaleb, III and wife, Janice S. McCaleb The sale is subject to occupant(s) rights in possession of the premises. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The purchaser shall have no further record against the grantor, the grantee or the trustee. Notice To Bidders: Please be advised that the Trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee’s sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee’s deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. These federal regulations will require reporting if a trustee’s deed is issued on or after March 1, 2026, even if the foreclosure sale is conducted prior to March 1, 2026. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5. 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BID NOTICE

The **McKenzie Housing Authority** invites sealed bids for **Interior Improvements of Forty-Eight (48) Dwelling Units at Development No. TN0082-002**, located in McKenzie, Tennessee. The scope includes new flooring, lighting, and water closets in all 48 units, and new kitchen cabinets, countertops, and bathroom vanities/sinks in 23 of these same units.

Bids are subject to TN State Law. Bids will be received until **10:30 A.M. on Wednesday April 1, 2026**, and publicly opened at McKenzie Housing Authority, 22 McDonald Avenue West, McKenzie, TN 38201. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond that is not less than five (5%) of the base bid.

Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents are available at the Memphis Reprographics’ Plan Room
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One (1) complete set of bidding documents, drawings, and specifications in electronic or paper format shall be obtained from Memphis Reprographics, 6178 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38134, telephone (901) 381-9811 for a fee. Bid documents are not refundable. However, bid documents may be viewed online prior to purchasing them.

All bidders must be licensed Contractors as required by the Contractors Licensing Act of 1976 (TCA Title 62, chapter 6). All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the PHA, as contained in the project manual and detailed within. Refer to the Project Manual Specifications Section 00012, Invitation for Bids; Section 00150, Instructions to Bidders; Section 00151 Additions to Instructions to Bidders; and 01302, Submittals and Substitutions for complete instructions to bidders.

For additional information, contact David Hays or Chad Reynolds at the office of Wilbanks Architecture and Associates, LLC at (901) 867-5220.

A **Prebid Conference** will be held for the purpose of answering questions Bidders may have at **10:30 A.M. on Wednesday March 18, 2026**, at the Housing Authority office, followed by a walk-through at the job site. **All contractors are strongly recommended to attend this walk-through and Prebid Conference.**

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2025, CACHENGO, INC., by a Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 754, at Page 524, 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 Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 (\$269,900.00), payable to STEVEN MORTON AND WIFE, BRIANNA MORTON; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by STEVEN MORTON AND WIFE, BRIANNA MORTON, the legal owners and holders of the said Note, by appointment executed on February 9, 2026, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 764, at Page 341, 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 STEVEN MORTON AND WIFE, BRIANNA MORTON, 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, March 10, 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:

In the City of McKenzie and BEGINNING on the west margin of what was formerly a 16 foot alley on the south side of Lee Street, the same being the northeast corner of Lot No. 1 in the sale of the Neumie B. Moore lands and which said Lot No. 1 is what was heretofore known as he Wrinkle-Moore Store Building, and runs thence South with the east boundary of said Lot No 1 and the west margin of what was formerly a 16 foot alley, 100 feet to what was formerly an alley land which is now the north margin of Bruce Stree; thence East with Bruce Street 25 feet to the west margin of an alley; thence North with the west margin of said alley 100 feet to Lee Street; thence West with Lee Street 25 feet to the point of beginning, on which lot is situated a two story brick building. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Steven Morton and wife, Brianna Morton, to Cachengo, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, dated May 30, 2025, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 420, page 911, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 56 Lee Ave., 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: Source Code, LLC.

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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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 OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2022, CACHENGO, INC., by a Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 716, at Page 1089, 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 Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$850,000.00), payable to THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE, 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 THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE, 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, March 10, 2026, at 3:30 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:

BEING the following described real estate, situated in the FOURTH CIVIL DISTRICT of Carroll County, Tennessee, being a portion of that property, which was conveyed to Baptist Memorial Health Services, Inc. by deed of record in Deed Book 385, Page 334, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a 1/2-inch rebar found at the southwest corner of Spivey, Deed Book 395, Page 347, and in the east right-of-way of Hospital Drive, 20 feet from the centerline; thence with the east right-of-way of Hospital Drive as follows:

Along a curve turning to the right 140.72 feet, having a radius of 2451.40 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 29 Degrees 29 Minutes 24 Seconds East, 140.70 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar found;

South 27 Degrees 50 Minutes 44 Seconds East, 79.61 feet to a mag nail found;

Along a curve turning to the right 145.69 feet, having a radius of 1065.90, and being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 23 Degrees 55 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 145.57 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar found;

Along a curve turning to the right 100.00 feet, having a radius of 24,024.50, and being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 23 Degrees 29 Minutes 23 Seconds East, 100.00 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with stainless steel L.I. Smith cap set, being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence with a severance line as follows:

North 66 degrees 51 minutes 08 seconds East, 282.99 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with stainless steel L.I. Smith cap set;

North 23 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds West, 42.92 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with stainless steel L.I. Smith cap set;

South 80 degrees 45 minutes 47 seconds East, 37.78 feet;

South 68 degrees 55 minutes 42 seconds East, 41.28 feet;

South 38 degrees 56 minutes 02 seconds East, 5.28 feet;

South 55 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds East, 35.10 feet;

South 45 degrees 44 minutes 49 seconds East, 6.71 feet;

North 65 degrees 37 minutes 21 seconds East, 42.95 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar found at a common corner with McKenzie Propco, LLC, Deed Book 398, Page 1; thence with McKenzie Propco, LLC North 65 degrees 37 minutes 21 seconds East, 282.92 feet to a ½-inch rebar found in the west line of Doster, Deed Book 350, Page 456; thence with Doster South 02 degrees 55 minutes 34 seconds West, 172.44 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar found; thence with a severance line as follows:

North 87 degrees 07 minutes 04 seconds West, passing a 5/8-inch rebar with stainless steel L.I. Smith cap set at 27.21 feet, and continuing 20.00 feet, for a total distance of 47.21 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with stainless steel L.I. Smith cap set;

South 02 degrees 55 minutes 34 seconds West, 163.13 feet;

South 41 degrees 22 minutes 08 seconds West, 83.44 feet;

South 32 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West, 106.88 feet;

South 66 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds West, 47.29 feet;

North 88 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West, 86.37 feet;

South 66 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds West, 208.20 feet to the east right-of-way of Hospital Drive; thence with Hospital Drive as follows:

North 24 degrees 15 minutes 39 seconds West, 49.10 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar found;

Along a curve turning to the right 333.66 feet, having a radius of 24024.49 feet, being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 23 degrees 53 minutes 59 seconds West, 333.66 feet to the Point of Beginning, and containing 4.88 acres, more or less, as surveyed by William P.I. Smith, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor Number 2093, of L.I. Smith & Associates, 302 North Caldwell Street, Paris, TN 38242, on December 10, 2021. Bearings are based upon Tennessee State Plane Coordinate System, NAD 83. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Quitclaim Deed from The Industrial Development Corporation of the City of McKenzie, Tennessee, to Cachengo, Inc., dated March 21, 2022, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 403, page 516, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 011, Parcel 040.00

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 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.

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This property is subject to the restrictions, covenants, and setback lines for The Industrial Development Corporation of the City of McKenzie, Tennessee as recorded in Warranty Deed Book 401, at Page 122, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

This property is subject to the Conditional Gift Agreement between Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation and The Industrial Development Corporation of the City of McKenzie, Tennessee, as contained in the Quitclaim Deed of record in Deed Book 401, at Page 122, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

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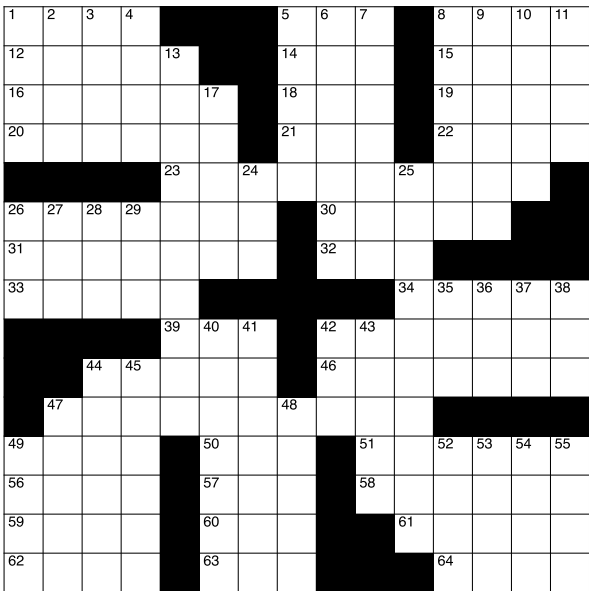
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unit of dry measure
- 5. One who defies authority
- 8. Social media giant
- 12. Render holy
- 14. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 15. Computer manufacturer
- 16. Creed
- 18. Immoral act
- 19. Mountain pass
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Don't know when yet
- 22. Elected officials
- 23. Corrupt tendencies
- 26. Popular adult beverage
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Morally correct
- 32. Type of whale
- 33. Portable conical tent
- 34. Native people of the Congo
- 39. More (Spanish)
- 42. Classroom implements
- 44. Cognizant of
- 46. One who tells
- 47. Free from bondage
- 49. Thick piece of something
- 50. Containing two adjacent nitrogen atoms
- 51. Removed from the record
- 56. Legendary singer Turner
- 57. Broke up the earth
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. Contributes
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Wreckage on the sea bed
- 62. Affirmative! (slang)
- 63. Witness



64. Scrape (Archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "___ and flows"
- 2. Humble request for help
- 3. A position of leadership
- 4. Continent
- 5. Adherent of a particular religion
- 6. Things that can be eaten
- 7. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 8. Long-tailed crow
- 9. Repeated
- 10. Bluish greens
- 11. Humanities
- 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
- 17. Labor (Spanish)
- 24. Zero
- 25. Shared by involving three parties
- 26. Queens ballplayer
- 27. Consumed
- 28. Rest here please
- 29. Men's fashion accessory
- 35. American time
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. They ___
- 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 40. Places to play video games
- 41. A sudden attack of illness
- 42. When you hope to arrive
- 43. Charges
- 44. Actress Seyfried
- 45. A tributary of the Ohio River
- 47. Omit when speaking
- 48. Armored fish
- 49. Remain
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Adventure story
- 54. Geological times
- 55. Eat dinner

Week 9

See solution in next week's edition.

Nutrition Word Search

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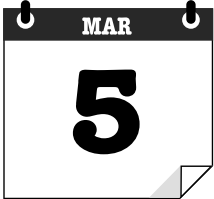
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1766: Antonio de Ulloa, the first Spanish governor of Louisiana, arrives in New Orleans.

1953: Joseph Stalin dies in Moscow.

2021: Pope Francis begins an historical visit to Iraq during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUDOKU

WEEK 9

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

Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

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

A. 14 5 11 5 7 3 8 5

Clue: Drink

B. 11 21 12 3 19 21 16

Clue: Organic molecule for health

C. 19 21 16 5 7 3 22

Clue: Solid inorganic substance

D. 24 17 17 20

Clue: Sustenance

Answers: A. beverage B. vitamin C. mineral D. food

LETTER MIX-UP

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

METABOLISM

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

Riddle Me This

What kind of drinks do aliens like best?

Answer: Grav-ity.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

GDSEIT

Answer: Digest

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in Ohio on March 4, 1958. I studied drama at Ohio State University and made my TV debut in the series "Alien Nation." I am best known as the wife of a sports columnist trying to navigate living across the street from her in-laws.

Answer: Patricia Heaton



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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 8 Crossword Puzzle Solution

P	A	C	K		D	E	C		A	S	A	P
A	G	A	I	N		R	A	H		R	H	E
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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 8

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

Thankful for the Babies of 2025

Congratulations to the Babies of 2025! Pregnancy is one of the most blessed and challenging times of a parent's life. There is so much to do and learn to prepare for a baby; and when baby arrives, it is full speed ahead — the time goes by so quickly. Take lots of photos because one day you will look back and wonder how they were ever that small. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us via this special keepsake. Sponsors, thank you for supporting this project. Readers, please consider visiting the businesses that supported this edition. When we support each other, we all thrive. The Banner is thankful for the wonderful communities we serve; and thankful for all the Babies of 2025! We hope you enjoy this special keepsake dedicated to your loved one.

Welcome to the World, Babies of 2025!

— The Banner Staff

Key Milestones In Baby's First Year

During the first year of life, babies grow and change in extraordinary ways. As they develop, they reach important milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move. This timeline offers a month-by-month look at what to expect, highlighting the key skills and behaviors your baby may begin to show throughout the first year.

- ### 2 Months

 - ▲ Calms down when spoken to or picked up
 - ▲ Looks at parent's face
 - ▲ Seems happy to see parent when approached
 - ▲ Smiles when talked to or smiled at
- ### 6 Months

 - ▲ Knows familiar people
 - ▲ Likes to look at own reflection in the mirror
 - ▲ Laughs

What to Know

The relationship between infants and their parents lays the foundation for health, learning, and social wellbeing. Playing, talking, or simply cuddling your baby is a great way to connect but it also supports their learning and development.

9 Months

- ▲ Is shy, clingy, or fearful around strangers
- ▲ Shows several facial expressions, like happy, sad, angry, and surprised
- ▲ Looks at caregiver when name is called
- ▲ Reacts when caregiver leaves (looks, reaches for parent, or cries)
- ▲ Smiles or laughs when caregiver plays peek-a-boo with them

- ### 4 Months

 - ▲ Smiles to get caregiver's attention
 - ▲ Chuckles (not yet a full laugh) when parent tries to make them laugh
 - ▲ Looks at parent, moves, or makes sounds to get or keep parent's attention
- ### 12 Months

 - ▲ Plays games with parent, like pat-a-cake

What to Know

Attachment is the first way that babies learn to organize their feelings and their actions, by looking to the person who provides them with care and comfort. Attachment is essential to long-term emotional health. Healthy attachment is how children learn to trust and develop healthy relationships later in life. Your relationship with your baby is the foundation of how they will explore the world and know you are always a safe place to return to.

What to Know

Young children interact through babbling, facial expressions, and gestures. Adults respond with the same kind of vocalizing and gesturing. This back-and-forth is called serve and return and is fundamental to building the brain. Play is how babies learn. While your baby is young, you can still play in everyday moments. Talk to your baby while changing their diaper, sing a song while feeding them, or simply make silly faces.

What to Know

Routines support relational health by building self-confidence and trust, self-regulation, communication, and patterns for social skills. As children learn what each routine entails, they slowly become more independent. If routines are predictable, have appropriate transition cues, and have room for flexibility, routines will also help reduce challenging behaviors. Building consistent routines provide comfort and a sense of safety to your baby. They understand when it is time to play, eat, sleep and expect a loved one to return. You can help your baby build this sense of trust and safety with every-

Safe Sleep Overview

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), is the leading cause of injury death in infancy. Sleep is a big challenge for families with babies, but following safe sleep recommendations can prevent many SUID fatalities. The rate of sleep-related infant death declined significantly in the 1990s after the AAP and others recommended that babies be placed on their backs to sleep, but rates have since plateaued, and SIDS remains the leading cause of postneonatal mortality. Here are recommendations that reduce the risk of sleep-related infant death:

- ▶ Place infants on their backs for sleep in their own sleep space with no other people.
- ▶ Use a crib, bassinet or portable play yard with a firm, flat mattress and a fitted sheet. Avoid sleep on a couch or armchair or in a seating device, like a swing or car safety seat (except while riding in the car).
- ▶ Keep loose blankets, pillows, stuffed toys, bumpers and other soft items out of the sleep space.
- ▶ Breastfeed if possible and avoid smoking.

SOURCE American Academy of Pediatrics

Mental Health Issues That Could Affect New Mothers

Pregnancy and giving birth to a new child is a happy time in a woman's life. However, 10 percent of pregnant women and 13 percent of women who have just given birth experience a mental disorder.

The National Child & Maternal Health Education Program indicates pregnancy and a new baby can cause a range of emotions. Women may feel anxious or sad at various times. For many women, such feelings resolve with time. For others, these emotions may become more serious and persist.

Postpartum Depression

One in five new moms has postpartum depression, a serious, but highly treatable, condition. Postpartum depression is the most common complication of pregnancy and can be life threatening. Postpartum depression is a factor in 20 percent of all maternal deaths. Those who are at risk for postpartum depression include women who have histories of anxiety or mood disorders, a family history of postpartum mood disorders, and activity of certain genes, known as epigenetic biomarkers. Postpartum depression can cause sadness, anxiety, anger, irritability, difficulty sleeping, and intrusive thoughts that may include

Postpartum Psychosis

In rare cases, women may experience postpartum psychosis, a condition that affects about one-tenth of one percent of new mothers. Onset is quick and severe, usually within the first two to three weeks following childbirth. Symptoms include refusal to eat; inability to cease activity and frantic energy; extreme confusion; memory loss; incoherence; paranoia; and preoccupation with trivial things. Hospitalization may be considered for a woman with postpartum psychosis until her condition stabilizes. Families and caregivers should be aware that these conditions can occur following (and during) pregnancy. Therapy and medication can help women alleviate symptoms.

Baby Blues

The name given to a common postpartum condition can give people the impression that it is nothing to worry about. Although the "baby blues" are something new mothers may have heard about, and generally produce mild symptoms, they can still be disconcerting. This condition is marked by mood swings that are the result of fluctuating hormone levels during and immediately after childbirth. These feelings occur in up to 80 percent of new mothers, and occur approximately three to five days after delivery, says Mental Health America. Women whose blues do not resolve when hormones level out, and, in fact, get worse with time, may not realize they have progressed to post-

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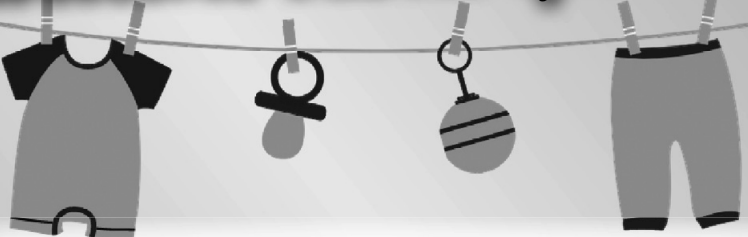
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Wylder Caine Coleman

Born: May 2025
Parents: Grace Coleman and Carter Moore
Thankful For: A healthy baby boy and beautiful Family.



Amelie Moore

Born: October 14, 2025
Parents: Trevor Moore and Frankie Ward
Thankful For: A healthy baby and mama.



Graham Thomas Simpson

Born: October 11, 2025
Parents: Matt and Allie Simpson



Jemma Leigh & Jettie Lynn Allen

Born: June 24, 2025
Parents: Joel and Kelly Allen
Thankful For: Getting to love two beautiful, healthy babies at once and completing our family.



Covie Drue Baker

Born: June 20, 2025
Parents: Peyton and Beau Baker



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Rylee McDaniel

Born: October 21, 2025
Parents: Dusty and Emily McDaniel
We are thankful to be the parents to this happy girl.



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Born: February 8, 2025
Parents: Cody and Ashley Thorne
Thankful For: Our village and our miracle IVF baby who was Frozen for over a year before being transferred and brought to life!



Zion Layne Yeates

Born: March 15, 2025
Parents: Bailey Hill and London Yeates
Thankful For: This sweet little special angel boy I was greatly gifted. He is so talented, so adventurous, so playful, so smart, Funny, joyful, has the BIGGEST heart, and absolutely LOVES with everything in his little bones. He is so kind, he loves making friends, and ADORES the ones he's already made! He has been the absolute light of our lives, and I am SO extremely grateful, and blessed to be able to call him mine!

Thank you to all parents who submitted photos and information of your child. We hope you enjoy this special keepsake dedicated to your loved one.

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