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Carroll County Electric Enhances Outage Reporting System

BY JOEL WASHBURN

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CARROLL COUNTY (April 30) — Residents of Carroll County now have a faster, high-tech way to report power failures. During the April 30 meeting of the Carroll County Electric Department Board of Directors, General Manager Ryan Drewry and Office Manager Kelly Fields officially unveiled a new digital monitoring and reporting system designed to

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Carroll County Electric Board of Directors.

Huntingdon Changes Trash Collection Services

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS

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HUNTINGDON (April 28) — The Huntingdon Town Council met Tuesday, April 28, at Huntingdon City Hall with several new business items to consider — including a decision to change solid waste collection services from Waste Management to Republic Services.

Republic Services submitted the lowest residential bid at \$11.95 per unit per month, beating out Waste Management's bid of \$13.80 per unit. United Disposal Partners was also considered.

The new contract takes effect in July.

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McKenzie Council to Call For November Election

The McKenzie City Council meets Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Currently one item is on the agenda: the discussion/approval for Resolution 26-005 for November Municipal Elections. The mayor's seat and three council seats will be placed on the November ballot. The incumbents for the seats are Mayor Ryan Griffin, Bobby Young, Carol Armpriest and Tom Alexander.

TENNESSEE GOP Seeks To Redraw Congressional Districts

NASHVILLE (May 1) — Under intense pressure from national and state Republican leaders, the Tennessee General Assembly is set to convene a special legislative session on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The primary objective is a mid-cycle redistricting effort designed to eliminate the state's 9th Congressional District—the final Democratic stronghold in Tennessee, currently centered in Memphis.

The move follows a directive from Governor Bill Lee, who issued the proclamation on May 1 at the urging of President Donald Trump and U.S. Senator Marsha

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CARROLL COUNTY



Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2026 (L to R) Front Row: Amanda Renfro, Jane DeBose (representing her father, Murray Smith), Pam Compton (representing her husband, Johnnie Compton) and Andrea "Angie" Holder. Back Row: Johnny Carter, Alex Matlock, James Penn McKenzie and Wesley Beal, Jr. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner.

Sports Hall of Fame Inducts Eight

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS

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HUNTINGDON (May 2) — The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame honored eight distinguished former athletes from Carroll County at its 24th annual banquet, inducting them

into the Class of 2026.

This year's inductees ranged from the Class of 1964 to the Class of 2008, representing McKenzie High School, Clarksburg School, Huntingdon High School, Trezevant High School and Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School.

Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame Chairman Lex Suite introduced each inductee, awarding them each with a plaque and some time to speak to banquet attendees.

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Tennessee Justices Tour 24th District

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS

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HUNTINGDON (April 28) — Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Mary L. Wagner and Judge Kyle A. Hixson visited the state's 24th Judicial District on Tuesday, April 28, to meet with local attorneys, court staff, and elected officials.

The visit is part of an ongoing effort by the court to engage with court clerks and judicial staff across Tennessee. Wagner, a Shelby County native appointed to the



Carroll County attorneys, court staff and elected officials met Justice Mary L. Wagner and Judge Kyle A. Hixson Tuesday, April 28. Pictured (L to R): Michael Thorne, Sarah Bradberry, Jayden McGee, Sheri Boyd, Judge Brent Bradberry, Justice Mary L. Wagner, Judge Kyle A. Hixson, Tim Nanney, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler and Brad Hurley. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

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The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon-cutting during the open house at MJ's Mercantile Friday. Owner Lee Anne Teague cuts the ribbon, joined by community and business leaders. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

MJ's Mercantile Hosts Open House, Ribbon-Cutting

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (May 1) — MJ's Mercantile at 25 Henderson Drive celebrated its one-year anniversary Friday with an open house and ribbon-cutting.

The curated vendor mall is owned by Lee Anne Teague and houses 36 vendors and consigners.

Teague told The Banner the business is named after Mama Jean, the grandmother who raised her.

Besides room after room of artwork, antiques and other treasures, she said MJ's offers classes such as painting, candlemaking and soap-making and hosts meetings for small groups. The mall also holds Facebook Live sales every other Thursday and will soon add Whatnot live sales.

MJ's also provides in-home consignment sale services, such as for estates.

Friday's ribbon-cutting was sponsored by the McK-

enzie Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments were available for the all-day open house, and special sales continued through the weekend.

Teague is a Kentucky native who attended Bethel College and since then has lived in Paris, where she also owns 38242 Vintage Mall. The two malls share a staff of five employees.

MJ's Mercantile is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.



Carroll County High School Athletes of the Year Class of 2026 (L to R) Front Row: Madison Holder, Charli Weatherford, Hailey Mitchell and Broox Bennett. Back Row: Seth Thomas, Ryan Toombs, Chandler Rimmer and Caleb Ezell. Not pictured: Addison Milam. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Ten Students Selected as County Athletes of the Year

BY LYNDESEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (May 2) — During Saturday night's Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame banquet, ten students were recognized as Carroll County High School Athletes of the Year.

Chosen for their achievements in the classroom and in their respective sports, these ten students each received \$300 scholarships funded by the Jimmy Carey Foundation and the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame to be used at a university or trade school.

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame Board selected two students from each of Carroll County's five high schools.

Clarksburg School

Addison Milam is the daughter of Josh and Erica Milam. In softball, Milam has had 200 career strikeouts and was named All-District for four years and All-Tournament for two years. Milam also received the Rocket Award. She played volleyball, where she was named All-Academic and All-District. In basketball, she was Most Improved and received the Coach's Award and the Three Point Award. She was also named All-District in basketball. Milam plans to attend Jackson State Community College and study nursing.

Trae Cobb is the son of Nick and Lindsey Cobb. He's involved in basketball, for which he was named All-District for two years. He is in the 1000-Point Club, having scored over 1000 career points. He was Defensive MVP, Offensive MVP, and Team MVP in All-Academic District 12 A in baseball. He was All-District for two years and won the Golden Glove Award. He played basketball and baseball for five years and was also on the golf team. Cobb plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and get a degree in Health and Human Performance to become an athletic trainer.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School

Madison Holder is a softball player, making it to the 12A All-Tournament and 12A All-District teams. She was

also named to the TSCA All-State team. She was a 2025 12A District, Co-MVP. She is the 2025 West Tennessee 1A Miss Softball. She is also involved in cross country. Holder received the 2024 Award of Excellence for sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. Holder plans to attend Covenant College and play softball at the next level while majoring in Biology. Her wish is to attend medical school.

Seth Thomas is the son of David and Amanda Thomas. He's a two-time All-Region athlete in football. He's second in all-time receiving yards in school history. He's a two-time Nick Brown Wide Receiver Award recipient. He also received the Vernon Spencer Sportsmanship Award. He was All-Tournament in soccer. Thomas plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall, majoring in Business. He hopes to become a real estate broker.

Huntingdon High School

Broox Bennett is the son of Seth and Jill Bennett. He is the Huntingdon Quarterback Club MVP and the football team captain. He participated in the North and South All-Star Game. He earned First Team All-Region and Second Team All-West Tennessee in football. He also received the Huntingdon Linebacker Award. In baseball, he was named All-District. He was also named to the 2024 Super-Sophomore baseball team. Bennett plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall and major in Finance.

Caleb Ezell is the son of Clint and Monica Ezell. He is a four-year starter in basketball and baseball. Ezell earned All-District, All-Region and All-State in baseball and All-Region in basketball. He has 1300 career points and 300 assists in basketball. In baseball, his career pitching record is 22 and seven. Ezell plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall and major in Accounting.

McKenzie High School

Charli Weatherford is the daughter of Kelly and Clara Weatherford. She earned an eighth-place individual fin-

ish in the 2025 TSSAA State Golf Championship and has been honored by the McKenzie Mayor and City Council with a proclamation for her golf accomplishments. She is a four-time individual top-three finisher in the TSSAA Division 1 Class A District Tournament. She is a match medalist and a three-time individual top 10 finisher in the TSSAA Division 1 Class A Region 7 tournament. In her senior year, Weatherford had a scoring average of 38 for matches and 75 for tournaments. She's a match medalist for the 11-11 regular season matches and second individual finish in the three-by-three regular season tournaments. Weatherford also played two years on the basketball team. Weatherford has signed to play golf for the Bethel University Lady Wildcats.

Ryan Toombs is the son of Randy and Reni Toombs. He was named to the 2024 Football All-Region First Team. He was All-Region Prep, Red Zone, All-State Class 1A 2024 and 2025. He was a 2025 Tennessee FCA All-State, he was second team All-West Tennessee and he was also involved with the Northwest Tennessee All-Star game. He also ran track and field at McKenzie. He plans to pursue a career in aviation and become a professional pilot. He will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and study Sports Management.

West Carroll High School

Hailey Mitchell is the daughter of Kisha Sherrock and Mike Mitchell. She made the Basketball All-District team in 2024 and 2025. She was also on the All-District team in 2026. Mitchell was named Basketball All-Academic in 2026. She is a member of the 500-Rebound Club. Mitchell plans to continue her basketball career at the collegiate level.

Chandler Rimmer is the son of Andy and Lindsay Morton. He has received the 2026 All-Academic award. He is a member of the 2026 All-Academic basketball team. He also plays basketball and golf. Chandler plans to attend a four-year university to study business and marketing. He hopes to work as a day trader and entrepreneur upon graduation.

Read more about the 2026 Carroll County Athletes of the Year at www.mckenziebanner.com.

SMOOTH SAILING AHEAD



A massive convoy of road construction equipment works to 'mill and pave' State Route 22.

TDOT Mills, Paves State Route 22

CARROLL COUNTY — Commuters traveling between McKenzie and Huntingdon can expect a smoother ride by summer's end, as the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has a major resurfacing initiative along State Route 22.

The project, which began recently, aims to revitalize a critical transit artery in Carroll County. Stretching from the southern edge of McKenzie toward the Huntingdon city limits, the work focuses on a comprehensive "mill and pave" process designed to erase years of wear and tear, potholes, and weathering. Construction crews literally remove the top layer of the existing pavement, reheat it, and

reapply it in a single pass. Replacing the top layer of asphalt now prevents much more expensive sub-surface repairs down the road.

Crews are currently active in several zones. While the project is essential for long-term road safety, it has brought the familiar sight of orange barrels and flaggers to the daily commute.

• **Lane Closures:** Motorists should prepare for intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures. Traffic is being reduced to one lane in active work zones, often controlled by flaggers or temporary signals.

• **Intersection Improvements:** Beyond simple paving, the project includes specific upgrades at key junctions. Notably, inter-

section improvements at Clyde Road and Lexington Street near the Huntingdon Industrial Park are underway to enhance safety for heavy truck traffic entering and exiting local facilities like Dynamix Casting Fluxes.

The SR-22 project is part of a larger \$30 million regional infrastructure investment by TDOT for the 2026 season. It coincides with ongoing work on US-79 (SR-76) and resurfacing efforts on US-70 (SR-1) near Huntingdon Square.

Local law enforcement has increased patrols in the construction zones to ensure compliance with reduced speed limits. Drivers are urged to eliminate distractions, expect delays and watch for workers.

County Likely to Increase Tire Disposal Fee

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex in Huntingdon. The board has a light agenda for the May session. Included on the county agenda are the following:

Resolution 5-01-2026 reappoints Brad Hurley and Rita Jones to the Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals and Carroll County Regional Planning Commission. These terms will end in May 2030.

Resolution 5-02-2026 reappoints Barry Mac Murphy, Dr. Jay Phipps, and Darrell Ridgely to the Carroll County Audit Committee. These terms will end in May 2030.

Resolution 5-03-2026

- Resolution Authorizing the Carroll County Clerk to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Memphis Communications Corporation for a Quadient Mailing System. The proposal includes an IX-AF Digital Postage System, along with the associated features and services necessary for County operations. The proposed agreement provides for a lease term of 63 months. The vendor offered a rebate to assist with the termination of the County's existing lease agreement.

Resolution 5-04-2026 would adjust the waste tire tipping fees. The following fee schedule was recommended by the Carroll County Solid Waste Committee based on tire rim size

and tire mounted on rims, as indicated: Car Tires — \$6 (tire off rim) / \$10 (tire on rim). Light Truck — \$6 (tire off rim) / \$10 (tire on rim). Semi-Truck — \$25 (tire off rim) / \$50 (tire on rim). Implement/Agriculture — \$1/ inch rim size (tire off rim) / \$2/inch rim size (tire on rim). Motorcycle — \$6 (tire off rim) / \$10 (tire on rim). Super Single Truck — \$35 (tire off rim) / \$70 (tire on rim). Loader — \$30 (tire off rim) / \$60 (tire on rim). Earthmover tires are \$25 a ton.

If any citizen is interested in addressing the County Commission, they are welcome to sign up for the citizens' forum prior to the meeting.

Fame

...From Front Page

Wesley Beal, Jr. is a 1964 graduate of McKenzie High School. He was a student leader and a standout athlete in football and basketball for the Rebels, being in the starting lineup for three seasons in both sports. He was quarterback and a defensive back for the Rebel football team, setting a record during the last game of his senior season when he intercepted a pass and ran it back 99 yards for a touchdown.

James Penn McKenzie is a 1990 graduate of McKenzie High School. McKenzie was equally dominant as an offensive and defensive lineman for the Rebels, as he led them to the Class A state playoffs. He made 55 solo tackles, 47 assists, had 10 sacks and deflected 10 passes while playing various positions across the front line. McKenzie was often the leading scorer for the Rebel basketball team. McKenzie went on to a successful collegiate football career as a defensive guard with the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University.

Amanda Renfroe is a 2008 graduate of Clarksburg High School, where she got her start as a softball and basketball player. She averaged 16 points and 7 rebounds per game and scored over 1,000 career points for the Lady Rockets basketball team from 2004-2008. Renfroe excelled in softball, becoming a four-time All District Award winner. She continued her softball career on a scholarship to Bethel University in 2008. Her career home run record still holds today at Bethel University.

Andrea "Angie" Holder is a 1986 graduate of Huntingdon High School, where she was a four-year starter in softball and basketball. She earned All District, All Region and All West Tennessee in basketball. Her senior year, her basketball skills earned her a full four-year scholarship to Lambuth College. She was a four-year starter at Lambuth, earning All Conference Honors her senior year.

The late Johnnie Compton is a 1967 graduate of Huntingdon High School. He was a three-year starter for the Mustangs football team. He was selected by his coach Paul Ward as the Best Blocker on the Team his junior year. He earned All Volunteer Conference and All West Tennessee his senior year. Johnnie anchored the defense that allowed only 33 points in 11 games. They were undefeated and Volunteer Conference Champions. They ended the year ranked third in the state.

Compton was represented by his wife, Pam Compton.

Johnny Carter is a 1967 graduate of Huntingdon High School. He played football and basketball all three years of high school. He was co-captain and leading scorer his senior year in basketball and earned the Best Defensive Player Award. In football, he played wide receiver on offense and defensive back on defense. He earned All Volunteer Conference and Honorable Mention All West Tennessee his senior year. He helped the Mustangs offense to a record 430 points (at the time) his senior season. His team won the Jaycee Bowl in Gallatin against Portland that year.

The late Murray Smith was a standout football play-

er at Trezevant High School. He received an athletic scholarship to Mississippi State University, where he played both football and baseball his freshman year. He graduated from Mississippi State in 1960 with a B.S. in Education.

After graduating, Smith returned to West Tennessee. He became the head football coach and principal at Camden High School at just 23 years old, and he later served as the head football coach at Waverly Central. Smith was represented by his daughter, Jane DeBose.

Alex Matlock is a 2008 graduate of Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School. Matlock was the 2007 Class A Mr. Football, a two-time All-West Tennessee selection and the 2007 Co-MVP. On the baseball diamond, Matlock launched 34 home runs. Matlock also contributed 400 career points on the basketball court. As a Bethel University Wildcat, he appeared in 43 career games and became a respected team captain in his final two seasons. Matlock participated in the NFL draft process and competed in regional and super regional combines. He played arena football with the New Orleans Voodoo and Utah Blaze and in the developmental ranks with the Virginia Beach Stingrays. He is now a social studies teacher and co-defensive coordinator at Montrose High School in Colorado.

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 2001, and the first inductee banquet was April 16, 2002. Since then, 149 individuals have been inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame.

Read more about this year's inductees at www.mckenziebanner.com

Bethel University to Celebrate Class Of 2026 at Spring Commencement

MCKENZIE — Bethel University will honor 343 graduates during its Spring Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9, at the Rosemary and Harry L. Crisp II Arena. The program begins at 10 a.m.

The ceremony marks a significant milestone for the university as it celebrates students from the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Professional Studies, and the College of Health Sciences.



Walter Butler, president emeritus of Bethel, is the commencement speaker.

This year's commencement address will be delivered by a familiar face to the Carroll County and Bethel community: Walter Butler.

Butler, who served as Bethel's president until his retirement in late 2023, returns to the podium as President Emeritus. His storied career in public service spans decades, including 16 years as Carroll County Trustee and a tenure as Carroll County Mayor. On the state level, Butler served as Commissioner of Personnel and State Parks under Governor Don Sundquist, cementing a legacy of leadership that transitioned from the courthouse to the state capitol, to the university's business office, and then on to the university's executive office.

The event will be presided over by current Bethel President Perry Moulds, PhD, who will officially confer the degrees. The ceremony will open with an invocation by Rev. Anne Hames, DMin, and will feature the presentation of candidates by Joseph R. Hames, MD.

Following the commencement address and the conferring of degrees, C. Scott Shepherd, DWS, will lead the graduates in the university's Alma Mater before a final benediction closes the morning's festivities.

University officials encourage guests to arrive early, as seating in the Crisp Arena is expected to fill quickly for the 10 a.m. start. For those unable to attend in person, the university traditionally provides a digital stream of the event to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2026.

About Bethel University

Bethel University, located in McKenzie, Tennessee, is a Christian institution committed to academic excellence and personal growth. Offering a diverse range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, Bethel equips students to lead with purpose and impact in their communities and beyond.

- Class of 2026 By the Numbers**
- **College of Arts & Sciences:** 151 graduates, the majority of whom (92) are receiving Bachelor of Science degrees.
 - **College of Professional Studies:** 82 graduates will receive degrees, including 65 Bachelor of Science candidates.
 - **College of Health Sciences:** 63 graduates will enter the workforce, including 50 candidates for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) and 13 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) recipients.
 - **Graduate Programs:** 47 advanced degrees will be conferred, including 32 Master of Business Administration (MBA).

February Unemployment Rates Higher than in 2025

BY LYNDSAY SUMMERS
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Unemployment rates in all but 10 Tennessee counties were higher in February 2026 than they were a year before, according to February's Labor Force Estimates released on April 23 by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Of those ten, six counties' rates decreased and four counties' rates were unchanged.

Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties each showed a 0.6-percent-point increase in unemployment between February 2025 and February 2026. The tri-counties also experienced marginal unemployment growth between January and February 2026.

The Labor Force Estimates indicate that 3.6% of Tennessee's 3,405,018-member labor force was unemployed in

February 2026. Tennessee's rate fell 0.8 percent points below the national unemployment rate of 4.4% in February.

Carroll County had an unemployment rate of 4.5% in February, which was a 0.2-percent-point increase from January's rate of 4.3% unemployment. Of Carroll County's 12,376-person labor force, 554 were unemployed in February.

In Henry County, 4.8% of the labor force population was unemployed in February. This is a 0.5-percent-point increase from January's rate of 4.3%. Of Henry County's 12,883-person labor force, 623 were unemployed in February.

Weakley County's unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percent points in February, earning an unemployment rate of 4.3%. Weakley County's January unemployment rate was

3.9%. Of Henry County's 14,005-person labor force, 600 were unemployed in February.

Unemployment rates increased in 87 of Tennessee's 95 counties between January and February. Five counties' unemployment rates were unchanged, and three counties' unemployment rates decreased.

Counties with improved rates between January and February 2026 were Decatur County (5.2% unemployment in February; 0.3-percent-point decrease from January), Moore County (3.5% unemployment in February; 0.2-percent-point decrease from January) and Perry County (6.6% unemployment in February; 4.7-percent-point decrease from January).

While 79 counties had a rate of less than 5%, 16 counties had unemployment rates between 5-10%.

Williamson, Macon and Cheatham counties had the lowest unemployment rate at 3%. Pickett County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.7%.

Electric

...From Front Page

bridge the communication gap between the utility and its customers.

The new interface, provided by Murray, Kentucky-based Hometown Grid, marks a significant shift in how the department handles service interruptions.

A New Way to Report

The centerpiece of the upgrade is a streamlined reporting system. Customers experiencing an outage can now report it instantly via phone or text message.

Reporting Number: 1-888-507-8284

Text Capabilities: Customers can simply text the number to alert the department of a blackout.

Online Access: The interface is also live on the department's website. It shows near-real-time outages and updates the screen with the location and total number of outages. During Monday, April 27's windstorm, the outage map helped customers stay apprised of outage locations. Approximately 1,000 customers were temporarily without power during the day.

Office Manager Kelly Fields emphasized that the system isn't just for taking reports—it's for follow-through. Once crews restore power, the system

will automatically notify the customer to confirm that their electricity is actually back on. This "closed-loop" communication ensures that individual service issues aren't missed after a main line is repaired.

"It's Not Spam"

During the meeting, board members and staff discussed the challenges posed by modern caller ID. Because the automated system uses an 888-prefix, officials are concerned that some residents might ignore the calls or texts, thinking they are telemarketers.

"Our guys can call back in the field to show that number," Fields explained. She urged property owners to save the 1-888-507-8284 number in their contacts to ensure they receive vital updates regarding their utility service.

The transition to Hometown Grid's platform also provides the department's linemen with better data. Ryan Drewry noted that the system had already been "in action" during recent service calls, providing more "knowledge" to both the staff and the public.

"How we do business will be a little bit different," Drewry told the board. "It will be more engaging and improve the communication coming in and going out. The guys are excited about it."

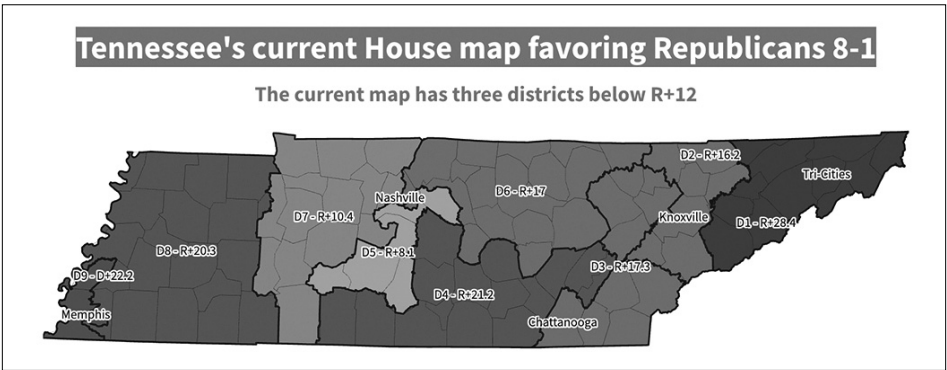
For those who may have missed the online launch, the department plans to include the new contact in-

formation on "mail backers" (bill inserts) in the coming month.

The Board also approved a change order for the construction of the new substation in the Leach Community, in the 1000-acre lake area. Consultant Scott Burlison said that 7,000 cubic yards of additional earthwork needs to be removed and replaced with more compactable soil. So, equipment will be arriving at the site. Burlison said he hopes the substation will be completed before the end of 2026.

The board was notified that the Tennessee General Assembly approved the Chase Carlton Act. Carlton was a lineman for Carroll County who died in an accident during a major rainstorm. The legislation provides \$50,000 for each of the five years to the family of a lineman killed in the line of duty. The legislation was passed unanimously through the necessary committees and unanimously in both chambers of the legislature. Carlton's widow, Samantha, championed the legislation. Carroll County Electric employees held a memorial on the one-year anniversary of Carlton's death.

The board concluded the meeting by approving the March vouchers. The Carroll County Electric Department Board of Directors is scheduled to meet again on May 28, 2026.



Redraw

...From Front Page

Blackburn. Supporters frame the redistricting push as a necessary step to "cement the America First agenda" by securing an all-Republican congressional delegation for the state.

The legislature last redrew the state's lines in 2022, a process that split Nashville into three separate districts, successfully flipping the 5th District to Republican control and leaving Tennessee with an 8-1 GOP advantage.

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), a candidate for Governor, said, "I urge the state legislature to reconvene to redistrict another Republican seat in Memphis. It's essential to cement President Trump's agenda and the Golden Age of America. I've vowed to keep Tennessee a red state, and as Governor, I'll do everything I can to make this map a reality."

This new, mid-decade effort targets the 9th District, a majority-minority seat currently held by Representative Steve Cohen (D-Memphis). If successful, the proposed maps would likely carve the Memphis metro area into multiple Republican-leaning rural districts, potentially leaving Tennessee without a single Democratic representative in Washington for the first time in modern history.

Critics claim this is an effort by legislators to choose the voters, rather than the voters choosing the legislators.

The timing of the session is particularly contentious, coinciding with local primary elections in Shelby County. Democrats have decried the move as a "light the Voting Rights Act on fire" moment.

"By again bending the knee to a president desperate for help, our governor is abusing his power to try and rig elections and silence the voice of Tennesseans," said State Representative John

Ray Clemmons, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

Republicans argue that a recent April 2026 Supreme Court ruling in *Louisiana v. Callais*—which weakened certain protections under the Voting Rights Act—provides the legal opening to redraw the map without the previous constraints regarding majority-minority districts.

Key Deadlines for the November 2026 Election

Because the special session is redrawing districts just months before the election, the legislature is expected to adjust several administrative deadlines.

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Trash

...From Front Page

"By going with Republic, our rate will not have to change for a year," Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards said.

With Tuesday night's vote, there will be a 60-day window of time to make the transition from Waste Management to Republic Services.

Republic Services' Todd Chamberlain said Republic Services will follow a communications plan aligned with town guidance, using local media, newspaper, radio and social media to keep residents in the know.

He expects to coordinate with Waste Management during their last week of collection. Republic vehicles will follow as Waste Management empties and removes their trash cans from residents' properties. Republic vehicles will then drop new trash cans behind them so there is no interruption between services.

The council gave final approval to Ordinance No. 656, establishing rules for the installation, maintenance and usage of grinder pump systems in areas where gravity-flow sewer connections aren't possible due to elevation or other obstacles.

The town will continue to provide maintenance of grinder pump units installed prior to June 2023 if needed, if the maintenance is created by normal wear and deterioration of the grinder pump unit, but property owners will be billed for the cost of parts for maintenance. The town's

fiscal responsibility ends if the property is sold.

For all new construction, property owners and developers will be charged full cost for grinder pumps and associated electrical installation and operation expenses.

For new residential subdivision development, the developer or subsequent contractor will pay for electrical equipment needed as specified by the Town of Huntingdon and for the initial cost of the grinder pump unit and the service lines to the property. The property owner will assume the costs of electrical service upon operation.

The ordinance gives the town the right to access grinder pump systems on private property for inspections, repairs and emergencies.

It provides a list of prohibited uses, including disposal of toxic household substances, discharge of pet hair or lint, disposal of grease and wipes into the grinder pump system.

Property owners who fail to properly maintain their systems and cause a sewage overflow can be held liable for all cleanup, repair and regulatory fines.

The council also approved Resolution No. 026-05, formally calling the November 3, 2026, municipal election for three at-large council seats.

Council seats held by John Sanders, Andrew Maddox and Kelly Eubanks are on the ballot this fall. Candidates must file a petition of nomination signed by at least 25 qualified electors with the Carroll County Election Commission by noon on August 20, 2026, to be placed on the ballot for these seats.

The council awarded a bid

for two new rooftop HVAC units at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center to Tim Ferguson Plumbing, Air, Electric in Jackson, Tenn. Five firms submitted bids, with Ferguson's bid of \$16,954.00 being the lowest.

The council approved two purchases for the Huntingdon Street Department: a Bush Hog 4110 single flex-wing rotary cutter, priced at \$21,750 from B&G Equipment, and a 2026 Freightliner Tandem Truck, priced at \$180,435.00 under TAG Truck Center of Jackson under a Sourcwell contract.

The council approved two water bill adjustments. Before adjustment, the two water bills were priced at \$1,404.12 (due to a water leak) and \$1,897.21 (due to a busted pipe). Both bills were reduced to \$250 under a precedent set at previous meetings.

In other business, the council approved a purchase of \$47,199.80 for fire department gear. Included items were four 3M Scott Air-Paks, eight carbon-wrapped snap-change cylinders, 19 AV3000 HT facepieces with Kevlar lining and four-strap harnesses and 24 SCBA mask bags.

The purchases were funded by the State of Tennessee 2026 Volunteer Fire Department Grant.

Mayor Edwards also read a Purple UP! proclamation, recognizing April 15 as Military Children Day. He noted that the Huntingdon High School Fillies basketball team received the Pinnacle of Excellence Award on April 26.

Huntingdon's next council meeting is Tuesday, May 26, in the council room of Huntingdon City Hall at 5:15 p.m.

Tour

...From Front Page

Supreme Court in early 2024, emphasized that administrative work is a significant, if often unseen, part of a justice's role.

"A large part of our job is writing opinions and doing legal work," Wagner said. "But a huge component of it that I think goes unnoticed and that I'm really enjoying is the administrative part. That is getting to work with all the different courts and clerks on the various commissions."

The tour continues a tradition established by the late Judge John Everett Williams, who frequently invited appellate and Supreme Court jurists to the district to meet the people working "where the rubber meets the road," according to Hixson.

Hixson, currently a judge

on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, was appointed by Gov. Bill Lee to join the Supreme Court on July 1. He will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Holly Kirby.

During a session in the Carroll County Chancery Courtroom, the justices discussed several statewide initiatives, including a new court management system. The project, which received funding from the General Assembly last session, will introduce statewide e-filing and a uniform case management system. Wagner noted that while e-filing is primarily focused on circuit courts, officials hope it may eventually expand to general sessions.

The justices also addressed the creation of the Office of Appointed Counsel Commission (ACC), which aims to manage the appointment of defense attorneys and address shortages in rural areas. The commission

is currently piloting a new computer system in the 8th Judicial District to streamline payments and appointments for indigent defense.

Circuit Judge Brent Bradberry, who helped organize the visit, noted that Supreme Court Rule 11 assigns a circuit justice to every district to oversee the "wheels of justice" and ensure dockets move efficiently. He called the local meeting a meaningful opportunity for clerks who rarely interact with the state's highest-ranking judges.

The afternoon schedule included stops in Henry and Benton counties. Hixson described the 24th District as a "beautiful district" and expressed the importance of connecting with trial courts. "We know where the real work is taking place," Hixson said. "The boots on the ground type stuff is in courtrooms like this across the state."

Things In My Head with Charles Manfredi



THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Don't Do Just What's Most Convenient

It was just one brief scene from our marriage of ten thousand scenes, but it was one that had the power of the burning of Atlanta scene in “Gone With the Wind.”

Walking into the kitchen, I bent down to throw some trash into the trashcan. Noticing the can was full, I released the sides of the plastic bag from the can and pulled the drawstring.

Standing a few feet from me, cooking supper, Brenda said, “What’re you doing?”

Like a burglar caught in the beam of a spotlight, I froze and turned into an eight-year-old child and think I’m in trouble.

Still bent over with my hands on the trash bag, I looked at Brenda and cautiously replied, “I’m taking out the trash?”

A satisfied smile spread across her face.

“How nice,” she said. “I think that’s the first time you’ve ever taken out the trash without me asking you to. Thank you so much.”

And she gave me a kiss.

At that point, I was more confused than ever. But I was smart enough to not say anything stupid and spoil a good moment.

Lifting the plastic bag from the can, I proceeded out of the house and walked to the garbage can.

On the way, I asked myself, “Who would’ve thought taking out the trash, without being asked, could make a positive difference in a marriage?”

The more I reflected, the more I realized there must have been dozens of times (maybe hundreds?) that I saw the trash can needed emptying, but I did nothing about it. I knew Brenda would take it out, so why should I?

What I hadn’t realized was that each of those times I noticed the over-

flowing trashcan it was an opportunity for marriage building—if only I had chosen to have a servant’s heart.

I’m reminded of another home where people avoided the opportunity to serve. It was a gathering of close friends, one of whom was hours from death.

It had been a busy and eventful week. No doubt everyone was tired as evening began to fall. Jesus and his twelve disciples slowly filed into a borrowed room on Friday evening to observe the Passover.

As everyone reclined on one elbow around the low table, the meal was set before them. Thinking only of their personal hunger and fatigue, each disciple began filling his belly.

The one thing no one did was take out the trash. Well, not exactly, but that’s the way I see it in my life.

What none of the disciples did was take the time to serve his friends by observing the local custom of washing a weary traveler’s feet. I don’t believe they forgot about it or that they didn’t notice how dirty everyone’s feet were. I think they just didn’t want to bother. They thought, “Someone else will do it.” What they did not expect was that the “someone” would end up being Jesus.

The Bible tells us, “Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”

What Jesus did was the one thing that no one

else wanted to do—wash a bunch of men’s dirty, smelly feet.

Embarrassed, ashamed, chagrined, humiliated—these were the emotions that began to fill the room as Jesus moved from one disciple to the next.

The emotionally charged room became so thick Peter couldn’t stand it. He tried to cover his mistake by engaging in hyperbole with Jesus. It only took Jesus a handful of words to put Peter in his place.

But listen carefully to what Jesus said to his friends after he finished and returned to his place among them at the table.

First, as he often did, he asked a rhetorical question, “Do you understand what I have done for you?”

These men had been with Jesus long enough, heard him banter with the scribes and Pharisees enough times, to know not to give the obvious answer, “Washed our feet.”

After the pregnant pause following his question, Jesus told them, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

Ever hear the expression, “I’d rather see a sermon than hear one?” Well, that’s what Jesus had done.

Think for a moment how your marriage would be transformed if you took on the attitude and actions of Jesus. What if you looked around your house at the things no one else really wants to do and you started doing them?

What might happen if you first served the members of your family, rather than yourself?

And what if your example inspired the rest of your family to behave the same way?

Give it a try. What have you got to lose?

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Mothers Spend Their Lives On The Front Line

When I was nine years old Elvis Presley was the biggest thing in the universe. You could not turn on the radio without hearing “Heartbreak Hotel” or “You Ain’t Nothin’ but a Hound Dog.” Everybody in the world was enthralled with him....

Except Mother. She didn’t like all the gyrating and hoopla. I don’t remember her ever saying it was the “Devil’s music” or anything like that. That was not her style. But I knew in my heart she’d rather us be listening to Hovie Lister and The Statesmen Quartet.

One of my friends had an Elvis pink and black (his favorite colors) bucket hat that was oh, so “cool.” I begged Mom for one. If you had just an inkling of the Elvis craze, you’d understand how quickly they sold out in our little town.

Mom drove all the way to Paris, Tennessee, and paid a ridiculous sum just to satisfy my selfish request. I was a happy little boy on the ride over there and back for sure. ‘Course, I don’t have one remembrance of that hat after we got home.

But I still think about that ride today. And it’s not about me and Elvis anymore. It’s about a Mother who loved a child so much she went against her better judgment, and spent money she could ill afford to fritter away, so a foolish son could have what he wanted.

In the words of a famous Statler Brothers’ song, “And that’s only the beginning of the things I could tell you” about Sarah Ophelia Kennedy Colbert.

I once thought she wasn’t very smart. It was the ole apple pie trick. You remember this one. I’d eat my slice of dessert just as fast as I could, then look up with the saddest eyes I could muster, and say to nobody in particular, “I’m still a little hungry.”

Mom would quickly declare she was “full as she could be” and slide her piece of pie over to me. She “fell” for that simple ploy day in and day out for years...and years.

But don’t think always sugar and spice. She had a hard side! Mom made me take back the 15-cent spy-glass I stole from the Ben Franklin Store. And apologize to the owner. And every single worker in the place. And a couple of ladies that came in off the street to buy some yarn.

It embarrassed me so much I never took anything else in my life that didn’t belong to me.

She could be as strange as all get-out at times. I was running pell-mell down the gravel road beside our house when I lost my balance. My body somehow got to outracing my feet. I slid down that road on my hands and knees past two vacant lots and an Allis-Chalmers 60-inch All-Crop Harvester.

I was screaming loud enough to wake the dead when Mom grabbed me up and sprinted back to the house. She had me standing on the coffee table and was picking out the little shards of rock in my hands and knees with a pair of tweezers as she calmly tried to get me to hold still.

My six-year-old body couldn’t comply. I was writhing with pain. As this scene unfolded, I looked down and saw tears silently gliding down Mother’s face. WHAT! I was the one bleeding here. Not her!

You can bet I will hold that picture in my heart forever. But I see it a little differently now.

She would read those Childcraft books to me in bed at night until both of us fell asleep. When we could not afford a pair of real cleats for my first Little

League season, she started selling Avon. She was the Den Mother when I was a Cub Scout.

She took us to church every time the doors opened whether we wanted to go or not. We had “dress clothes” just for Sunday. With so much Niagara Starch in them you couldn’t bend over without breaking. We wore Buster Brown shoes that felt like concrete blocks tied around our feet.

I wear “Sunday clothes” to this day even though the dress codes have relaxed... out of respect for her.

Do you know she “waited up” for me when I started dating and going out. I kid you not! It didn’t matter how late I came in. She might be in bed. But not asleep. She’d come down that hall in her gown to hug my neck and ask how the night went. Every single time!

Everywhere I go these days people tell me how LUCKY I was to marry Cathy. It’s like a universal mandate. Let me set the record straight on that. In October, November, and December, before I was born in January of 1947, Mother was on her knees in that little upstairs apartment on West Cherry Street, across from Bethel College, praying for the child she was carrying.

She was praying for a healthy birth, that this child would, at the appropriate time, surrender his/her life to Jesus Christ, and when it came time for him/her to find a spouse, that God would provide the perfect one.

Let’s be absolutely clear, LUCK didn’t have nothing to do with the wife I have.

But a humble, faithful, wonderful, loving Mother sure did....

Happy Mother’s Day,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com



Residents at Lakeside participated in the creation of a pie buffet.

Living at Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

MCKENZIE — The spring season at Lakeside Senior Center kicked off with a heartwarming display of intergenerational support as students from McKenzie High School spent an afternoon volunteering for community service hours on April 1. The youth group assisted in cleaning the facility’s bus, leading exercise sessions, and hosting a spirited round of BINGO for the residents.

The Easter holiday followed closely with festive games organized by Becky Yates of Cherrywood Post Acute and Sabrina Young with Caris. The celebrations culminated in a family-oriented Sunday featuring a special class led by Mrs. Jan Creasey and a holiday feast prepared by the Lakeside kitchen crew.

Highlighting the facility’s reliance on local support, Lakeside recently held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Program under the theme “It’s as Easy as Pie to

Say Thank You.” The event featured a diverse “Pie Buffet” crafted by residents, including Oreo, Turtle, and Strawberry Cheesecake. Director Cris Stafford presented gifts to the dedicated volunteers, and Bro. Chance Steen of McKenzie Church of Christ closed the ceremony with a prayer.

Cultural activities remained a staple this month, including a five-star-rated screening of “I Can Only Imagine 2” for National Caramel Popcorn Day and a performance by the internationally touring Legacy Players. The Canadian-based troupe performed a series of mini-skits and songs, a tradition they maintain during their bi-annual workshops at Bethel.

Lakeside residents also maintained an active presence in the broader community. Outings included the Hometown Clinic Breakfast Club, senior dances at the Civic Center in Huntingdon, and a local fundraiser at Macedonia Community. Notably, residents attend-

ed the Henry County Senior Health Fair in Paris for the first time, where they were greeted with hospitality and a variety of vendor demonstrations.

Lakeside royalty also took center stage as Sweetheart King Clark Brown and Queen Sue Smith represented the facility in the World’s Biggest Fish Fry parade. Supported by volunteer Richard Ozment, the pair greeted onlookers from a decorated truck before enjoying a celebratory lunch.

In personal milestones, the community celebrated the birthdays of Trudy Bateman, Lance Kee, Peggy Cole, and Nancy Page. However, the month also held moments of reflection as the community bid farewell to Kathy Cook and Margie Gibson.

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless,” noted Sherry Anderson, a sentiment that continues to define the spirit of Lakeside Senior Living as they look forward to the summer months ahead.

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Obituaries

JOYCE PRITCHARD SELLERS 1936 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Mrs. Joyce Prichard Sellers were on Friday, May 1, 2026, at McKenzie Church of Christ. Interment was at Everett's Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Sellers, 90, died Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at her residence. She was born in Waverly, Tenn., on March 5, 1936, to Fred and Mabel Reeves Prichard. She was a member of McKenzie Church of Christ for over 70 years and was a lifetime seamstress for multiple local factories, including Carhartt, Oshkosh, The Pajama Factory, and Wen-Sue.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Linda) Sellers and Teresa (Ronnie) Smith, both of McKenzie; a brother, Wayne Prichard of McMoresville; three grandchildren, Brandon (Ashley) Sellers, Kelsey (Kyle) Seavers, and Hunter Smith, all of McKenzie; and five great-grandchildren, Sophie, Baylor, and Decker Sellers and Kase and Kohen Seavers.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 64 years, James Sellers; and three brothers, Joe David Prichard, Mac Prichard, and James Prichard.

For additional information, please get in touch with Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit [brummitt-mckenziefuneralhome.com](#). +

JANET SUE MATHENY 1943 – 2026

MCKENZIE — A memorial service for Janet Sue Matheny was Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Long Heights Baptist Church. The family received friends at the church on Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mrs. Matheny, 83, died at Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital on Friday, April 24, 2026. She was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., on January 22, 1943,

to Frederick and Katherine Travis Heminger.

She is survived by her children, Charlotte (Jerry) Burcham of McKenzie, Curtis (Cindy) Jones of Milan, Eric Matheny of McKenzie, and Terri Matheny of Oklahoma; one sister, Sharon Rose of Uniondale, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Brandi (Dennis) Adkins, Stacy (Jacob) Harwell, Courtney Jones, Ryan (Yaritze) Jones, Brittany King, Meagan Williams, Sara Matheny, Madison Pyle, and Lindsey Richardson; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leroy Mathney; her sister, Doris Smith; her brothers, Richard Strasburg, Donald Strasburg, Roger Strasburg, and Ernest Strasburg; and a granddaughter, Shelby Barksdale.

For additional information, please contact Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit [brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com](#).

CHRIS HONAKER 1962 – 2026

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Chris W. Honaker were Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

Mr. Honaker, 64, died Monday, April 27, 2026, at Centennial Medical Center. He was born in McKenzie on February 28, 1962, to Charles Honaker and Joyce Watson Summers.

He is survived by his wife, Christy Stout Honaker of Trezevant; two sons, Robert (Brittany) Honaker of Trezevant, and Tyler Giles of Murfreesboro; a daughter, Caitlin (Conner) Allen of Milan; two brothers, Daniel Smilack of Trezevant and Ron Radish of Allen Town, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Paul Honaker.

RICHARD STEPHENS 1950 – 2026

GLEASON — Richard Dale Stephens, 75, of Gleason, died on April 29, 2026. He will have a graveside me-

morial service announced at a later date and time.

Mr. Stephens is survived by two children, Nicole (Paul) Pace of Gleason, and Kendall Stephens of Knoxville. He is also survived by his two brothers, Donald (Tuva) Stephens of McKenzie, and Terry (Lisa) Stephens of Gleason. He leaves behind his grandson, Max Pace; and niece, Matraccia (Mitch) Roberts. Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by his wife, Terri Stephens; and parents, Wilson and Brooxie Stephens.

Williams Funeral Home, Gleason.

THOMAS MATTHEW RIGGS 1982 – 2026

MURFREESBORO — Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Matthew Riggs, 44, of Murfreesboro, died Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at his home.

A memorial service was Sunday.

Mr. Riggs was born January 6, 1982, in Paris, Tenn., to Billy Joe Riggs and Virginia Faye Nelson Pruitt. He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Yliah Hutch.

He is survived by his wife, Kessa Riggs; mother, Faye Pruitt, of Pensacola, Fla.; two daughters, Kaylee Riggs (Devontavius) of Jackson, and Karter Riggs of Smyrna, Tenn.; a son, Stone Riggs, of Smyrna, Tenn.; and a sister, Kim Pinner (John) of Henderson, Tenn.

TIMMIE RAY TAYLOR 1964 – 2026

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Timmie Ray Taylor, 61, of Huntingdon, died Tuesday April 28, 2026, at Cherrywood Post Acute in McKenzie.

The family received friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Monday May 4, 2026, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Funeral Services were Monday, May 4, 2026, at Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads. Dr. Lee Butler officiated.

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

Musings from the Gordon Browning Museum

DR. VICKIE SUMMERS
Museum Executive Director

Through the years, my mother utilized the local Governor Gordon Browning Museum a lot. She went mostly for the genealogical research library. There was a huge body of information about local family lines that kept growing with time, but also churches, schools, the census, cemeteries, and other things that the historian in her wanted to look up and read about as she took notes in her unreadable scrawl, in a leftover, dog-eared notebook from the last school year. She would be on the hunt for all the bits and pieces of whatever she was interested in at the moment.

I think her father cultivated her natural bent toward history. It was a way of giving her a sort of relationship with her mother whom she lost as an infant. If she knew her mom's history, and was exposed to her things, her mom was a presence that he could share.

Momma's diligence instilled in me a healthy respect for happenings, events, and especially people of the past. She made sure I would naturally know about my forebears and their way of life, by telling me regularly about what they did, where they lived, and generally who they were. Pieces of furniture were

named after their former owners. She would go to the courthouse and get copies of deeds and wills, and she would explain life effects of those documents that were signed and sealed so long ago. There was no choice but to have a natural affinity for history.

When I graduated from McKenzie High School in 1974, I was given the "Outstanding Proficiency in American History" award. I had literally had in my whole high school career, only one history class under Barbara Boyd during maybe my sophomore year, or it could have been freshman year. I remember there being mostly older students from higher classes in there. I was that younger kid that kept quiet and did my work. I couldn't for the life of me, figure out why in the world they gave me that award. What did I possibly do in that one class that made them think I should be recognized as a budding historian? At the time I thought I was probably just a good student that didn't cause trouble, so they just picked something to give me. Who knew?

As I have come to this place in my life, knowing my mother will soon leave and take all that she knows with her, I have my mind on preserving all her many notes, pictures from all lines of our family, and even her book that she compiled about her

paternal Thomas family line. I think of how many questions I still have and how I should have written more of the answers down along the way. I think about how grateful I am to know more about who I am because she showed me who they all were before. I think about how that high school history award was probably because of the ideas and attitudes she placed inside of me to grow over the years.

Last Monday I brought that heavy little metal and marble award to live on the shelf by my desk at the Governor Gordon Browning Museum to remind me it really was for Momma all along. Whatever impression I made in that long ago history class was because of her. I will do my best to live up to the honor it brings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SINGING AT ABUNDANT LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Ivan Parker will sing Sunday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at Abundant Life Family Worship Center, 4375 Highway 70, Cedar Grove. Love offering will be taken.

SECOND ANNUAL MCKENZIE ROTARY BOSTON BUTT SALE

Make sure to purchase your tickets to the annual McKenzie Rotary Boston Butt Sale. It is fully cooked and ready to eat - just in time for Father's Day! Pick up day is June 20 at Tosh Farms Event Barn, 65 Cemetery Lane, Henry, TN 38231. For tickets, see a member of Rotary or use this link: <https://givebutter.com/boston-butt-sale-pprdop>. Please remember there will be a processing fee applied using the link. Or, purchase from any Rotary member for \$50.

ALA UNIT 47 FAMILY DANCE NIGHT

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 47 hosts a Family Dance Night every Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center, 201 Fairgrounds Rd, Huntingdon. A different band is featured each week. All are welcome - singles and/or partners. Admission is \$8. Limited snacks and refreshments available for purchase. For the band schedule, check out our Facebook page: American Legion Auxiliary, Huntingdon, TN Unit 47.

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50-year class reunion on September 26, 1 p.m. at Chandler Farms in McKenzie. The event is in conjunction with the MHS Alumni Association annual reunion. For more information, e-mail Amy Rich Carter at amyrccarter58@gmail.com or Marsha Spain Smith at smithmarsha99@yahoo.com.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH

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

BETHEL UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Bethel University will conduct its spring commencement on Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. in the Crisp Arena on the McKenzie campus.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS, NEWS Cat Vouchers

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

MCKENZIE TOPS MEETS WEEKLY

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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Bethel Renaissance Rings in Year-End with Renny Bash, Album Debut

MCKENZIE (April 24) — Bethel University's Renaissance program, The Performing Arts Experience, recently hosted its end-of-year celebration, debuting its new compilation album, Renaissance: The Next Chapter. The vibrant student event, a culmination of work across all creative disciplines, was held in downtown McKenzie at the former Wrinkle Hardware building.

The celebration was intentionally designed as a get-together for the program's diverse branches: vocal, production, theater, and band. Attendees enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship, games, door prizes, and karaoke.

Dr. Scott Shepherd, the interim executive director of Renaissance, noted that the event was managed entirely by student leaders. "We have a Renaissance Student Ambassador group that represents each of our divisions," Shepherd said. "They've been in charge of this event. They



Left, Dr. Scott Shepherd, interim executive director of Renaissance, and Renaissance members Quinton Slater and Zoe Smith. Right, The Renaissance year-end celebration was held at the former Wrinkle Hardware building. The event was also a time to debut parts of the soon-to-be released project on Spotify and other digital platforms.

made all the plans. They're emceeing the event tonight. I'm just sitting back and watching and supporting."

The event was held not only as a fun gathering but also as the official debut of their new project. Zoe Smith, a senior in the Renaissance choir, explained that the event is new this year, serving as a hangout and a way

"to not only release the new project that we've been working on, but it's kind of a hangout for all of our branches of Renaissance."

Quinton Slater, a sophomore theater student, echoed the focus on unity, stating the album release was intended to be "the pinpoint celebration of all of Renaissance as a collective, not just as indi-



vidual units."

Renaissance: The Next Chapter

The new album highlights the program's incredible diversity, featuring music spanning gospel, contemporary choir, worship, a cappella, and bluegrass.

Featured tracks on the new album include:

- **Renaissance Choir (accompanied by the rhythm section):** Say Yes, Rejoice, and Name Above All Names, along with Christmas favorites Glory and Go Tell It on the Mountain.
- **Resound (worship team):** Trust in God.
- **Rendition (10-member a cappella ensemble):** A modern edge with Billie Eil-

ish's "What Was I Made For?" and Toto's "Africa."

• **Bluegrass Band:** Where the Wild River Rolls and Daniel Prayed.

The album was produced by Matthew Holt, Daniel Howell, Chandler Padgett, and Scott Shepherd. It will be available soon on all major streaming platforms, including iTunes and Spotify.

West Carroll School Board to Meet May 7

The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education meets Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Carroll Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. The following items are on the agenda:

- WCJSHS ACT Recognition - Dr. Adam Douglas and Director Preston Caldwell
- WCSSD Tenure Recommendations/Approval: Benjamin Bane, Olivia Bryant, Tammy Davis, Sonya Eaton, Beth Hysmith and Clinton Kee - Director Caldwell
- WCJSHS FBLA Recognition and Field Trip Request Approval to San Antonio,

Texas June 28 through July 3 (first reading - two required) - Ms. Erin Lewis

- Discuss/Approve Field Trip request to Doyle, Tenn., June 22-26 - Mr. Noah Rogers

- WCSSD Director of School Performance Evaluation - Director Caldwell

- WCSSD FY 2026 Budget Amendments - Director Caldwell

- Discuss/Approve Remodel Project Cost at WCES for Lashlee-Rich to begin summer of 2026 - Director Caldwell and Mr. Mark Wright

- WCSSD Lights Discussion - Mr. Paul Mueller

- Discuss/Approve WCJSHS "E-Sports" Program - Dr. Adam Douglas

- Discuss/Approve (second - Reading) Policies: Director Caldwell: 1.901 Charter School Application, 2.804 Expenses and Reimbursements

- Discuss 2026 - 2027 Teacher Salary Schedule - Director Caldwell

Approval for appearing before the West Carroll Board is outlined in West Carroll Policy 1.404. Visit wcassd.org - policy manual, or call West Carroll Central Office at 731-662-4200 for more information.

75th Annual National Day of Prayer is May 7

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce sponsors a National Day of Prayer gathering Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Sgt. Lee Russell Carroll

County Airport, 535 Airport Lane. The event begins at 8 a.m.

This year's gathering, themed "Glorify God Among the Nations -

Seeking Him in All Generations" after 1 Chronicles 16:24, marks the United States' 75th National Day of Prayer observance.

The Dixie Announces 2026 Summer Camp Lineup

The Dixie Carter PAC is proud to announce its 2026 Summer Camps, offering creative experiences for students and adults. From photography and visual arts to theater, cultural exploration, and pottery, these camps spark imagination and provide hands-on learning in an inspiring environment.

With programs for a range of ages and skill levels, The Dixie's Summer Camps connect participants with experienced instructors to explore new creative outlets or deepen existing passions.

This year's Summer Camp lineup includes:

• **PHOTOGRAPHY FOR STUDENTS** — May 25-29 and June 29-July 3 — K-12th Grade — Discover creative photography in this fun, hands-on camp. Learn to see beyond the lens, capture unique images, and grow your skills. No experience needed. Cameras provided. Instructors: Jim and Carol Veneman.

• **PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ADULTS** — May 28-30 — Create powerful photos by blending creativity,

perspective, and skill. This hands-on camp challenges all levels to see differently and grow - just bring your own camera or phone. Instructors: Jim and Carol Veneman.

• **ART** — June 15-19 — 4th-12th Grade — Explore art through hands-on 2D and 3D projects using paint, printmaking, collage, and sculpture. Build skills, take creative risks, and find your artistic voice in a fun, inspiring space. Instructor: Laura DeVille.

• **PASSPORT TO FRANCE: THE ULTIMATE FRENCH CULTURE MASH-UP!** — June 15-19 — 3rd-7th Grade — Immerse in French culture through art, food, and games. Paint Monet-inspired scenes, create cave art, cook French treats, and play pétanque in this engaging cultural experience. Instructor: Megan Russler.

• **STORYMAKERS: FROM IDEA TO THE STAGE** — June 22-26 — 4th-8th Grade — Every great story starts with a spark. Students build an original play through improv, storytelling, character

creation, and performance - then bring it to life on stage. Instructor: Kara Kindall.

• **POTTERY** — July 27-31 — K-12th Grade — Explore the endless possibilities of clay at Mudslingers. Students create age-specific projects, build foundational skills, and gain confidence while making unique ceramic art. Instructors: Hannah Kyle and Mary Glenys Espey.

Register at DixiePAC.net or through The Dixie's Box Office, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 731-986-2100.

Scholarship opportunities are available for Carroll County students, with applications closing May 15. Applications can be requested through The Dixie's Box Office by phone or email at boxoffice@dixie-pac.net. Scholarship decisions will be shared by or before June 1.

This year's summer camps are sponsored by Mi Pueblito. For more information about Summer Camps at The Dixie, including full schedules and registration details, visit DixiePAC.net.



FCE members from Carroll, Dickson, Henry, Benton, Houston, Humphreys and Montgomery counties gathered at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie for a cluster meeting. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Northeast FCE Clubs Convene in McKenzie

MCKENZIE (May 1) — Carroll County FCE welcomed approximately 40 Family and Community Education (FCE) club members from surrounding counties for the Northeast FCE Cluster Meeting, held at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie.

Attendees traveled from Carroll, Dickson, Henry, Benton, Houston, Humphreys and Montgomery counties for a full day of educational programs, fellowship and community service.

The program featured several informative presentations. Henry County FCS

Agent Michele Atkins spoke on "Dating Over 60," offering insight and encouragement for navigating relationships later in life. Carroll County FCS Agent Lacy Yeley presented on generational differences, highlighting how perspectives and communication styles vary across age groups. Benton County FCS Agent Heather Smith also led a session on current hot topics, including strategies for effectively dealing with teens.

Participants enjoyed a catered lunch provided by Simply Southern of Gleason, adding a local touch to the day's events.

Following lunch, Heather Foster of the Prevention Coalition presented the "Hidden in Plain Sight" simulation, an interactive experience designed to raise awareness about substance use and warning signs that may be easily overlooked.

In addition to the educational sessions, attendees took part in a service project, collecting items to support the Carroll County Humane Society.

Overall, the event was a great success, offering valuable learning opportunities, meaningful connections and a chance to give back to the community.

Gasoline Increases 28 Cents During Week

TENNESSEE (May 4) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee increased 28.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.00/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 16.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.32/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 21.3 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.621 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$3.49/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$5.09/g, a difference of \$1.60/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.49/g while the highest was \$5.09/g, a difference of \$1.60/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 38.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.42/g today. The national average is up 32.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.31/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over

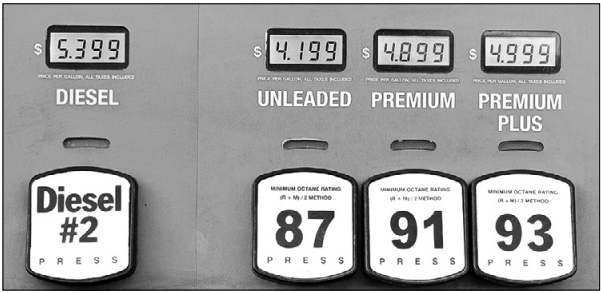


Photo of gasoline prices at one major convenience store in McKenzie on May 4.

150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

May 4, 2025: \$2.68/g (U.S. Average: \$3.12/g)
May 4, 2024: \$3.31/g (U.S. Average: \$3.64/g)
May 4, 2023: \$3.14/g (U.S. Average: \$3.55/g)
May 4, 2022: \$3.97/g (U.S. Average: \$4.24/g)
May 4, 2021: \$2.67/g (U.S. Average: \$2.92/g)

"Gasoline prices rose in every state over the last week, with some of the most significant and fastest increases concentrated in the Great Lakes, where states like Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois saw sharp spikes, while Wisconsin experienced more modest gains," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at Gas-

Buddy. "At the same time, diesel prices surged to new records in parts of the region, with some areas touching the \$6-per-gallon mark. While refinery outages were a key driver behind those outsized increases, early signs of improvement could help ease some of the most extreme price pressures in the Great Lakes in the days ahead. Beyond the region, markets are also digesting a wave of new developments—including OPEC+ raising production for June and President Trump outlining a plan to free stranded ships—which could help restore some supply. However, with so many moving pieces, the outlook remains highly fluid, and while some localized relief may emerge, broader price volatility is likely to persist in the near term."



(L to R) Max Cooper, Lexie Medlin and Spencer Long.

West Carroll Spotlights Students of the Week

WEST CARROLL (April 30) — The West Carroll Special School District announced its newest round of students of the week from its primary, elementary and junior/senior high schools. The three students — Max Cooper, Lexie Medlin and Spencer Long — were each nominated for their hard work and positive attitudes.

Second-grade student Max Cooper is West Carroll Primary School's student of the week, nominated by Ms. Krystle McCall. "Max has an infectious

smile and great attitude," McCall said. "He comes to school every day ready to learn."

Fifth-grade student Lexie Medlin is West Carroll Elementary School's student of the week, nominated by Ms. Emily Bloodworth.

"Lexie is an encourager," Bloodworth said. "She brings a smile to those who need it and supports her classmates."

High school student Spencer Long is West Carroll Jr/Sr High School's student of the week, nominated by Ms. Jackie Halford.

"Spencer is a dedicated student who shows great effort each day," Halford said. "He works well independently and continues to make progress in his learning. His commitment is something to be proud of."

The West Carroll Special School District also recognized fifth- through twelfth-grade art teacher Cailynn Smith as teacher of the week. This is Smith's first year of teaching.

West Carroll honors three students and one educator each week for their efforts in the classroom.

Savannah Davis Transfers to Tennessee Tech

COURTESY TENNESSEE TECH

As Tennessee Tech women's basketball prepares for its transition into the Southern Conference, the Golden Eagles continue to build a championship-caliber roster, adding four experienced, high-impact players to the 2026-27 team.

The Golden Eagles welcome Savannah Davis, a 5-10 guard from Middle Tennessee; Karson Martin, a 5-7 guard from Quinnipiac; Morgan Sieper, a 6-0 guard from Southern Miss; and Nyjah Gibbs, a 5-11 forward from Walters State (Tenn.) Community College.

Davis and Gibbs will each have two seasons remaining with the Golden Eagles, while Martin and Sieper bring one final season of eligibility.

Davis arrives in Cookeville after two strong seasons at Middle Tennessee, bringing with her a championship pedigree from McKenzie, Tenn. She helped lead the Blue Raiders to a 17-15 record this past season, including an 11-7 mark in Conference USA and a second-round appearance in the WNIT. A two-time Miss Basketball winner out of McKenzie High School, Davis started 24 of 32 games last season, averaging 7.3 points and 3.4 rebounds per contest while shooting an impressive 85.2 percent from the free-throw line. She totaled 235 points, 109 rebounds, 34 assists, and 31 steals, highlighted by a career-high 18 points against Tennessee and a career-best



Tennessee Tech women's basketball transfer Savannah Davis. Photo courtesy Tennessee Tech

10 rebounds against UTEP.

Before her collegiate career, Davis built one of the most decorated prep resumes in Tennessee history. She earned TSSAA State Championship MVP honors in both 2022 and 2023, set the Tennessee single-game record with 17 made three-pointers against Milan, and tied McKenzie High School's single-game scoring record with 60 points in that same performance. She was also a four-time Tennessee Sports Writers Association and Tennessee Basketball Coaches Association All-State selection.

"Savannah is a winner—plain and simple. She's been coached, she understands what it takes, and she competes with an edge. She can score it in a lot of ways, but what separates her is her mindset and her ability to rise in big moments. She fits exactly who we are, and she knows what a champi-

onship standard looks like and requires."

With Davis, Gibbs, Martin, and Sieper joining the program, Tennessee Tech adds championship experience, proven production, and dynamic scoring to the 2026-27 roster as the Golden Eagles continue building for the future. The group will be built on a strong foundation of seven returners who helped lead the program to its eighth straight winning season.

"This class is about the standard. Every one of them has been part of winning, and they understand what it takes to compete at a high level. They bring toughness, they bring discipline, and they bring a mindset that aligns with our culture. When you combine that, with the group we have returning and the young talent we've added, it gives us a roster built to compete for championships."



Mayor Chad Edwards is pictured with members of Huntingdon's American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 47, after presenting the Purple UP! proclamation. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Huntingdon Proclaims April 15 as Purple UP! Day

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (April 28) — Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards proclaimed April 15 as "Purple UP! For Military Children Day" during last week's Huntingdon Town Council meeting.

The proclamation recognizes military children as an integral part of the community and nation, as they serve alongside their parents in sacrifice and

resilience.

"These children face unique challenges, including frequent relocations, transitions between schools, and long periods of separation from their loved ones due to deployments and training obligations," the proclamation reads.

"Despite these challenges," Edwards continued, "military children demonstrate strength, courage, adaptability and a deep sense of pride in their

families' service to our Country."

The color purple represents all branches of the military. It is a combination of Army green; Marine Corps red; and Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force blue.

Purple UP! Day is observed nationwide during the month of the Military Child in April as a way to recognize and honor the sacrifice and contributions of military-connected youth.

Three Huntingdon Players Advance to Region

BY BRAD SAM

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MCKENZIE (April 28) — Three Huntingdon High School tennis players advanced to the region tournament with their performances in the District 14A tournaments held at Bethel University's Dr. Deborah Thompson Tennis Complex, which wrapped up Tuesday afternoon.

Huntingdon's Shawn Simpson claimed the boys singles championship, and Jazmine Seiber and Mary Kendall Stevens earned the girls singles championship and runner-up, respectively.

Action began Monday with two rounds of boys and girls singles and doubles and concluded with two more rounds on Tuesday.

Girls Singles

First Round

Katlin Martin, Camden over Morgan Little, McKenzie (8-1)

Briley McKinney, Union City over Anna Heathcott, Obion County (8-4)

Ryne Roney, Westview over Robbilee Moore, Greenfield (8-1)

Bertie Jenkins, Union City over Kaylee Jackson, Milan (8-2)

Mary Kendall Stevens, Huntingdon over Cami Carlson, Westview (8-1)

Julie Story, Camden over Raychel Oliver, McKenzie (8-3)

Micah Poore, Obion County over Avery High, Greenfield (8-2)

Second Round

Jazmine Seiber, Huntingdon over Katlin Martin, Camden (8-2)

Briley McKinney, Union City over Ryne Roney, Westview (8-4)

Mary Kendall Stevens, Huntingdon over Bertie Jenkins, Union City (9-7)

Micah Poore, Obion County over Julie Story, Camden (8-1)

Semifinals

Jazmine Seiber, Huntingdon over Briley McKinney, Union City (2-0)

Mary Kendall Stevens, Huntingdon over Micah Poore, Obion County (2-1)

Championship

Jazmine Seiber, Huntingdon over Mary Kendall Stevens, Huntingdon (2-0)

Boys Singles

First Round

Kipton Powers, Union City over Lia Clark, Obion County (8-0)

Deegan Arant, Greenfield



Three Huntingdon tennis players advanced to the region tournament. Pictured (L to R) Jazmine Seiber, District 14A girls singles champion; Shawn Simpson, D14A boys singles champion; and Mary Kendall Stevens, D14A girls singles runner-up. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

over Carter Peevyhouse, Westview (9-7)

Camden Dawkins, Union City over Bennie Cockerham, Greenfield (8-0)

Joseph Moore, Milan over Everett Jones, Camden (8-0)

Second Round

Shawn Simpson, Huntingdon over Kipton Powers, Union City (8-0)

Deegan Arant, Greenfield over Bryson Roberson, Camden (9-7)

Ayden Gammons, Obion County over Camden Dawkins, Union City (8-1)

Isaac Ostenson, Westview over Joseph Moore, Milan (8-2)

Semifinals

Shawn Simpson, Huntingdon over Deegan Arant, Greenfield (forfeit)

Ayden Gammons, Obion County over Isaac Ostenson, Westview (2-0)

Championship

Shawn Simpson, Huntingdon over Ayden Gammons, Obion County (2-0)

Girls Doubles

First Round

Rice/Turner, Union City over Diehl/Hamlin, Westview (8-6)

Barton/Rich, Huntingdon over Brown/Sumrok, McKenzie (8-3)

Cooper/Warren, Greenfield over Hooks/Wright, Obion County (8-4)

Webb/Carman, Obion County over Hastings/Dunavant, McKenzie (8-3)

Perez/Reed, Huntingdon over Spikes/Totty, Greenfield (8-0)

Criswell/Criswell, Milan over Wood/Malugen, Camden (8-5)

Vincent/Ross, Union City over Dowdy/Pearce, Westview (8-1)

Second Round

Christopher/Patel, Camden over Rice/Turner, Union City (8-6)

Cooper/Warren, Green-

field over Barton/Rich, Huntingdon (8-2)

Webb/Carman, Obion County over Perez/Reed, Huntingdon (7-5)

Vincent/Ross, Union City over Criswell/Criswell, Milan (8-2)

Semifinals

Vincent/Ross, Union City over Webb/Carman, Obion County (2-0)

Christopher/Patel, Camden over Warren/Cooper, Greenfield (2-0)

Championship

Vincent/Ross, Union City over Christopher/Patel, Camden (2-0)

Boys Doubles

First Round

Pergande/Easterwood, Obion County over Walker/Gilbert, McKenzie (8-6)

Wilson/Clay, Westview over Cargile/Hastings, Huntingdon (8-2)

Patel/King, Camden over Smith/Loeffel, Milan (8-1)

Tohn/Sinclair, Union City over Byrd/Hays, Huntingdon (8-0)

Levantino/Garcia, Milan over Mansfield/Martin, Camden (8-0)

Second Round

Kirk/Abbott, Union City over Pergande/Easterwood, Obion County (8-0)

Patel/King, Camden over Wilson/Clay, Westview (8-2)

Braddock/Parker, Westview over Tohn/Sinclair, Union City (8-6)

Elam/Cunningham, Obion County over Levantino/Garcia, Milan (8-2)

Semifinals

Braddock/Parker, Westview over Elam Cunningham, Obion County (2-0)

Kirk/Abbott, Union City over Patel/King, Camden (2-0)

Championship

Kirk/Abbot, Union City over Braddock/Parker, Westview (2-0)

McKenzie Library Requests Community Feedback

The McKenzie Memorial Library is asking for community feedback in a new effort to improve the Broadway Street facility and its services.

In a brief survey, the library asks the community to rate current library services based on importance, share what services might be missing, and share what makes it easy or difficult to access what they need from the library.

The survey will also help the library board gain a better understanding of



who uses the library and for what reasons, according to Ceil Pomphrey, library director.

"In filling out the survey, community members are directly influencing what

the library does," Pomphrey said. "It serves as a way to gauge how the library can better serve the community, and we will give these answers to the McKenzie Memorial Library Board to assess what we should prioritize."

The library hopes to increase its number of visitors by implementing ideas the community needs and wants.

The community survey closes June 1. Take the survey: <https://forms.gle/zG6dtMSyupVPvDxK8>.

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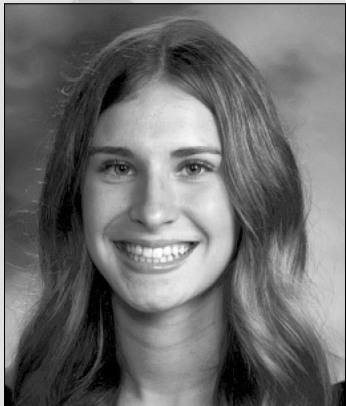
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DISTRICT 12A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Rebels, Tigers Win Openers

BY BRAD SAM
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BRUCETON (April 30) — The District 12A Baseball Tournament, hosted by Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School, continued Thursday with two contests. First, the McKenzie Rebels routed the McEwen Warriors, 9-1. Then, the host Tigers cruised to a 10-1 win over the Clarksburg Rockets.

McKenzie Rebels 9, McEwen Warriors 1

McEwen struck first with five runs in the bottom of the second inning, then added two each in the third and fourth. McEwen's lone run came in the top of the fifth.

Rebel Fletcher Holt was 2-for-3 with a walk, three RBIs and a run scored. Avery Brown was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Cole Brown was 1-for-4 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Hudson Garrett was 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Lelan Gordon was 1-for-4. Parker Ross was 0-for-2 with a walk, a run scored and a stolen base. Ace Brown was 0-for-1 with an RBI and a run scored. Xander Johnsey was 0-for-3 with an RBI-sacrifice fly.

Warrior Colt Tummins was 3-for-4. Kainan Gill was 1-for-2 with a walk, an RBI and a stolen base. Knox Parham was 1-for-3. Tylon Carter was 1-for-4. Caden Wallace was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Xander Johnsey earned the win for McKenzie, allowing one unearned run on two hits while walking none and striking out five in four and two-thirds innings. Avery Brown pitched the final two and a third innings, allowing no runs on four hits and two walks.

Jack Grigsby took the loss for McEwen, allowing five earned runs on two hits

while walking four and striking out one in an inning and two-thirds. Mason Oliphant pitched the final four and a third innings, allowing four unearned runs on four hits while walking none and striking out one.

Central Tigers 10, Clarksburg Rockets 1

Central got on the board first with a run in the bottom of the first frame. Clarksburg tied it with a run in the top of the third, but the Tigers regained the lead with two in the home half. Central added two more in the fourth, then pulled away with five in the sixth.

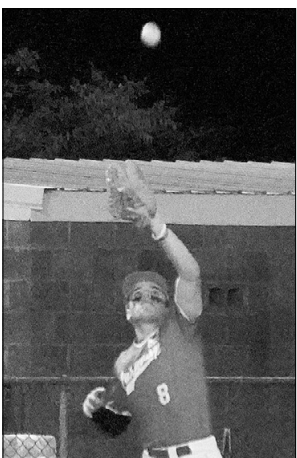
Tiger Parker Boyd was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs. Braxton Howard was 1-for-4 with a triple, two runs scored and a stolen base. Brody Huff was 2-for-3 with a sacrifice fly, two RBIs and a run scored. Tanner Walters was 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. Drake Hollingsworth was 2-for-4 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Dalton Howard was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Gage Weatherly was 1-for-3. Brayden Maness was 0-for-2 with a walk, a sacrifice fly, an RBI and two runs scored.

Rocket Greysen Jones was 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Samuel Wallace was 1-for-2 with a walk. Garrett Bartholomew was 1-for-3 with a walk. Trae Cobb was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Jake Miller was 1-for-4.

Gage Weatherly earned the win for Central, allowing one unearned run on three hits while walking one and striking out five in four and a third innings. Junah Smith pitched an inning and two-thirds of relief, allowing no runs on three hits with no walks and a strikeout. Brayden Maness threw two-thirds of an inning, allowing no runs or hits with three



Top, Rebel right fielder Hudson Garrett secures a deep fly ball for the out. Center, Gage Weatherly earned the win for Central. Bottom, Rocket centerfielder Garrett Bartholomew gets under a fly ball for the out. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



walks and two strikeouts. Drake Hollingsworth pitched the final third of an inning, allowing no runs, hits or walks with one strikeout.

Reagan Halter took the complete-game loss for Clarksburg, allowing ten runs (six earned) on 12 hits while walking one and striking out two.

DISTRICT 14A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Bulldogs Defeat South Fulton, Fall to Greenfield

BY BRAD SAM
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SOUTH FULTON (April 29) — The Gleason High School Bulldogs traveled to South Fulton High School Wednesday to begin the District 14A Baseball Tournament. First, they faced the host Red Devils in a play-in game and took the win, 7-4. Then, they faced Greenfield and fell 15-0.

South Fulton was eliminated with their play-in loss. Gleason's loss moved them into the loser's bracket for an elimination game the following day.

Gleason Bulldogs 7, South Fulton Red Devils 4

Gleason struck first with a run in the top of the first, then added another in the fourth. South Fulton got on the board with a run in the home half. The Bulldogs added two in the fifth and three in the sixth, and the Red Devils scored a run in the bottom of the sixth and two in the seventh.

Bulldog Parker Morgan was 2-for-3 with two walks, an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Trey Mayo was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Ashton Morgan was 2-for-5 with an RBI. Brody Sanders was 1-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Jaxson Morgan was 1-for-4. Brock Dilday

was 0-for-2 with an RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases.

Red Devil Grant Joyner was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Braden Gore was 1-for-3 with a walk and two RBIs. Jayden Wilder was 1-for-2 with two walks and a run scored. Brady Parnell was 1-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Mason Parrish was 0-for-1 with two walks.

Bryce Pettit earned the win for Gleason, allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits while walking six and striking out seven in six and a third innings. Ty Keeling pitched the final two-thirds of an inning, allowing one unearned run on one hit and one walk while striking out two.

Charles Michael Mulcahy took the loss for South Fulton, allowing seven runs (five earned) on seven hits while walking three and striking out six in five and two-thirds innings. Mason Parrish threw the final inning and a third, allowing no runs on one hit with no walks and one strikeout.

Greenfield Yellowjackets 15, Bulldogs 0

Greenfield scored three runs in the bottom of the first frame, seven in the second, two in the third and three in the fourth to end

the game early.

Yellowjacket Jace Thomas was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. Anderson Hayes was 1-for-2 with a double, two walks, an RBI and three runs scored. Easton Sullivan was 2-for-4 with an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Will Edwards was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Baker Biggs was 1-for-1 with three walks, an RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Caden Sparkman was 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Trey Morris was 1-for-1 with two walks.

Bulldog Ashton Morgan was 1-for-2.

Easton Sullivan earned the win for Greenfield, allowing no runs, hits or walks while striking out seven in three innings. Kaden Brauer pitched the final frame, allowing one hit and no walks with one strikeout.

Ashton Morgan took the loss for Gleason, allowing three earned runs on two hits while walking five in two-thirds of an inning. Drake Lehmkuhl pitched the final two and two-thirds innings, allowing 12 runs (eight earned) on eight hits while walking six and striking out five.

scored. Hailey Williamson was 1-for-3. Brylee Burrow was 0-for-2 with a walk.

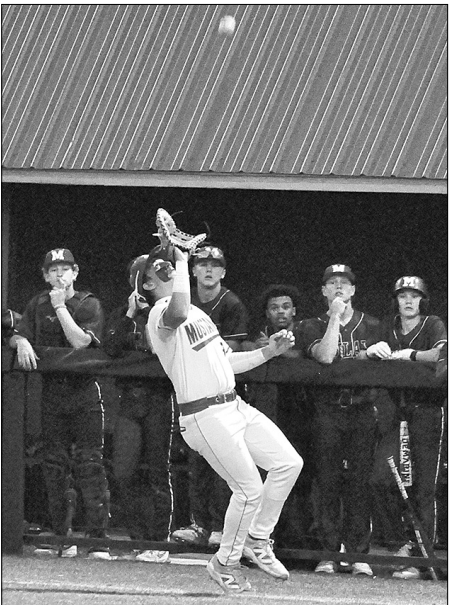
Marcie Mitchell earned the complete-game win for the Fillies, allowing one earned run on four hits while walking one and striking out three.

Camryn Green took the loss for Milan, allowing two unearned runs on five hits while walking none and striking out two in four innings. Mia Pearson pitched the final three frames, allowing no runs on one hit with no walks and four strikeouts.

DISTRICT 12AA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT



Above, Mustang Caleb Ezell earned the win, allowing five earned runs on ten hits while walking two and striking out five in six and two-thirds innings. Right, Mustang first baseman Cy Hankins runs down a foul ball in front of the Milan dugout. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Mustangs Hold Off Bulldog Rally in Semifinal

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HUNTINGDON (May 1) — The Huntingdon High School Mustangs clinched a spot in the District 12AA Baseball Tournament championship with a 7-5 win over the Milan Bulldogs in Friday's semifinal round.

Milan struck first with two runs in the top of the first inning. The Mustangs cut the deficit with a run in the home half, then took the lead with three in the second. The Bulldogs scored a run in the top of the third, but Huntingdon answered with two, then added another in the fourth. After two scoreless frames, a Milan rally in the seventh came up short at two runs.

Mustang Silas Sharp was 2-for-2 with a double, a sacrifice fly, two walks and

four RBIs. Colt Wood was 2-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Hayes Eubanks was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Owen Kreuziger was 1-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Caleb Ezell was 1-for-2 with a walk and an RBI. Broox Bennett was 1-for-4. Braylin Dearmon was 1-for-5. Cy Hankins was 0-for-2 with two walks.

Bulldog James Carter was 4-for-4 with two doubles, two RBIs, a run scored and two stolen bases. Lincoln Reel was 2-for-4 with two doubles and two runs scored. Zack Fowler was 1-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Colton Mallard was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Whitten Dobbs and Caden Rogers were both 1-for-3 with a walk. Will Johnson was 1-for-4 with a run scored. JP Scott was 0-for-3 with a walk, an

RBI and a run scored.

Caleb Ezell earned the win for Huntingdon, allowing five earned runs on ten hits while walking two and striking out five in six and two-thirds innings. Cy Hankins pitched to four batters, allowing no runs on one hit with two walks. Owen Kreuziger threw the final third of an inning, allowing no runs, hits or walks.

Jaydon Moore got the start for Milan, allowing four earned runs on two hits while walking four and striking out one in one inning. Parker Sparks threw four innings of relief and took the loss, allowing three runs (one earned) on seven hits while walking three and striking out four. Alex Nelson pitched the final inning, allowing no runs or hits with one walk and one strikeout.

McKenzie Athletes Qualify for Track and Field Sectionals

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McKenzie High School track and field will be well-represented at the West Tennessee Class A Sectionals on Friday, May 8 at Halle Stadium in Memphis with 13 athletes qualifying in various events.

On the line will be spots in the TSSAA Class A/

AA State Track and Field Championship on Tuesday, May 19 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

McKenzie's sectional qualifiers include:

Kaydence Barksdale — Long Jump, Triple Jump, 4x100m
Avery Cantrell — 4x100m
Sophie Dameron — 400m, 4x800m

Katelyn Essary — Discus
Autumn Haywood — 800m, 1600m, 4x800m
Nariyah Robinson — 4x100m
Bella Sass — 400m, 4x800m
Natalia Taylor — 4x800m, 4x100m
Amia Thomas — 4x100m
Abigail Wallace — 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4x800m
Carter Chow — Triple Jump
TJ Johnson — Discus
Shane Novacs — 400m, High Jump

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Vandalism — On April 24, Deputy Boaz responded to a report of property damage at a residence on Hilliard Road in McKenzie and spoke with a complainant regarding damage to a mailbox.

The complainant reported that earlier that morning, a farm tractor traveling down the roadway struck his mailbox.

He stated the incident occurred around 10:19

a.m. and was captured on an exterior security camera at the residence.

According to the complainant, the tractor was traveling at a high rate of speed when it passed in front of the residence and made contact with the mailbox. The complainant provided video footage of the incident, which showed a green John Deere tractor pulling a field planter.

The footage indicated the planter was not in proper transport position, with the wings not folded upward as required for roadway travel. It appeared the extended equipment struck the mailbox as the tractor passed by.

The complainant advised he would provide a copy of the video footage to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for further investigation.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Weakley County Man Indicted for Federal Child Sexual Solicitation, Exploitation Offenses

JACKSON (April 28) — A federal grand jury in the Western District of Tennessee recently returned a multi-count indictment charging Zachary Sean Fortner, 36, of Martin, Tenn., with several child sexual solicitation and exploitation offenses.

United States Attorney D. Michael Dunavant announced the return of the indictment today.

Fortner's alleged criminal conduct dates back to 2013. During that year, he is alleged to have persuaded and coerced a minor to take nude photographs of herself and send them to him on his cell phone.

Later, in 2024, he is alleged to have distributed, received, and possessed child pornographic images and videos via Kik, a social media application.

Fortner is charged with one count of production of child pornography, two counts of receiving and attempting to receive child pornography, one count of distribution of child pornography, and

one count of possession of child pornography.

The production offense carries a 15-year mandatory-minimum prison sentence, and the receipt and distribution offenses each carry 5-year mandatory-minimum prison terms.

This case is pending before United States District Court Judge S. Thomas Anderson in Jackson. If Fortner is convicted of the charged offenses, Judge Anderson will determine the sentence to impose on the defendant after considering the United States Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

There is no parole in the federal system.

U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant said, "The U.S. Attorney's office and our law enforcement partners remain proactive and vigilant in our investigations and prosecutions of cyber-crimes against vulnerable victims, including the sexual solicitation of minors, and possession and distribution of child

p*rnography. No matter how long it takes, those who exploit minor children will be exposed and held accountable."

This case is being investigated by members of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Martin Police Department, and the District Attorney's Office for the 27th Judicial District of Tennessee.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to contact TBI Special Agent Sarah Turner at 615-744-4000 or 1-800-TBI-FIND.

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

The charges and allegations contained in the indictment are merely accusations of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

DISTRICT 12AA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Fillies Edge Milan in Opener, 2-1

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CAMDEN (May 1) — The Huntingdon High School Fillies opened the District 12AA Softball Tournament, hosted by Camden Central High School, with a thrilling, 2-1 win over the Milan Lady Bulldogs.

The Fillies struck first with a run in the top of the second and added another in the fourth. Milan's lone run came in the bottom of

the fifth.

Huntingdon's Grier Bartholomew was 1-for-3 with a double, two runs scored and a stolen base. Camdyn Sellers was 1-for-3 with a double. Kylie Tippitt was 2-for-4. Millie Luther was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Aubry Castleman was 1-for-4.

Lady Bulldog Grace Webb was 1-for-1. Maycee Masters was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Saide Chartrand was 1-for-3 with a run

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on April 29.

Timothy Terrell Baker, Park Street, McKenzie, guilty, Reckless Endangerment-Vehicle, one year of probation, cognitive behavior training course required; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Evading Arrest; dismissed, Reckless Driving.

Cierra M. Kirby, Jax Road, Atwood, guilty, Driving While License Revoked, \$250 fine, six months probation, must obtain a restricted license.

Steven Chad Ross, Briar Creek Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Community

Supervision Violation, 11-29 probation, cognitive behavior training course, must complete long-term substance abuse treatment.

Gavin Rosson, Highway 230, Only, Tenn., guilty, Aggravated Criminal Trespass, six months probation, no contact with Abundant UFC Church, drug-alcohol evaluation; dismissed, Public Intoxication; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Georgia Willis-Cooksey, Todd Drive, Clarks-ville, judicial diversion, Theft, no contact with Walmart, supervised probation, court-suspended jail sentence due to dementia diagnosis.

Property Transfers

Anthony Newman to Sommer Jamie Christine Hovis in District 11.

Morgan Katherine Limbaugh to Tammy Cathey in District 22.

Danny P. Allen to Danny P. Allen in District 2.

Larry and Judy Deere to Davis Investment Properties, LLC in District 21.

George and wife Marylinn Mergl to Sky Low and wife Jennifer Hoeg Reuter in District 18.

Lola Katie Galbraith to Bonita Carol Beaver in District 12.

Nicholas Ward Blake to Nicholas Ward Blake, trustee in District 4.

Wendy Marie Autry nka Wendy Marie Cary to Chris Gurley in District 13.

Haley Greenaway to Joe L. Lindsey in District 19.

Green Investments, LLC to Diebold Enterprises LLC

in District 11.

Cara Elizabeth and husband Collin M. Pruett to Wyatt Cole Stokes in District 11.

Kenneth Todd as Clerk and Master to Wayne Yoder in District 16.

Clay Roberts Easley as executor to Clay Roberts Easley in District 11.

Clark Family Holdings, LLC to Collin and wife Cara Pruett in District 11.

Lyndol Lee Scott to Barbara Jean Scott in District 13.

Paul E. and wife Jennifer L. Brinkman to Jeb and wife Addison Atkinson in District 11.

The Perkins Corporation to Matthew C. and Misty D. Aird as trustees in District 9.

William Dakota Windom to Lillian Marie Windom in District 1.

Pervez Hai to Pecan 2025 LLC. No district listed.

Marriage Licenses

Kevin Andrew Razor, 64, of Louisville, Ky. to Janet Lynn McClelland Colding, 64, of Hollow Rock.

Jennifer Kay Veteto Russell, 55, of Puryear to Russell Kieth Noble Jr., 74, of Paris.

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Copies of bid documents may be obtained at the Carroll County Highway Department, 14835 Hwy 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344 or by email at jbutler@carroll.tn.org.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Domestic Assault — Wilfredo D. Rivera, Kay Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Domestic Assault on May 2.

According to a report, Officers Kyle Beauchamp and Matthew Cunningham were dispatched to the residence, where Wilfredo reportedly threatened his brother with bodily harm. His brother is an amputee, confined to a wheelchair. The report indicates Wilfredo was asleep in his car when his brother banged on the car, startling Wilfredo. Wilfredo was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

DUI — Shane Barksdale, Cherrywood Cove, McKenzie, was charged with DUI on April 27.

Officers Justin Brister and Sergeant Davis arrested Barksdale after officers were dispatched to Highland Drive, where Barksdale was reportedly purchasing alcohol. When Barksdale exited the store, he reportedly drove his truck erratically, crossing the line. The officers used a rolling roadblock to force Barksdale to stop. He was charged with DUI, Violation of the Implied Consent Law, and then transported to Carroll County Jail.

Disorderly Conduct — Steven Ray Gooch and Melvin Eugene Hall, both of 77 May Street, were charged with Disorderly Conduct after a verbal altercation in front of their residence on May 2.

Officer Matthew Cunningham was dispatched to the residence, where the two men admitted to the argument that neighbors had reported. Both men were cited into General Sessions Court.

Theft — Rachel L. Clements, Sandhill Road, Gleason, was charged with Theft on April 21.

Officer Dalton Raspberry responded to Dollar Gen-

eral, Highway 22, where security video footage indicated Clements found a wallet on the floor of the store, picked it up, and placed it on her person. The owner of the wallet reported that it contained \$270 in cash, a debit card, a driver's license, and a winning \$10 lottery ticket. The wallet was surrendered to Dollar General-Gleason, and the cash and lottery ticket were missing. Clements was cited into court.

Theft — Sarah Wilkerson, Cherrywood Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with theft after she reportedly took money from her employer at Eagle BP.

Officer Matthew Cunningham was dispatched to the convenience store, where he reviewed surveillance camera footage indicating that Wilkerson had removed \$15 from the store's cash receipts. She was cited into General Sessions Court.

Missing License Plate — Trice Horton, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, reported that her car's registration plate was removed while the vehicle was in the Walmart parking lot. That incident occurred on April 28. The missing plate was registered in the national crime computer.

Dogs Running at Large — Morgan Limbaugh, Reynolds Street, McKenzie, was cited into General Sessions Court after

officers responded to five puppies running at large in the street.

Patrolman Dillion reported he was bitten by one of the puppies as he stepped toward the front door. Officers secured the dogs and then called the owner regarding the misdemeanor charges.

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Please notice that the Carroll County Mayors Office shall accept sealed written bids for the following purchases for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

- **ROCK PRODUCTS**
- **TIRES & TUBES**
- **LIQUID ASPHALT**
- **KOL-MIX OIL**
- **ALUMINIZED CULVERTS**
- **MOTOR & HYDRAULIC OIL/FLUID**

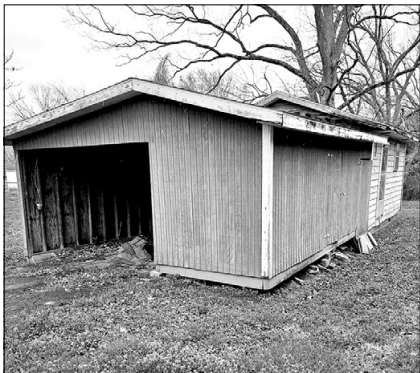
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THOMAS HARRIS ROBERTS
vs. CIVIL ACTION NO: 2024-CV-198
MARY ELIZABETH GANTT, ET. AL.

By the authority granted by an "ORDER" filed in the above styled Case, and entered of record in Minute Book: 241, Page: 087, I will on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10 a.m., offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the real property as set out in said "Order".

Said real property will be sold on the premises located at 5800 Main Street, Trezevant, Tenn. The sale will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10 a.m., at 5800 Main Street, Trezevant, Tenn.

Said property consists of a residential lot upon which is located a brick home of approximately 1,698 S.F. of heated area, a 400 S.F. concrete front porch, a 400 S.F. enclosed concrete back porch, a detached garage and an outbuilding. The house has a living room with a fireplace with an oak mantle and hardwood floors, kitchen, Dining Room with a built in oak China cabinet, bath with ceramic tile and linen closet, Master Bedroom with fireplace and a full bath, two additional bedrooms, hall with 3 large closets. The house has Central HV AC and a paved drive. This property is in a great location and could be a showplace with a little TLC. This house has great character! DON'T MISS THIS SALE!

This property is located in the 2nd Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, and is identified as Map No: 077C, Group: D, Parcel No: 009.00, in the Office of the Property Assessor of Carroll County, Tennessee; and further described in Deed Book: 400, Page: 937, in the Register of Deeds Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

A description of this real property will be given on the day of sale and may be had by calling the Office of the Clerk & Master (731-986-1920) during regular Office hours. Please call the Office of the Clerk & Master (731-986-1920) if you have any questions or for an appointment to see the property.

This property is being sold subject to the 2026 property taxes.

TERMS OF SALE: 10% DOWN WITH THE BALANCE DUE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS UPON DELIVERY OF DEED. A LETTER OF CREDIT FROM A LENDER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE BID.

Dwayne D. Maddox III, BPR#010805
Attorney for the Plaintiff
19695 East Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master and Special Commissioner

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The Carroll County Mayors Office, on behalf of the Purchasing Committee of the Carroll County Legislative Body, is soliciting bids for audio reinforcement, video/projection, and stage lighting improvements for the Carroll County Civic Center. The intended work includes furnishing, installing, rigging, configuring, testing, documenting, and training County personnel on a complete operational system.

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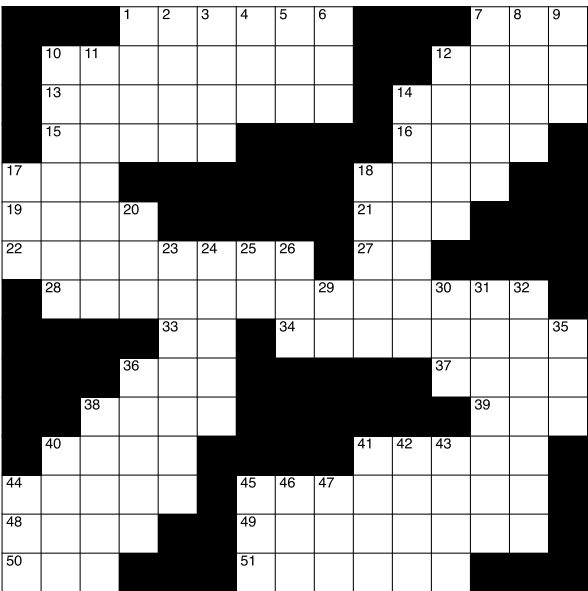
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large dung beetle
- 7. Gambling game ___-lo
- 10. Further along
- 12. Type of tobacco
- 13. Looked for
- 14. Silk fabric
- 15. Computer method to solve equations
- 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 17. Tear
- 18. Brews
- 19. "Famous" cookie baker
- 21. Women's Army Corps
- 22. Front parts of an animal
- 27. It's causing quite a stir
- 28. Beloved March holiday
- 33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 34. More impudent
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Young woman (French)
- 38. A cause of distress
- 39. Santa's helper
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Many wombs
- 44. Is afraid of
- 45. Popular baked goods ingredient
- 48. Popular computers
- 49. Conceiving of
- 50. Google certification (abbr.)
- 51. Sturdy



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Peruse quickly
- 2. Automobiles
- 3. Razorbill genus
- 4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 5. Consumed
- 6. A place to sleep
- 7. Small seeds
- 8. Legendary law man Wyatt
- 9. Female sheep
- 10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
- 11. A place ships dock
- 12. Reciprocal of sine
- 14. Discomfort
- 17. British Air Aces
- 18. Exit sleep
- 20. Solar energetic particle
- 23. Plagues characterized by starvation
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Trauma center
- 26. Habitual twitching
- 29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
- 30. Decameter
- 31. Hinged surface in a wing
- 32. Shouting
- 35. Sports official
- 36. Volcanic craters
- 38. Supportive device
- 40. It's part of a rosary
- 41. Two-toed sloth
- 42. Body art
- 43. Let out
- 44. Foreign medical graduate
- 45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)
- 46. Couples say it
- 47. Bird's beak

Week 18

See solution in next week's edition.

Loving Horses Word Search

D P H H A P D D D E R M U Z Z L E E K Q
H U E S A O N U N A H B T Q M E Z R D Z M R
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1835: James Gordon Bennett, Sr., publishes the first issue of the New York Herald.

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WEEK 18

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to horses. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = D)

A. 12 23 18 17

Clue: Balances horse

B. 10 18 16 15 10

Clue: Passenger

C. 6 23 16 16 17 15

Clue: Riding accessory

D. 3 23 16 16 22 11 19

Clue: Small enclosure

Answers: A. tail B. rider C. saddle D. paddock

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

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Riddle Me This

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Answer: In a NEIGHborhood.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

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The District 12AA All-Tournament team included (L to R) Mustangs Caleb Ezell, Owen Kreuziger, Colt Wood and Silas Sharp. Photo by Russell Bush/The Banner

Mustangs Stifle Milan, Cruise to Title

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (May 2) — The Huntingdon High School Mustangs clinched the District 12AA Baseball Championship Saturday afternoon with an 11-0 shutout of the Milan Bulldogs in five innings.

Following the game, the All-District and All-Tournament teams were announced.

The All-District team included Mustangs Owen Kreuziger, Braylin Dearmon, Silas Sharp, Broox Bennett, Hayes Eubanks and Caleb Ezell.

The All-Tournament team included Mustangs Caleb

Ezell, Owen Kreuziger, Colt Wood and Silas Sharp.

In the title game, Huntingdon scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first, five in the second and two each in the third and fourth innings.

Mustang Kenton Smith was 2-for-2 with two walks and three RBIs. Braylin Dearmon was 1-for-3 with a double, a sacrifice fly, an RBI and a run scored. Broox Bennett was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, an RBI, three runs scored and a stolen base. Colt Wood was 1-for-1 with three walks, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Owen Kreuziger was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Hayes Eubanks was 0-for-1 with two walks,

three runs scored and a stolen base. Cy Hankins was 0-for-2 with a walk and an RBI. Caleb Ezell was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Bulldog Cayden Cates was 1-for-1.

Owen Kreuziger earned the complete-game, one-hit shutout for Huntingdon, allowing no walks with five strikeouts.

JP Scott took the loss for Milan, allowing eight runs (four earned) on five hits while walking five and striking out one in two innings. Cayden Cates pitched the final two innings, allowing three earned runs on one hit while walking six and striking out one.

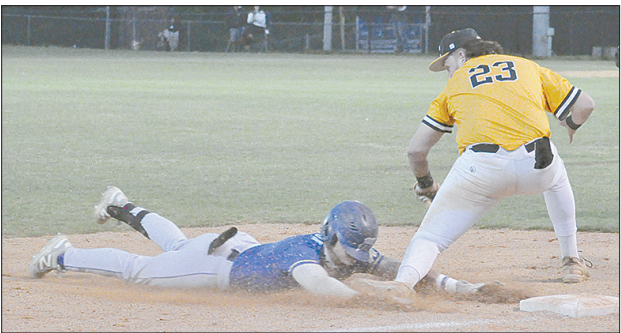
Mustangs Crush Lions in Opener, 13-3

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON (April 30) — The Huntingdon High School Mustangs opened the District 12AA Baseball Tournament with a dominant win over the Camden Lions Thursday night, 13-3 in five innings.

Camden struck first with three runs in the top of the first frame and held that lead until the Mustangs tied it in the bottom of the third. Huntingdon took a huge lead with a nine-run fourth, then added one in the fifth to end the game early.

Mustang Broox Bennett was 1-for-2 with a triple, a walk, an RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Colt Wood was 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs, a run scored and two stolen bases. Silas Sharp was 1-for-1 with a sacrifice fly, a walk and two RBIs. Owen Kreuziger was 1-for-3 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Caleb Ezell was 1-for-3 with



Mustang Broox Bennett slides into third just ahead of the tag for a triple. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

two RBIs and a run scored. Braylin Dearmon was 1-for-3 with a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Cy Hankins was 0-for-1 with two walks and a run scored. Hayes Eubanks was 0-for-1 with a walk, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Lion Carter Maines was 1-for-1 with a home run, a walk, three RBIs and one run scored. Amaury Rogers was 1-for-3 with a double and a run scored. JD Greer was 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Kenton Smith earned

the complete-game win for Huntingdon, allowing three earned runs on three hits while walking three and striking out three.

Carter Maines took the loss for Camden, allowing seven runs (six earned) on two hits while walking six and striking out four in three and two-thirds innings. Amaury Rogers pitched to four batters, allowing four earned runs on three hits and a walk. Noah Harper pitched the final frame, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits with no walks.

Lady Rebels Softball Honors Senior Beard

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (April 30) — McKenzie High School softball celebrated lone senior Haylee Beard Thursday afternoon prior to the Lady Rebels' district play-in game against Clarksburg.

Haylee was honored on the field with her parents, April and Bryan Beard.

The senior and four-year player addressed her younger teammates, "Keep your head up. There will always be people that try to bring you down. Don't let them. Continue to be great and bring your best every day. Don't ever leave with a "what if." If you do, you're cutting your potential short. If you are



McKenzie Lady Rebel softball senior Haylee Beard with her parents, April and Bryan Beard. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

struggling with softball or any sport, remember that you are more than a game. No matter when you walk on the field or the court, give it 110 percent. Always keep in mind, softball is 80 percent mental and 20

percent physical. My dad always told me that. Keep a positive mindset and the rest will follow. I love you."

Haylee capped the special day with a sixth-inning home run as McKenzie won, 8-3.



Left, Jaycee Stafford. Center, Knox Bennett. Right, Wylie Kee.

Area Players Named TSWA Basketball All-State

NASHVILLE (April 29) — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association released its annual Girls Basketball All-State team Wednesday, which includes three players from Carroll County.

In Class 2A, Huntingdon freshman Wylie Kee and sophomore Knox Bennett were selected.

In Class 1A, McKenzie sophomore Jaycee Stafford was named to the team.

The full teams for classes 2A and 1A are:

Class 2A

Wylie Kee, Huntingdon, Fr.
Maliyah Glasper, Gatlinburg-Pittman, Sr.
Kaegan Young, Cascade, Sr.
Ally Augustin, Loretto, Jr.

Knox Bennett, Huntingdon, So.
Ashlee Brent, Westview, Jr.
Emma Cooper, York Institute, Jr.
Kaylee Dixon, Smith County, So.
Ava Floyd, Hickman County, Jr.
Emry Jones, Smith County, Jr.
Malea Masingale, McMinn Central, Jr.
Sh'Nyla Moss, Union City, Jr.
Saniya Reaves, Gibson County, Sr.
Curnesha Taylor, Memphis Business, Sr.
Raylee Werner, York Institute, Sr.

Class 1A

Laila Downs-Darden, McEwen, Jr.

Rayanna Fisher, Greenfield, Jr.
Zoey Nicholas, Pickett County, Sr.
Ava Ashley, Wayne County, Jr.
Bailey Blair, Richland, Sr.
Harmony Bell, Middleton, Sr.
Kemora Buggs, Middleton, Sr.
Lily Claire Lowe, Coalfield, So.
Kendall McLemore, Humboldt, Jr.
Abigail Netherton, Van Buren, Jr.
Ella Porter, Greenfield, Fr.
Michelle Shields, Unaka, Sr.
Jaycee Stafford, McKenzie, So.
Tralyn Southerland, North Greene, So.
Lily Wright, Coalfield, So.

DISTRICT 12A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Rebels, Rockets Win on Friday

BY BRAD SAM
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BRUCETON (May 1) — The District 12A Baseball Tournament, hosted by Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School, continued Friday with two contests. First, the Clarksburg Rockets defeated the Houston County Irish, 5-1, in an elimination game. Then, the McKenzie Rebels edged the host Tigers, 3-2, to secure a spot in the championship.

Clarksburg Rockets 5, Houston County Irish 1

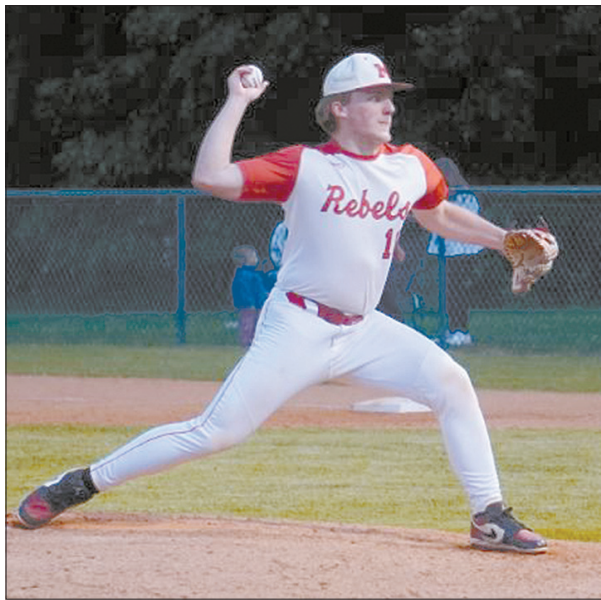
Houston County struck first with their lone run in the top of the first. Clarksburg immediately took the lead with a pair in the home half, then added three in the second.

Rocket Reagan Halter was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Trae Cobb was 1-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Walker Aston was 1-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored. Greysen Jones was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Levi Davis was 1-for-3. Samuel Wallace and Maddox Robbins were each 0-for-1 with a walk and a run scored.

Houston County's Samuel Ferrell was 2-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base. Brody Harris was 1-for-2 with a stolen base. Noah Herron was 1-for-3. Ryder Forrester was 1-for-4.

Taylor Lawler earned the win for Clarksburg, allowing one earned run on five hits while walking none and striking out four in six innings. Greysen Jones pitched the final frame, allowing no runs, hits or walks with one strikeout.

Samuel Ferrell took the complete-game loss for the Irish, allowing five earned runs on six hits while walking three and striking out five.



Above, Fletcher Holt earned the complete-game win for McKenzie, allowing two unearned runs on three hits while walking three and striking out nine. Below, Rocket Walker Aston slides into home ahead of the tag. Photos by Davarion Gilbert/The Banner



McKenzie Rebels 3, Central Tigers 2

McKenzie scored the game's first run in the bottom of the third, then added a run in each of the next two frames. Central rallied for a pair in the top of the sixth.

Rebel Xander Johnsey was 1-for-4 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored. Hudson Garrett was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Aiden Legens was 2-for-3. Fletcher Holt was 1-for-3. Avery Brown was 0-for-2 with a walk.

Tiger Braxton Howard was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Parker Finley was 1-for-2 with a walk. Tanner Walters was 1-for-4 with a stolen base. Brayden Maness was 0-for-1 with a walk and a stolen base. Drake Hollingsworth was 0-for-3 with an RBI.

Fletcher Holt earned the complete-game win for McKenzie, allowing two unearned runs on three hits while walking three and striking out nine.

Drake Hollingsworth took the complete-game loss for Central, allowing three runs (one earned) on six hits while walking one and striking out two.

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