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All the Way To State

On Saturday, March 14, the Huntingdon High School Fillies basketball team made school history, winning the TS-SAA Girls Basketball Division I Class 2A State Championship at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center.

Inside this edition of The Banner, you'll find a special keepsake edition celebrating the Fillies' historic journey to the Glass House and the gold ball — and the nailbiter games that kept us on

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LOCAL BLACK HISTORY



Third and fourth-grade students from Gleason School visited Webb School on Friday, March 13. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Gleason Students Tour Webb School

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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MCKENZIE (March 13) — Third and fourth-grade students from Gleason School visited Webb School Friday morning to learn

about local Black history. Webb School alumni Ike Gilbert and Neal Williamson spoke to the students, giving them a brief history of the school before leading them into the museum room.

Standing in Webb School's caf-

eteria-turned-gymnasium, Gilbert told students about some of Webb School's notable alumni, many of whom still stay connected through the Webb Alumni Association.

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Weakley County Agencies Deploy AEDs To Help Combat Overdose Emergencies

WEAKLEY COUNTY — Law enforcement agencies across Weakley County are strengthening their ability to respond to medical emergencies and opioid overdoses with the deployment of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in patrol vehicles and key locations across the county.

The life-saving equipment was funded through Opioid Abatement Funds following a year-long collaborative effort between county leadership and local law enforcement agencies. The initiative ensures that every police department within Weakley County has access to AED technology, allowing officers to provide immediate cardiac intervention during overdose and other life-threatening emergencies.

With law enforcement officers often arriving first on scene during emergency calls, the addition of

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McKenzie To Keep Fluoride

MCKENZIE (March 12) — The McKenzie City Council met Thursday evening with a fairly light agenda. With little discussion, the Council voted 4-0 against Resolution # 26-002 - Removal of Fluoride from City Water System. Members of the council in attendance were Jessie Townes, Bobby Young, Tim McBride and Carol Arm-priest. Not in attendance for the vote were Drew Beeler and Tom Alexander.

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Trezevant To Allow Fireworks Sales, Use

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TREZEVANT (March 10) — Trezevant Board of Mayor and Aldermen members discussed several local concerns during their recent meeting, including updates to the city's fire-works ordinance.

In recent years, the board banned both the sale and use of fireworks within town limits. But, as Alderman Leon Lyell pointed out, that did not stop residents from lighting fireworks during major holidays.

The proposed ordinance addressed rules for station-ary fireworks vendors, re-quired structures for sales

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Carroll County To Purchase New Radio Equipment

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HUNTINGDON (March 9) — The Carroll County Commission met on March 9. Outside of multiple bud-get amendments and com-mittee appointments, the most significant item on the agenda was the agreement to purchase \$90,000 to purchase Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN) radio equipment for the Carroll County Fire Department and emergen-cy services. The goal is to have other first responder units migrate to the TCAN system.

For several years, county agencies, along with local municipalities, have had various issues with the cur-rent radio system. With the advancement of technol-ogy, most local agencies and utility companies, as well as

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Barker Named TAC of the Year

Carol Barker from the McKenzie Police Department was recently selected as Tennessee's Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) of the Year by the TBI TAC User Group. McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White surprised Barker in Pigeon Forge at the Tennessee Information Enforcement System Conference and presented her with the prestigious award.

Out of the hundreds of sheriff's offices and municipal agencies across the state of Tennessee, Barker, a 26-year member of the McKenzie Police Department, was chosen for the honor.



JayAnn Johnson breaks ground on her new home, joined by Habitat for Humanity's Rhonda Walsh, Paula Atkins and Kassie Taylor. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Habitat Breaks Ground on 24th Carroll County Home

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McKENZIE — Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County broke ground on its 24th home, which will be built for longtime McKenzie resident JayAnn Johnson, on Sunday, March 15.

Johnson's family members, church family and fellow Habitat volunteers gathered at 817 Walnut Avenue, Johnson's soon-to-be new home address, for the ceremony. Her new home is next door to the Friendly Church of God in Christ — the church she has attended for more than 40 years.

Johnson has been involved with Habitat for the past four years. During that time, she volunteered on two Habitat homes in the community while completing the program's required 500 hours of sweat equity, homeowner education classes and other program requirements.

During the ceremony, Johnson was presented with a framed print of the home's floor plan, which she helped design. The presentation moved her to tears. She said she is especially excited about having a walk-in closet in the new home.



JayAnn Johnson (center) holds the framed floor plan of her new home, with help from her cousin, Reginald Johnson, and her son, Frederick Johnson. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

"I'm so blessed," said Johnson. "Words cannot express how I feel at this moment."

The groundbreaking concluded with Johnson and Habitat founder Paula Atkins turning the first shovels of dirt at the site.

Construction on Johnson's home is expected to take about 12 weeks, though

the timeline may vary depending on weather and volunteer availability. Volunteers for the project are expected to include students from the Henry/Carroll Tennessee College of Applied Technology as well as members of the Huntingdon Methodist men's group. Habitat leaders also encouraged additional community volunteers to participate in the build.

Stevens Addresses Budget, Proposed Bills at Capitol Talk

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (March 13) — John Stevens discussed the state budget and provided an update on the legislative session during Friday morning's Capitol Talk at the Carroll County Civic Center.

The event was the final of three Capitol Talks hosted by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

Stevens, a Republican from Huntingdon, represents Tennessee's 24th Senate District, which includes Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Houston, Obion, Stewart and Weakley counties. Speaking to local officials, business leaders and residents, he said lawmakers in Nashville are entering one of the most active phases of the session.

"We're hitting our stride in the legislative session right now," Stevens said, noting the Senate has begun working with the House on legislation.

Stevens also addressed the state budget. The proposed state budget totals \$57.9 billion this year, which he said represents a 9.6 percent decrease from the previous year.

Over recent years, the state directed a significant amount of one-time funding toward capital projects and equipment, including new Tennessee College of Applied Technology facilities, upgrades to state buildings, equipment purchases for volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, and funding support for hospitals.

Several bills Stevens is sponsoring were also discussed during the event.

One measure, Senate Bill 1958, would reverse a prior law and require proof of injury before certain lawsuits could proceed. Stevens said the bill is intended to shift decision-making away from litigation and back to the legislative process.

"Tennessee law should be decided through [legislature], not through lawsuits," Stevens said, adding that the proposal would "restore the balance of power."

Another proposal addresses funding challenges for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Stevens said lawmakers previously rejected a proposed fee increase for the agency, leaving uncertainty in its long-term funding. His legislation would redirect a portion of the state's share of payments related to land



John Stevens. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

flooded by the Tennessee Valley Authority to support TWRA operations.

The state receives roughly \$200 million from TVA related to flooded property, which is used in part to reimburse local governments for lost tax revenue. About half of that funding goes to local governments, and the remainder to the state.

Stevens said his bill would allocate a portion of the state's share to TWRA because many of the agency's managed lands are located along those waterways. The proposal would require redirecting about \$16 million annually from the state budget.

Stevens is also sponsoring legislation known as the Chance Carlton Act, named in honor of a Carroll County lineman who died while working in the line of duty last April. The bill would classify utility linemen as first responders for the purpose of state benefits.

If enacted, families of linemen killed in the line of duty would be eligible for a \$250,000 annuity paid in equal installments over five years.

Another bill Stevens described would permanently extend a public records exemption for the University of Tennessee related to athletics operations. The measure addresses issues connected to name, image and likeness agreements and other contracts between the university and outside partners.

Stevens said the exemption is meant to prevent sensitive athletic strategy or contractual negotiations from becoming publicly accessible in a way that could disadvantage the university

in competition with other schools.

In recognition of the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary, Stevens said he is also sponsoring legislation that would allow certain small fireworks products to be sold in grocery and convenience stores. The bill would apply only to limited items such as sparklers and small novelty devices, while larger aerial fireworks would continue to be sold through existing seasonal retailers.

Questions from local officials and business owners also touched on legislation related to local sales tax distribution, education freedom scholarships and pharmacy regulations. Stevens said some proposals are still moving through committees and could be amended before final votes.

On a bill concerning pharmacy benefit managers and retail pharmacy ownership, Stevens said he remains cautious about government intervention in business competition.

"I tend to be very uncomfortable being put in the position of picking winners and losers in the business marketplace," he said. "I think my role in government is to preserve competition, not competitors."

The Capitol Talk series gives residents an opportunity to hear directly from state lawmakers about legislation and issues affecting the region during the current session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Before Stevens' address, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the ribbon-cutting of JM Well Service.

Huntingdon Town Council Meets March 17

Huntingdon Mayor and Town Council convene Tuesday, March 17, 5:15 p.m. at Huntingdon City Hall. The following is the agenda for the meeting.

- A. Roll call, declaration of quorum, and call to order.
- B. Approval of council minutes of the February 24, 2026 regular meeting and February 24, 2026, Beer Board meeting.
- C. Approval of bills and/or report of special procurements
- D. Grievances or petitions from citizens
- E. Communications from the mayor
- F. Committee reports
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. New Business
- 1. Public Hearing relating to the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map to rezone a property (Tax Map 63, Parcel 23.00 and a portion of Crossroads Church right-of-way located directly between the two sections of property being annexed) located at the Northeast corner of Northwood Drive and Crossroads Church Road.
- 2. Ordinance No. 655, an ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of Huntingdon, Tennessee, by rezoning a property (Tax Map 63, Parcel 23.00 and a portion of Crossroads

Church right-of-way located directly between the two sections of property being annexed) located at the Northeast corner of Northwood Drive and Crossroads Church Road from R-1 (Low-Density Residential) to R-2 (Medium-Density Residential). The property is owned by Ashlee Young and it is proposed for development by Jason Kirby and Collin Miller. The property comprises approximately 66.8 acres, second and final reading.

- 3. Resolution No. 026-01, a resolution to submit the 2026 Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant Application.
- 4. Resolution No. 026-02, a resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Huntingdon, Tennessee authorizing the submission of an application for FY2026 State Community Development Block Grant Funds.
- 5. Resolution No. 026-03, a resolution to hire Administrative Services for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant.
- 6. Resolution No. 026-04, a resolution to hire Engineering Services for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant.
- 7. Consider entering into an agreement with Com-

munity Development Partners, LLC for administrative consulting services for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation 2025 Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant.

- 8. Consider water bill adjustment for Tommy Foster.
- 9. Consider water bill adjustment for Bailey's Electrical Service.
- 10. Consider water bill adjustment for D'Erra Johnson.
- 11. Consider water bill adjustment for Nancy Fortner.
- 12. Consider water bill adjustment for Thomas Clark.
- 13. Consider Heritage Festival date change to 3rd Saturday in September 2026.
- I. Suspension of the rule on agenda items
- 1. Ordinance no. 656, an ordinance to amend Title 18. Water & Sewers, Chapter 2, Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems of the Huntingdon Municipal Code, as it pertains to the provision of Public Sewer Services regarding Installation, Maintenance, and Usage of Grinder Pump Systems, first reading.
- J. Announcements or remarks
- K. Adjournment

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Trezevant IDB Takes Shape

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TREZEVANT (March 12) — Thursday night, the Town of Trezevant hosted a public meeting for those interested in joining the town's Industrial Development Board (IDB). By the end of the night, nine individuals signed up to be considered for the board. Interested individuals may still sign up to join the board for a limited time.

Approximately 15 people attended Thursday's meeting to hear about IDB members' responsibilities.

Town Attorney Charlie Trotter explained that Trezevant's IDB, incorporated in 2014, was started to bring a dollar store to the town. Over the years, it has become dormant, with all member terms expired.

The IDB requires at least seven members and a maximum of ten members appointed by the Trezevant Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Once appointed, the members will serve for staggered terms — two, four and six years — with the option to be reappointed.

Members do not have to live in Trezevant, pay Trezevant taxes or be a qualified voter in Trezevant.

The Trezevant IDB's job is to promote industry, trade, commerce, tourism and recreation, agriculture, housing and construction in the town of Trezevant.

Trotter stressed that IDB members will have to follow the Open Meetings Act and properly advertise their meetings to the public before making any IDB-related decisions.

Trotter said the ideal IDB candidates will have backgrounds in management, finance, land acquisition or business ownership. They will also have thick skin, as meetings are open to the public.

Trotter urged interested parties to write their names on a sign-up sheet before leaving Thursday's meeting. Nine individuals expressed interest, giving the Mayor and Board of Aldermen their phone numbers and email addresses.

Next, Mayor Bobby Blaylock and the board will individually interview the interested parties before

announcing a decision at April's town meeting. Once chosen, the IDB board members will undergo an orientation process led by the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) before having their first official meeting.

In January, Trotter stressed the need for a fully-functional IDB to decide what happens to the former Hillsman property, which is located adjacent to Pat's Restaurant on Highway 79. The disbanded IDB owns the property.

Several parties have shown interest in the Hillsman property, which is zoned as an R1 (residential) property. Phil Colwell wants to purchase the property and build a family-owned discount store, but he wishes to transfer the property to B1 (commercial) zoning before making a purchase.

Any rezoning must go through the Planning Commission first and then the Board of Zoning Appeals. From there, the IDB may decide what to do with the property.



Webb School alumni Ike Gilbert and Neal Williamson speak to Gleason students. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Webb

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Given the opportunity to ask questions, one student

asked if Black and White kids could be friends before integration.

"A friend is a friend," Gilbert said. "Just because we couldn't go to school together didn't make us not

friends."

In the museum room, students were especially excited to see the old technology on display but also took special interest in the many school pictures on the walls.

Stevens Confident School Sales Tax Bill Will Pass

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HUNTINGDON (March 13) — State Sen. John Stevens said he is confident legislation aimed at protecting Carroll County school districts' share of local sales tax revenue will advance during the current legislative session.

Stevens discussed the proposal during Friday morning's Capitol Talk, outlining the purpose of Tennessee Senate Bill 2188 and a planned amendment that would adjust how enrollment is calculated when dividing the state share of local option sales tax revenue among school systems.

The issue was first raised by school leaders in Carroll County, who warned that recent changes in enrollment could affect how local sales tax funds are distributed. Stevens said he has been working with local legislators, including state representatives Tandy Darby and Brock Martin, along with the Tennessee Department of Education and legislative attorneys, to craft language addressing the problem.

The proposed amendment would require that only students who live within a district or county be counted when calculating enrollment totals used in the formula for distributing the state share of local sales tax. Students enrolled in virtual

programs would not be included in that count.

Stevens said the change would bring the distribution method closer to the system previously used.

Concerns about the formula arose following the launch of a statewide virtual program operated by the South Carroll Special School District through the Clarksburg Virtual Academy. Because the program enrolls students from across Tennessee, students are added to South Carroll's total enrollment even though they do not live in Carroll County.

Local sales tax revenue in Carroll County is divided among districts based on average daily enrollment. As the virtual school's statewide enrollment increases, the district's share of the county's sales tax revenue also rises.

School leaders across the county have warned that the situation could reduce funding for their districts.

The McKenzie Special School District could face an estimated loss of about \$126,000. Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden said the increase in South Carroll's virtual enrollment could shift a larger portion of county sales tax revenue away from local districts.

Similar concerns were raised by Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of the Huntingdon Special School District, who

said his district could lose at least \$125,000 if no legislative action is taken.

Preston Caldwell, director of the West Carroll Special School District, said earlier this month the district could lose up to \$67,000 if the formula remains unchanged.

"The main issue is whether it's appropriate for Carroll County sales tax dollars to educate students who do not live here, whose parents do not work here, and who do not spend their money here," Kee said in February.

Stevens said lawmakers considered a proposal that would have required sales tax revenue to be collected from each virtual student's home county. However, he said such a plan would likely fail because it would affect multiple counties across the state.

"That would kill the bill because, obviously, other counties and other members who would lose their money would kill the bill," Stevens said, describing the idea as a "poison pill" for the legislation.

Instead, the amendment was written so that the legislation applies only to Carroll County and does not alter funding formulas elsewhere in Tennessee.

The bill has been placed on the Senate Education Committee calendar as lawmakers continue work on the measure during the current legislative session.

Water

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In other business, the Council approved Resolution # 26-003 allowing for the City of McKenzie to apply for a Local Park and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grant. The grant would be in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 to implement lighting and work on the

walking track at Mulberry Park.

The LPRF grant would be in the amount of \$300,000 (75%), with \$200,000 (20%) from Tennessee Economic Development and Community Development's GO Fund. The City of McKenzie would then be obligated to a \$20,000 (5%) local match.

If approved, this would accelerate the Mulberry Park Soccer Complex phases.

Lastly, the approval regarding TDOT Miscellaneous Safety Improvements and J-Turn Intersection plans regarding SR124 to SR-423 was tabled. Council members wanted more details as to the locations of the J-Turns, as there was some confusion in the wording of the resolution.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is April 9 at 6 p.m.

AEDs

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AEDs significantly increases the chances of survival when cardiac arrest occurs. Opioid overdoses frequently lead to respiratory and cardiac complications, making rapid intervention critical.

Chief Marcus Hopper of the Gleason Police Department was one of the leading advocates for the initiative and emphasized the importance of collaboration across agencies to bring the program to life.

"This effort represents what can happen when departments across a county work together with a shared mission of protecting our

communities," said Chief Hopper. "By partnering with county leadership and neighboring agencies, we were able to secure the resources needed to equip our officers with life-saving AEDs. This collaborative approach ensures that no matter where an emergency happens in Weakley County, our officers are better prepared to respond and save lives."

Chief Gary Eddings of the Sharon Police Department also played a key role in advancing the project and highlighted the impact the equipment will have for officers in the field.

"Our officers are often the first to arrive when someone is experiencing a medical emergency or overdose,"

said Chief Eddings. "Having AEDs available empowers our team with the tools they need to take immediate action. This equipment gives our officers the ability to provide critical care in those first few moments when every second counts."

The AED deployment represents a proactive step in addressing the ongoing opioid crisis while strengthening emergency response capabilities throughout the county.

By equipping officers with advanced life-saving technology, Weakley County law enforcement agencies are reinforcing their commitment to protecting the health and safety of the communities they serve.

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the edge of our seats for four days straight.

The Huntingdon High

Radio

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state agencies, are joining the TCAN 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.

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Other items on the agenda were:

Resolution 3-01-2026 adding Ewe Lane (0.2

miles) to the Carroll County Highway Road System.

Resolution 3-02-2026 authorized 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 reappointed Renee Ford and appointed Daniel Hollowell to the Carroll County Indigent Care Board.

Resolution 3-04-2026 reappointed Casey Dreyer and Bradley C. Smith, and appointed Louanne Blaketter, Hal Eason, and Vicki Williams to the Carroll County Board of Equalization.

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

Resolution 3-06-2026 authorized 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

amended 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 amended the General Fund Budget for the Library to cover overages in a technology contract.

Resolution 3-10-2026 amended 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 amended the Drug Fund Budget to account for overtime.

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

The following were elected notaries: Daniel Brock, Michael Lynn Creasy, Courtney Crocker, Kathy Howell, Heather Leach, Matthew M. Maddox, Abigail Morte, Alesia Osborn, Fran R. Ridley, Brian Shannon Shaw, Cheryl L. Shultz, Cassie Lynn Townsend, and Brian Winston.

The next regular meeting of the Carroll County Commission is on April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex.

Trezevant

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and sales windows around holidays such as the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. It also introduced a window during which residents may be allowed to light fireworks.

Board members clarified that fireworks sales must be conducted from stationary structures or approved tents, with specific safety measures including handrails, multiple entrances and designated parking.

Mobile sales from trucks or trailers moving between locations are prohibited.

Enforcement measures were reviewed, and the board agreed to set a uniform fine of \$50 for violations, emphasizing both safety and fairness. Alderman Dan Dieringer reluctantly agreed to the \$50 fine, though he had suggested raising it to \$1,000 per violation.

Members also discussed how the ordinance might generate limited revenue for the city while ensuring fireworks displays are con-

trolled and lawful.

The board passed the proposed fireworks ordinance with a uniform fine of \$50 for violations.

"We're back in the fireworks business," said Trezevant Mayor Bobby Blaylock.

Town attorney Charlie Trotter informed board members about the option to combine the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission, though no formal action was taken during the meeting.

The Board of Zoning Appeals requires a minimum of three board members. The Planning Commission requires a minimum of five members.

The board further discussed the purpose of an Industrial Development Board (IDB), which would work with the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission in an effort to bring new businesses and industries into the town. The IDB conversation took a great deal of time, with Trotter and Alderman Don Barger growing increasingly irritated with each other. Finally, it was decided to

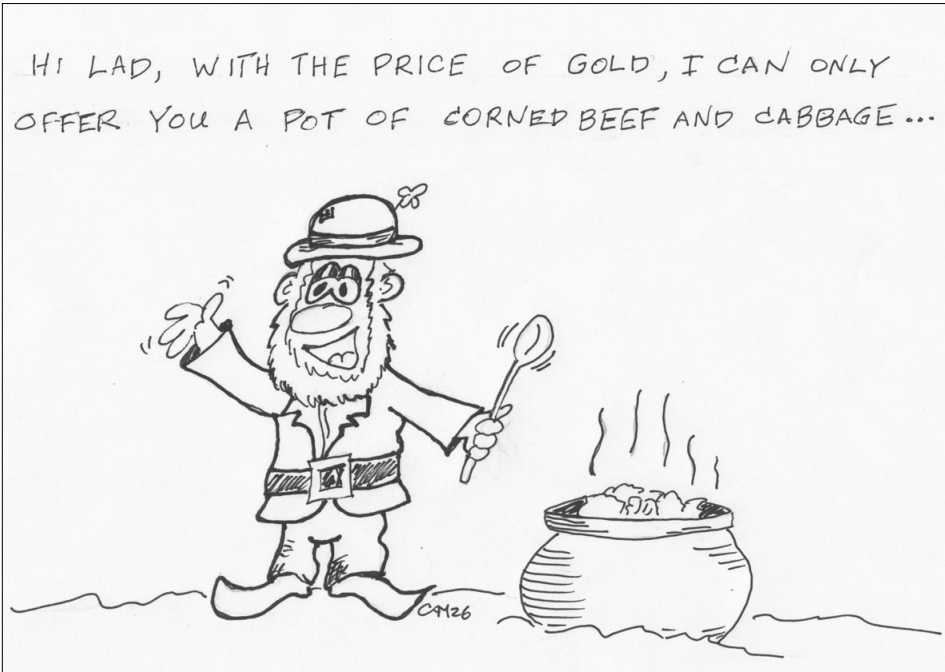
continue the IDB conversation on Thursday night, during the IDB-specific public meeting.

Trezevant resident Terry Schall shared her research on grants with the board, noting that Trezevant qualifies for rural development grants under the American Rescue Plan, which could help fund upgrades to the city's aging water system.

Resident Samantha Cash raised concerns about an incident with Eric Grimes, who checks the town's water meters. Cash said Grimes yelled and used foul language while she and her young child were in their yard, describing the interaction as frightening and unprofessional. Grimes apologized, attributing his behavior to a bad day and a misperception of the dog's size and temperament. Board members acknowledged both sides, noting the dog was large but that the situation had caused unnecessary alarm.

The board met again Thursday, March 12, in a special-called meeting to discuss the IDB and its membership requirements.

Things In My Head with Charles Manfredi



THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON The Cost of a New Life

Have you ever noticed how hard it is to change? Strangely enough, even positive change is hard!

What's interesting to me is to try and identify what the trigger(s) was that caused someone to answer the call to change. Here are some common triggers:

- The birth of a child might be a wakeup call
- Ironically, losing a job can be a call to change
- Being sick and tired of being sick and tired can cause people to change.
- New opportunities can beckon someone to change
- What about you? Have you ever had a call to change?
- Maybe opportunity knocking on your door
- Or God knocking on the door of your heart
- A call that would require you to overhaul your life
- A realization that if something doesn't change, you are going to lose yourself

Sometimes the call to change involves:

- Leaving an abusive relationship
- Walking away from the devastation caused by a life of dependency on alcohol or other drugs
- Deserting the dead-end road of a life of crime
- Turning from an uninspired life
- Putting a vacancy sign on the doorknob of a purposeless life

Like a SPAM call on your

cellphone, the call to change often shows up unexpectedly. No doubt God's call to Abram (before his name was changed to Abraham) was as big a surprise as was the announcement decades later that he would be a father at the age of 100. God said to him, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."

Think about what it cost Abram to answer God's call. He gave up his friends, left behind his family, all those things that were familiar to him—he walked away from it all.

In the field of addiction recovery there's a phrase that's often echoed, "If you're going to stay clean and sober you have to change people, places and things." That's exactly what God asked Abram to do.

As Elijah approached the end of his life, God sent him to find his successor. Elisha was the chosen one.

Elijah came to Elisha while he was plowing in his field. Elijah walked across the freshly plowed ground and made clear the purpose of his visit with Elisha. It was a call to follow; a call to apprentice with Elijah for the purpose of being his replacement when God took him home.

But it would require Elisha to make a hard perpendicular turn on his life's path. Everything about it would

be unfamiliar. The journey would be filled with questions and unknowns.

When Elisha determined he would answer positively the call to change, he decided to make sure he wouldn't be tempted to return to his old life. He slaughtered his oxen that he'd been plowing with and then burned the plow. He effectively closed the door behind him as he opened the door in front of him. It's an amazing demonstration of the cost of living a new life.

Peter and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John had a successful fishing business. Working in the harsh elements of nature was their norm. Laboring with their hands was all they knew. But when they met Jesus and he called them to follow him "they pulled their boat up on shore, left everything and followed him." What a bold move!

They didn't tie their boats to a pier so that could return to them just in case things didn't work out. They pulled them on shore, symbolically saying, "We're done with that old life."

One of my abiding beliefs is that change is possible—for everyone!

If you're in a place that you believe you need to escape, be bold. Step out on the gangplank of uncertainty and walk toward the unknown.

Remember, nothing changes if nothing changes.

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

lifesaving mission while providing a unique opportunity for donors to win a fantastic prize," said Bob Beasley, Jr. — Bob's House of Honda.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

The Art Of Hunkering Down

A lot of folks "Hunker Down with Kes" every week and don't completely understand what is going on. Many believe they are cheering for the Georgia Bulldogs. Some have the notion we're hiding behind a log, hoping our first ex-wife will pass by without spotting us.

A few believe I'm fixing to say something that will cause a storm, and we've got to prepare to ride it out. Or I want you to "hold firm" on some opinion I'm espousing that might go against the mainstream. It might be so embarrassing to get caught reading one of my yarns, you need a "low profile" stance to get the job done.

Or, quite possibly, you wisely realize if one of my stories is so bad that some offended party starts shooting, you will make a smaller target.

None of the above are correct. Except, maybe, the last two if my storytelling doesn't pick up a bit.

I was introduced to hunkering at the small country store in Revilo. Every farmer in that part of Lawrence County would bring their cotton to the gin which was just across the Steadman Ridge Road. And they gathered at the store for a cold Pepsi, a can of King Oscar mustard sardines, and the local news.

Seating on the small store front was limited and the tree in the yard offered shade with a much better breeze. The men gravitated to it as if by magic and simply bent their knees and ankles and lowered their body straight down till their backside was resting on their heels.

Just as soon as they got comfortable, the storytelling started. There didn't seem to be any order, if you had a good tale, you jumped in at the first pause. I was five years old, visiting Uncle Clifford,

and I tried to hunker down just like them because this confab seemed too good to miss.

It was like a revolving picture show where you got to supply your own images. Time absolutely stood still. Nobody was in a hurry. And the stories flowed as if choreographed by divine appointment.

I didn't understand at the time, but it became obvious over the years with this positional arrangement no one was elevated above anyone else. And everyone had an equal opportunity to be a part of the get-together. I never forgot how natural, easy going, and friendly the entire setting seemed to permeate around and through the group.

If only the whole world could learn how to hunker down properly....

Now, I am not saying all the stories were equal. Not by a long sight. Some could grab your attention right off. Others had a slow build. Some let you wonder what direction the story was headed next, and most always had an intriguing middle, usually with a surprise, or twist at the end.

The best story I heard that day was the one about the two brothers who hid in the attic of the Second Pentecostal Holiness Church during the Sunday night service. Just when the preacher got to shouting, "hell is real and eternity is near," those boys pulled a log chain across the rafters. Folks were repenting and diving out windows at the same time....

The guy next to Uncle Clifford asked if anyone knew how Revilo got its name, and leaped into his monologue before they could answer. At this very store years ago, as his story unwound, an earlier group of farmers hunkered down and peered over to where

the beginnings of a rural country school were being laid out. The question of a name for the school came up.

Some silence followed. Until one of the fellows spotted an old green Oliver double shovel turning plow sitting in the field next to the store. He suggested they "turn" the name Oliver around backwards to Revilo. It stuck. For the school, the gin, and the store. Sadly, the name has outlived all three of them.

But the Revilo community lives on in so many hearts and minds!

I grew up with countless hunker down sessions just like the one at the store. Maybe the names were different. But the John Deere hats, Liberty bib overalls, Camel cigarettes, and entertaining stories remain constant. The chewing tobacco did evolve with the years. In the early days it was Warren County Twist or Brown Mule. Later, it was mostly Red Man or Beech-Nut.

There was an art to drop that Beech-Nut between your legs, without hitting your Acme cowboy boots. And a good story teller learned to punctuate certain key moments in the story with a pause, to spit.

I've seen Womack Rosson, if the story was a rip roaring good one, let his Camel burn right down to his fingers. Now folks, that is some more storytelling!

And there is an art to it. But without a good audience to help him out, it doesn't amount to a hill of beans.

I hope that every once in a blue moon, I hit upon a subject that might live on in your hearts and minds....

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

Inglenook Book Club Meets

MCKENZIE — The Inglenook Book Club met on March 11 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside in McKenzie. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Mack, who welcomed everyone present. She thanked hostesses Donna Ward and herself for serving chicken salad sandwiches, granola bars, assorted nuts, and beverages. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim, and Motto. Happy Birthday was sung to our March birthday ladies - Jean McKinzie, Suzanne Howell, and Genia Sherwood. Thirteen ladies answered the roll call, followed by the reading of the February minutes. Donna Ward gave the Treasurer's report. Both readings of the minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved as read.

Committee reports were given, prayers continued for some members, and cards were sent. Thank you to Jean for calling everyone about the meeting. The membership chair shared that we have a new member, Sherrie Priestley.

In old business, mention of the sign at the McKenzie Banking sign thanking us for our donations to the MES. There was no new business, so Pedie Pedersen presented her program on the children's poem writer, and the writer of the "Morning Has Broken" original poem that Cat Stephen's made into a world-known song, Eleanor Farjeon.

Book passing followed with the next book passing date being March 25. Many thanks for the individual food snacks donated today

for the school. Next month, members are to bring assorted school supplies. Announcements were: next meeting on April 8 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside in McKenzie. Hostesses are Gail Mack and Donna Ward and the program is by Beverly Mueller. She will have a guest speaker as she will not be in attendance. The benediction was recited by all, and the meeting adjourned.

Members present were: Peggy Chappell, Jean Holmolen, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Gail Mack, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Suzanne Russell, Myra Sasser, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward, and new member Sherrie Priestley.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller.

West Carroll Students Attend UTM Art Day

On March 6, 2026, West Carroll High School Advanced Art students traveled to the University of Tennessee at Martin to participate in the UTM College Art Day. This is an event that brings together talented students from across the region to share their creative works and develop their artistic skills.

The College Art Day provided students with an opportunity to enter their artwork into a juried art show, take various hands-on art classes and connect with other art students from the West Tennessee area. Throughout the day, West Carroll students chose to explore classes in figure drawing, sculpture, print-

making and theatre, where they learned from instructors and experienced what college-level art courses can offer.

In addition to the fun experience, West Carroll students brought home two awards, including an honorable mention in Sculpture and third place in Mixed Media.



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Obituaries



MICHAEL BEASLEY
1970 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral Services for Michael Beasley are on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at New Valley Cemetery, Gleason.

Mr. Beasley, 55, died at Tri Star Centennial Medical Center on Sunday, March 15, 2026. He is a retired Manager for Rural King and Park Director for the City of McKenzie, a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church McKenzie, and a graduate of Gleason High School Class of 1988. He was born on May 9, 1970, in Paris, Tenn., to William H. "Bill" and Maudell Byrd Beasley.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Neisler Beasley of McKenzie; his daughter, Sophie Lynn Beasley of McKenzie; his two sons, Colton Michael (Isabella) Beasley of Big Sandy and Will Michael Beasley of McKenzie; his sister, Janice (Reggie) Wiggins of McKenzie; three brothers, Tom (Peggy) Beasley of Paris, Dennis Beasley of McKenzie and John (Dara) Beasley of Gleason; and one grandson, William Scott (Bo) Beasley.

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

DAVID DEAN VERDELL
1962 – 2026

GLEASON — Services for David Dean Verdell,

63, of Gleason, are on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Gleason First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Beech Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Gleason First Baptist Church. It will resume on Wednesday at 11 a.m. and go until the time of his funeral service.

Mr. Verdell is survived by his wife, Kim Verdell of Gleason. He is also survived by two children, Justin (Elisha) Taylor of Benton, Ky., and Kayla (Will) Little of McKenzie. He leaves behind his mother, Jane Verdell, and his sister, Dana Jowers, both of Gleason. Mr. Verdell also leaves behind five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Dean Verdell.

Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

RAY MCCORMICK
1934 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Ray McCormick, 91, of Huntingdon, died on March 13, 2026. Funeral services were on Monday, March 16, 2026, at Huntingdon First United Methodist Church. Interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens. Ray was born on June 3, 1934, to the late William Clyde McCormick and Mildred Aden McCormick.

He was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carol McCormick; one grandson, Will Fisher; his brother, Jack McCormick; his sisters, Mildred Louise McCormick Mozena and Nancy McCormick Calcagno.

He is survived by four daughters, Vicki (Gary) Cannizzo of Nashville, Susan Fisher of Huntingdon, Jan (Gerald) Scarbrough of Huntingdon, and Shelley Gurley of Huntingdon; a sister-in-law, Marilyn McCormick; ten grandchildren Erich Moody, Matt (Kelly) Moody, Megan Moody, Lindsey (Justin) Johnson, Courtney (Matt) Cole, Dylan Gurley, Brinn (Austin) Avery, Heather (Kevin Wilkes) Gurley, Brandon (Jessica) McCormick and Loren (Dusty) Hatfield; twelve great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog Beau.

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

WAYNE DRINKARD
1959 – 2026

BRUCETON — Mr. Wayne Drinkard, 66, of Bruceton, died Sunday, March 8, 2026, at his home.

Funeral services were on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Bud Ricketts officiating. Interment followed in Hebron Cemetery.

Mr. Drinkard was born August 17, 1959, in Huntingdon, to the late Malcolm Welton and Pauline Drinkard. He was a laborer for Midway Concrete. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Marie Drinkard; a brother, Jerry Drinkard; and two nieces, Laycee Williams and Jeci Drinkard.

He is survived by two sisters, Karen Williams, of Milan, and Paula Green of Lexington; and two brothers, Johnny Drinkard (Penny) of Cedar Grove, and Henry Drinkard (Deanna) of Huntingdon.

LARRY DALE WILSON
1944 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Larry Dale Wilson, 81, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at his home.

Funeral services were on Friday, March 13, 2026, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery.

Larry was born July 3, 1944, in Huntingdon, to the late Roy and Martha Wilson. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, Bruce Wilson; and one great-granddaughter, Katie Claire McMinn.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Wilson of Huntingdon; two daughters, Kendra (Randy) Carter of Huntingdon, and Glenda (Jason) Hicks of Huntingdon; one son, Donald (Tanya) Wilson of Huntingdon; one sister, Jennie Weaver of McKenzie; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

#NOKINGS.ORG RALLY

#NoKings.org Rally is March 28, 12 Noon-2 p.m. at Veterans Park, Downtown McKenzie. Rain or shine. RSVP #NoKings.org or call 731-415-8847.

911 BOARD TO MEET

Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors meets March 24, 5:30 p.m. at 101 Dillahunt Lane, Huntingdon.

If you'd like to address the board, please register with the district office at 731-986-8911. A copy of the Public Comment Policy is available at the office, temporarily located at 20405 East Main Street, Huntingdon.

HUNTINGDON TN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TO MEET

On Wednesday, March 18, at 9 a.m., in the conference room of Huntingdon City Hall, Mr. Steve McDaniel will be the guest speaker for the Huntingdon TN Historical Society. His presentation will focus on General Nathan Bedford Forrest's West Tennessee campaign to disrupt General U. S. Grant's supply lines and communications during the Civil War. Steve McDaniel will also provide an overview of the development of Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Park. All are welcome.

MCKENZIE SENIOR
CITIZEN CENTER EVENTS

Wednesday, March 18 — Senior movie at the Park Theater. Movie, soda, and drink are only \$5. This month's movie is EPIC. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., movie starts at 2 p.m. Dominos at 12:30 p.m. Line dance class is \$4, open to everyone.

Thursday, March 19 — Craft class at 1 p.m.

Friday, March 20 — Dance at the Carroll County Civic Center with the James Greer Band from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$8. Open to the public.

Saturday, March 21 — Spaghetti Dinner, fundraiser for the Gordon Browning Museum. Tickets are \$10 and includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Tickets are available at the McKenzie Senior Center or call 731-393-3048 and leave a message. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner is served at 5 p.m.

GREATER ENON
CHURCH BBQ FEAST

Greater Enon Baptist Church is hosting a BBQ Feast on Friday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 103 Chestnut Avenue, McKenzie. The meal includes a BBQ Rib Plate, 1/2 Chicken Plate, or Pulled Pork Plate - all with two sides. Donations Only. Come eat with us. The location is immediately behind the church.

MISS UTM RODEO
PAGEANT

The University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Booster Club is sponsoring the Miss UTM Rodeo Pageant Satur-

day, March 28, at Watkins Auditorium, located inside the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center at 11 Wayne Fisher Drive, Martin.

The pageant is open to all girls, ages 0-20. Contestants will be judged in formal/evening gown only.

Doors open at 10 a.m. with pageants as follows: 0-12 months at 11 a.m., 1-3 years at 11:30 a.m., 4-6 years at 12 p.m., 7-9 years at 12:30 p.m., 10-12 years at 1 p.m., 13-15 years at 1:30 p.m., and 16-20 years at 2 p.m. Registration is at the door only, \$40 for beauty only with side categories available for additional cost. Winner of the 16-20 division required to participate in UTM Rodeo Week activities and is eligible to compete in Territorial Queens Review/Strawberry Festival. Junior, Teen and Miss Division Queens will be recognized at UTM Rodeo Performances April 9, 10, and 11. For more information, contact Beth Welton at (731) 225-1227.

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
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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.

SPRING BREAKS

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

THE BREAKFAST CLUB
AT HOMETOWN HEALTH

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!

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.



Frosted
Carrot Cake

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 eggs
3/4 cup buttermilk
1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups grated carrots
1/3 cup raisins
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
2/3 cup wheat flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
Vegetable cooking spray
Combine first 8 ingredients in a large bowl; stir well. Combine flours and next 3 ingredients: stir into brown sugar mixture. Pour into 9x13 pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let cool completely. Spread with frosting. Cover and chill. Cut into squares.

Orange Cream Cheese
Frosting

1/2 cup cottage cheese
1 (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
2 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon ground grated orange peel
1 cup sifted powdered sugar
1 teaspoon orange flavoring

Process cottage cheese in a food processor until smooth. Add cream cheese, orange rind, vanilla and orange flavoring. Process until smooth. Add powdered sugar. Stir until smooth. Spread evenly over cake.

Beef Cheese Ball

3 (8 oz.) cream cheese softened
4 or 5 green onions, chopped
2 (2 1/2 oz.) Armour Dried beef
1 tablespoon Accent
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Mix all ingredients together. Shape into rolls. Sprinkle with paprika. Chill. Serve with wheat thins.

Frozen Strawberry
Margarita Pie

1 1/2 cup finely crushed pretzels, divided
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup margarine, melted
1 can strawberry fruit filling
1/2 to 2/3 cup thawed frozen margarita mix
1 (8 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
Grease 9 inch pie plate. In medium bowl, combine 1 1/4 cups of pretzels, sugar and margarine. Mix well. Press evenly onto bottom and up sides of prepared pie plate to form crust. Combine strawberry filling and margarita mix. Fold into whipped topping in medium bowl. Spoon into

crust. Sprinkle with remaining pretzels. Freeze until firm, about 2 hours. Before serving, remove pie from freezer and let stand 30 minutes at room temperature to soften slightly.

Blackberry
Cobbler

1 quart blackberries, sweetened
1 stick margarine
1 cup flour
1 cup sugar
1 cup milk
Melt margarine in 11x8x2 baking pan. Mix flour, sugar and milk. Pour evenly over margarine. Pour berries that you have sweetened to taste over crust evenly. Bake at 350 degrees about 30-35 minutes or until crust is browned. The crust will come to the top.

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THROWBACK



Major David Riddick presents the Purple Heart to Larry Burke some 37 years after he was wounded in Vietnam.

Burke Receives Purple Heart

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MCKENZIE (March 13) — Larry Dean Burke received his Purple Heart today for wounds he sustained in Vietnam on January 21, 1969. Major David Riddick of the Army Reserves had the privilege of presenting the award to Burke in a small ceremony at Carroll Bank and Trust-McKenzie.

Riddick, a Jackson lawyer and native of Carroll County, served in Kuwait with the 3rd Army, December 2004 to April 2005. He is a member of JAG - Judge Advocate General.

“I’m proud to have the opportunity to do this,” said Major Riddick during the presentation of the medal.

Mark Warren of Carroll Bank and Trust learned that Burke had never received his Purple Heart and inquired of his brother-in-law David Riddick how Burke could receive the award. Riddick submitted Form SF180 to the Army to successfully receive the award.

Specialist Burke was wounded in Vietnam from shrapnel from a Claymore land mine detonated by a North Vietnamese some 50 feet away. The mine contained 746 stainless steel balls, which wounded Burke and fellow sol-

diers. Burke, 20 years and a day old, sustained two broken legs, one of which had a compound fracture.

Burke, a radio operator, remembers setting off a canister of smoke so other troops could locate the wounded soldiers. A landing zone was cut from the floor of the jungle for choppers to land, recalls Burke.

He was transported to Saigon and then to Dunang for surgery. In 15 days, he was at a hospital in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where he underwent a second surgery.

Confined to the hospital for five months and in body casts, he was told that his left leg would require amputation. He refused their recommendation and successfully walked again.

His injuries required 119 stitches in the left leg and 79 in the right. Today, he still bears some of the pain of his injuries and some of the stainless steel balls that penetrated his body on that fateful day.

During his service in Vietnam, Burke was also wounded by a direct lightning strike.

The Purple Heart is an individual decoration. It differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not recommended for the decoration; rather, he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria. It is awarded in the name of President Washington to

any member of an armed forces or any civilian nation of the U.S., who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Forces, has been wounded or killed in any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged.

The wounds must be caused by an enemy bullet, shrapnel or other projectile created by enemy action, an enemy-placed mine or trap, or concussion injuries caused as a result of enemy-generated explosions.

Burke was drafted into the Army on January 4, 1968. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division when he arrived in Vietnam, and discharged from the Army on December 15, 1969.

Burke is a custodian/maintenance man at the United States Postal Service-McKenzie, where he has worked 18 years.

He has worked at Gaines Manufacturing, Atlantic Homes, Ben Franklin Family Center, Ace Hardware, and Wal-Mart.

He and wife, Marilyn, have four children - David, Adam, and Chance Burke, and Teresa King, and two grandchildren. He is the son of the late James Burke and the late Nannie Mae Gaskins.



Sarah Pitcher of Baptist Memorial Hospital of Carroll County, Armand Hebert, VP of McKenzie Rotary, and Cindy Cole, RN at Baptist Hospital.

Local RN Highlights Life-Changing Benefits of Pulmonary Rehab at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County

MCKENZIE (February 24) — Many are familiar with cardiac rehabilitation, but a vital program for chronic lung disease sufferers often goes unnoticed. Cindy Cole, a Registered Nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County, is on a mission to change that, shedding light on the power of pulmonary rehabilitation.

Cole was the featured speaker at the meeting of the McKenzie Rotary Club.

“Have you ever been so short of breath that you were afraid to move?” Cole began, illustrating the daily struggle of her patients. “That’s how these people feel every single day. They can’t get through a single task without becoming short of breath.”

Pulmonary rehab, unlike cardiac rehab, focuses on helping patients with chronic lung diseases like COPD, asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis to “live with what they have” rather than offering a cure. The program also extends its reach to lung transplant patients and those grappling with respiratory issues post-COVID.

The Silent Epidemic of COPD

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a significant health challenge, ranking among the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. An estimated 15 to 16 million people have a

diagnosis, with many more undiagnosed. In rural areas such as Carroll County, the prevalence can be as high as 10% of the population. While smoking is a well-known culprit.

The impact of COPD is substantial, leading to thousands of emergency room visits and hospitalizations annually, placing a considerable burden on patients and the healthcare system, with costs soaring into the billions.

An Underutilized Lifeline

Despite its profound benefits, pulmonary rehab remains “one of the most underutilized services” available to these patients. Cole attributes this to a lack of awareness, even among healthcare providers. She noted that referrals are not exclusive to pulmonologists; primary care physicians, who often manage COPD patients in rural settings, can and should refer patients.

A Comprehensive Approach to Breathing Easier

The program typically spans six to twelve weeks, with sessions two to three times a week. It incorporates exercise, breathing retraining, and extensive education. “We use a treadmill to teach you how to walk at Walmart when you are doing your groceries,” Cole explained, highlighting the practical, real-world application of

the exercises. Patients learn to pace themselves and control their breathing, a challenging yet ultimately rewarding skill that dramatically improves their well-being.

Education is a cornerstone of the program, covering proper medication use, handling inhalers and oxygen equipment, and understanding how the lungs function. A critical objective is to prevent hospitalizations by empowering patients to recognize and manage symptom flare-ups effectively.

Transformative Outcomes and Support

Patients often arrive feeling defeated, but within weeks, they experience significant improvements. Cole shared inspiring stories of individuals regaining the ability to perform everyday tasks, like yard work, or returning to cherished hobbies they had abandoned due to respiratory challenges. Beyond physical gains, the program reduces shortness of breath, increases activity tolerance, and markedly improves mood and overall quality of life. Addressing anxiety and depression, common companions of breathing difficulties, is also a key focus, with patients learning calming techniques like pursed-lip and abdominal breathing.

Pulmonary rehab employs a multidisciplinary team of nurses, providers, and respiratory therapists, who maintain continuous communication with referring physicians. The American Thoracic Society and the American Lung Association both highly recommend pulmonary rehab.

The program is widely accessible, with coverage typically provided by Medicare, commercial insurance, and TennCare. For those facing financial barriers, such as Medicare patients without a supplement, the hospital works to find solutions, including self-pay maintenance programs.

Recognizing the Warning Signs

Early indicators of lung disease include a persistent chronic cough and increasing shortness of breath during once easy activities. Diagnosis typically involves a pulmonary function study or a CT scan. Cole also issued a warning about vaping, stating it is “just as bad as smoking,” and potentially worse, particularly given its prevalence among teenagers.

Cole encourages anyone who knows someone struggling with COPD or other lung conditions to consider pulmonary rehab. Referrals can originate from primary care providers or pulmonologists, or individuals can contact the hospital directly for assistance. The program is conveniently located within Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County, ensuring immediate access to medical support if needed.

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March 2026

West Carroll 3-2-1 Update

Students are leading. Literacy is growing. New opportunities are on the way. Here is what West Carroll has been up to this month.

3-Highlights from Across the District

- WCES BETA Serves at March Meeting:** West Carroll Elementary BETA Club members brought desserts and attended the March Board Meeting. Their presence said something. Board members genuinely enjoyed the chance to connect with the students they serve. When students take an interest in how their school district works, it's one of the most encouraging things we get to witness.
- West Carroll Youth Basketball Returning:** The Board approved a new Youth Basketball Program for grades 1 through 8, with no participation fee for families. Supported by a \$3,000 grant, sign-ups and coach assignments begin in April, with games planned for May. Dr. Adam Douglas and Athletic Director Nicholas Cobb also shared the vision a program centered on student development, coach support, and community.
- Read Across America:** All three campuses celebrated with dress-up days, guest readers, and literacy activities. West Carroll Primary and Elementary welcomed community readers into classrooms. WCJSH held morning literacy quizzes and dress up days.

2 Quotes from Our Leaders

“FBLA will be attending board meetings to learn more about our school's operations and model how we hold our club meetings.”
— **Jack Robinson**, FBLA Vice President, West Carroll High School

“Building a strong school culture begins with our coaches and staff working together to uphold high expectations, on the field and in the classroom.”
— **Coach Nicholas Cobb**, WCSSD Athletic Director

1 Challenge for Our Community

Finish Strong. Show Up Every Day. The final stretch matters. We are asking every family to *make attendance a priority* these last few weeks. Check your child's attendance through the ClassLink portal or by calling your school's office. Let's finish strong!

Ideas & thoughts are welcome at preston.caldwell@wcssd.org. Join us for our next board meeting on April 2nd.

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West Carroll Elementary School cafeteria staff (L to R): Kay Story, Tina Seaton, Shelia Hilliard and Hope Vinson. Submitted photo

West Carroll Cafeteria Staff Gifts Books to Elementary Students

The cafeteria staff at West Carroll Elementary School helped spread the joy of reading by collecting enough books for every student to receive one during Read Across America Week. Books were distributed to students during lunch on March 3 and 4, giving each child the opportunity to take home a new book of their own. The thoughtful effort supported the school's celebration of literacy and encouraged students to develop a love for reading, both at school and at home.



West Carroll Elementary students Kartier Edmonson and Gabriel Grantham are photographed with books gifted by the cafeteria staff. Submitted photo



Eighth-grade students listen to Beating Hearts representative Beth Bailey. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie Middle School Hosts Health Fair

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McKenzie Middle School's annual Health Fair was Friday, March 6, inside the school's gymnasium. Healthcare professionals and emergency first responders visited the school, bridging the gap between health education and fun. This year, 15 organizations hosted booths: LeBonheur Children's Hospital, the Tennessee Department of Health's Tennessee Tobacco Quit Line, The Refinery, Dynamix, Carroll County Library, The Ronald McDonald House, McKenzie Police Department, Hospital Wing, Hometown Health

Clinic, Baptist Memorial Hospital – Carroll County, Carroll County Prevention Coalition, PhippsCare, Beating Hearts Help Center, The University of Tennessee at Martin Nursing and Carey Counseling Center. McKenzie Middle School staff also had a table about personal hygiene. School Nurse Gail Edwards said the annual health fair is important in educating students on different facets of health — from the effects of energy drinks to information on mental health counseling. The McKenzie Police Department let students try Drunk Busters Goggles,

which simulate the effects of impairment. Students also had the chance to go outside and see the Hospital Wing's parked helicopter. Several people from the visiting organizations bragged on the students' behaviors. Autumn Brown, a representative from LeBonheur Children's Hospital, said, "They're very well-mannered. They actually do listen. They're participating really well." Students attended the health fair during their rotation periods, traveling in groups to each booth for the duration of the school period.

Huntingdon Historical Society Meets March 18

Steve McDaniel is the guest speaker at the Huntingdon Historical Society's next meeting, Wednesday, March 18 at 9 a.m. in the conference room of Huntingdon City Hall. McDaniel's presentation focuses on General Nathan Bedford Forrest's West Tennessee campaign to disrupt General U. S. Grant's supply lines and communications during the United States Civil War. Steve McDaniel will also give an overview of the development of Parker's

Crossroads Battlefield Park. McDaniel was born in Huntingdon and is a long-time advocate for historical preservation in West Tennessee. He serves on the Douglas Henry State Museum Commission, is Vice President of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, and serves as Historian for the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Association. He has been closely involved in the preservation and development of the

370-acre Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park. He continues to work on the interpretation and protection of Civil War resources in the region. He previously served 30 years in the Tennessee House of Representatives. He and his wife, Phyllis, have one daughter and two grandchildren. All are welcome to join the Huntingdon Historical Society as they learn the importance and impact of local history.

WEST CARROLL



(L to R) Jesse Martin, Colton Sellers and Aldair Castanada show off their leprechaun traps. Submitted photos

First Graders Engineer Leprechaun Traps Just In Time for St. Patrick's Day

Submitted by Cindy Smith, West Carroll Special School District

McLEMORESVILLE — Something sneaky is lurking in the hallways of West Carroll Primary School and the first graders are ready for it. First-grade students at West Carroll Primary School in McMoresville are applying engineering design principles in an unconventional context this week: building traps intended to catch a leprechaun ahead of St. Patrick's Day. The project, timed ahead of St. Patrick's Day, has turned the classroom into a workshop of problem-solving and creativity. Working collaboratively, the young engineers worked through a foundational STEM process of planning, designing and constructing. Students were asked to identify the problem, consider possible solutions and build a functional trap using available materials, mirroring the thinking skills

at the core of engineering. Students extended the project beyond the classroom by designing "Wanted" posters, which now hang throughout the school's hallways. The posters serve the dual purposes of reinforcing writing and visual communication skills while building school-wide anticipation for the holiday. Whether or not the traps prove effective remains to be seen but the learning, by all accounts, has already been captured.

Gasoline Prices Rise 31.6 Cents During Week

TENNESSEE (March 17) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 31.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.32/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 79.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 64.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased by 34.0 cents since a week ago and stands at \$4.951 per gallon. Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back five years:

March 16, 2025:	\$2.68/g
(U.S. Average: \$3.02/g)	
March 16, 2024:	\$3.06/g
(U.S. Average: \$3.45/g)	
March 16, 2023:	\$3.11/g
(U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)	
March 16, 2022:	\$4.08/g
(U.S. Average: \$4.29/g)	
March 16, 2021:	\$2.66/g
(U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)	

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was

priced at \$2.37/g yesterday, while the most expensive was \$4.59/g, a difference of \$2.22/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.37/g while the highest was \$4.59/g, a difference of \$2.22/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 23.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.68/g today. The national average is up 80.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 66.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. "Consumers continue to feel the sting of rising oil, gasoline, and diesel costs as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East remain elevated, pushing gasoline prices to their highest levels in years while diesel could soon approach the \$5-per-gallon mark nationally," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Until we see a meaningful resumption of oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz, upward pressure on fuel prices is likely to persist. At the same time, seasonal forces are beginning to intensify as several regions complete the transition to summer gasoline, creating a double headwind that could continue driving pump prices higher in the weeks ahead." GasBuddy, a PDI Technologies company, is North America's trusted fuel savings platform, helping consumers fuel up for less for over 25 years. With over 100 million app downloads, GasBuddy delivers real-time prices at 150,000+ stations and tangible savings through Pay with GasBuddy+. It is the most authoritative source of station-level fuel pricing data, updating averages 288 times daily from the broadest mix of inputs— spotter reports, direct station integrations, and transactional data. The McKenzie Banner publishes GasBuddy's survey results each week. SOURCE GasBuddy

MES Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, April 1 from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday, April 2 from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

(Please wait to enter school at 8:15 a.m., this will help us get through announcements and student drop off)

Students entering Pre-K must be 4 years old by August 15, 2026.
Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by August 15, 2026.

To enroll, McKenzie Elementary School must have the following documents:

- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Proof of Residency (i. e. utility bill with home address excluding phone and cable bill)
- Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (Forms may be obtained from your doctor or health department)
- Tennessee School Entry Medical Examination completed by medical doctor (physical)
 - o The following immunizations are required and are to be documented on a Tennessee Permanent Certificate of Immunization (PH 2414)
 - DTP series and booster, five (5) doses
 - Polio series and booster, four (4) doses
 - MMR, two (2) doses
 - Hepatitis a, two (2) doses
 - Hepatitis b, three (3) doses
 - Varicella (chicken pox), two (2) doses or history of disease.

**** If you are registering for Pre-K, you must provide proof of income for each person living in the household, birth certificate, current immunization/physical record on TN form and proof of residency.**

Acceptable forms of proof of residency include:

- Option 1: Copy of signed lease agreement or mortgage statement
- Option 2: Utility bill (i.e., electric, water, gas, or sewer)
- Option 3: Bank statement
- Option 4: Paystub
- Option 5: Voter Registration or some type of legal mail

Please park in the front of the elementary school and enter through the office.
If you are registering a child for Kindergarten, please bring them with you so that they can be tested.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Theft of Vehicle — Robert Neil Hammon, Hazel Circle, McKenzie, was arrested in Missouri on March 10 while driving a vehicle he stole from a relative.

McKenzie Police SRO Colton Broyles was working traffic at McKenzie Middle School when Hammon drove up in school traffic, made some remarks, and drove away.

Broyles called for other officers to attempt to locate the vehicle. In the meantime, Hammon's relative called the MPD to report her car missing and accused Hammon of theft. She stated Hammon had phoned his mother and stated he was in St. Louis with a flat. A BOLO - be on the lookout- was issued in Missouri and Tennessee. Hammon was arrested in Missouri and held for McKenzie authorities.

Authorities from the Des Peres Police Department in Missouri contacted MPD Investigator Kyle Beauchamp.

DUI — Blake Roberts, Hillview Apartments, McKenzie, was arrested on March 13 for Driving Under the Influence.

Officer Michael Cunningham was patrolling on Hamilton Street when he noticed a pickup truck swerve several times. The officer initiated a traffic stop and suspected the driver was under the influence. Roberts' license was suspended for a prior DUI.

Sergeant Jeff Winberry contacted the vehicle owner, who knew that Roberts' license was suspended. The driver was transported to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon for a blood-alcohol test and then to Carroll County Jail. The vehicle was impounded.

Active Warrants —

Frank D. Hoggs, Paris Pike, McKenzie, was arrested on March 11 on two active, outstanding warrants.

Assistant Chief Trey Boucher arrested Mr. Hogg at his residence on a Failure to Appear warrant in Obion County and a warrant from Lake County for DUI.

Multiple Charges — Terry Ethan Swafford, Atwood Highway, Milan, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Unlawful Use of Electronic Device While Driving, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Violation of Child Restraint device on March 10.

Officer Timothy Dillon observed Swafford using his cell phone while driving. Dillon initiated a stop and observed three small children not properly secured in child restraint devices. Swafford was cited in Carroll County General Sessions Court and allowed to proceed with the car after the children were properly restrained.

Domestic Assault — Terrance Terrell Davis, Jr., Hastings Circle, Memphis, was charged with Domestic Assault after an incident with his girlfriend on Walnut Circle on March 8.

Sergeant Darren Davis arrived on the scene with Patrolman Matthew Cunningham to the Walnut Circle residence of a report of an altercation.

A female responded to the door when officers arrived. The report indicates the female had a facial cut. The officers interviewed the female and Davis separately and determined Davis had assaulted her. There was evidence that they both were active in the altercation. Davis was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended

License — Karen Ann Corrado, Highland Street, Bruceton, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on March 7.

Officer Jackson Henderson stopped Corrado's vehicle because the license plate had expired. When he spoke with the driver, he learned that her license was suspended in Henry County and Benton County due to Failure to Appear charges. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Active Warrants — Antwon L. Owens, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, was arrested on March 10 on active warrants for Shoplifting in Henry County and Felony Possession of a Firearm in Madison County, Alabama.

Officer Timothy Dillon and Sgt. Beauchamp arrested Owens at Dollar General on Highway 22. He was transported to Henry County Jail.

Theft — A Randle Street resident reported his dump trailer was stolen on March 7 from his residence.

Officer Darren Davis filed the report for Charles Johnson, who stated his trailer had a tongue lock on it. A video indicates it was removed by a white four-door Dodge pickup truck.

Disorderly Conduct — Roger Dale Lawson, Florida Avenue, McKenzie, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct on March 15.

Sergeant Jeff Winberry reported to a business on Magnolia Street, where Lawson was yelling and screaming in public. Winberry advised Lawson to go home and not to yell anymore. Later, Winberry was dispatched to Florida Avenue, where Lawson was continuing to be disorderly. He was taken into custody.



Above, L.I. Smith and Associates, Inc. representatives are pictured in front of the Crump Boulevard Interchange in Memphis. Below, L.I. Smith received national recognition for their work on the I-55/E.H. Crump Boulevard Interchange in Memphis. Submitted photos



L.I. Smith Receives National Recognition

WASHINGTON (March 9) — L.I. Smith and Associates, Inc. (LIS) of Paris, Tenn., earned a National Recognition Award for exemplary engineering achievement in the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) 59th annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA). The award comes for the firm's role in the redesign of the I-55/E.H. Crump Boulevard Interchange in Memphis.

LIS worked with Bell Construction to provide comprehensive surveying and mapping services throughout the effort to efficiently upgrade an interchange that carries more than 60,000 vehicles each day. LIS's work directly guided the precise placement of roadways, bridges, drainage systems and utilities, while continuously tracking construction progress to ensure full compliance with plans and specifications, and early identification of issues.

By leveraging advanced technologies, such as GPS surveying, 3D modeling and

drone imagery, LIS helped minimize delays, reduce costly rework and improve safety and efficiency as the plans evolved and construction progressed. This hands-on, technology-driven approach enabled the project team to adapt quickly and keep work moving forward. The upgraded interchange includes two new flyover bridges that allow I-55 traffic to flow freely without slowing or merging into local traffic. A new multi-lane roundabout at Crump Boulevard and Riverside Drive improves local access and replaces outdated ramp movements with safer, more intuitive traffic patterns.

Judging for the awards program took place in February and was conducted by a national 32-member panel of built environment leaders, along with experts from government, the media and academia. Award criteria focused on uniqueness and originality, technical innovation, social and economic value and excitement generated toward the engineering

profession.

All 240 award winners—including 16 Honor Awards, eight Grand Awards, and the announcement of the prestigious Grand Conceptor Award for the year's most outstanding overall engineering achievement—will attend the 2026 EEA Gala on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC, to accept their awards.

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing more than 5,200 independent engineering firms and more than 600,000 professionals throughout the United States engaged in the development of America's transportation, water and energy infrastructure, along with environmental, industrial and other public and private facilities.

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McKenzie TN TB, LLC to Zechariah-McKenzie LLC. No District listed.

Joseph Lynn Lewis to Melissa Carol Barber in District 14.

Patrick C. and Patsy A. Anthony to Donald Richard Brazil Jr. in District 23.

Church at Huntingdon to Levi Frazier Jr. No District listed.

Daniel and Jennifer Hayden to Charles Christopher Grissom in District 6.

Dennis Neal Bartholomew and others to Farris Heath Bartholomew in District 13.

Bennie E. Braswell to Bank of Gleason in District 4.

Jennifer G. Downland to Logan R. Mitchell and others in District 2.

Timity Coldenhoff to Timity Coldenhoff Living Trust. No District listed.

Dustin Smith and others to Dustin Smith in District 6.

Henry Paulet and Deanna Jean Drinkard to Don A. and wife Jeanna C. Bush in District 8.

Dianne Johnson and others to Melissa Ann Johnson

in District 11.

Beracah, LLC to Tyler Andrew Spivey in District 4.

Cachengo, Inc. to Amarjeet Singh. No District listed.

Jeremiah D. and Sonya Schmitt to Marcus Cruz in District 11.

Peggy Hilliard to the Hilliard Family Revocable Trust. No District listed.

Hershel Wilkes to Samantha Chaney as trustee. No District listed.

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James T. and Laura A. Buss to James T. Buss as trustee in District 17.

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Thomas Chadwick Taylor to Dorothy Simon. No District listed.

John D. Simon to Stephen Fouche in District 11.

Cachengo, INC. to Brittany K. Gowan in District 11.

William Joe and Jane B. Hollowell to William Joe Hollowell III in District 18.

Ella Lousie Haynes to G.E. Haynes. No District listed.

Chasity Rae Ellis to Dallas D. Willis in District 11.

Mary L. Mays to Ronnie E. and Linda Jo Lambert Loyd in District 11.

Jane Lee Ann Wolfe to Aaron E. and Sadie J. Stutzman in District 3.

Jane-Lee Ann Wolfe to Jane-Lee Wolfe and others in District 3.

Charles Lee and Jennifer Johnson to Keith and Amanda Blankenship in District 6.

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Wanda F. Kemp and others to Rhonda McAlexander in District 5.

Tammy Annette Trevathan to Midway Storage in District 22.

Zachary D. Jarrett to Zachary D. and Carson J. Jarrett in District 22.

Charles P. Wilson Foundation to Jesaia E. and Ida N. Yoder. No District listed.

Linda Ivey and others to R&R Farms in District 23.

Jeff and Sandra Ray to Hunter and Bryanna Haynes in District 17.

Jeanie D. Chaney to Stephen C. and Jeanie C. Chaney in District 5.

Kenneth Stanley and Vickie Carol Scates to Melissa Carol Webb in District 13.

Marriage Licenses

Trent Cole Gooch, 29, of Yuma, to Rachel Dawn Nash, 25, of Yuma.

Jeffrey Wayne Autry, 52, of

Huntingdon, to Debra Sue Chism Cannon, 63, of Yuma.

Abigail Dawn Thomas, 24, of Jackson, to Nelson

Javier Gutierrez Ramos, 30, of Jackson.

Beverly Brooke Craig Smith, 32, of McKenzie, to Deaton Curtis Mullins, 31, of McKenzie.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (March 11) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on March 11.

These cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Austen Bohanan, Feather Ridge Road, Lexington, guilty, Theft of Merchandise, \$68.03 restitution to Walmart, probation, no contact with Walmart.

Charlie Boyer, Perritt Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Assault, court costs and probation.

Marvin Gaston, 423 Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Violation of Community Supervision, probation.

Thomas L. Miller, Elaine Street, Atwood, guilty, Probation Violation, 15 days jail, probation extended six months.

Jason Taylor, Bryant Road, Atwood, guilty, Reckless Endangerment, probation; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Matthew Thetford, Cash Street, Bradford, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, probation.

Melvin Dartavious Tyson, Highway 124, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended six months.

Jason L. Warnick, Humboldt-Gibson Wells Road, Humboldt, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended.

The following cases were dismissed.

Jahkeem Omally Emil Anduze, Neely Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card; pre-trial diversion, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation.

Kiowa Patrick Geans, Spring Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Halley A. Reed, Manley Street, Paris, dismissed, Shoplifting, banned from Walmart for one year.

Jamie Nicole Stephenson, Woodland Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, Domestic Assault.

Zachariah Wayne Wilson, Hillcrest Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While License Revoked.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Drug Paraphernalia Charge — On March 5, Deputy Scott conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle fail to maintain its lane. While speaking with the driver, the deputy detected an odor similar to marijuana, and the driver admitted to having smoked marijuana earlier.

Consent was given to search the vehicle. During the search, a glass pipe with white residue commonly used for smoking methamphetamine was located beside the passenger seat. The passenger was identified as Anthony Copeland, 52, of McKenzie.

Copeland was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Disorderly Conduct Arrest — On March 10, Deputy Jayden Flaurr responded to a disturbance involving Hunter Brown, 19, of Huntingdon, after a resident reported a male subject had pulled into the driveway yelling and making threats over tools he believed had been stolen.

The resident told deputies Brown had arrived at the residence yelling, cursing and accusing him of taking tools.

Brown left the area but later drove aggressively up and down the roadway several times before returning to the residence and continuing to yell from the driveway. Brown then left again, picked up a friend from his grandmother's house and returned to the residence, parking across the road and shining a spotlight toward the home.

When Deputy Flaurr arrived, Brown was pulling back into the driveway and appeared to be attempting to contact the resident again. Brown was detained and questioned and stated he believed the resident had taken his tools after seeing some that looked similar to ones reported missing. The tools described were chrome and were not located on the property.

The resident told deputies he had recently been released from the hospital and could not have taken the tools. The resident also reported Brown had been acting erratically and not like

his usual self. Brown denied any current drug or alcohol use but acknowledged having a history of substance use.

Brown was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and transported to the Carroll County Jail without incident.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Harassment Investigation — On March 10, Deputy Scott responded to a complaint regarding unwanted contact. The complainant reported that Jerry Morefield, 33, of Dresden had come to his residence earlier in the day after being advised not to return.

The complainant also reported that Morefield had been sending repeated messages and continuing to contact him and his girlfriend after being told to stop.

An investigation into the harassment complaint was conducted.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Felony Warrant Arrest — On March 7, Deputy Ezell and other deputies went to a residence in McKenzie in an attempt to serve a felony arrest warrant on another individual.

While inside the residence, deputies observed Samuel Jewell, 30, of McKenzie, who was also known to have active felony warrants. Multiple firearms were observed inside the residence during the incident.

Jewell was taken into custody on the outstanding warrants.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The McKenzie Parks & Recreation Board will have a called meeting on **Wednesday, March 31 at 5:15 p.m.** to review LPRF grant.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Carroll County Emergency Communication Board of Directors will meet for a scheduled meeting on March 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 101 Dillahunt Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Citizens desiring to publicly comment at the meeting on an agenda item must register with the district at 731-986-8911. A copy of the Public Comment Policy may be obtained at the district office, temporarily located at 20405 East Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

A3264/11-1

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2021, JAMES STEPHEN ANDERSON, by a Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 710, at Page 933, 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 Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine and 51/100 Dollars (\$29,259.51), payable to BANK OF GLEASON; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by BANK OF GLEASON, the legal owner and holder of the said Note, by appointment executed on February 18, 2026, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 764, at Page 828, 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 BANK OF GLEASON, 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 31, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.

Lying, and being situate in the City of McKenzie, 22nd Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows: to-wit:

BEGINNING in the center of South Main Street, formerly Highway 76 and at Ray Crocker's southeast corner and runs thence West in line with and along the outside of the south wall of Ray Crocker's garage building, in all 202 feet to the east margin of an alley, Crocker's southwest corner; thence South along the east margin of said alley 60 feet to stake; thence East 202 feet to the center of said street or highway; thence North with the center of said street or highway 60 feet to the beginning. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Dwayne Pierce and wife, Karen K. Pierce, to James Stephen Anderson, dated October 8, 2021, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 401, at Page 221, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 012M, Group J, Parcel 015.00

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 215 W. Main St., McKenzie, Tennessee, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Other interested parties: None.

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

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

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

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

WITNESS my signature, this the 10th day of March, 2026.

KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC

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

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State of Tennessee Carroll County Probate Division	NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA §30-2-306	Case Number 2026PE26
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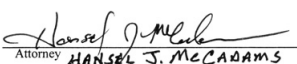
Estate of **JOHN DOUB, JR., Deceased**

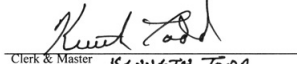
Notice is hereby given that on March 10 of 2026 letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of John Henry Doub, Jr., who died January 22, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Henry County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required 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 the 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.

Date: March 2, 2026 
Executor **CHRISTY R. DOUB**

Date: March 2, 2026 
Attorney **HANSEL J. MCCADAMS**

Date: MARCH 10, 2026 
Clerk & Master **KENNETH TODD**

A561/R27263/11-2

We do the legwork to keep you informed.

The McKenzie Banner, 731.352.3323

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PA29

ESTATE OF: RONALD LEE FRUM, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **11TH** day of **MARCH, 2026** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **RONALD LEE FRUM** deceased, who died **OCTOBER 18TH, 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 11TH day of MARCH, 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

LISA MARIE ALEXANDER, Executor/Administrator
W. KENT JONES, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R27276/11-2

COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS, MAY 5, 2026: NOTICE TO ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

An elderly voter (60 years of age or older) or a voter with a disability, whose polling place is not accessible, may choose to come to the County Election Commission office to vote either during the Early Voting period, on Election Day by *appointment*, or absentee by mail. If the voter chooses to vote at the election office on Election Day, the voter must provide the election office with written notice by April 27, 2026, of his/her intention.

If the voter registered by mail, (s)he must vote in-person in the first election in which the voter votes. To request an absentee ballot, the voter must do so by April 25, 2026, in the Carroll County Election Commission Office.

ON ELECTION DAY AT YOUR PRECINCT, A FEDERAL OR TENNESSEE STATE PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE. THE SAME APPLIES IN THE ELECTION OFFICE DURING EARLY VOTING.

Early Voting will be **April 15-30, 2026**. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Hours on Saturdays, during the Early Voting period, are 9 a.m.-noon. All voters are eligible to vote early. Early Voting is ONLY at the Election Commission Office.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Office 731-986-1968 Fax 731-986-1913
Regular hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Email: carroll.commission@tn.gov
Ron Reiter, Chairman; Michael Corrado, Secretary;
Judy Alexander, Member; Michael K. Tate, Member;
Linda Wallace, Member; Peg Hamlett, Administrator

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carroll County is seeking bidders to submit proposals for the project described in this document.

Project Title: **Carroll County Civic Center Commercial Kitchen**

Project Location: **Carroll County Civic Center, 201 Mustang Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344**

Funding Agency: **State of Tennessee, Department of Agriculture**

Grant Contract Amount: **\$100,000**

Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for the construction of a commercial kitchen at the Carroll County Civic Center.

Proposals, bids, or responses must be submitted to the Office of the Carroll County Mayor, Joseph G. Butler, at 625 High St. Suite 101, Carroll County Office Complex, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 38344, no later than 10 a.m. CST, March 26, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened and considered at a public meeting of the Purchasing Committee.

Proposals will be received for the **furnishing and installation of commercial grade kitchen equipment**.

All bidders must submit a **full proposal** for scoring. Proposals shall include:

- Layout for 25' x 19' commercial kitchen.
- List of equipment, supplies included.
 - All equipment shall be **new, commercial grade, NSF approved (where applicable)**, and compliant with **Tennessee Health Department standards and local fire codes**.
 - Equipment to consider, but not limited to: cooking equipment, refrigeration equipment, work surfaces, food preparation equipment, dishwashing equipment, storage systems and/or cabinets, ventilation and fire suppression, miscellaneous kitchen fixtures and furnishings.
- The successful bidder shall provide costs and expectations for all labor, materials, delivery, installation, setup, warranty, testing, and operational instructions of commercial kitchen equipment.
- Total bid price.
- Timeline for completion.

The Contract will be awarded to the highest scoring proposal complying with the conditions of the advertisement, provided the bid is reasonable and it is to the best interest of the Owner, at the earliest practicable date. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the Owner.

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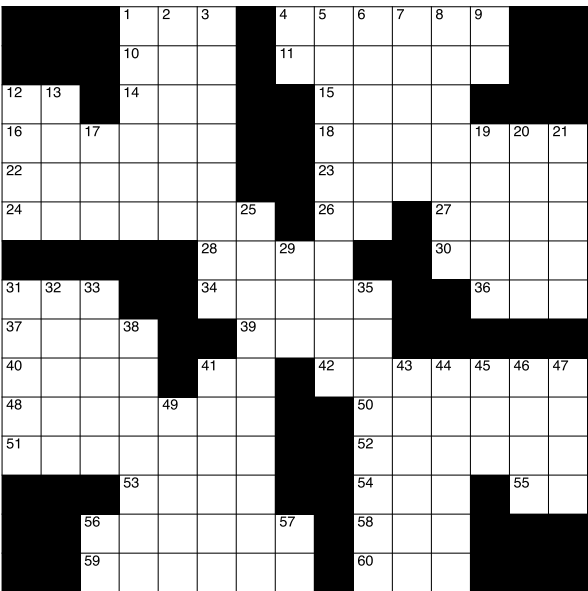
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March 20

Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Inclined to do
- 4. Sketches
- 10. Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- 11. Atomic #58
- 12. Dorm official
- 14. Small Eurasian deer
- 15. Southern constellation
- 16. Workers' groups
- 18. Former
- 22. Excellent
- 23. Romance language related to Spanish
- 24. Reference
- 26. Equally
- 27. Dirty towels
- 28. A cargo (abbr.)
- 30. Ammunition
- 31. You get one in summer
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Swiss river
- 37. Exchange rate
- 39. British School
- 40. College teacher
- 41. Foreign Service
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Cost to fly
- 50. A salt or ester of boric acid
- 51. Mocking
- 52. One who bird-watches
- 53. Concluding passage
- 54. A major division of geological time
- 55. Sodium
- 56. A way to produce
- 58. Soak



- 59. Laughed loudly and harshly
- 60. Affirmative
- 20. Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
- 21. James __, painter
- 25. Popular dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Cuisine style
- 32. Genus of true flies
- 33. City in western France
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. One holding a position of command
- 41. Weekday
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. East German town
- 49. Olfactory property
- 56. Atomic #37
- 57. "Pollock" actor Harris

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Moth species phalonidia __
- 2. Quantum of energy
- 3. Break the law
- 4. Location of White House
- 5. Official cancellation of a decision
- 6. Where rockers work
- 7. Cut of beef: __ mignon
- 8. Nocturnal burrowing reptile
- 9. Atomic #62
- 12. Genus of evergreen subshrubs
- 13. Flowering plant of the legume family
- 17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 19. Tropical fruit

Week 11

See solution in next week's edition.

Spring Cleaning Word Search

I T E S P Z Y L S N R V N T T G Y H L D
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Organize
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Recycling

Renewal
Sanitize
Scrubbing
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Vacuum

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1861: The Kingdom of Italy is proclaimed.

1958: The United States launches the first solar-powered satellite.

1966: Off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean, a submarine finds a missing American hydrogen bomb.

SUDOKU

WEEK 11

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to spring cleaning. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = E)

A. 22 23 15 21 11 25

Clue: Storage area

B. 15 6 7 20 9 2 16 11

Clue: Make orderly

C. 17 19 21 25 2 9 7

Clue: Clearing fine particles

D. 22 23 11 20 9 21 11

Clue: Make thoroughly clean

Answers: A. closet B. organize C. dusting D. cleanse

LETTER MIX-UP

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

MAINTENANCE

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

Riddle Me This

What is full of holes but can still hold water?

Answer: A sponge.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

EAWRT

Answer: Water

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in England on March 18, 1989. I began acting at age two on a BBC television show. I gained success in America for various roles on TV and in movies. My most recent role involves a fish-out-of-water scenario set in Paris. My dad is a famous musician.

Answer: Lily Collins

Edward Jones

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 10 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 10

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Micah Hart places Bethel University's name plate as the winner of the Duer Quadrant in the NAIA Tournament.

Lady Wildcats Advance to NAIA Final 16

COURTESY BETHEL SID
McKENZIE (March 14) — The Bethel Lady Wildcats are headed back to Sioux City.

Behind a dominant performance from Micah Hart and a strong defensive effort, Bethel defeated Huntington (Ind.) 73-56 Saturday afternoon at Crisp Arena to advance to the Round of 16 of the NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship in Sioux City, Iowa.

Bethel (27-5) controlled the game from the start, jumping out to a 16-6 lead after the first quarter. The Lady Wildcats' defense forced Huntington into difficult shots early, setting the tone for the rest of the afternoon.

Huntington battled back in the second quarter, matching Bethel with 22 points in the period, but the Lady Wildcats maintained a 38-28 halftime advantage.

Bethel continued to build its lead in the second half, outscoring the Foresters 17-13 in the third quarter before pulling away in the fourth to secure the

17-point victory.

Micah Hart led the Lady Wildcats with a dominant 31-point performance, shooting 12-of-21 from the field while adding six rebounds and four steals.

Mikee Buchanan recorded a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds, while MJ Simmons added 12 points on an efficient 5-of-6 shooting night. Senior Madison Hart also contributed 10 points, four rebounds, five assists, and two blocks in the victory.

Bethel forced 25 Huntington turnovers and turned those opportunities into 32 points, a key factor in the win. The Lady Wildcats also finished with 15 steals as they disrupted the Foresters' offense throughout the game.

Huntington was led by Liv Raby, who scored 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting day.

Bethel Head Coach Chris Nelson praised his team's defensive intensity and composure in the postseason.

"We talked all week about staying locked in defensively and taking care of the

basketball," Nelson said. "Our pressure created a lot of opportunities for us, and when Micah gets going like that it gives our whole team confidence. I'm really proud of how our group responded today."

Senior Madison Hart reflected on the moment and the opportunity ahead as the Lady Wildcats prepare for Sioux City.

"This team has worked so hard all season for moments like this," Hart said. "To advance with this group and keep playing together means everything. We're excited for the chance to go to Sioux City and keep competing."

With the win, Bethel advances to the NAIA National Championship Round of 16, which will be played in Sioux City, Iowa, next week as the Lady Wildcats continue their postseason run.

The Lady Cats play Friday versus No. 4 seed Lewis Clark State with tip-off slated for 11 a.m. CT.

The Cats reached the Fab Four last year before falling to eventual national champion Dordt.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Above Left, Lady Rocket shortstop Molly Williams fields a grounder and makes the throw to first for the out. Above Right, Lady Rebel Addyson Littleton slides into second base ahead of the throw for one of her two stolen bases on the night. Below Left, Lady Rebel Maggie Hall is all smiles as she rounds the bases on her first career home run. Below Right, Lady Rocket Lainey Glosson slides into second base ahead of the throw for a stolen base. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Opens Season With Win Over Clarksburg

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (March 9) — McKenzie High School hosted district foe Clarksburg Monday to begin the softball season. The Lady Rebels jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 10-0 win in five innings.

McKenzie scored three runs in the bottom of the first, five in the second and two in the fifth to end the contest.

Lady Rebel Maggie Hall

was 2-for-3 with a home run (her career first), a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Aurora Johnson was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Braylin Auvenshine was 1-for-2 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored. Kynadie Brown was 2-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Addyson Littleton was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two stolen bases. Haylee Beard was 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Kailie Hudgins

and Addison Milam (McKenzie) were both 0-for-3 with a run scored.

Lady Rocket Cari Glosson was 1-for-1 with a walk and a stolen base. Lainey Glosson was 1-for-2 with a stolen base. Addison Milam (Clarksburg) was 1-for-2.

Aurora Johnson earned the complete-game shut-out for McKenzie, allowing three hits with two walks and seven strikeouts in five innings.

Addison Milam took the complete-game loss for Clarksburg, allowing ten runs (five earned) on nine hits while walking two and striking out four in four and two-thirds innings.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Rebels Top Gibson County, 4-2

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DYER (March 12) — McKenzie High School traveled to Gibson County Thursday for a soccer match and won, 4-2.

Rebel Aiden Mason scored a pair of goals, and

Wyatt Brewer and Jony Hernandez each had one. Liam Moore had two assists, and Triztan Vela had one.

McKenzie goalkeeper Sawyer Nunnery had five saves in the win.

The Rebels travel to Decaturville to face Riverside Friday at 5:30 p.m.

McKenzie Beats Liberty Tech

McKENZIE (March 10) — McKenzie High School hosted Liberty Tech Tuesday and were victorious 7-2. Jony Hernandez had a hat trick (three goals) and had an assist. Liam Moore scored two goals and had two assists. Aiden Mason and Cash Garner each scored a goal. Pictured is Branson Baker driving the ball into Liberty territory. Photo by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



Left, The MMS Lady Rebels celebrate their first-ever volleyball victory. Right, Lady Rebel Macy Brooks began the match with four straight aces and earned seven total in the win. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Sweep Martin for First Program Victory

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McKENZIE (March 12) — McKenzie Middle School's newest athletic program, volleyball, earned its first win Thursday, sweeping Martin Middle School in straight sets.

Both sets were competitive and thrilling. The Lady Rebels took the first set, 25-19, but fell way behind to start the second set. Rather than give up and move on to a decisive third set, they battled back and tied the set at 13-13. After much back-and-forth, McKenzie gained the momentum late in the set for a 25-21 win and a match victory.

Lady Rebel Serenity Bobo had eight aces and a kill. Willow Stenberg had eight aces, three kills and a dig. Macy Brooks had seven aces. Madilyn Milam had three kills. Charlie Cassidy had an ace and two assists. Abby

Carroll had one kill.

Following the historic win, Head Coach Hannah Whitworth told The Banner, "Our middle school volleyball team earned their first win tonight in the very first season of our program, and it was such a special moment for these girls, as well as Coach J[Jordan Jowers] and I. None of them had ever played volleyball before this year, but they've shown incredible determination, heart and a willingness to learn every single day."

"It took time, patience and a lot of hard work, but tonight they proved that persistence pays off. I'm so proud of how they've grown as players and as teammates, and this win means a lot for the future of our program!"

The Lady Rebels will complete their inaugural season Tuesday, March 31 at home against Henry County and celebrate Eighth Grade Night.



Lady Rebel Madilyn Milam makes a strong return. Milam had three kills in the win. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Littleton Homer Lifts Lady Rebels Over Houston County in Extras

BY BRAD SAM
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ERIN (March 13) — McKenzie High School traveled Friday for a district softball contest against Houston County. Tied 1-1 after regulation, it took a three-run home run by Addyson Littleton in the ninth to secure a 4-1 win for the Lady Rebels.

McKenzie struck first

with a run in the top of the second, and the Lady Irish tied it in the bottom of the fourth. Littleton's homer drove in the final three runs in the top of the ninth.

Lady Rebel Addyson Littleton was 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Kynadie Brown was 2-for-5 with a double. Haylee Beard was 1-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored.

Braylin Auvenshine was 1-for-4 with a run scored. Maggie Hall was 1-for-4. Kailie Hudgins was 1-for-5.

Lady Irish Preslee Moore was 2-for-4. Madelynn Brooks was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk and a run scored. Addie Horn was 1-for-4 with a double. Brilee Anderson was 1-for-4. Peyton Brooks was 0-for-3 with a walk and two stolen bases.

Aurora Johnson earned the complete-game win in the circle for McKenzie, allowing one unearned run on five hits while walking two and striking out five in nine innings.

Brilee Anderson took the complete-game loss for Houston County, allowing four earned runs on nine hits while walking one and striking out 11 in nine innings.

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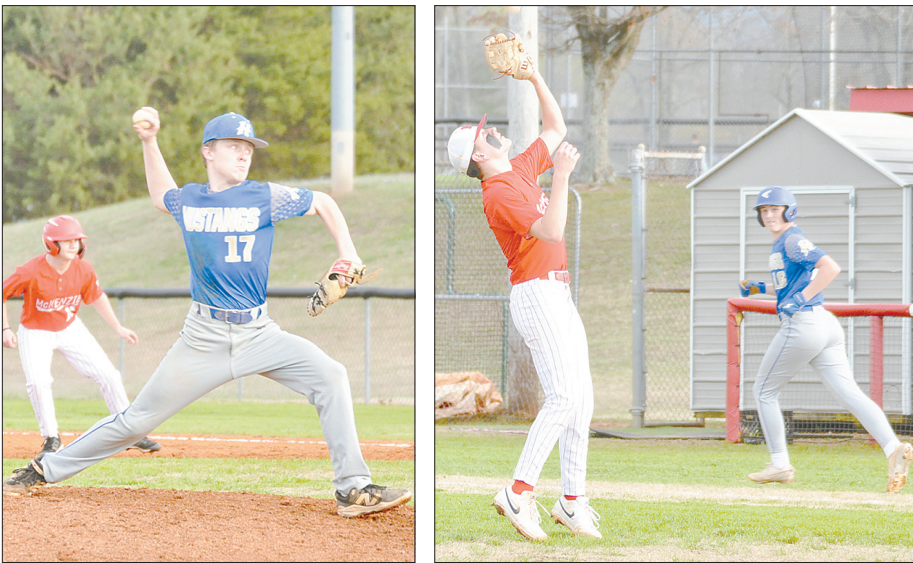
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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL



Left, Bryson Bolen got the start for Huntingdon on the mound, allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits while walking five and striking out three in two and a third innings. Right, Rebel pitcher Seth Stafford catches a pop-up in the shallow infield. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Mustangs Edge Rebels, 7-6

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (March 9) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Huntingdon Monday for a conference baseball contest. A back-and-forth battle ended in a 7-6 Mustang win after five innings, cut short for the two-hour time limit.

The Rebels struck first with a run in the bottom of the first and added another in the second. Huntingdon plated three in the top of the third to take the lead, but McKenzie scored three in the fourth for a 6-3 lead. The Mustangs managed the four runs needed to take the lead in the fifth and held the Rebels scoreless in the home half to claim the win.

Mustang Max Kelley was

3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Bryson Bolen was 2-for-3 with an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Cohen Gray was 1-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Banks Butler was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Griffin Todd was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Bryce Maddox was 0-for-2 with two walks, an RBI and a run scored. Elijah Harris was 0-for-1 with a walk and a run scored. Miller Holmes was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Rebel Seth Stafford was 2-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Lane Brown was 1-for-1 with a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Jake Ghyers was 1-for-1 with an RBI and a stolen base. Dierks Ghyers was 1-for-3 with a walk and a stolen

base. Leighem Broyles was 0-for-1 with a walk and a run scored.

Bryson Bolen got the start for Huntingdon on the mound, allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits while walking five and striking out three in two and a third innings. Bryce Maddox pitched the final two and two-thirds innings and earned the win, allowing three earned runs on one hit while walking two and striking out one.

Seth Stafford started for McKenzie and took the loss, allowing six runs (five earned) on six hits while walking three and striking out five in four innings. Leighem Broyles pitched the final inning, allowing one earned run on two hits while walking two and striking out one.

McKenzie Teacher Attends Presidential Leadership Professional Development

MCKENZIE — McKenzie Middle School eighth grade social studies teacher David Hochreiter recently attended a specialized professional development program hosted by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library. The program focused on the leadership of George Washington and the challenges he faced guiding the nation through the American Revolution and the difficult process of forming a new federal government. During the training, Hochreiter studied Washington's leadership decisions during the Revolutionary War and his role in shaping the early United States under the new Constitution. The program examined how Washington's leadership helped stabilize a young nation and set precedents that continue to influence American government today.

Hochreiter said the experience provided valuable insight into the founding of the United States and strengthened his ability to teach these important topics to his students.

"Professional development like this allows teachers to connect more deeply with the subjects we teach," Hochreiter said. "When educators have opportunities to learn directly from historians, primary sources and historical institutions, it strengthens our understanding and helps us bring these stories to life in the classroom."

A highlight of the event was the opportunity to view several original documents on loan from the National Archives and Records Administration, including the United States Bill of Rights and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Seeing these foundational documents in person provided a powerful reminder of the nation's constitutional development and the ongoing expansion of civil rights in American history.

"I am extremely grateful to the McKenzie Special School District and the leadership at McKenzie Middle School for making this opportunity possible," Hoch-



Above, David Hochreiter is pictured next to a British Army uniform of a soldier who was captured in Boston during the American Revolution after the Boston Massacre. Below, David Hochreiter took a photo with the presidential limousine used during President Clinton's administration. Bottom, David Hochreiter attended a specialized professional development program hosted by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark. Submitted photos



reiter said. "Professional development events like this are crucial in ensuring that educators stay informed with the most up-to-date scholarship and teaching strategies in their subject areas."

Hochreiter believes that experiences like this ultimately benefit students as much as teachers.

"When teachers continue learning, students benefit," he added. "Training like this helps us provide

richer lessons, deeper historical understanding, and more engaging classroom discussions."

By investing in high-quality professional development opportunities, schools ensure that educators remain connected to the latest research, primary sources and historical scholarship—helping students gain a stronger and more meaningful understanding of the history that shaped the United States.



State Officer Carlton Townes had the honor of presenting Avery Brown, Sophie Cole and Cole Brown with their second-place award in Finance Operations Research. Submitted photo

McKenzie High School DECA Attends Chattanooga Conference

CHATTANOOGA — Twenty-nine members of the McKenzie High School DECA joined over 3,500 high school business, finance, hospitality and marketing students at the annual association career development conference held February 24-27, 2026, at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

The following students received awards and placements in the following categories:

Brody Berryhill and Gracie Aird placed first in International Business Plan.

Avery Brown, Cole Brown and Sophie Cole placed sec-

ond in Finance Operations Research.

Makayla Dabbs and Kinsley Wilson placed third in Integrated Marketing Campaign - Service.

Carlton Townes received acknowledgment for serving as DECA TN Vice President of Marketing, and Sophie Cole sang the opening National Anthem. Both are first-time honors for the school.

These students will advance to international level competition at the DECA International Career Development Conference April 25-28, 2026, in Atlanta, Ga.

DECA's industry-validated competitive events are aligned with the National Curriculum Standards in the career clusters of marketing, business management and administration, finance, and hospitality and tourism.

DECA's competitive events directly contribute to every student being college and career-ready when they graduate from high school. More than 300 business professionals evaluated the members' performance in the format of role-plays, case studies and prepared presentations.

JM Well Service Celebrates Ribbon-Cutting



HUNTINGDON (March 13) — JM Well Service had a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday morning at the Carroll County Civic Center. Named in memory of James Melton, JM Well Service is a water well pump installation business that operates within 100 miles of Huntingdon, Tenn. Call 731-986-5106 or 731-427-5991 for a consultation.

From Determination to the Gulf: Local Sisters Ride for a Cause in 'She to Sea'

When you clip into your pedals before sunrise, the air is still cool and the miles ahead stretch farther than you can see. Five hundred miles in five days is not something most people would willingly attempt.

But for the women participating in the She to Sea cycling fundraiser, the ride is about far more than distance.

Now in its fifth year, She to Sea is a women's endurance ride that begins at the West Cancer Foundation in Memphis and ends on the Florida Gulf Coast near Sea Grove Beach. The event was founded by Kirsten Sass, of McKenzie, and a small group of friends who wanted to create a women's counterpart to the long-running Ride to Rosemary, a men's cycling fundraiser held each fall.

"We decided to call it She to Sea so we weren't tied to one destination," Sass said. "As long as it ended at a beach, we were good."

Because the men's ride takes place in October, the women scheduled theirs in March, which means training through winter weather. Sass said the riders embrace the challenge.

"Endurance sports teach you that sometimes the conditions aren't perfect," Sass said. "You keep going anyway."

The group has grown slowly over the years to maintain its close-knit feel. This year, 26 women will take part in the ride, traveling more than 500 miles over five days from Tennessee to the Gulf Coast.

Support vehicles travel alongside the riders to assist with traffic and mechanical needs. Sass's husband drives an RV that serves as a mobile aid station and midday lunch stop. Riders largely cover their own travel, lodging and equipment expenses so that fundraising dollars can go directly to the cause.

The real goal is raising money for the cause, and the results have been remarkable.



Sisters Kirsten Sass and Robyn Hatler will ride in the She to Sea cycling fundraiser for the second year in a row. Submitted photo

Last year, the event raised more than \$122,000 for the West Cancer Foundation. Donations support programs that assist Mid-South cancer patients, including breast cancer screenings, post-mastectomy prostheses, transportation to treatment, free wigs for chemotherapy patients and compression garments for those with lymphedema.

"We all know someone who has been affected by cancer," Sass said. "When the ride gets hard — when we're tired, sore, or wondering if we can keep going — we think about the people fighting cancer. And we know what we're going through is nothing compared to that."

For the second year, Sass will ride alongside her sister, Robyn Hatler. Both credit their late father, Volker Winkler, for introducing them to endurance sports and the resilience that comes with them.

"Endurance sports teach you resilience," Sass said. "They teach you to keep

moving forward even when things get hard."

This year's riders will pedal in honor of those currently battling cancer, including some local friends: Lindsey Barnett, Angie Hones and Theresa Reynolds.

They are also riding in memory of those who have lost their battles with the disease, including family friend Charles T. "Buzzy" Wicker, who passed away last March after a three-year fight with cancer.

The public is invited to attend the official send-off at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at the West Cancer Foundation in Memphis. Supporters are encouraged to arrive by 8 a.m.

Community members can donate through the riders' fundraising pages for Robyn Hatler and Kirsten Sass, or contribute to ride expenses via Venmo at @Kirsten-Sass.

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