

Blaze Claims Lavinia Home



LAVINIA (March 27) — Fire destroyed a home on Spring Creek Road in Lavinia Friday afternoon just before 2 p.m. Carroll County Fire Department's Station 17 (Terry), Station 21 (Atwood), Station 4 (Clarksburg), Station 1 (Huntingdon) and Station 5 (Cedar Grove) responded. Due to limited manpower at the time resulting from the Highway 70 school bus wreck occurring simultaneously just 14 miles away, Milan Fire Department and Medina Fire Department provided mutual aid. Upon arrival, the residence was fully engulfed. Crews were able to contain the fire and preserve enough of the structure to determine the origin and cause. A preliminary report indicates that the cause of the fire was electrical in nature, with no indication of foul play. No injuries were reported. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie School Board Meets April 7

The McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) Board of Education meets Tuesday, April 7, at 5 p.m. in the McKenzie High School library.

The following items are on the agenda:

- Hear public comments on actionable agenda items (not to exceed 15 minutes) on MSSD Board Policy 1.404
- Hear a SCOPE report from students Brandon Mosley, Ava Hastings and Madeline Gottshall
- Consider for approval surplus items, at the Technology Department's request
- Consider for approval, on first reading, amendments to the MSSD Board of Education Policy Manual
- Hear Appeals to and Appearances before the board
- Hear the HR report
- Hear the Director's report

Annual Cancer Bake Auction is This Week

CARROLL COUNTY — The annual radio broadcast of the Relay for Life American Cancer Society Bake Auction is March 30 to April 3 on WHDM radio and at the McKenzie Church of Christ.

The multi-decade auction features baked goods and other items from area residents. Also, big board items will be auctioned on Friday.

This year's auction is dedicated to the memory of Sherrye Washburn, who served as chairman for many years.

The auction can be heard on WHDM radio 98.9 FM or 1440 AM between the hours of 1-4 p.m. Monday to Friday.



1. Myrcella Knight is a big fan of her new face painting. 2. Baylin Henderson enjoys Easter egg hunting with her grandmother, Gretchen Boucher. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner 3. A little boy gets down at turtle eye level to admire the armored creature in the petting zoo. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner 4. Forget the bucket! Some children, like this girl in the 8-10 age group, started stashing eggs in their necks when they ran out of room in their Easter buckets. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner 5-8. Golden Egg Winners (L to R) — Storm White (0-2 age group), Takoda Roger (3-4 age group), Easton Flannery (5-7 age group) and Abbie Holiday (8-10 age group). Photos submitted by McKenzie Chamber of Commerce 9. Sabine, Surinity, Wiley, Sella and Clark are all smiles meeting the Easter Bunny. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner 10. (L to R) Savannah Martin, Saylor Jackson and Emersyn Langley of McKenzie are all smiles at the face painting booth. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner 11. Volunteers, like these Bethel University football players, helped make the event a success. Pictured are (L to R) — Tatum Oliver, Silas Teat, Owen Waggener, Durrell Miller and Andruw Hodge. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Egg

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Initially called McKenzie's Easter Egg Drop, the

event was renamed "McKenzie's Eggstravaganza" this year due to Chamber of Commerce Director Monica Heath's decision to forego the usual helicopter display.

McKenzie's Eggstrava-

ganza was a free community event, aside from vendor purchases. This year's event was sponsored by Allegion, the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Board and Centennial Bank.

Three Sentenced to Federal Prison For Conspiracy to Distribute Meth

JACKSON, Tenn. (March 27) — Danny Trotter, 51, Carla Stout, 38, and Randi Black, 40, have been sentenced for their roles in engaging in a monthslong conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Henry and Carroll counties. D. Michael Dunavant, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, announced the sentences today.

Through the utilization of controlled purchases of methamphetamine, traffic stops, physical surveillance, and the execution of search warrants, law enforcement officers were able to determine that Carla Stout was supplying Danny Trotter and Randi Black with hundreds of grams of methamphetamine for redistribution. All three defendants also have a history of committing crimes involving the distribution of methamphetamine.

Following their guilty pleas to conspiring with each other to distribute over 50 grams of actual methamphetamine, United States District Judge S. Thomas Anderson sentenced the defendants as follows:

Danny Trotter — 120 months in prison and five years of supervised release.

Carla Stout — 168 months in prison and five years of supervised release.

Randi Black — 72 months in prison and five years of supervised release.

There is no parole in the federal system.

U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant said: "Drug trafficking offenses are at the root of some of the gravest problems facing our country. The 'fruit' of the drug plague is everywhere; it fills our streets, our jails, our hospitals, our morgues, and our nurseries. Federal law applies in every square inch of this district, and criminal conspiracies that distribute harmful drugs in our rural communities can no longer hide."

This case was investigated by members of the 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force, the Henry County Sheriff's Office, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney Josh Morrow prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

Planning Commission Rezones Highland Drive Property for Eventual Sale

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McKenzie Planning Commission board members met Wednesday, March 25, at McKenzie City Hall with two items on their agenda: a rezoning request for a property on Highland Drive and a proposed amendment to expand the minimum threshold for a "Minor Subdivision."

The Perkins Corporation property located at 15687, 15671 and 15697 Highland Drive — the home of Dollar General, Factory Connection and Subway — had inconsistent zoning, as a small part of the property was zoned as R-3 (High-Density Residential) and the rest was zoned as B-2 (Highway-Business).

The Perkins Corporation is marketing the property to sell and requested that all pieces of the property be zoned as B-2.

The Planning Commission agreed to rezone the property located at 15687, 15671 and 15697 Highland Drive as B-2.

The board next considered an amendment that would revise the minimum threshold for determining what constitutes a "Minor Subdivision."

Currently, any subdivision involving more than two lots and/or an extension of water and sewer mains is considered a "Major Subdivision." The Planning Commission must review and approve both a preliminary plat and a final plat before construction can begin on a subdivision of three lots or more — even if it is located on an existing street with existing water and sewer utilities.

Staff planner Donny Buntun drafted a subdivision regulation amendment which would allow a subdivision of no more than five

lots (with no street or utilities extensions required) to be considered a "Minor Subdivision" and therefore required only to submit a final plat.

The drafted amendment includes a clause granting the Planning Commission the right to require a preliminary plat for any minor subdivision due to topographic or other concerns.

Before the Planning Commission members can adopt this amendment, they will need to have a public hearing. The board agreed to host the hearing in May but has yet to determine the exact date.

In other news, board chair Carol Nanney informed the Planning Commission that the April meeting will be member AJ Maxwell's last, as he will be deployed to the Middle East in May. He will leave the board, but he hopes to rejoin when he returns home.

No Early Voting in Weakley County Primary

DRESDEN — Weakley County Election Commission announced there is no opposition in party primaries for the May 5 Republican and Democratic primaries. So, there will be no early voting period for the May 5 primaries.

This notice applies only to Weakley County. Voters can still vote by mail and

in person for the May 5 primaries. All mail-in ballots must be received by the Election Commission no later than Saturday, April 25.

Carroll County Electric Department Board Approves Bid on Substation Breakers

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (March 26) — The Carroll County Electric Department Board met in regular session Thursday afternoon and took action on several items, most notably on bids for substation circuit breakers.

The low bid of \$200,474, submitted by Siemens Energy, Inc., was approved for two 69kV circuit breakers at the Huntingdon Primary Substation. The new breakers are the modern vacuum design, replacing the old oil bath design. One of the three old 69kV breakers has already been upgraded. Delivery of the new breakers is estimated at 65-75 weeks.

CCED General Manager Ryan Drewry announced that the bid request for 161kV relay panels, also for the Huntingdon Primary rehab project, would likely go out in May and not April as previously expected.

The board approved the audit contract for Fiscal Year 2026 with Alexander Thompson Arnold for \$21,650, an increase of \$1,280 or just over six percent from the previous year.

A pair of resolutions were approved removing recently-retired Operations Manager Danny Toombs

from the list of authorized signatories at Carroll Bank & Trust and First Bank and adding Mark Simpson, who now holds that position.

Drewry announced that the department has been provided a construction schedule for the Leach Substation project indicating expected completion in early June.

All votes at Thursday's meeting were unanimous. Board member Paul Moore was absent.

The meeting adjourned after ten minutes.

The board meets next on Thursday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Standoff

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Dillon arrived at 100 Tennessee Street in McKenzie, Tenn. to attempt to return a driver's license that was turned into the McKenzie Police Department. The license was for Ms. Joyce Gearin at 100 Tennessee Street.

"Upon arrival, no contact was made with Ms. Gearin at the house. Officers then made contact with the garage at that residence where loud music was coming from.

"After knocking on the front door, a male voice began yelling and making threats.

"The first threat was to use 5 gallons of gasoline to burn down the garage and kill us all.

"The same male voice began to then make threats with an assault rifle to kill us all.

"A few moments later, Ms. Gearin arrived on scene and began to attempt to calm down the male subject, Mr. Bryan Gearin.

"At that time, he made statements to Ms. Gearin that he believed the police had stolen from him in the past.

"Mr. Gearin continued to rant various statements to his mother and refused to come to the door to speak with us about the threats he had made.

"Ms. Gearin did state that Mr. Gearin quit taking his prescribed medication for his Seizures/Brain Injury, that he had been feeling depressed lately, and had been drinking alcohol.

"She also stated that she did not know if he had any firearms in the residence.

"At or around 2:08 P.M., a call came out on Locust Avenue in regard to a multiple person fight in progress. Due to Mr. Gearin refusing to come to the door to speak with officers and his mother, Ms. Gearin, still attempting to de-escalate Mr. Gearin, officers decided to leave the residence and go handle the fight in progress call.

"At or around 3:29 P.M., Ptlm Raspberry, along with Ptlm Timothy Dil-

lon, and Deputy Bo Ezell, arrived back at the garage next to 100 Tennessee Street.

"For reporting purposes, this garage was found to have its own residence number of 98 Tennessee Street.

"As contact was once again made with this residence, Mr. Gearin again, began to rant and refused to come to the door to speak with us about threats he made earlier in the day.

"Ms. Gearin did arrive back on the scene at that time.

"She stated that Mr. Gearin did agree to go with her to the Emergency Room to get evaluated and to get some help.

"Mr. Gearin did briefly open the front door, saw Deputy Ezell, and slammed the door shut and began to barricade the front door.

"At that time, a noise was heard by Deputy Ezell, believed to be the sound of a shotgun slide being racked.

"I, Ptlm Raspberry spoke with Assistant Chief Trey Boucher via phone and he advised at that time, to back out of the area, and see if Mr. Gearin would come out and go with his mom to the Emergency Room. If he would then we could come and talk with Mr. Gearin later about the threats he made to harm himself and harm officers.

"At that time, all officers on scene left the premises of 98 Tennessee Street and went down to the parking lot at the McKenzie Middle School. Ms. Gearin's vehicle was never seen leaving the area.

"At or around 4:25 P.M., I, Ptlm Raspberry, along with Ptlm Timothy Dillon, Deputy Bo Ezell, AC Trey Boucher, Lt. Justin Brister, Inv. Kyle Beauchamp, Inv. Cody Coleman, and Ptlm Cunningham, as well as multiple other Deputies from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office began to surround the residence of 98 Tennessee Street in attempt to make contact with Mr. Bryan Gearin.

"After multiple unsuccessful attempts, Ms. Gearin approached on foot from 44 Tennessee Street.

"She advised that she did not take Mr. Gearin anywhere and believed he was still in the garage at 98 Tennessee Street. After a few more attempts to make contact, finally AC Boucher was able to make vocal contact with Mr. Gearin near the back of the garage.

"Due to Mr. Gearin still refusing to come out of the residence to talk with us, a decision was made at that time, to hold the scene until Madison County SWAT arrived.

"At or around 7:30 P.M., Madison County SWAT team did arrive at 98 Tennessee Street and began to call Mr. Gearin out of the residence on a PA system.

"After no contact with Mr. Gearin was made, a negotiator was able to make contact with Mr. Gearin via phone call.

"After about an hour of negotiating on the phone, Mr. Gearin began to make statements that he had a bunch of gasoline in the home and would use it.

"At that time, SWAT officers did make contact with a side window of the residence, where the window was broken and Chemical Agents were dispersed into the residence in an attempt to get Mr. Gearin to come out.

"After failed attempts, more Chemical Agents were dispersed into the residence.

"At this time, a noise of a door being shut was heard. SWAT Officers would then enter the residence where Mr. Gearin was later found to be hiding under the residence in the crawl space.

"He was taken into custody at that time. Mr. Gearin's vitals were checked by Medics on scene and he was then transported by Deputy Ezell to Carroll County Jail in Huntingdon, TN."

Gearin was charged with three counts of assault on a first responder and three counts of aggravated assault. His total bond was set at \$300,000.00. This incident occurred inside the city limits of McKenzie, Carroll County Tennessee.

No injuries were reported from the confrontation.



Above, THP Major Travis Plotzer provided preliminary information regarding the fatal crash during a media briefing Friday, March 27. Below, Andrew Hoard, director of Priority Ambulance Services at Baptist Memorial Hospital-West Tennessee, shares information regarding first responders' reaction to the scene during Friday's media briefing. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Crash

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and a Chevrolet Trailblazer.

During a media briefing Friday afternoon, THP Major Travis Plotzer confirmed two middle school students were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. Loved ones later identified the two children killed in the crash as eighth-graders Arianna Pearson and Zoe Davis, of Clarksville.

Multiple individuals remain hospitalized, according to the THP.

THP's preliminary report, released Monday, March 30, confirmed there were 24 Kenwood Middle School students, four adults and a driver on the school bus at the time of the crash. The students were en route to the Toyota Hub City Grand Prix Greenpower USA race in Jackson, Tenn., to race an electric car they had built.

Monday's report revealed that Sabrina R. Ducksworth was driving the school bus registered to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

Dennis E. Coleman Jr. was driving the TDOT dump truck. The truck was also towing an attenuator. James Bays was driving the blue 2024 Chevrolet Trailblazer.

During Friday's media briefing, Major Plotzer said it did not appear the TDOT truck had any "contributing factors" to the crash.

Federal investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board are now investigating the crash in coordination with the THP Critical Incident Response Team and Pupil Transportation Division. The investigation includes gathering statements from witnesses and collecting the necessary information to reconstruct the collision.

It is unknown at this time when an official report will be available.



Carroll County Sheriff Andy Dickson asks that everyone keep the families of the victims — and the first responders on the scene — in their prayers. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

"All these victims, the families — everybody's in our prayers tonight," Carroll County Sheriff Andy Dickson said during Friday's media briefing. "But also keep all our first responders in your prayers."

All four units of Baptist Priority Ambulance Service of Carroll County responded to the scene on Friday. One unit from Baptist Ambulance Service of Obion County, four units from Medical Center EMS in Jackson and one unit from Henderson County EMS were also on the scene, joined by the Carroll County Fire Department, Huntingdon Fire Department, McKenzie Fire Department and the Carroll County Rescue Squad.

Baptist Priority Ambulance requested nine ambulance helicopters to respond to the scene. Of those, seven were used to transport patients to the following hospitals: Baptist Regional Medical Center in Memphis, LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt University Hospital and Skyline Medical Center.

The THP sent chaplains and peer support groups to the scene and they are continuing to assist affected

families and communities. Support services remain in place for students, families and staff affected by this tragic incident.

As the Clarksville-Montgomery County community mourns, some individuals have set up GoFundMe fundraisers for both of the children who died in the crash as well as individuals who were critically injured. The funds will reportedly be used for funeral expenses, medical expenses and to help cover the burden of food and shelter while families and teachers care for their loved ones or recover in the hospital.

"I ask that everyone pray and wrap their arms around these students, employees, their families and the entire Kenwood community," said Clarksville-Montgomery County Director of Schools Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder.

Communities across the state have rallied their support for the families affected by this incident. Locally, school districts in Clarksville, Hollow Rock-Bruceston, Huntingdon, McKenzie and West Carroll encouraged students to wear black and gold on Monday, March 30, in support of the Kenwood Middle School community.

Logan

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goes to trial.

On Saturday, November 30, 2024, Logan was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol and charged with Driving Under the Influence and Possession of a Handgun While Driving Under the Influence. Because the incident occurred in Atwood, his trial was initially planned to occur in Carroll County.

Because Logan served as a high-profile public official in Carroll County for over 40 years, his lawyers requested for his trial to take place outside of the county.

Senior Trial Court Judge Roy Morgan heard Logan's request and shared his thoughts on a venue change.

He told prosecution and defense that, while it is possible to find a fair and impartial jury within Carroll County, it would take a lot more time to vet the jury members.

Judge Morgan recommended that the venue be changed to Madison County. While Madison County residents have likely heard about Logan's case, he said it is unlikely that the majority of them paid attention to any rumors circulating around the matter.

Jack Arnold, the traffic safety resource prosecutor on this case, argued

that judges are not as high-profile as people in the law profession might believe. However, Judge Morgan told him that most residents in a small area like Carroll County are aware of and have likely come in contact with their General Sessions and Juvenile Court Judge.

Judge Morgan ruled in favor of a change in venue and rescheduled Logan's trial date in accordance.

Logan's next court appearance is Friday, April 10 at the Carroll County Courthouse. Judge Morgan said that if defense and prosecution are unable to "put the matter to rest" on this date, the case will go to trial in Madison County on May 26 and 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

USPS

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While this price increase is a time-limited adjustment, it will provide a necessary bridge to a permanent mechanism to reflect market conditions in prices for competitive products that can support the Postal Service's ability to achieve the universal service obligation in a more financially sustainable manner going forward.

The planned price change, which was approved by the Governors of the Postal Service on March 24, is an 8 percent increase that would affect base postage prices on the following retail and commercial domestic competitive products: Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage,

and Parcel Select. No other products or services would be affected, including First-Class Stamps. Pending favorable review by the PRC, the price change would go into effect at midnight Central Time on April 26 and would remain in place until midnight Central Time on January 17, 2027. At that time, the Postal Service can determine if a different long-term approach is needed.

Transportation costs have been increasing, and our competitors have reacted with a number of surcharges. We have steadfastly avoided surcharges and this charge is less than one-third of what our competitors charge for fuel alone, so even with this change, the Postal Service continues to offer great value in shipping with some of the lowest rates in the industrialized world.

The time-limited price change is consistent with industry practices and will support the Postal Service's ability to continue achieving its public service mission — providing a nationwide, integrated network for the delivery of mail and packages at least six days a week — in a cost-effective and financially sustainable manner over the long term, just as the U.S. Congress has intended.

The PRC will review the proposed price change before it is scheduled to take effect on April 26. Complete USPS price filings, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website's Daily Listings section at prc.arkcase.com/portal/filings. Price tables are also available on the Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

Grant

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South Carroll County Special School District applied for the grant and will serve as the fiscal agent for the project. The funding will be used to purchase a wide range of technology equipment, including Chromebooks, computers, large-screen displays, telemedicine equipment, and other presentation tools.

This grant represents a coordinated partnership among the school districts in Carroll County, led by Dr. Lisa Norris of South Carroll. The initiative reflects a shared commitment to expanding access to modern technology and improving educational opportunities for students across the county.

"These funds will help us purchase much-needed technology to better equip our students for post-secondary training and future careers," said Dr. Norris. "We were excited to collaborate with the other districts on this joint project and are grateful for the opportunity to strengthen learning

environments across our community."

The DLT grant program aims to increase access to education, training, and healthcare resources in rural areas by leveraging advanced telecommunications technologies. This investment will support both classroom instruction and telemedicine capabilities, helping to bridge gaps in access and prepare students for success beyond graduation.

For more information, please contact South Carroll County Special School District.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader’s Letter on Recent Advertising on the Back Page

Christy Walton (born 1949) is a billionaire Walmart heiress and is known for her high-profile political activism. As the widow of John T. Walton, son of Walmart founder Sam Walton, she inherited a significant portion of his fortune in 2005. She is recognized for funding political causes, including anti-Trump campaigns and promoting the “No Kings” protest movement against the Trump administration. Forbes estimates as of March 2026 she is among the wealthiest women in the world, with a fortune estimated in excess of \$20B (with a B), stemming from her stake in Walmart and other investments. Just in case you didn’t know. Now let’s shed some light on some of her rants. More than 70% of those taken have no criminal conviction, she says. Aren’t they

“Illegal Aliens”? What does “Illegal” mean? And what happened to Sponsorship? Although not required for all types of immigration, it is necessary for most family-based and many employment-based green cards. A sponsor (U.S. citizen or permanent resident) must file a petition, prove sufficient income to prevent the immigrant from becoming a public charge, and sign an affidavit of support. Most of the millions of people allowed in by the Trinamic Trio consisting of Autopen, Kamala and Mayorkas had sponsors, right? Yeah, right. People have been deported to countries unfamiliar and unknown to them? So the United States was known and familiar? Methinks not. What’s the difference? Oh yes. Free \$\$\$\$ - Ours. ICE (Immigration and Cus-

toms Enforcement) Agents are sworn federal law enforcement officers. Sadly they have to be masked to protect their identities to keep their lives and the lives of their families safe. This destroyed property Miss Warbucks spoke of was not done by them. Rioters are the culprits. Not ICE, and certainly not “Peaceful Power”. She doesn’t mention the Loyola University Chicago student who was shot in the back. An Illegal Alien who was released into the country by the Biden disadministration has been arrested and charged with her murder. Chicago Alderman Maria Hadden, who represents Loyola’s neighborhood of Rogers Park, said, “The big question from people is always the ‘why.’ And this why seems to have just been a senseless wrong place, wrong time tragedy.” Even the Chicago Tribune disagreed. Do they think that Renee Good and Alex Pretti up in Minneapolis were in the wrong place at the wrong time also? Wonder what Christy’s opinion would be if she ever had to work for a living as opposed to marrying into a fortune? It’s easy to be self-righteous in her position. **Brian Schneider Trezevant, TN**

Things In My Head with Charles Manfredi



Editor’s Note: In an alternate universe, what do you think bunnies enjoy getting in their Easter baskets?

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Not Exactly Hallmark Moments

Daddy was working on our washing machine. I crawled down under there to get a better look. Pretty soon I was on his chest, between him and a black hose and some kind of motor looking thing. It was my first upside down look at the underbelly of a washing machine. Dad was a truck driver. He didn’t know one thing about washing machines. He was in the “do it yourself” mode because he didn’t have an extra two dollars to hire Pete Joyner. I was there exercising the natural curiosity of a five year old. And, of course, helping out, “Dad, what are you doing? What is that yellow wire for? Can I pull the hose off? Can I hold the screwdriver?” He asked me several times to move along as he was busy. I had more questions— “Son, if you don’t go, I’m going to whip you.” He absolutely did not mean that. He said it so off handed it didn’t even count. He was simply trying to get on, unhindered, with the project at hand. “You will have to catch me first.” It just came out. I didn’t mean to say it. I clearly wasn’t thinking. And I could not, in no shape, form or fashion, pull it back into my mouth! He paused with a wrench in midair. I used that split second to head for the hills.... He caught me on the back steps. Folks, I’m telling you, I didn’t get 13 feet away from that washing machine. And he already had his belt in his hand! He was way quicker than Clark Kent changing to Superman in that Daily Planet closet. He whipped me for a while. I realize I was only five.

But as we went round and round on those steps, I kept thinking, “This one is completely on me.” David Mark’s famous death-defying attempt to fly was a team effort. Leon worked out the plan. But I put the rope in my mouth and climbed the medium size pine tree. I tied it to the highest limb I could reach and scrambled back down to the ground. David was the youngest brother. And the lightest. We pulled the top of that tree almost down to the ground. Leon got Dave positioned close to where the rope was tied to the top, and gave him his final instructions, “Hold on till the tree is straight up and then let go!” The idea was for Dave to fly to the next tree some 15 feet or so away. He didn’t make it. He didn’t even come close. He actually hit most of the limbs of the tree we had pulled over on his way down. Luckily, it helped break his fall. Unluckily, he still got busted up with something awful when he hit the ground. Jumping the big ditch behind George Sexton’s house on a bicycle should not officially count as one of my un-Halmark moments. But I did end up being a half-willing participant. Buddy Wiggleton thought up the whole thing. He took some scrap wood and built the ramp. He gauged the wind direction and decided how far back we needed to start to get up to the proper take-off speed. And then he turned to me, “H, you go first, you’re the best athlete.” Talk about famous last words.... I was not half way across when I stalled out. Evil Knievel on a jet rocket couldn’t have made this

jump. I didn’t get close to the far bank. I nosedived into six inches of water in the small stream in the MIDDLE of the ravine. I was 21 when I rode the bull. Let me amend that. I was 21 when I got on the bull. Listen, you are up higher than you think. And that bull’s back is wider than you could ever imagine. And I don’t think he liked me. John Santangini was a college friend from Montgomery, Alabama. He took me to an almost rodeo somewhere between Evergreen and Georgiana. Not everyone that’s 21 is ten feet tall and bulletproof. Some cowboy opened the gate, and I leaned forward thinking that the bull was going to leap out of the chute. Instead, he jumped the other way into the back of the iron railing. I reached over to check my crushed knee...THEN the bull leaped out of the chute! Without me on its back. Those folks from Georgiana swear to this day I still hold the world record for the shortest bull ride ever. I once left a girl I really liked without saying a word to her. I figured we were going in different directions. So, I made a unilateral decision without consulting her. Or having the decency to share an explanation. How thoughtless, rude, inconsiderate, and stupid of me. It’s like telling Dad he’d have to catch me first. I can’t get it back. I can’t make it right. And it is the one that keeps me up sometimes at night. It is not the one, however, that keeps David Mark up.... **Respectfully, Kes kesley45@aol.com**

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Prejudiced But Didn’t Know It

It’s easy to be deluded into thinking that you know yourself, especially at the age of fifteen. But events can suddenly thrust you into a set of circumstances that shatters the crystal castle you’ve built in your mind. Then you find yourself on your knees trying to pick up the shards, only to discover they will never fit together in the same way again. It was 1968 - the summer of change. Social upheaval. Unrest in the streets. Strains of “We Shall Overcome.” I witnessed many of those changes, but it wasn’t until I moved to Tennessee and met Eugene McDonald that I experienced change on a personal level. One of the scariest things for a kid is attending the first day of school at a new school in a new town. Yet there I was, for the fifth time in my life, enduring this Hitchcock-like tension. The butterflies in my stomach beat their wings nervously, and my sweaty hands gripped my books as the lump in my throat swelled until I had a hard time swallowing. I dragged my feet through the shade of giant maple trees and climbed the steps of the ancient building - like something from a gothic novel - known as Dresden High School to begin my sophomore year. (One rumor I heard was that the building had been condemned twice. The town ultimately

demolished it the year after I graduated.) The lobby of the school that morning was an assault on my senses. The musty smell of the old building and multiple samples of the latest perfumes (White Shoulders, Chanel No. 5) and aftershaves (English Leather, Brut, and Hi Karate) made me sneeze. A cacophony of voices pelted me as friends greeted each other with a smile, hug, or slap on the back. The looks I got were sideways glances, followed by questions delivered from mouth-covered hands. I read the questions in their eyes. “Who is that?” “Is he new?” “What grade is he in?” In a town of 2,500 and a high school of 350, hiding the fact that you’re an outsider is impossible. Students strode toward their assigned destinations, but I feel lost. I walked slowly across the worn wooden floor of the lobby, not having a clue where I was supposed to go. Then I saw Bob. He was one person I met when we moved to Dresden a few weeks ago. He came straight toward me. “Hi, David. How’s it going?” “I’m not sure which way I’m supposed to go.” “Let me see your schedule. What’s your first class?” I show Bob my list of classes. “First period – P.E. That’s

great. That’s my first class, too. Follow me.” Relieved to have some direction, I followed Bob and exited the building through a set of heavy double-doors. We joined a small stream of people into another building I expected would be the gymnasium. Three steps inside the building confirmed it. Back then, all gymnasiums smelled the same - a mixture of musty clothes, newly varnished floors, and soap from the showers. And they sounded the same - rubber soles squeaking on the wooden floor, voices echoing to the point of being unintelligible, coach’s whistles, and someone barking instructions. Everyone clamored onto the wooden bleachers. Bob introduced me to a couple of people. Because he was born and raised in Dresden, he seemed to know everyone. He had no idea what it was like to be an outsider. A man with a whistle around his neck told everyone to get quiet. “That’s Coach Gibson, the basketball coach,” Bob whispered. “Did you bring some clothes to change into for P.E.?” The second portion of Prejudiced But Didn’t Know It will continue next week. ** Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume III: A Harrowing Hal-loween Tale*

Things to Know During a Burn Advisory

As local fire departments warn of burn advisories and burn bans, it is important to know how everyone can do their part to keep their communities safe. The Carroll County Fire Department issued a county-wide Burn Advisory on Sunday, March 29, due to

high winds and dry conditions. These conditions significantly increase the risk of rapid-spread, uncontrollable fires. “Prevention is our best defense,” wrote the Carroll County Fire Department. During a burn advisory, individuals are asked to

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Obituaries



GEORGE ROBERT 'GUS' RADFORD 1943 – 2026

Mr. George Robert “Gus” Radford, 82, of Huntingdon, Tenn. died Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Huntingdon First United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Oak Hill Cemetery. Dr. Tim Atkins and Todd Rose officiated.

The family received friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 5-7 p.m. and again at Huntingdon First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 11 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m.

Gus was born December 9, 1943, in Huntingdon, to the late W.V. Radford Jr. and Martha Elizabeth Radford. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Radford.

Gus attended Huntingdon High School, after graduating, he pursued higher education at University of the South and University of Memphis where he earned his Juris Doctor. With his degree, he went on to work as a District Attorney for 24 years. Gus found pride in his community and was a notable Huntingdon Mustangs supporter. He enjoyed his work as a basketball referee. As a result, he was inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. In addition to his love for local sports, he was also an avid golfer and Memphis Tigers fan. Gus was a long-time member of Huntingdon First United Methodist Church. He loved his family and they will fondly remember him as a great story-teller.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Radford of Huntingdon; one daughter, Elizabeth (Jo Kolkmeier) Radford of St. Louis, Mo.; one son, Will (Beth) Radford of Huntingdon; one sister, Virginia Voss of Fairfax, Va.; and two grandchildren, Michael Radford and Katherine Radford.

Honoring him as pallbearers were Marcus Beal, Matt King, Nick Coleman, Curt Taylor, Thomas Rich, and Jimmy Ray Melton Jr. Honoring him as honorary pallbearers were the Carroll County Bar Association.

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



ELAINE WILLIAMS 1933 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Elaine Williams, 92, of McKenzie, died peacefully at her residence on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Monday, March 30, 2026, from 4-7 p.m., and again on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Elaine was born on December 16, 1933, in Holly Springs, Miss., to the late Robert Anderson Seale and Olive Jones Seale.

Elaine dedicated many years of service as the president’s secretary at Bethel University before her retirement. She was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church, an active participant in the Inglenook Book Club, and a devoted volunteer known as a “Pink Lady” at McKenzie Hospital. Elaine will be remembered for her kindness, dedication to her community, and love for her family.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mary Elaine Brown and Laura Lei Williams, both of McKenzie; two brothers, Robert A. Seale of Holly Springs, Miss., and David Seale (Linda); one sister, Michelle Hagins; four grandchildren, Justin Brown (Kristi), Jake Brown (Melissa), Colton Barley, and DeeAnn Williams Fulcher (Matt); ten great-grandchildren; and a special cousin, Becky Coop.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Joe F. Williams, Sr.; and her son, Joe F. Williams, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

JERRY MARVIN SPAIN 1943 – 2026

Jerry Marvin Spain, 83, died at home on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. He was born February 5, 1943, to Ernest Manley and Mary Frances Stewart Spain. He grew up in the Green Hills Community area in Weakley County, being the sixth of seven children. He attended school grades 1-8 at Green Hills School. He then attended and graduated from Gleason High School in 1961.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Mae Galimore Spain; his parents, Ernest and Mary Frances Spain; and brothers, Bobby Spain and Joe Manley Spain.

He is survived by his very special significant other

Cindy Baty; daughter, Tracy (Wayne) Robbins of Gleason; 4 grandchildren, Zack (Haley) Terry of Huntingdon, Josh (Tory) Terry of Nashville, Cori (Jim Reid) Robbins of Pickerington, Ohio, and Kaci Robbins of Sunnyvale, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Teddy Terry, Tommy Terry, and one on the way. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ruth Suddath of Gleason; brother, Gene (Linda) Spain of Gleason, and brothers David Spain and Freddie Spain of McKenzie; a multitude of cousins, nieces, nephews, and so many wonderful friends.

Jerry’s Pall Bearers were Randal Walker, Frank Trevathan, Tony Grissom, Marty Poole, Chris Poole, Rusty Morris, and Trent Adams. Honorary Pall Bearers were Randy Poole and Jim Crews.

Jerry’s visitation was at Williams Funeral Home in Gleason on Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 4-7 p.m., and on Friday, March 26, at 11 a.m. Service began at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Sunset Cemetery in Dresden.

BRENDA PEARSON 1950 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Brenda Pearson, 75, of Huntingdon, died Monday, March 23, 2026, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Leach Seventh Day Adventist Church. Bro. Tim Osborne officiated. Interment followed in Leach Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Never Quit Foundation. P.O. Box 889, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

Pallbearers to serve were her grandsons, Kade Pearson, Kelby Pearson, Konnor Pearson, Aden Hutcherson, Ashton Hutcherson, and Kaleb Pearson.

The family received friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

Mrs. Pearson was born September 2, 1950, in Huntingdon, to the late Johnny and Lois Kelly Bargier. She was a retired school bus driver for the Carroll County School System and Henry I. Siegel in Bruceton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Pearson; a sister, Carolyn Breedon; and a daughter-in-law, Lori Deverell Pearson.

She is survived by two sons, Johnny Pearson (Kim), Kiley Pearson (Stephanie) both of Huntingdon; a sister, Kathy Butler (Dennis) of Cedar Grove; and eight grandchildren, John Kade Pearson, Kelby Bryce Pearson (Kaci), Konnor Bayless Pearson, Kaley Mae Pearson, Aden Thomas Hutcherson, Ashton Michael Hutcherson, Kaleb James Pearson, and Anderson Klaira Pearson.

DENNIS EARL HORN 1957 – 2026

Mr. Dennis Earl Horn, 68, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, March 26, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were 1

p.m., Monday, March 30, 2026, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment followed at New Hope Cemetery.

The family received friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Sunday from 5-8 p.m. and on Monday from 12 p.m. until time of service at 1 p.m.

Dennis was born July 31, 1957, in Bruceton, to the late Tom P. Horn and Betty Williams.

He is survived by four sons, Michael (Amy) Horn of Alsip, Ill., Sean Katcher of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Matt (Harmony) Horn of Franklin, Tenn., and Denny Horn of Country Club Hills, Ill.; two brothers, Thomas (Patricia) Horn of Huntingdon and Kenny (Carol) Horn of Tinley Park, Ill.; and six grandchildren, Haze Horn, Sevin Horn, Reighn Horn, Amy Horn, Kayla Katcher and Keagan Katcher.

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

ROBERT OWEN 1955 – 2026

Robert Shaw Owen, 71, of Gleason, died March 25, 2026. Robert was born on February 22, 1955, to the late “R.H.” Bob Owen and Darreen Shaw Owen. He was a graduate of Gleason High School, Class of 1973.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Reesa Teeter Owen of Gleason; his sons, Robert Blaine Owen and wife Andi Turner Owen of Gleason, and Kody Teeter Owen and wife Elizabeth Russell Owen of McKenzie; and his four beloved grandchildren, Robert Wyatt Owen, Natalie Alexandra Owen, Abbott Shaw Owen, and Reelynn Grace Owen. He is also survived by his brother, Eric Lyle Owen and wife Doris Deck Owen, along with numerous nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, “R.H.” Bob Owen and Darreen Shaw Owen; and his brother, Alan Craig Owen.

Visitation was Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tumbling Creek Baptist Church, with a Celebration of Life service at 1 p.m. Brother Gene Price officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Masonic Lodge of Gleason.

JOSIE RIVERA 1963 – 2026

Mrs. Josie Rivera, 63, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, March 26, 2026, at Alive Hospice in Nashville.

Memorial services were conducted on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Huntingdon Church of God of Prophecy, 268 High Street, Huntingdon.

The family received friends Sunday from 10 a.m. until time of the service at the church.

Mrs. Rivera was born March 9, 1963, in Quanah, Texas, to the late Juan Flores and Susana Barrientoz Reynolds, who survives. She worked in Retail Manage-

ment and was a translator for the School System. She was also preceded in death by her step father, Leon Reynolds; a sister, Victoria Galvan; and a brother, Victor Florez.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Rivera; her mother, Susana Reynolds both of Huntingdon; a daughter, Lori Gockley (Anthony) of McKenzie; three sisters, Debbie Reynolds of Lexington, Cathy Cunningham of Huntingdon and Gracie Newbill (Ricky) of McKenzie; and a grandson, Gabriel Laws.

FINAS RAY WILSON 1945 – 2026

MANSFIELD, Tenn. — Finas Ray Wilson, 80, of Mansfield, Tenn., died on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at West Tennessee Healthcare-West Tennessee Hospital.

Finas was born in Carroll County, Tenn., on July 11, 1945, to the late Clyde Wilson, and the late Mairine Arrington Wilson. On October 8, 1965, he married Sarah Parrish Wilson, who survives of Mansfield, Tenn.

In addition to his wife, Finas is survived by two sons, David (Cindy) Wilson and Dennis (Becky) Wilson, both of VanDyke; sister, Sue (Jim) LaFreniere of Cottage Grove, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Ty Wilson, Ben (Morgan) Wilson, Jake (Hannah) Wilson, Brooke Blankenship, and Easton Blankenship; and five great-grandchildren, Owen Wilson, Willa Jean Wilson, Cooper Wilson, Etta Wilson, and Clyde Wilson.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia (Fred) Allen; and one brother, James Wilson.

Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap Street, Paris, Tenn., is handling the arrangements. Visitation was Monday, March 30, 2026, from 4-7 p.m. and continued Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Ridgeway Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 1 p.m. on March 31, 2026, at Ridgeway Funeral Home. Burial followed at Bevil Cemetery with Ty Wilson, Ben Wilson, Jake Wilson, Easton Blankenship, Tim McCraw, and Shane Garner serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Spring Hill Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Spring Hill Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 Spring Hill Rd, Paris, TN, 38242, or Paris FFA Chapter, 315 S. Wilson Street, Paris, TN, 38242.

JOE FAULKNER III 1961 – 2026

Mr. Joe Faulkner III, 65, of Clarksburg, died Sunday, March 29, 2026 at his home.

Memorial arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Chase Funeral Home has the arrangements.

WILLIAM D. SIMMONS 1934 – 2026

William D. (Bill) Simmons, 91, died March 20, 2026, while residing at The Waters

of McKenzie.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 58 years, Peggy Watkins Simmons; his mother, Mary Simmons; and an extended family of cousins.

Peggy and Bill asked that a donation from their estate be given to St. Jude and the Shriners Hospital. Bill requested cremation and no funeral service. His remains will be interred at the Trezevant, TN cemetery.

DONNA FAY BOYD 1956 – 2026

BRUCETON — Mrs. Donna Fay Boyd, 69, of Bruceton died Sunday, March 22, 2026, while attending church services.

The family received friends in the Chapel of Bruceton Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The family asked that everyone in attendance dress in casual clothing.

A graveside celebration of life was at 2 p.m. in the Collier Cemetery (1100 Collier Rd, Martin, TN) on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Bro. Johnathan Vaughn officiated.

Mrs. Boyd was born September 10, 1956, in Chicago, Ill., to the late Robert Bennett and Doris McGehee Hendrix. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Bennett. Along with her profound love for Jesus and all others she had a big heart and enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Jeff Boyd; two daughters, Dana Castleman of Columbia, Tenn., and Sara Rogers (Jamey “Nub”) of Bruceton; one sister, Diane Garner of Dresden; and three grandchildren, Janna Castleman, Lexi Rogers, and Ellie Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to any of these charities: Birth Choice Clinic – 1281 US-45, Trenton, TN 38382; Gideons International – gideons.org; or American Family Association – 108 Parkgate Dr, Tupelo, MS 38801.

KENNETH ‘JOEY’ GOVIN II 1977 – 2026

BRUCETON — Mr. Kenneth “Joey” Govin II, 48, of Bruceton died Sunday, March 22, 2026, at his home.

A memorial service was 1 p.m. in the New Beginning’s Church in Camden on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Joey was born June 25, 1977, in Paris, Tenn., to Ms. Diane Melton Lockhart of Bruceton.

He is also survived by two sisters, Shelly Oelsen Rutherford and Treena Oelsen Jenkins, both of Memphis; and two nieces, Cassie Rutherford, and Hannah Jenkins.

JIMMY HUBBARD 1968 – 2026

Jimmy Hubbard, 57, formerly of McKenzie, died Sunday, March 29, 2026, in Huntsville, Ala.

Services are incomplete at this time.

Bethel/Eastside FCE March Meeting

Five members and our lovely agent attended the Boo Boo Bunny Workshop and club meeting March 12 at the Mays home. We made 90 adorable boo boo bunnies to donate to the Huntingdon Rehab for Easter.

The meeting was called to order. Members answered the roll call question, “What do you like or dislike about spring cleaning?”

We accepted the minutes from our February meeting with no changes. The treasury report did not have many changes to our finances. In old business, members were reminded to bring the meals in a bag to each meeting.

Gail Eubanks and Danita Laman read to seven classes at the primary school for Read Across America on March 2. They were very well received and appreciated. These women also read to

pre-schoolers at Webb School in McKenzie on March 4.

We purchased six small stuffed animals for the Huntingdon Fire Department to pass out as they deem needed. We will purchase some bunnies after Easter.

Macedonia FCE was invited to share our May meeting at the lake.

Monday, April 6 is the County Council meeting. Plans for the cluster meeting

on Friday, May 1 will be discussed. Bethel/Eastside will handle the breakfast for said meeting.

Spring Rally is scheduled for May 28. Macedonia is cooking and Bethel/Eastside is decorating.

Mini conference is August 12. It will be catered by Heavenly Ham.

The state conference is November 15-18 at the River Terrace Hotel and Confer-

ence Center in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The eastern region is hosting.

We will do a fire safety workshop soon on a Saturday. The date is pending.

Next month’s meeting, hosted by Jean Winger, is Thursday, April 9.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER PRESENTED BY FIRST METHODIST IN MCKENZIE

Christ in the Passover, an exploration of Passover, the Last Supper and Your Communion Experience will be celebrated at McK-enzie First United Methodist Church, Friday, March 27, 6 p.m.

GREENFIELD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PASSION PLAY

Greenfield First Baptist Church's Passion Play is Friday, April 3 and Satur-

day, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. both evenings. Childcare will be available. Everyone is invited to come worship and celebrate our Risen Savior! The church is at 3127 N. Meridian Street in Greenfield. This is a free event. For more information, call the church office at 731-235-3365.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN TO PRESENT LIVING LORD'S SUPPER

McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church invites you to experience the Living Lord's Supper on April 2 at 7 p.m., as part of our Ten-ebrae service. This special event is a dramatic portrayal of the Last Supper, offering a moving perspective on Christ's final evening with His disciples. Join us for this meaningful time of reflection and worship as we journey together toward Easter.

MACEDONIA COMMUNITY CENTER CAKEWALK

The Macedonia Community Center is hosting a cakewalk on April 10 with live music and food. Ham-burgers and hot dogs are on the menu. Serving starts at 5:30 p.m. and the cakewalk is 7 p.m. The center is located at 4680 Highway 423, McKenzie.

SPRING REVIVAL AT FAIRVIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST

A Spring Revival is April 19-24 at Fairview Mission-ary Baptist Church, 1375 Fairview Church Road, McKenzie. The times are 6 p.m. on Sunday, and Mon-day to Friday at 7 p.m.

CANCER BAKE AUCTION

The annual Relay for Life Bake Auction is March 30 to April 3, 1-4 p.m. on WHDM radio, 98.9 FM.

MHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

McKenzie High School Class of 1976 is holding a 50-year class reunion on September 26, 1 p.m. at

Chandler Farms in McK-enzie. The event is in con-junction with the MHS Alumni Association annual reunion. For more infor-mation, e-mail Amy Rich Carter at amryrcarter58@gmail.com or Marsha Spain Smith at smithmarsha99@yahoo.com.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC

Everyone is invited to The Breakfast Club every Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. for coffee, snacks, mingling and a light activity. Take the chance to connect and socialize before getting in-teractive 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 avail-able to anyone regardless of residency. We now offer cat vouchers to Carroll Coun-ty 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. How-ever, Carroll Co. residents can still use Paris Vet Clinic if preferred.

McKENZIE TOPS MEETS WEEKLY

Win over weight with support and encourage-ment 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.

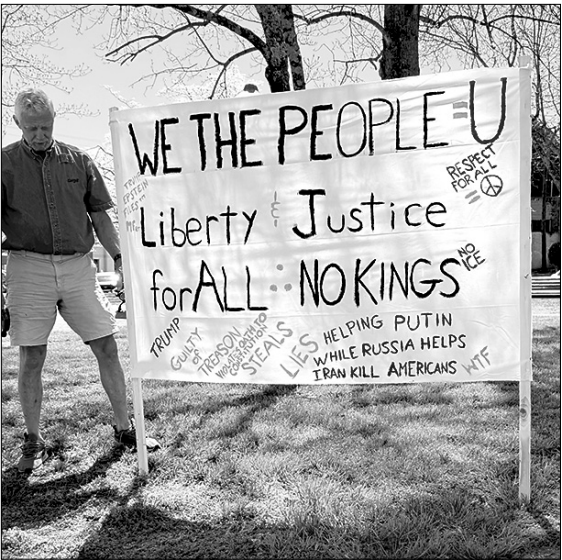
CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commis-sion meets the second Mon-day of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Of-fice 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, Tues-day, 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.

No Kings Rally Held in Downtown McKenzie



Above and Left, MCKENZIE (March 28) — On Saturday, several residents gathered in Veterans Park in downtown McKenzie to participate in the nationwide scheduled No Kings Rally. Participants held signs opposing the Trump Administration, the war in Iran, ICE immigration enforcement occupying cities, among other issues. The protest was scheduled for March 28 from noon - 2 p.m. Officers from McKenzie Police Department and Carroll County Sheriff's Office as well as the K-9 unit were on scene. Photos by Brittany Martin/The Banner



Living at Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

The month started off with National Old Stuff Day, so we took the opportunity to bring some more treasures for a show-and-tell afternoon. One of the most interesting items was a Carroll County ses-qui-centennial history book from 1972 with a com-memorative coin that was minted for the occasion. It got us all talking about the 250th celebration our country will be celebrating this year.

Our group made several outings this month. We went to the Monday Break-fast Club at Hometown Clinic where we crafted jar lantern night lights, played Bingo, did exercise and had a speaker-Respiratory Therapist Darryl Jones—who gave us lots of infor-mation for better health and opened afterwards for Q & A. His 33 years of experience really showed with his knowledge. We

Painted flowerpots and planted some seeds. If you would like to join us, we meet at 9 a.m. on Mon-days. We attended the St. Patty's Day Dance at the Carroll County Civic Center. We would love to have you join us every month, on the first Tuesday night of each month.

We had Errand Day and went to Dollar Tree, Dol-lar General, Save A Lot and the Amish Grocery Store. A big outing was a trip to Milan to eat at Lee's Chicken and then on to Jackson to the University of Memphis at Lambuth to the Planetarium.

Residents were thrilled to invite the Bethel Lady Wildcats to lunch at Lake-side. The residents helped prepare a meal of Grilled Chicken Alfredo, Roast-ed Vegetables, Garden Salad and a Roll. Lon-nelle McMillin made her award-winning Tiger Paw Cake. They also set the table with personalized Bethel University Wild-cat placemats. The Play-ers brought their fan club some new Bethel shirts to wear to the first and second rounds of play-offs. Volunteers Richard and Sonya Ozment made sure they made it to the games where the girls won both nights and were off to Sioux City to continue playing in the NAIA Cham-pionship Games.

Employee Appreciation is recognized in March and residents put on a program using the theme, "No one man can whistle a sym-phony, but an orchestra can play it harmoniously." They read some inspira-tional words regarding teamwork and what the team means to them. The ladies had wrapped gifts of bluetooth speakers and boxes of mints for each employee. Manager Cris Stafford also treated staff to mini massages for the day. For refreshments residents served cupcakes, fresh fruit and fruit tea. Their thoughtfulness and kindness really touched the Lakeside employees.

We immersed ourselves into the saying, "Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day," as we celebrated with Pass the Shamrock Left Right

Stories for prizes, Pick a Four-Leaf Clover game, a Lucky Leprechaun Dice game with lots of winners and a photo fun backdrop with green accessories for pictures. We had dining table décor with green ta-blecloths, green and gold dishes and flatware and an Irish meal of shepherd's pie, salad and chocolate mint pie was served by the kitchen staff.

Here at Lakeside, we think of ourselves as fam-ily, but, a few times a year, we have a true Family Day where we welcome resi-dents to invite their fam-ilies and friends to join them for a special event. This month we hosted the Lakeside Pop Up Art Gallery where guests were shocked to find that they were the art. Months ago we took headshots of the residents and asked them what their favorite pastime was or what their career had been, and with the help of Activity Director Sheila Willis, volunteer Matthew Page and a bit of AI, we transformed those pics to watercolors of them doing their favor-ite things. Check out our Facebook page to see the pictures at Lakeside Senior Living. Volunteer Rhonda Swafford framed the mas-terpieces, and a group of Bethel Delta Phi Nu Soror-ity girls volunteered their time and talents as door greeters, serving refresh-ments and performing at the end of the evening. We paired this event with a Mary Kay basket raffle donated by Ira Cunning-ham and an opportunity to donate for the framed artwork as a fundraiser for employee Cathy Phillips, who is on extended leave caring for her husband, who suffered a debilitat-ing illness. Our prayers are with the family for a speedy recovery.

We celebrated one birth-day this month, Robbie Adams. We said farewell to resident Sue Blow, may she rest in peace, said goodbye to residents Cynthia Brew-er, Earl Ray Kee and Joan Williams and welcomed new friends, Mary Ann Melton and Ruth Mann.

Until Next Time...

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lexington Slam Caps Comeback Over Fillies

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LEXINGTON (March 23) — Lexington High School hosted Huntingdon Monday for a softball contest. The Fillies took a four-run lead into the bottom of the seventh, but the Lady Tigers scored seven, capped by a walk-off grand slam, to claim an 11-8 win.

The Fillies struck first with three runs in the top of the first. Lexington tied it with three in the bottom of the third. Huntingdon plated five in the top of the fourth, and the Lady Tigers pushed across one in the home half. The 8-4 score held until the bottom of the seventh, where Lexington rallied for the win.

Huntingdon's Millie Luther was 1-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored. Ellie Wilson was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Aubry Castleman was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Emalynn Maness was 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Marcie Mitchell was 1-for-3 with a stolen base. Camdyn Sellers was 0-for-2 with a walk, a sacrifice fly, two RBIs and a run scored. Grier Bartholomew was 0-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Gracey Martin was 0-for-3 with an RBI sacrifice fly. Knox Bennett was 0-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base.

Lady Tiger Carly Williams was 3-for-5 with a grand slam, four RBIs and two runs scored. Kaylyn

Simko was 4-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base. Devin Brown was 2-for-3 with two walks, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Mekenzi Volner was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Brooklin Maness was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Lynley White was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Mekenzi Volner earned the complete-game win for Lexington, allowing eight runs (two earned) on five hits while walking two and striking out four.

Marcie Mitchell got the start for the Fillies, allowing seven runs (six earned) on 14 hits while walking two in six and a third innings. Emalynn Maness recorded one out, allowing four earned runs on three hits and a walk.

HUNTINGDON DIAMOND CLASSIC

Mustangs Rout Peabody, 13-1

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (March 27) — Huntingdon High School's Diamond Classic baseball tournament wrapped up Friday evening with the host Mustangs dominating the Peabody Golden Tide, 13-1.

Huntingdon set the tone with six runs in the bottom of the first inning. Peabody plated their lone run in the top of the second. The Mustangs added seven in the fourth and held the Tide scoreless in the fifth to end the game early.

Mustang Owen Kreuziger was 2-for-3 with a double,

five RBIs and a run scored. Broox Bennett was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Hayes Eubanks was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored. Silas Sharp was 1-for-2 with a walk and two RBIs. Owen Hugueley was 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored. Colt Wood was 1-for-2 with a run scored and a stolen base. Cy Hankins was 1-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Braylin Dearmon was 0-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Caleb Ezell was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Peabody's Jonah Smith was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Caden McClellan and Banks McDaniel were each 1-for-2.

Hayden Strop earned the complete-game win for Huntingdon, allowing one unearned run on three hits while walking none and striking out seven in five innings.

Brody Reuter took the loss for the Golden Tide, allowing six earned runs on four hits while walking four and striking out one in two and a third innings. Stone Hall pitched one inning of relief, allowing four earned runs on one hit and two walks. Beau Elliot threw the final two-thirds of an inning, allowing three earned runs on four hits while walking one and striking out two.

Johnny McClure to Speak at Clarksburg Ruritan Club Meeting

Johnny McClure is the guest speaker at the Clarksburg Ruritan Club on Monday, April 6. As a co-founder of the Huntingdon TN Historical Society, McClure's presentation focuses on the histor-

ical society. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Clarksburg City Hall.

McClure is pictured portraying Captain Walter B. Grizzard during the Town of Huntingdon Bicentennial Cemetery Tour.



UT Martin Spring College Rodeo Tickets Now on Sale

MARTIN — Tickets for one of the University of Tennessee at Martin's most popular annual events, the UT Martin Spring College Rodeo, are now on sale.

The 58th annual UTM Spring College Rodeo features several men's and women's rodeo teams from the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Ozark Region competing Thursday, April 9, through Saturday, April 11, in the Ned McWhorter Agricultural Complex north of Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

Competitions begin at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available in the football stadium parking lot.

The Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex begins its fourth decade of service to the university and the Martin-Weakley County community.

The UT Martin men's rodeo team ranks fourth this week in the NIRA

Ozark Region, while the Skyhawk women's rodeo team ranks fifth. Other schools in the Ozark Region include Missouri Valley College (ranked first in men's and women's rodeo), West Alabama and Southern Arkansas. Ozark Region participants whose rodeo teams are not varsity teams include Arkansas-Monticello, Kentucky, Arkansas Tech and Southern Arkansas.

All tickets are reserved seating, with admission being \$12 for Thursday, \$20 for Friday and \$20 for Saturday, with an option to purchase a \$52 season ticket that covers all sessions. Children 5 and under get in free but must sit in an adult's lap.

Tickets may be purchased at utmsports.com/rodeotickets. Single-day tickets are available, as well as three-day season tickets, single-day online streaming tickets and three-day season online

streaming tickets.

The UT Martin Spring College Rodeo takes place during a busy home sports weekend for the Skyhawks.

The stunt team, which won its first 10 competitions of the season, hosts the Mid-America West Conference Tournament April 10-12 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. The tournament features Kentucky, Missouri State, Central Arkansas, Mercyhurst and Northern Kentucky.

The Skyhawk baseball team hosts Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee Tech the weekend of April 10-12 at the Skyhawk Baseball Field, while the UT Martin softball team hosts OVC rival Western Illinois in a double-header on Saturday, April 11, and a single game on Sunday, April 12, at the Bettye Giles Softball Field.

The Skyhawk soccer team also gets into the act with an exhibition against Kentucky Wesleyan on Saturday, April 11, at the Skyhawk Soccer Field.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Rebels Blank Riverside Panthers, 4-0

BY BRAD SAM
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DECATURVILLE (March 20) — Riverside High School hosted McKenzie Friday for

a soccer match, and the visiting Rebels earned a 4-0 shutout win.

Rebels Aiden Mason and Joantony Hernandez each scored two goals, and

Morgan Christman had an assist.

McKenzie goalkeeper Sawyer Nunnery recorded three saves, and Brody Davis had a pair.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Clarksburg Defeats West Carroll, 12-2

BY BRAD SAM
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ATWOOD (March 24) — West Carroll High School hosted Clarksburg Tuesday for a baseball contest. The visiting Rockets had a big fourth inning to secure a 12-2 win in five innings.

Clarksburg struck first with a pair of runs in the top of the first, but the War Eagles tied it in the home half. The Rockets regained the lead with three in the second, then opened up a big advantage with seven runs in the fourth.

Rocket Garrett Bartholomew was 2-for-3 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored. Trae Cobb was 2-for-4 with an RBI, a

run scored and two stolen bases. Walker Aston was 1-for-3 with an RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Reagan Halter was 1-for-4 with two RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Samuel Wallace was 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored. Maddox Robbins was 1-for-3. Levi Davis was 0-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Taylor Lawler was 0-for-4 with two RBIs. Greysen Jones was 0-for-2 with two walks and a run scored.

War Eagle J.W. Rushing was 1-for-2 with a double, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Harlan Hames was 1-for-2 with an

RBI and a stolen base. Caleb Vermillion was 0-for-2 with a walk and two stolen bases. R.Q. Thompson was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Greysen Jones earned the complete-game win for Clarksburg, allowing two earned runs on two hits while walking three and striking out nine.

Sawyer Jackson got the start for West Carroll, allowing eight runs (five earned) on six hits while walking three and striking out one in three innings. R.Q. Thompson pitched the final two frames, allowing four unearned runs on two hits while walking two and striking out one.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Monster Inning Lifts War Eagles Over Madison

BY BRAD SAM
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JACKSON (March 23) — The West Carroll High School War Eagles traveled Monday to face the Madison Academic Mustangs for a baseball contest on the campus of the University of Memphis - Lambuth. After going back-and-forth in the early innings, the Mustangs had a one-run lead before the War Eagles exploded for 18 runs in the top of the sixth to seal a 24-7 win.

West Carroll struck first with three runs in the top of the first. Madison responded with two in the home half, then took the lead with two more in the second. The War Eagles

added three in the top of the third, but the Mustangs tied it with another two-run frame in the bottom. Madison took the lead with a run in the fifth before West Carroll's big inning put the game away.

War Eagle Briggs West was 3-for-4 with a walk, four RBIs, three runs scored and three stolen bases. R.Q. Thompson was 3-for-5 with a sacrifice fly, five RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases. J.W. Rushing was 2-for-4 with a triple, a double, three RBIs and three runs scored. Sawyer Jackson was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, two runs scored and three stolen bases. Jason Roberts was 2-for-4 with a walk, three RBIs, three runs scored

and three stolen bases.

War Eagle Harlan Hames was 2-for-4 with a double, two walks, two RBIs, three runs scored and a stolen base. Eli Bryant was 0-for-3 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored. Caleb Vermillion was 0-for-1 with a walk, four runs scored and two stolen bases. Parker Newman was 0-for-4 with a walk, a run scored and two stolen bases.

J.W. Rushing got the start for West Carroll, allowing seven runs (five earned) on three hits while walking five and striking out three in four and a third innings. Harlan Hames pitched the final two-thirds of an inning, allowing no runs on three hits and a walk.

HUNTINGDON DIAMOND CLASSIC

Mustangs Fall to South Gibson

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (March 26) — The annual Huntingdon Diamond Classic baseball tournament began Thursday with a pair of games. Headlining the first day were the host Huntingdon High School Mustangs taking on South Gibson. The visiting Hornets scored in four innings to claim a 10-3 win.

South Gibson struck first with three runs in the top of the first. They added three more in the top of the fourth, and Huntingdon got on the board with a run in the home half. The Mustangs added a pair in the fifth, but the Hornets plated one in the sixth and three in the seventh.

three runs scored and two stolen bases. Davis McKinney was 3-for-4 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Cade Allen was 1-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Jacob Bateman was 1-for-4 with a run scored. Griffin Stewart was 0-for-0 with a walk and a run scored. Brock Beasley was 0-for-2 with two walks and a run scored. Cason Coggins was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Cason Coggins earned the win for South Gibson, allowing one earned run on two hits while walking four and striking out three in four innings. Lucas Krawczyk pitched one inning of relief, allowing two earned runs

on two hits with no walks and one strikeout. Griffin Stewart also threw one frame, allowing no runs or hits while walking one and striking out two. Levi Edwards pitched a third of an inning with no runs, hits or walks. Thomas Baker recorded the final two outs with no runs or hits, walking two and striking out one.

Caleb Ezell took the loss for Huntingdon, allowing three unearned runs on two hits while walking two and striking out one in three innings. Kenton Smith pitched three innings of relief, allowing four runs (three earned) on three hits with three walks and four strikeouts. Maddox Holmes threw the final frame, allowing three earned runs on one hit while walking two and striking out two.

April Lifeline Blood Drives

Lifeline Blood Services hosts the following blood drive events in the area during the month of April:

Wednesday, April 1
Sharon School, Sharon – 12:30-5:30 p.m.
Gleason School, Gleason – 1-6 p.m.

Thursday, April 2
First United Methodist Church, Paris – 12-6 p.m.

CashSaver, Huntingdon – 1-6 p.m.

Monday, April 6
First United Methodist Church, Lexington – 1-6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7
Gibson County Courthouse, Trenton – 12-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9
Dresden Elementary/Mid-

dle, Dresden – 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13
Martin City Hall, Martin – 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16
West Tennessee Healthcare, Camden – 1-6 p.m.

Friday, April 17
Bradford High School, Bradford – 12-5 p.m.

Monday, April 20
UT Martin, Martin – 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21
UT Martin, Martin – 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28
Paris Elementary/Rhea Elementary, Paris – 1-6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29
West Carroll Primary, McMoresville – 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30
Greenfield School, Greenfield – 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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A multi-agency manhunt on March 28 near Peter Smith Gravel Road in Humboldt, Tenn. ended in the capture of Gerald “Pete” Samples. Photo courtesy of Crockett County Sheriff’s Office

Escaped Inmate from Crockett County that Prompted Three-Day, Multi-Agency Manhunt Has Been Captured

CROCKETT COUNTY, Tenn. (March 30) — A strategically coordinated, multi-agency manhunt culminated in the early morning hours of March 28 with the successful capture of fugitive Gerald “Pete” Samples. Samples was taken into custody after an extensive search operation involving federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

The manhunt continued in the area of Humboldt Gibson Wells Road, where Samples was last believed to be located. Upon receiving information of a possible sighting of Samples on Peter Smith Gravel Road, law enforcement personnel from the Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC), United States Marshals Service, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), Gibson County Sheriff’s Office (GCSO), Crockett County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO), Haywood County Sheriff’s Office, Obion County Sheriff’s Office, Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), FBI, and numerous other agencies intensified their search efforts to that area.

TDOC officers, along with their K-9 Kally, located Samples hiding in a wooded area. Samples was subsequently taken into custody with the assistance of the United States Marshals Service.

“The U.S. Marshals Service always stands ready to assist our partners in catching escapees,” said U.S. Marshal Tyreece Miller “Thanks to great teamwork and commitment by multiple law enforcement agencies, Samples is back in custody where he belongs.”

Crockett County Sheriff Troy Klyce expressed his gratitude to all participating agencies for their efforts in bringing the manhunt to a successful conclusion.

Sheriff Klyce thanked

all the sheriffs’ offices, the TBI, TDOC, U.S. Marshals, TWRA, FBI, and everyone else who came together to assist with this maximum pressure manhunt.

At approximately 4:41 a.m. on March 25, 2026, Gerald “Pete” Samples escaped from the Crockett County Jail.

Crockett County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) was primarily concerned with getting Samples back in custody.

Now, they have released some details of interest regarding Samples. With a prior escape in 2020, CCSO recognizes the public’s concerns.

Samples was arrested on a violation of probation warrant out of Crockett County Circuit Court in August 2025. He was served with warrants out of Virginia on February 12, 2026, for alleged illegal online activity involving a juvenile victim back in July 2024.

When he was served with the warrants out of Virginia, he was locked down in Crockett County Jail. Next to follow were numerous court appearances, discussions about mistaken identity, and doubt about whether Virginia was going to extradite Samples to their state to answer on these serious charges.

Court Appearance History:

For the fugitive warrant out of Virginia, Samples appeared in Crockett County General Sessions Court:

February 12 – Fugitive warrant out of Virginia was issued and served.

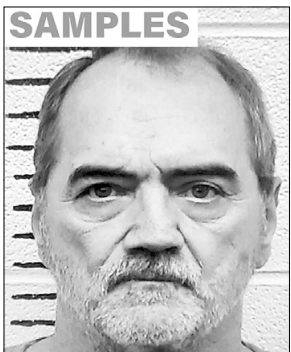
February 19 – Appeared in court and did not waive extradition.

March 5 – Appeared in court; case continued.

March 19 – Appeared in court; case continued.

April 16 – Next court date for status of extradition.

For the Violation of Probation warrant out, Samples



appeared in Crockett County Circuit Court:

August 9, 2025 – Arrested and served.

October 10, 2025 – Appeared in court; case continued.

February 9, 2026 – Appeared in court; case continued.

June 8, 2026 – Next scheduled court date.

After a period of time, Samples was given inside trusty status again and allowed outside the facility only with supervision. The investigation into the actual escape is ongoing and charges for an accomplice have been filed.

Clarification Regarding the Patrol Vehicle:

A patrol car was not left unsecured.

Samples stole a spare key to a patrol car that was currently unassigned to a deputy due to the officer being on medical leave. The car was secured.

Samples used the key he previously stole to steal the car and escape through the back door of the jail - which is the time of morning our trusties begin preparing breakfast.

Accountability:

He has previously served as a trusty for decades. However, assigning him trusty duties again after being charged was a mistake. That decision was made by this office, and we take full responsibility.

The Crockett County Sheriff’s Office has operat-

ed a trusty program for decades. trusties perform supervised work that saves the county significant taxpayer dollars. Their duties include meal preparation, cleaning, laundry, litter pickup, vehicle maintenance, and assisting county agencies and nonprofits. They also support community events and help during emergencies, such as clearing ice during the storm “Fern.” When working off-site, trusties are typically under direct supervision.

Any time an inmate is given additional responsibilities, there is inherent risk, including the possibility of escape. Under today’s bond system, individuals with lower-level charges are often released quickly, meaning those who remain in custody generally present higher risk factors.

The trusty program remains valuable, but this incident makes clear that our risk-assessment process must be strengthened. We have launched a full internal review of trusty selection criteria and procedures and will implement necessary changes.

“To the people of Crockett County: your frustration is justified. We accept that error and sincerely apologize. As you know, we will continue to have an open face with our community and seek to be as transparent as possible with you always.

“We welcome public feedback on our social media pages in accordance with our community standards.

“Thank you again to all the citizens and agencies who helped bring him back into custody. He is currently being housed in another facility and is locked down 23 hours a day with only one hour outside of his cell in the pod while awaiting extradition to Virginia,” the news release concluded.



The concrete surface at the Carroll County Inclusion Park is chipped in many areas. A closer view of one chipped spot shows the extent of the damage. Photo Courtesy of Carroll County Inclusion Park

Carroll County Inclusion Park Receives Offers For Free Concrete Work

HUNTINGDON (March 30) — The Carroll County Inclusion Park had recently announced it was seeking bids to repair chipped concrete surfaces, but an official told The Banner Monday afternoon that bids are no longer needed as several entities yet to be named have offered to contribute to the project free of charge.

Lori Dillahunty, head chairperson for the nonprofit that operates and maintains the park, told The Banner, “We love what this project stands for, and we are honored in all of the

ways that the community supports it. I’m really grateful that every time we’ve had a need, people have been willing to step up and be supportive and fill that need, making this a place that people want to take care of for years to come.”

The project will require full demolition and repouring of the concrete.

The companies and individuals who are donating their services will be recognized when the details are finalized, according to Dillahunty.

Amy Smith Named Hometown Health’s Clinical Education, Quality Improvement Director

MCKENZIE (March 25) — Hometown Health Clinic announced Wednesday a new role for Amy Smith, PA-C. The longtime provider is now also the Clinical Education and Quality Improvement Director.

In the announcement, the clinic said, “Amy will lead provider-focused education initiatives, facilitate clinical meetings and support ongoing collaboration among our advanced practice providers. Her focus will be on strengthening evidence-based practice, sharing clinical and operational updates and fostering a culture of continuous learning across our organization.

“This role is designed to support and elevate our providers through peer education, shared knowledge and clinical experience. We are grateful for Amy’s leadership and commitment to strengthening the care we provide our community.”



Amy Smith, PA-C

Hometown also reassured Smith’s patients, “Don’t you worry... she will continue seeing her patients as usual; this does not affect her appointment schedule at all.”

The clinic’s announcement concluded, “Amy, we are so proud of you and can’t wait to see all you accomplish in this new role!”



Left, Arianna Evans (center left) and Anna Daigle (center right) represented TCAT Henry/Carroll’s cosmetology program well, with Evans taking the bronze medal in Esthetics and Daigle taking the silver medal in Nail Tech. Right, Caden Tucker received the gold medal in the HVAC contest and is eligible to compete at the SkillsUSA national championship in June.



TCAT Henry/Carroll Sees Major Success at State SkillsUSA Conference

Students from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Henry/Carroll took home 14 medals following the SkillsUSA Tennessee’s State Leadership and Skills Conference in Chattanooga on March 15-18.

Eight students received gold, first-place medals in their respective contests: Caden Tucker, HVAC; Richard Zar, Automotive; Elizabeth Ilko, Job Interview;

Dakota Ables, TeamWorks; Kelson Moore, TeamWorks; Jason Hicks, TeamWorks; Craegen Travis, TeamWorks; and Trae Fenty, Commercial Roofing.

Four students received silver, second-place medals in their respective contests: Anna Daigle, Nail Tech; Ethan Peevyhouse, Automated Manufacturing Technology; Jonathan

Fuentes, Automated Manufacturing Technology; and Brantley Nanney, Automated Manufacturing Technology.

Two students received bronze, third-place medals in their respective contests: Arianna Evans, Esthetics and Scott Lutz, Industrial Motor.

TCAT Henry/Carroll was named the Gold Distinction Chapter of Excellence

at the conference. Sherry Wilson was named Support Staff of the Year, and Allen Ashlock received the Volunteer Service Award.

State gold medalists earn the right to compete nationally at the SkillsUSA Championships each June. The 2026 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) is June 1-5 in Atlanta.

TCAT Henry/Carroll is a vocational and technical school with campuses located in Paris, McKenzie, Camden and Dresden, Tenn.



TCAT Construction Temporarily Closes Highland Entrance

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology Henry/Carroll’s McKenzie campus is still under construction, but sources say that the renovation project should be completely wrapped up by the end of April.

In the meantime, TCAT Henry/Carroll Vice President Jan Latimer warns that the McKenzie campus’s front driveway off Highland Drive is closed to all traffic for ap-

proximately two weeks starting Tuesday, March 31.

Construction work on that driveway is reportedly one of the last steps in the campus-wide renovation project.

Anyone wishing to visit the McKenzie campus needs to enter from the school’s back entrance, which can be accessed off of Highway 22 to Medical Center Drive or off Eastwood Drive.

Marriage Licenses

Grayson Hanna Bennett, 21, of Bruceton, to Devan West Grooms, 19, of Bruceton.

Lauren Elizabeth Hayden Jones, 32, of Yuma, to Daniel Joseph Wayne Birdwell, 39, of Yuma.

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (March 25) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on March 25.

The following cases were bound over to a grand jury: Jason Matthew Sharp, Forrest Circle, McKenzie, bound over, Sexual Offender Registration Form Violation.

Chasity N. Utley, Voss Lane, Huntingdon, bound over, Schedule II Drugs: Meth – Mfg., Deliver, Sell, Possess; bound over, Tampering With Evidence – Attempted Sol., bound over, Schedule VI Drugs: 10-19 Marij. Plant/Hash >2 lbs. 1g-4lb.; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; bound over, Possession Without Prescription Unlawful; bound over, Driving While License Suspended – Second or Subsequent; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; bound over, Possession Without Prescription Unlawful; bound over, Meth – Mfg., Deliver, Sell, Possess With Intent; bound over, Evading Arrest; bound over, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, bound over, Casual Exchange - Adult/Minor – Schedule VI; bound over, Casual Exchange - Adult/Minor – Schedule VI; bound over, Casual Exchange - Adult/Minor – Schedule VI; bound over, Driving While License Suspended; bound over, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities.

The following case resulted in a guilty plea or finding: Shun Ulric Conley, Jax Road, Atwood, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for until all conditions completed, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year, ignition interlock, DUI school, to report to serve on April 4, 2026, at 8 a.m.

Tierra Shalece Diggs, Tanglewood Court, Nashville, guilty – lesser charge, Driving While License Can-

celed, no fine, six months, supervised probation for sentence, unsupervised probation once paid and conditions met.

Kirstie Danielle Humphrey, Dodd Street, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation – Booked, no fine, 11/29, may be furlough to inpatient rehab after serving 90 days, will receive day-for-day credit upon successful completion.

Kirstie Danielle Humphrey, Dodd Street, Hollow Rock, guilty – lesser charge, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1,000 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, 11/29 supervised probation; guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities, \$500 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, 11/29 supervised probation; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs: Cocaine < 1/2 Gram; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange – Fentanyl; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange (Marj. < 1/2 oz. or 14.175 grams).

Kirstie Danielle Humphrey, Dodd Street, Hollow Rock, guilty – lesser charge, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1,000 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, 11/29 supervised probation; guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities, \$500 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, 11/29 supervised probation; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs: Cocaine < 1/2 Gram; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange – Fentanyl; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange (Marj. < 1/2 oz. or 14.175 Grams).

Rodger Dale Lawson, Florida Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Disorderly Conduct, no fine, 30 days, unsupervised probation for balance, payment arrangements through clerk's office.

David Phillips, Parks Road, Gleason, guilty, Probation Violation – Booked,

no fine, six months, supervised probation for six months, probation extended six months.

Blake Alexander Roberts, Hillview Drive, McKenzie, guilty, DUI: Second Offense, \$600 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for 120 days then unsupervised probation if conditions met, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, cannot drive for two years, ignition interlock, DUI school, can get day-for-day credit upon successful completion of inpatient rehab and after serving 17 days; dismissed, Driving While License Revoked Due to Conviction of DUI.

Michael Roberts, North College Street, Paris, guilty, Meth – Mfg., Deliver, Sell, Possess With Intent, \$750 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, 12 days credit time-served, minimum 90 days supervised probation then balance, unsupervised if all conditions met, after 20 days served, last 10 can be served on consecutive weekends; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; dismissed, Tampering With Evidence.

Sterling Seabrook, East Drive, Memphis, guilty – lesser charge, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$1,000 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, credit for 35 days, time-served, sentence to run concurrent, 11/29 supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation, vehicle forfeited to Carroll County Sheriff's Office; guilty, Unlawful Drug

Paraphernalia Uses and Activities, \$500 fine, 11/29, sentence suspended except for 30 days, credit for 35 days, time-served sentence to run concurrent, 11/29 supervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs: Cocaine < 1/2 Gram; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange (Marj. < 1/2 oz. or 14.175 Grams); dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; dismissed, Meth – Mfg., Deliver, Sell, Possess With Intent.

Cory J. Woods, Miller Road, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation – Booked, no fine, 30 days, supervised probation for balance.

The following cases were dismissed:

Tierra Shalece Diggs, Tanglewood Court, Nashville, dismissed, Display of Registration Plates; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Law.

Kirstie Danielle Humphrey, Dodd Street, Hollow Rock, dismissed, Meth – Possess or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities; dismissed, Meth – Possess or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities.

Chasity N. Utley, Voss Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

The following cases were rescheduled:

Terry Carey, Harrison Stephen Maness, Mark Daniel Noah, Sterling Seabrook, Tyler Wright.

Property Transfers

Steven Boyd Matlock as executor to William E. McElroy as trustee in District 22.

Sherry Dale Epperson to Demoss Creek Farms. No district listed.

CMG Mortgage Inc. to Pervez Hai in District 22.

Brian K. Wallace AKA Brian Kirk Wallace to Ella Frances Mash. No district listed.

Ashley Tyler Cook to Nexus Real Estate Investments, LLC in District 11.

Nexus Real Estate Investments, LLC to Cornerstone Homebuilders, LLC in District 11.

Michael C. McGowan to Jonathan M. McGowan in District 1.

Adalis Morales to Darwin Santiago in District 16.

Doris Battle to Jerome Brown in District 22.

Harold W. and wife Billie Marie Golladay to Harold W. Golladay as trustee in District 13.

Mark W. and wife Dorothy R. Wood to Dorothy Regina Wood, trustee of the Mark Wesley Wood and D Trust. No district listed.

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Mark W. and wife Dorothy R. Wood to Dorothy Regina Wood as trustee. No district listed.

Steven Boyd Matlock as executor to Ben Thomas Jr. and wife Meredith K.

Surber in District 22.

Jerry Elvis by POA and Janet Gaye Massey to Stephanie (Massey) Parish in District 16.

Roy Hamilton to Rex Anthony and wife Danette Edenfield Shevitski in District 10.

Ashlee Michael Young to Donald Terry and wife Jean Ellen McMackin in District 11.

C & L Farms to the United States of America in District 22.

Hershel David Medlin and others to Gavin William and wife Mariana Lucia Angel Robbins in District 1.

Leonard M. and wife Joyce L. Noles to Joyce L. Noles in District 1.

Randy Moore as personal representative to Matthew and wife Morgan Foster in District 4.

Marvin E. Alexander as trustee to Charles J. and wife Amy P. Scott in District 4.

Jeremy Mummel to Jessica Mummel in District 2.

Marland D. Gilbert and others to Ike Jr. and wife Jane M. Gilbert and others in District 11.

Beech River MHC LLC to Pecan 2025 LLC. No district listed.

Larry A. and Brittany M. Bolen n/k/a Brittany M. Umstead to Dennis Randall and wife Jon H. Baker in District 13.

Carroll County Tennessee to Russell Powell in District 22.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

McKenzie Public Works Laborer

The City of McKenzie will be accepting applications for a laborer position for the Public Works Department. Candidate must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, high school diploma or its equivalent and pass the pre-employment drug screen. Applications will be accepted at city hall until 4 p.m. on April 2. This is a full-time position and includes benefits. The city has excellent benefits including health insurance, holidays and the State TCRS retirement plan.

- You must be able to perform manual labor, stooping, bending, twisting and lifting heavy weight at times.
- Operate a variety of power construction and maintenance equipment used in the street department including but not limited to a chainsaw, weed eater, shovel, mower, etc.
- Occasionally operate heavy equipment including but not limited to tractor, brush truck or leaf truck.
- Participates on emergency call out list which is in effect 24 hours a day for emergency storm removal of debris; for example street removal of fallen trees.
- An ability to tolerate work in all weather and season conditions is also required.

Applications can be picked up at city hall Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

McKenzie is an equal opportunity employee and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment.

A1/12-2

McKenzie Police Reports

Domestic Assault — Matthew Bell, Park Circle, McKenzie, was charged with Domestic Assault on March 25.

Officer Sergeant Darren Davis was dispatched to and responded to Walnut Circle, where a domestic assault was reported to be in progress. Bell's girlfriend said he had assaulted her, broke her phone, and disabled her vehicle after an argument. Bell denied the assault but confessed to disabling her car. Bell was arrested for Domestic Assault and Vandalism and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — Samantha Ann Hughes, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was charged with Theft of Property on March 26.

Officer Matthew Cunningham responded to the Eagle convenience store, where he viewed a surveillance video of Hughes and a male entering the store and then driving away in her automobile. The male is accused of stealing a glass pipe and some other merchandise. Hughes denied knowing the man and said she was only giving him a ride. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Trezevant Board of Zoning Appeals meets at 6 p.m. on April 7, 2026 at the Trezevant Community Center. This meeting is to consider the request for a variance regarding the property owned by Mr. John Quinn. Mr. Quinn wants to operate an inflatable bounce house rental business from his residence. The public is invited and encouraged to voice any concerns regarding this matter.

A394/12-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of the Town of Trezevant, Tenn., meets Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Trezevant Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a citizens request to rezone property located at 5340 Broad Street from R-1 (Residential) to B-1 (Business). The property involved is identified as: Map 077C, Group B, Parcel 008.01, Map 077C, Group B, Parcel 008.00. This property is commonly known as the Hillsman Property. All interested citizens are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to speak regarding the proposed rezoning.

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Trezevant Community Center

A394/13-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PA43

ESTATE OF: DONNIE MANN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **24TH** day of **MARCH, 2026** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of DONNIE MANN deceased, who died **AUGUST 7TH, 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 **24TH** day of **MARCH, 2026**.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

MATTHEW R. WEST, Executor/Administrator
ALEXANDRA BLACKBURN, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R27321/13-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PE33

ESTATE OF: MARILYN H. PUTMAN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **19TH** day of **MARCH, 2026** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of MARILYN H. PUTMAN deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 24TH, 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:

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

This **19TH** day of **MARCH, 2026**.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

CAROL P. PARKINS & PAUL R. PUTMAN, Executor/Administrator
W. KENT JONES, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

A561/R27308/12-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PE31

ESTATE OF: WILLIAM LARRY FORBESS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **17TH** day of **MARCH, 2026** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of WILLIAM LARRY FORBESS deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 29TH, 2025**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

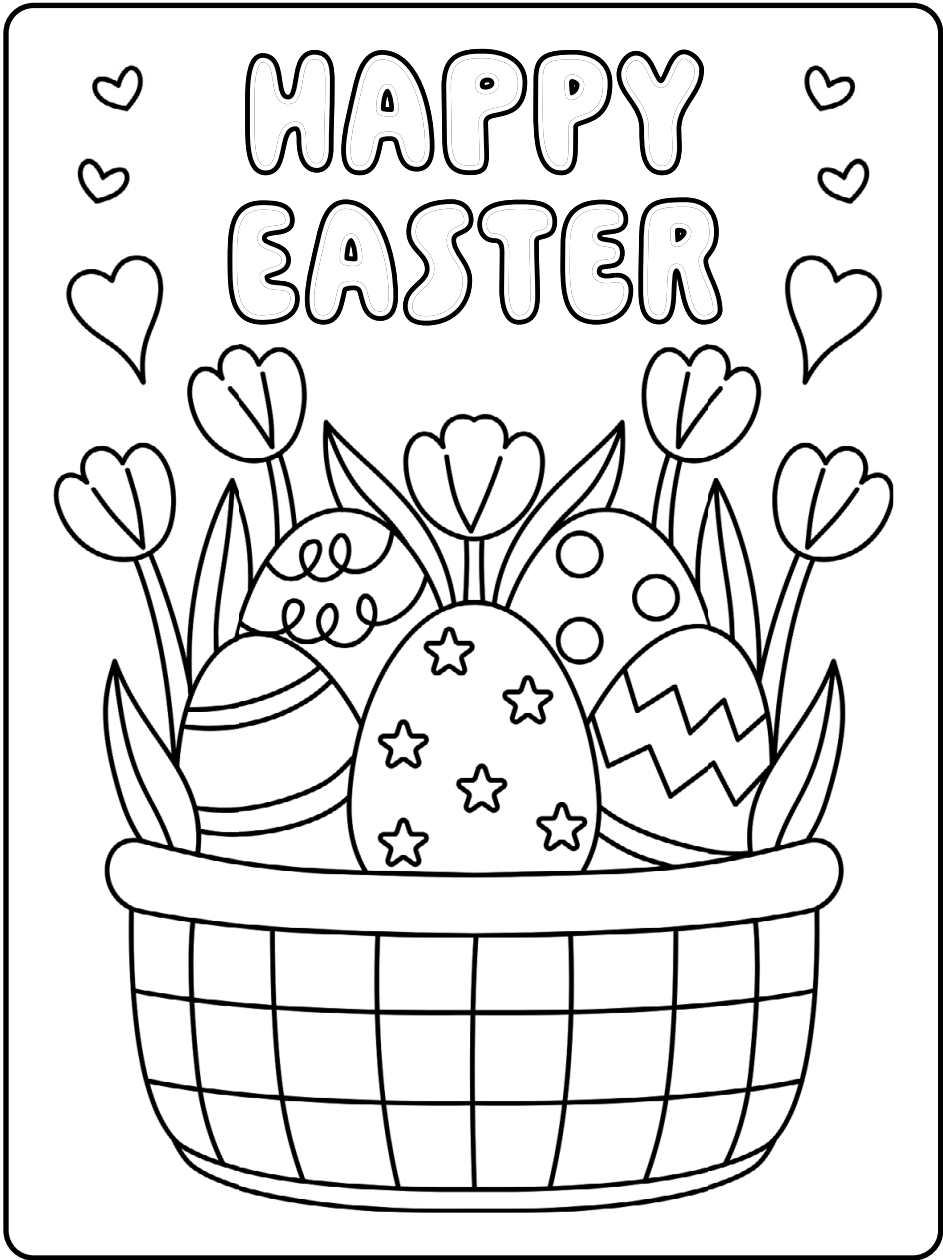
This **17TH** day of **MARCH, 2026**.
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ANGIE FORBESS MADDOX & WM RYAN FORBESS, Executor/Administrator
MATTHEW M. MADDOX, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

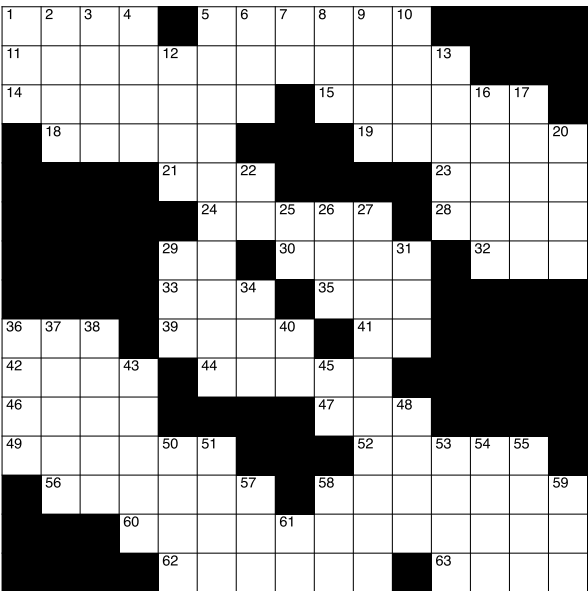
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA and CIA critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Selfs
- 32. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 33. Nowhere to be found
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Drivers' licenses and passports are two
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular personal computers
- 44. Stages in ecological succession
- 46. Wings
- 47. In the center
- 49. Pleasantly smooth
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Reiterations
- 62. Eras
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics

Week 13



- 3. Expel or eject (variant sp.)
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Taxonomic category
- 6. Chinese languages
- 7. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL legend Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. It says who you are
- 25. Atlantic coast state
- 26. Grow older
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Indigo bush genus
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Mackerel genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. Type of molding
- 51. Small, thin or twisted bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the ___ degree"
- 59. Residue when something is burned
- 61. It cools a home

See solution in next week's edition.

Love Fishing Word Search

U G T T I T P G O T L T A C K L E B I E
W P E D E M T H B S U I E S U S I M
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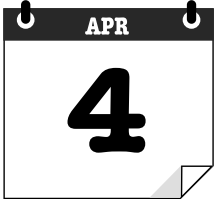
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Skunked

Spawning
Strike
Structure
Tackle
Terminal
Trolling

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1814: Napoleon abdicates the throne for the first time and names his son as Emperor of France.

1841: William Henry Harrison dies of pneumonia, becoming the first U.S. president to die in office.

1964: The Beatles occupy the top five spots on the Billboard Hot 100 pop chart.

SUDOKU

WEEK 13

		5					6	7
	4			9	1			
		7		6	2		9	
4						2	1	
	7	1		2		9		
	5							
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Level: Intermediate

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 fishing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = A)

A. 15 21 1 4
Clue: Rides on water

B. 9 1 4 9 7
Clue: Nab

C. 15 1 3 4
Clue: Lures in

D. 2 3 18 19 20 5
Clue: Heavy item

Answers: A. boat B. catch C. bait D. sinker

LETTER MIX-UP

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

LIFE JACKET

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

Riddle Me This

Why did the cowboy go fishing with a lasso?

Answer: To catch a Bull Shark or some Sea Horses

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

TCKAEL

Answer: Tackle

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Florida on April 2, 2002. One of my earliest roles was in the television series "The Glades," and I've had a few roles in films. These days I can be found "wolfing out" in a popular Netflix series opposite my macabre roommate.

Answer: Emma Myers

Peace of Mind.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 12 Crossword Puzzle Solution

A	P	U	S		A	R	R	O	Y	O		
G	Y	R	E		S	E	C	R	E	T	A	R
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N	O	N	A	L	C	O	H	O	L	I	C	M
T	R	U	T	H	S		E	W	E	S		T
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O	E	D		G	L	E	N		U	N	C	O
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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 12

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

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

South Gibson Rallies Late to Edge Fillies

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HUNTINGDON (March 26) — Huntingdon High School hosted South Gibson Thursday for a softball contest. The Fillies led early, but the Lady Hornets rallied late to take a 7-5 win.

Huntingdon struck first with two runs in the bottom of the second and added another pair in the third. South Gibson got on the board with a run in the top of the fourth, and the Fillies added one in the fifth. The Lady Hornets cut into the gap with two runs in the sixth, then took the lead with four in the seventh.

Huntingdon's Knox Bennett was 2-for-3 with a triple, two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Aubry Castleman was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Elli Wilson was 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Gracey Martin was 1-for-4 with a run scored. Camdyn Sellers was 0-for-2 with an RBI. Grier Bartholomew was 0-for-3 with an RBI.



Left, Marcie Mitchell took the complete-game loss for the Fillies, allowing seven runs (five earned) on 14 hits while walking two and striking out two. Right, Huntingdon second baseman Millie Luther runs down a weak fly ball for the out. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Lady Hornet Hadley Turnbow was 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored. Annie Whittemore was 3-for-5. Ashlyn Cannon was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Kynleigh Reece was 2-for-5 with two RBIs. Keyleigh Puckett was 1-for-4 with a walk and two RBIs. Hattie Claire Simpson was 1-for-4 with two runs scored. Acie Allen was 1-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored. Lydia Hall was 1-for-4. Leah Prescott was

0-for-2 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored.

Lydia Hall earned the complete-game victory for South Gibson, allowing five earned runs on six hits while walking none and striking out two.

Marcie Mitchell took the complete-game loss for the Fillies, allowing seven runs (five earned) on 14 hits while walking two and striking out two.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Left, Lady Bulldog Ava Bennett legs out a single in Gleason's Game One win. Right, Lady Bulldog Emma Pettit pitched two innings of relief in Game One and one inning in Game Two. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Gleason Dominates Fulton in Doubleheader

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GLEASON (March 24) — Gleason High School hosted Fulton City for a softball doubleheader Tuesday. Gleason was dominant in both contests, winning 19-0 and 16-1.

Game One: Gleason Lady Bulldogs 19, Fulton City Lady Bulldogs 0

Gleason scored 13 runs in the first frame and six in the second for the abbreviated shutout.

Ava Bennett was 3-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs, three runs scored and four stolen bases. Zoe Healy was 1-for-1 with a triple, four RBIs and two runs scored. Kadence Witherspoon was 1-for-1 with a walk, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Kinley Baumgartel was 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Emma Pettit was 1-for-1 with a walk and two RBIs. Haylye Roberts was 1-for-1 with an RBI and a run scored. Kristiana Addison was 0-for-1 with an RBI, three runs scored and three stolen bases.

es. Karlie Wilson was 0-for-0 with a walk, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base.

Olivia Scarbrough was 0-for-0 with two walks, an RBI and a run scored. Marley Crews was 0-for-0 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored. Sophie Beasley was 0-for-0 with a walk, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Presley Scott was 0-for-0 with an RBI and a run scored.

Olivia Scarbrough earned the win for Gleason, allowing no runs, hits or walks while striking out three in one inning. Emma Pettit pitched the final two frames, allowing no runs or hits while walking one and striking out four.

Game Two: Gleason 16, Fulton City 1

Gleason scored five runs in the bottom of the first and eight in the second. Fulton City got on the board with a run in the top of the third, but Gleason responded with three in the home half to end the game.

Karlie Wilson was 3-for-3 with two doubles, a walk, an RBI, three runs scored and four stolen bases. Zoe Healy was 3-for-3 with a dou-

ble, three RBIs and two runs scored. Marley Crews was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Kadence Witherspoon was 1-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Haylye Roberts was 1-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs, a run scored and two stolen bases. Kinley Baumgartel was 1-for-2 with an RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases. Ava Bennett was 1-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Olivia Scarbrough was 1-for-1 with a triple, two walks and two RBIs.

Kristiana Addison was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Sophie Beasley was 0-for-0 with a walk and an RBI. Brylee Robertson was 0-for-0 with a walk, a run scored and two stolen bases. Presley Scott was 0-for-0 with two runs scored.

Olivia Scarbrough earned the win for Gleason, allowing no runs or hits while walking one and striking out five in two innings. Emma Pettit pitched the final inning, allowing one earned run on two hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

War Eagles Trounce Haywood County, 24-8

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BROWNSVILLE (March 26) — West Carroll High School baseball traveled to face Haywood Thursday. The visiting War Eagles scored early and often for a 24-8 victory in four innings.

West Carroll set the tone with 13 runs in the top of the first frame. The Tomcats answered with five in the home half. The War Eagles plated four in the second, and Haywood pushed across three. West Carroll scored a pair in the third and five in the fourth to end the game early.

War Eagle Sawyer

Jackson was 1-for-2 with a double, two walks, five RBIs and two runs scored. R.Q. Thompson was 2-for-2 with a double, two walks, two RBIs, four runs scored and four stolen bases. Briggs West was 2-for-4 with a walk, three RBIs and two runs scored. Caleb Vermillion was 1-for-3 with a walk, four RBIs and four runs scored. Harlan Hames was 1-for-5 with three RBIs and a run scored. J.W. Rushing was 1-for-1. Ethan Baker was 1-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored. Jeremiah Petty was 0-for-2 with a walk, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Eli Bryant was 0-for-4 with a walk, two runs

scored and a stolen base.

Harlan Hames got the start for West Carroll, allowing eight runs (five earned) on four hits while walking two and striking out three in an inning and a third. Ethan Baker pitched the final two and two-thirds innings, allowing no runs on two hits with no walks and four strikeouts.

J. Hines got the start for Haywood, recording no outs while allowing six runs (five earned) on no hits with three walks. J. Bond pitched four innings of relief, allowing 18 runs (ten earned) on nine hits while walking seven and striking out one.

HUNTINGDON DIAMOND CLASSIC



Left, Rebel pitcher Parker Ross battles swirling wind and stretches to catch a shallow pop-up. Right, Rebel third baseman Fletcher Holt charges a weak grounder and throws to first base for the out. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Fall to Hornets in 44-Run Slugfest

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HUNTINGDON (March 26) — Huntingdon High School's annual Huntingdon Diamond Classic baseball tournament began Thursday afternoon with a contest between McKenzie and South Gibson. Offense ruled the day as both teams found outs hard to come by, and the Hornets claimed a 27-17 win in five innings.

McKenzie struck first with three runs in the top of the first frame, but South Gibson scored nine in the home half. The Hornets added four in the second. The Rebels plated five in the top of the third, and South Gibson responded with eight in the bottom half. McKenzie punched back with three runs in the fourth, answered for four by the Hornets. Needing four to extend the game, the Rebels managed six in the top of the fifth, but South Gibson scored two in the home half to end it.

Rebel Fletcher Holt was 4-for-4 with a home run, three doubles, eight RBIs and two runs scored. Xander Johnsey was 2-for-4 with a home run, a triple, three

RBIs and two runs scored. Cooper Davidson was 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Parker Ross was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Ace Brown was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Cole Brown was 1-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored. Avery Brown was 0-for-1 with two walks, an RBI and three runs scored. Lelan Gordon was 0-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Maddox Shiell was 0-for-4 with an RBI.

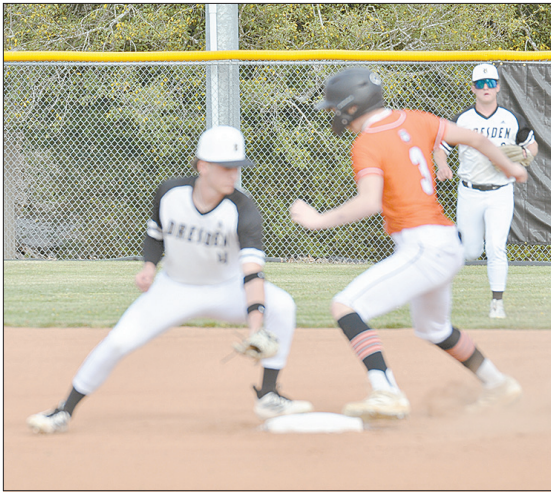
Hornet Thomas Baker was 3-for-4 with a home run, a walk, six RBIs, four runs scored and a stolen base. Cason Coggins was 4-for-4 with a triple, a double, four RBIs and four runs scored. Brock Beasley was 2-for-4 with a double, a walk, two RBIs, five runs scored and a stolen base. Mark Brafa was 2-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs and four runs scored. Davis McKinney was 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Jacob Bateman was 1-for-5 with a double and seven RBIs. Cade Allen was 1-for-5 with three RBIs. Porter Prince was 0-for-1 with two walks and four runs scored. Tyler DeHaan was 0-for-4 with a

walk and a run scored.

Jason Strickland got the start for South Gibson, allowing eight runs (four earned) on six hits while walking three and striking out four in two and two-thirds innings. Gage Allen pitched an inning and a third, allowing three earned runs on one hit while walking one and striking out three. Drake Lewis threw the final frame, allowing six earned runs on five hits while walking two.

Tucker Redmond got the start for McKenzie, allowing four earned runs on no hits and two walks in two-thirds of an inning. Ripken Thompson faced four batters, allowing four earned runs on four hits with no walks. Parker Ross pitched two-thirds of an inning, allowing five runs (three earned) on three hits while walking one and striking out one. Aiden Legens threw one frame, allowing two earned runs on one hit with two walks and one strikeout. Maddox Shiell pitched the final inning and two-thirds, allowing ten runs (six earned) on six hits while walking two and striking out two.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Left, Bulldog Ashton Morgan avoids the tag as he steals second base in Tuesday's game at Dresden. Right, Bulldog shortstop Ty Keeling makes the throw to first base after fielding a sharp bouncer. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Dresden Sweeps Gleason in Home-Away Set

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GLEASON/DRESDEN (March 23-24) — Gleason High School faced Dresden Monday and Tuesday for a home-away set of district baseball games. Monday, in Gleason, the visiting Lions took a 15-1 win. Tuesday, in Dresden, the Lions claimed a 14-4 victory.

Dresden Lions 15, Gleason Bulldogs 1

In Monday's game in Gleason, the Lions struck first with a run in the top of the third, but the Bulldogs answered in kind in the home half. Dresden plated four in the fourth, then ten in the sixth.

Bulldog Ashton Morgan was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk and a run scored. Bryce Pettit was 1-for-2. Brody Sanders was 1-for-3.

Lion Landon Carter was 2-for-4 with a grand slam, a double, a walk, six RBIs and a run scored. Case Perry was 2-for-3 with a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. David Odle was 1-for-3 with a walk, three RBIs and two runs scored. Cooper Allman was 1-for-1 with a double, two walks, three runs scored and a stolen base. Daylan Davis was 1-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a stolen base. Luke DiPietro was 1-for-4 with a walk, two runs scored and a stolen base. Rylan Davis was 1-for-4 with a walk and a run scored. Parker Scott was 0-for-2 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored. James Mount was 0-for-0

with a walk and an RBI.

Rylan Davis earned the win for Dresden, allowing one unearned run on three hits while walking none and striking out four in four innings. Luke DiPietro pitched an inning of relief, allowing no runs or hits while walking two and striking out one. Dawson Slone threw the final frame, allowing no runs, hits or walks and striking out one.

Bryce Pettit took the loss for Gleason, allowing 11 runs (nine earned) on eight hits while walking seven and striking out four in five and a third innings. Ty Keeling faced three batters, allowing three earned runs on three walks. Wylan Gustafson pitched a third of an inning, allowing one earned run on one hit and three walks. Jaxson Morgan faced the final batter, resulting in a strikeout.

Lions 14, Bulldogs 4

Gleason struck first in Tuesday's game with a run in the top of the first, but Dresden pulled ahead with four in the home half and another three in the second. The Bulldogs plated three in the top of the third, and the Lions answered with seven in the bottom half.

Bulldog Trey Mayo was 1-for-1 with two walks and an RBI. Bryce Pettit was 0-for-0 with a walk and an RBI sacrifice fly. Parker Morgan was 0-for-0 with a walk and a run scored. Caleb Jones was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored. Ashton Morgan was 0-for-2 with

a run scored and a stolen base. Drake Lehmkuhl was 0-for-2 with a run scored. Brody Sanders was 0-for-3 with an RBI.

Lion Luke DiPietro was 2-for-2 with two walks, two RBIs and three runs scored. Daylan Davis was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Rylan Davis was 1-for-2 with a double, two walks, an RBI and three runs scored. Case Perry was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. David Odle was 1-for-1 with a walk, a sacrifice fly and an RBI. Landon Carter was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Donald Novotny was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Cooper Allman was 0-for-1 with a walk and a run scored. Parker Scott was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Landon Carter got the start for Dresden, allowing four runs (three earned) with no hits and three walks while striking out four in two innings. Dawson Slone earned the win in relief, allowing no runs on one hit with no walks and one strikeout in two innings. Nathan Taylor pitched the final frame, allowing no runs or hits with two walks.

Parker Morgan took the loss for Gleason, allowing four runs (three earned) on two hits while walking four and striking out two in one inning. Ashton Morgan pitched three innings of relief, allowing ten runs (eight earned) on seven hits while walking five and striking out six.