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Three-Vehicle Collision Claims Life of McKenzie Paramedic

Funeral Wednesday, June 3 in McKenzie

BY BRITTANY MARTIN
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HENRY COUNTY (May 30) — A three-vehicle collision on Highway 641 claimed the life of a McKenzie paramedic on Saturday evening near the Kentucky state line in Henry

County. According to Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), a 2001 motor home driven by Tammy Jo Femrite, 61, of Oregon and a 1999 Honda Accord driven by Matthew Lee, 38 of Kentucky, made impact with a 2016 Dodge Caravan driven by Brinnen Conway Murray, 57, of McKenzie.

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Huntingdon Council Hears 2027 Budget Proposal

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (May 26) — The Huntingdon Town Council approved a budget proposal for the 2027 fiscal year on first reading on Tuesday, May 26. The budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027) — which begins July 1, 2026 — prioritizes employee raises and benefits while building upon the town's infrastructure.

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PARIS CROSSING SHOPPING CENTER NEARS COMPLETION



The Carl Perkins Center of Henry County received a \$10,000 check donation from TJ Maxx during Thursday's grand opening celebration. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

TJ Maxx Now Open

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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PARIS (May 27) — TJ Maxx opened its doors to the Paris community on Thursday, May 27, with a grand opening celebration — the first of many expected at the new Paris Crossing Shopping Center in

the coming months.

Thursday morning's grand opening included giveaways, music by DJ Good News, cheer and dance performances by the Henry County High School cheerleading squad, an employee fashion show featuring TJ Maxx's top styles, and a \$10,000 donation to the Carl Perkins Center

of Henry County.

Paris Store Manager Tammy Vallery presented the \$10,000 check donation to Carl Perkins Center Director Carly Wheat, who said the donation would help a lot of families in Henry County.

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McKENZIE PLANNING Commission Approves Mini-Storage Unit Plans

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (May 27) — The McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission met Wednesday, May 27, in McKenzie City Hall, approving a site plan proposal from Casey Drewry to build three mini-storage buildings on 17900 Highland Avenue.

The commissioners first reviewed Drewry's proposal during their April 22 meeting and requested that he submit an updated parcel map including the nearest water main, nearest fire

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Liberty All Hosts Annual Memorial Day Program

Liberty All Church hosted its annual Memorial Day program on Sunday, May 24.

This year's guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Emily Wolfe, retired U.S. Air Force.

During her distinguished 21-year military career, Wolfe served at Air Force bases in Mississippi and Ohio on active duty as a medical/surgical/pediatrics nurse and in Japan as a flight nurse and executive officer.

As a reservist, Wolfe served at bases in Texas and California. She deployed four times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation



Lieutenant Colonel Emily Wolfe

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McKenzie's Nights on Broadway, Farmer's Market Return This Week

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (June 2) — For some McKenzie residents, summer doesn't really start until Nights on Broadway and the Farmer's Market hit downtown McKenzie. Luckily for them, their summertime favorites are set to return this week.

Nights on Broadway returns to McKenzie's downtown square Thursday, June 4, with music by Flashback Band starting at 7 p.m.

The Nights on Broadway season continues June 18 with Back Road Truckers and July 16 with Johnny Mac. More dates and performers

are to be announced.

The City of McKenzie Farmer's Market, located at 2451 Cedar Street, opens Saturday, June 6, and is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The market is open from the first Saturday of June through the last Saturday of October.

Those interested in setting up a booth at the McKenzie Farmer's Market may sign up at McKenzie City Hall or on opening day at the market.

The following vendors have signed up for the season: Kenny's Nutz, Big Buck Beef Chips, Linda Swalley, Holt Family Farms and K & K Knick Knacks.



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TVA Considers New Rate Class for Data Centers

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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As data centers requiring high-power loads continue to develop and spread across the state, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is looking to change how data centers pay for power. Officials say their goal is to accommodate the growing demands while protecting the 10 million people who pay their power bills through the TVA.

The TVA sent a letter to its 153 local power companies in February to begin the rate-changing process, proposing several options including the creation of a new rate class specifically for data centers. The changes are not intended as a rate increase or decrease for average customers.

The TVA Board of Directors is expected to vote on proposals in August at the earliest.

Data centers made up approximately 18% of the TVA's overall industrial load in the past year, according to TVA spokesperson Scott Brooks, and that number is expected

to double by the year 2030.

Data centers are reportedly interested in coming to the TVA's service area because of its reliable, low-cost electricity. While the TVA will not deny data centers the right to move into Tennessee, data centers are expected to work with local power providers and make sure those providers can handle the power load without putting a strain or burden on their customers.

The TVA wants to ensure that data centers pay their fair share and do not put the financial burden on other customers.

Since December 2008, data centers have been charged under the same rate class as manufacturers. Now, the TVA wants to remove data centers from this classification entirely.

The TVA presented several options in its letter to local power companies, including:

1. Create a new class for customers above a specified contract demand size and/or qualifying under certain codes with prescribed unique load characteristics, along with new pricing

and capacity commitment requirements.

2. Establish a "capacity commitment charge," requiring upfront payment to cover the TVA's costs of serving certain new facilities including data centers.

3. Establish a framework to provide structured, customized pricing solutions to mitigate individual customer impacts.

TVA is in discussions with local power companies about the proposals. There is no public comment period.

Following this rate change – and likely in the next fiscal year – the TVA intends to engage with local power companies on broader rate structure changes. This future effort may include new commercial and industrial rates, new prevailing wholesale rates including an evaluation of the grid access charge, and transmission unbundling.

Tennessee currently has 85 data center facilities, according to the U.S. Data Center Map, with approximately 21 centers taking space in West Tennessee.

McKenzie Memorial Library Kicks Off Summer Reading Program

The McKenzie Memorial Library kicked off its 2026 summer reading program on Tuesday, May 26. The reading program, called "Unearth a Story," is themed around archaeology and dinosaurs. Tuesday's event invited library patrons to venture upstairs for a "Fossil Fest," during which they explored six stations: Jurassic Jargon, Dinos in Flight, Engineering Your Dinosaur, Dinosaur Bookmarks and Dino Doo Doo Detective.

Library Director Ceil Pomphrey guided patrons through the stations.

In Jurassic Jargon, attendees were challenged to decode words written in Braille and ASL. In Dinos in Flight, attendees could make and design paper airplanes. Then, attendees could make dinosaurs out of mini marshmallows and straws in the Engineering Your Dinosaur rotation. In Dinosaur Bookmarks, attendees colored dinosaur-themed bookmarks. Lastly, in Dino Doo Doo Detective, attendees dug through "dino doo doo" (chocolate pudding) to determine if a dinosaur was an herbivore or a carnivore.

McKenzie Memorial Library's summer reading program continued Thursday, May 28, with "Digging for Information," which highlighted the Tennessee Electronic Library, a free resource for Tennesseans found at tel4u.org and intel.info. Some resources require a library card number, while others use a school name and a password. The password for elementary schools is "read." The middle school password is "learn," and high schoolers use "research."

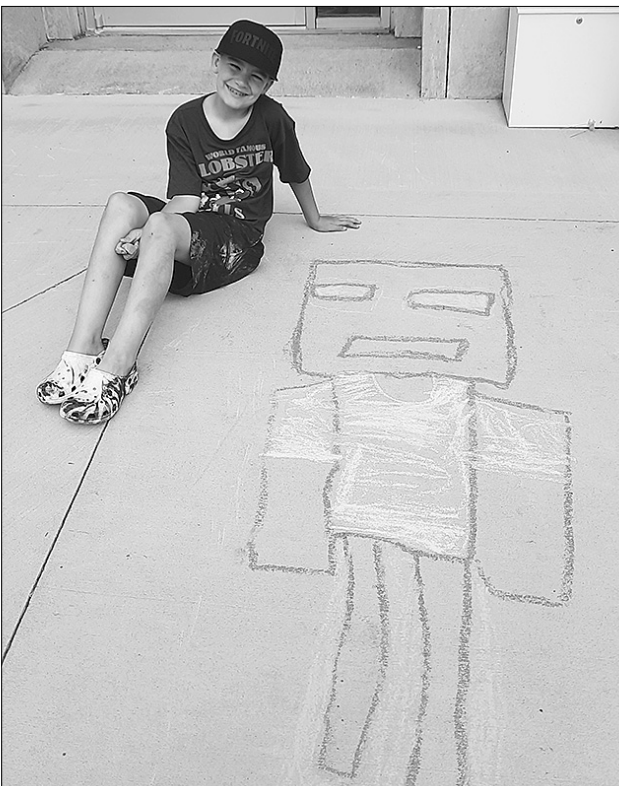
Saturday, the library hosted "Chalk Walk," where children were invited to let their creativity flow on the sidewalk in front of the library for the public to see.

The program continues all-day Friday, June 5, with "Adopt-A-Dino."

Other upcoming events include "Stone Age" at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6; "Tales at Ten" at 10 a.m. Monday, June 8; "Blooming Poems" at 2 p.m. June 9; "Dapper Dinos" all day Thursday, June 11; "Minecraft Archaeology" all day Saturday, June 13; "Tales at Ten" at 10 a.m. Monday, June 15; "Triassic Tie-Dye" at 10 a.m. Friday, June 19; "What inarnation?" at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20; "Tales at Ten" at 10 a.m. Monday, June 22; "Unearthing the Magic!" at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 23; "Prehistoric Pals" at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25; "Storybook Stroll" at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27; and "Tales at Ten" at 10 a.m. Monday, June 29.



Top, Tatum Fuller, 3, is pictured with Dee Dee Moore at the "Engineering Your Dinosaur" station, building dinosaurs out of marshmallows and straws. Above, Dee Dee Moore goes to throw a paper airplane with Tatum Fuller looking on. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner Below, Greyson Wallace shows off his chalk art at Saturday's summer reading event. Bottom, Michelle Wallace displays her chalk art at Saturday's summer reading event. Photos courtesy McKenzie Memorial Library



Essie and Clarence Jones of Memphis recently celebrated 61 years of marriage.
Submitted photo

Joneses Celebrate 61st Anniversary

Clarence and Essie Jones of Memphis recently marked their 61st wedding anniversary. The two were married on May 19, 1965.

Clarence and Essie are graduates of Webb High School in McKenzie, in 1960 and 1963, respectively.

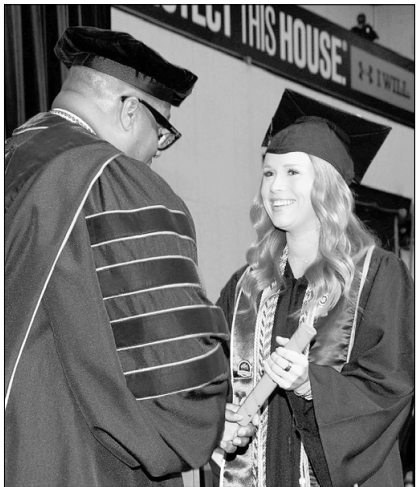
Clarence, a McKenzie

native, served for eight years in the U.S. Air Force and graduated from Memphis State University in 1972. He taught and coached in the Memphis City school system for 32 years.

Essie, a Trezevant native, graduated from Murray

State University in 1968 and worked in the Tennessee Department of Employment Security for 42 years as a counselor and assistant manager.

The couple have three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Left, Natalie Taylor (second from left), of Huntingdon, receives her nursing pin from Dr. Cassie Burks and Diane Austin, assistant professors of nursing. Right, Neveah Davis (right) is pictured receiving her degree from Chancellor Yancy Freeman Sr. at spring commencement. Submitted photos

County Nursing Graduates Recognized In UT Martin Pinning Ceremony

MARTIN — The University of Tennessee at Martin recognized 45 students completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree during the university's annual Pinning Ceremony on May 1.

The event marked the 34th BSN class to gradu-

ate from the university. The recognized nursing students received their degrees one day later during UT Martin's spring commencement.

Nevaeh Davis, of Hollow Rock, and Natalie Taylor, of Huntingdon, were among those receiving recognition at the Pinning Ceremony.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. For more information about UT Martin's nursing program, visit <https://www.utm.edu/academics/departments/nursing>.

Lifeline Blood Services June Blood Drives

Lifeline Blood Services has released its June blood drive calendar, reminding donors of its ongoing Eighth-Annual Car Giveaway.

Individuals 18 years and older who donate between May 26 and September 6 have a chance to win a 2024 Ford Maverick XLT in "Oxford White," sponsored by Joe Mahan Ford.

Lifeline Blood Services is in critical need of Type O blood and platelet donations, though all blood types are accepted. All individuals 16 years and older are eligible to donate.

See the blood drives coming in June:

SAVANNAH — TN Valley Electric Co-Op, June 3, 12-6 p.m.

TIPTONVILLE — Food Rite, June 3, 1-5 p.m.

PARIS — First United Methodist Church, June 4, 12-6 p.m.

MCKENZIE — E.W. James & Sons, June 5, 12-6 p.m.

HUNTINGDON — Cash Savers, June 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MARTIN — Martin City Hall, June 8, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

LINDEN — Perry County Hospital, June 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

SELMER — Selmer Courthouse, June 8, 12-6 p.m.

MILAN — Cadence Bank, June 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

BOLIVAR — Walmart,

June 9, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

PARIS — TCAT Henry/Carroll, June 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SOMERVILLE — First Baptist Church, June 10, 12-6 p.m.

CORINTH, Miss. — Corinth Alumni Battle-Trailhead Park, June 10, 12-5 p.m.

LEXINGTON — Henderson Co. Health Department, June 11, 8-11 a.m.

BRADFORD — Bestway, June 12, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

SCOTTS HILL — Piggly Wiggly, June 12, 1-6 p.m.

UNION CITY — Walmart, June 12, 1-6 p.m.

DRESDEN — E.W. James & Sons, June 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MCKENZIE — Overflow Church, June 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

LEXINGTON — Henderson Co. Justice Complex "Battle of the Badges," June 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

CRUMP — TCAT Crump, June 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

M c K E N Z I E — TCAT-McKenzie, June 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

JACKSON — Lowe's-South Jackson, June 16, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

JACKSON — Jackson Energy Authority, June 17, 8-10 a.m.

COUNCE — TBI Conference at Pickwick Lodge, June 17, 1-5 p.m.

CAMDEN — West TN Healthcare, June 18, 1-6 p.m.

BROWNSVILLE — Mulherin Family Pharmacy, June 19, 12-5 p.m.

PARSONS — First Baptist Church, June 22, 1-6 p.m.

MAURY CITY — Tate's Family Foods, June 22, 1-6 p.m.

UNION CITY — E.W. James & Sons, June 22, 1-7 p.m.

NEWBERN — Food Rite, June 23, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

SAVANNAH — Hardin Home & Park Rest Health Center, June 23, 1-6 p.m.

TRENTON — Jackson State Community College Gibson Co. Center, June 23, 1-6 p.m.

MILAN — Milan Box, June 24, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

JACKSON — Jackson Clinic Baptist Campus, June 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

DYERSBURG — First Citizens National Bank-Green Village, June 26, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HUMBOLDT — Tractor Supply, June 26, 1-6 p.m.

HALLS — Food Rite, June 29, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

DYER — Hays Family Grocery, June 29, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

HENDERSON — Henderson Church of Christ, June 29, 1-6 p.m.

JACKSON — Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital, June 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

HUNTINGDON — Walmart, June 30, 12-5 p.m.

MARTIN — West TN Healthcare Volunteer Hospital, June 30, 1-6 p.m.

McKenzie Chamber Announces Awards Finalists

MCKENZIE (May 27) — The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Board has announced eight finalists for the 2026 Chamber Awards. The winners will be announced at the McKenzie Chamber Banquet June 16.

This year's award categories include Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year and Nonprofit of the year.

Nominated for Small Business of the Year are

Bobby Gee's Diner and The Silly Goose Children's Shop. Nominated for Large Business of the Year are Baptist Memorial Hospital - Carroll County and L.I. Smith & Associates. Nominated for Business Person of the Year are Gary Simmons and Jay Phipps. Nominated for Nonprofit of the Year are CASA and the Rotary Club. "These businesses, organizations, and leaders were nominated for their commitment, hard work, community impact and dedication to strength-

ening McKenzie and the surrounding area," said Monica Heath, executive director. "Each finalist represents the very best of what our Chamber stands for: leadership, service, growth and community pride."

The McKenzie Chamber Banquet is Tuesday, June 16, from 6-8 p.m. at Bethel University's Vera Low Cafeteria, 101 Wildcat Lane, McKenzie. This year's keynote speaker is Patrick Smith, owner and president of L.I. Smith & Associates, Inc.

FCE Celebrates Members at Spring Rally Awards Luncheon

The Carroll County Family and Community Education (FCE) Spring Rally Awards Luncheon was May 28. Eleven members attended for a day of fellowship, inspiration and recognition.

The event began with a welcome and devotion led by Carroll County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Lacy Yeley. Members then enjoyed a special presentation from guest speaker Pam Harris, retired educator and author. Harris shared valuable resources, tips and strategies for individuals living with vision loss, as well as for their family members and friends.

After becoming legally blind in 2020 due to advanced myopic macular

degeneration, Harris found herself unable to participate in many of the activities she once loved.

During her presentation, she spoke about her personal journey to acceptance and shared the techniques and skills she has learned to help her live a more independent and fulfilling life.

Members enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by this year's hostesses, the Macedonia Club.

Following lunch, achievement awards were presented to members who participated in the annual reading program and to those who maintained perfect attendance throughout the year. Special recognition was also given to Gail Eubanks and

Danita Laman, who each received pins honoring 45 years of FCE membership and service.

Members also entered items in the Cultural Arts and Fashion Review competitions. First and second place winners will advance to regional judging, which is August 12 in Jackson.

The Spring Rally Awards Luncheon provided members with an opportunity to learn, celebrate accomplishments and enjoy fellowship together.

The University of Tennessee Extension service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or veteran status and is an Equal Opportunity employer.

Collision

...From Front Page

All three drivers were wearing seat belts and sustained injuries, Murray died from his injuries. Charges are pending against Lee. A medical helicopter reportedly landed at the scene shortly after the accident.

The accident occurred around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday between the Howard Road and Brannon Lane area of Highway 641, between Puryear, Tenn. and Hazel, Ky. The roadway was

closed until approximately 3:30 a.m. Sunday as multiple crews worked on scene.

Brinnen Murray Funeral Arrangements

Funeral services for Brinnen C. Murray are on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Murray, 57, died on May 30, 2026, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

He was a paramedic and a member of Long Heights Baptist Church. He was born in Paris, Tenn., on July 13, 1968, to Mackey Brin Murray and Joy Ward Murray Webb.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Murray; two children, Brin Murray and Allie Grace Murray; two sisters, Sheila (Randy) Miller of Springville, and Linda Murray; and one brother, Michael Murray.

He is preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Bob Webb.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Budget

...From Front Page

Before discussing the FY2027 budget, councilmembers approved Ordinance No. 657 to amend final budget amounts for Fiscal Year 2026.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Town of Huntingdon had a \$701,450 deficit in its General Fund, an \$11,300 deficit in its Drug Control Fund and a \$290,300 deficit in its Dixie Carter Performing Arts (DCPA) Project Fund. Through these funds, the town is carrying a \$1,003,050 deficit into FY2027.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the town broke even in its Solid Waste Collection Fund. The town's Utility Fund had a total operating income of \$368,450 and total nonoperating revenue of \$164,550. The Utility Fund's net position increased by \$488,000 in Fiscal Year 2026.

The Huntingdon Town Council then reviewed Ordinance No. 658 to adopt and approve the General Fund, Drug Fund, Solid Waste Collection Fund, DCPA Special Projects Fund and Utility Fund budgets for FY2027.

The FY2027 budget was prepared using the current property tax rate of 0.7744 per \$100 of assessed value.

"The town's most valuable asset is our employees," Mayor Edwards said before revealing that the 2027 budget provides for a 30-cent per hour employee pay raise and the continuation of employee benefits — including \$10,700 per employee for insurance premiums, funding the employee's health savings account, and life insurance coverage for the employee in the amount of \$50,000.

Huntingdon's FY2027 General Fund balance is expected to begin at \$7,230,799 on July 1, 2026, and end with \$7,031,779 on June 30, 2027. The largest expenditures are \$1,748,900 toward the

Huntingdon Police Department, \$1,004,050 toward the Street Division, \$900,700 toward the Huntingdon Fire Department, \$553,950 toward Finance and Administration, \$484,700 toward the Parks and Cemeteries Department and \$405,900 toward General Government.

The General Fund has four outstanding notes: Museum Note; Street Paving, 2018 Series; Equipment - Fire Truck, PWD Tandems, 2022 Series; and Police (SRO) Vehicles. The total principal outstanding cost of the four notes is \$1,328,000.

Capital purchases include the purchase of a new dispatch radio console for the Police Department (\$163,600), new radios for the Fire Department (\$43,500), a tractor for the Street Department (\$60,000), two John Deere Gators for the Parks and Cemeteries Department (\$30,000), asphalt paving (\$400,000), a pickup truck for the Utility Department (\$50,000) and a parking lot project at the Kelley Sports Complex (\$30,000).

Pending capital projects include the Multimodal Access Grant (\$78,500) and the 2026 CDBG Grant - SW Lift Stations (\$50,000).

The FY2027 Drug Fund budget projects a large change between 2026 and 2027, with fines and forfeitures expected to bring \$43,200 in revenue to the Town of Huntingdon. The ending fund balance, after spending \$30,050 on appropriations, is expected to be \$28,006.

Huntingdon's DCPA Special Project Fund is expected to gain \$27,540 in FY2027, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$141,543. Huntingdon is projected to make \$391,940 in DCPA Special Project Fund revenues, and total appropriations are expected to cost \$364,000.

Huntingdon's Water and Sewer Fund is projected to start FY2027 with \$15,101,728 on July 1, 2026,

and end with \$15,366,528 on June 30, 2027.

The Town of Huntingdon has two outstanding loans and one outstanding note in its Water and Sewer Fund: a Sewer PBA Loan, 2023; a SRF DW-Wt Line/Meters Loan; and an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Note, 2003. The total principal outstanding cost of the three items is \$4,684,673.

The Huntingdon Town Council unanimously voted in approval of the proposed budget on its first reading and will call for a public hearing regarding the budget at the June 23 meeting.

The meeting went on as the council approved Resolution No. 026-06 to hire administrative services for the 2026 Local Parks & Recreation Fund Grant Project. The grant, authorized in March, paves the way for six new tennis courts and eight pickleball courts, complete with parking, ADA-compliant walkways, lighting, site furnishings, benches, bleachers, restrooms, and a pavilion.

The Mayor and Town Council selected Community Development Partners, LLC to provide assistance in the administration of the grant project.

The council approved the purchase of a 2026 Peterson Freightliner Knuckle Boom Truck for the Street Department. The town is contracted with Sourcewell, who priced the truck at \$221,635.43.

The council also approved the purchase of a 2026 F-150 4x4 Supercrew pickup truck for the Fire Department, priced at \$52,499.

"There's a whole lot of our vehicles that are overdue," Mayor Edwards said, "so we're proud to do it this year"

Before adjourning, the council voted to adjust two Huntingdon residents' water bills.

The Huntingdon Town Council's next meeting is Tuesday, June 23, at 5:15 p.m.



The Henry County High School cheerleading squad performed cheers and dances leading up to TJ Maxx's grand opening Thursday morning. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

TJ Maxx

...From Front Page

Vallery later shared with attendees that her career had come full-circle Thursday, as she managed Goody's in Paris 21 years ago.

"This is like a coming home moment for me," Vallery said, "and it's so exciting to see that Paris, Ten-

nessee, is still the friendly, welcoming city that it was years ago."

TJ Maxx was the first shopping destination to open at the new Paris Crossing Shopping Center, which also houses Pet Smart, Five Below, Hobby Lobby, Aldi, Bath and Body Works, Dior Nail Salon, Rack Room Shoes, Ulta and Burlington.

Five Below held a soft opening Saturday, May 30. Five Below and Pet Smart

are slated to host their grand opening events on June 6, and Hobby Lobby is scheduled to open in late June 2026.

The Paris Crossing Shopping Center is expected to be fully open by the end of the summer, but Aldi remains under construction.

TJ Maxx is located at 1935 Mineral Wells Avenue, Paris, and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. with new styles coming in every day.

Liberty

...From Front Page

Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel, including two deployments to Germany and two to Afghanistan.

Wolfe's husband, Brett, is a retired combat medic who served 23 years in the Air Force. They live in Huntingdon with their daughter, Remy.

Wolfe now serves as a civilian with the Joint Trauma System, Military Orthopaedic Trauma Registry, continuing her commitment to caring for America's service members and veterans.

During the ceremony, Emily Coleman sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Allen Espey recognized the veterans present, then read the names of the 78 vet-



During Liberty All Church's Memorial Day program, attendees placed small flags (pictured) on the graves of veterans buried in the Liberty All Cemetery. Submitted photo

erans buried in the Liberty All Cemetery.

Joie Butler and Harlon Butler carried out the individual flags that were placed on each of the veterans' graves

by those in attendance.

The playing of "Taps" concluded the ceremony.

Liberty All Church is located at 2415 Old Stage Road, Huntingdon, Tenn., 38344.

Storage

...From Front Page

hydrant and any proposed landscaping.

The property, owned by Drewry, is 1.34 acres in size and is zoned B-2 (Highway Business). The combined size of the three proposed mini-storage structures is

14,950 square feet.

The property has access to municipal water and sewer services and does not appear to be located in a designated flood hazard zone. McKenzie Fire Chief Brian Tucker advised that a fire hydrant is not necessary at the location.

The property contains one existing mini-storage building, not owned by Drewry.

At staff planner Donnie Bunton's recommendation,

the McKenzie Planning Commission voted in approval of Drewry's site plan proposal.

Commissioner AJ Maxwell resigned from the McKenzie Planning Commission following Wednesday's meeting, due to his approaching year-long deployment to the Middle East. Mayor Ryan Griffin thanked Maxwell for his service and prayed for his protection overseas.

89 Tennessee Counties Report Unemployment Rates Below Five Percent

NASHVILLE (May 28) — 89 of Tennessee's 95 counties reported unemployment rates below 5% in April, according to new data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

Two counties recorded rates of 5%, and four counties had rates of more than 5%.

In 36 counties, unemployment rates for April were down when compared with March rates. Rates were unchanged in 32 counties and increased in 27 counties.

Cheatham and Dickson counties reported the state's lowest unemployment rates for April at 2.6%. Both counties saw no change in their rates from the previous month. Seven counties — Macon, Knox, Sumner, Wilson, Williamson, Cannon, and Blount — followed with rates of 2.7%.

Mauzy County recorded the highest unemployment rate in the state. At 6.1%, Mauzy's rate was 1 percentage point above its March rate. Lewis County reported the second-highest rate for the month at 5.8%, an increase of eight-tenths of a percentage point over March. Perry County followed with a rate of 5.3%, a decline of one-tenth of a percentage point.

Data released last week showed that Tennessee's seasonally adjusted unemploy-

ment rate in April was 3.6%. Unlike the statewide rate, county rates are not seasonally adjusted.

TDLWD has compiled an analysis of the April 2026 county unemployment data.

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The program also connects learners with career training, workforce preparation, and support services designed to help Tennesseans reach their educational and professional goals.

Go online to learn more about Tennessee Adult Education programs and find classes near you.

Tennessee will release statewide unemployment data for May on June 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

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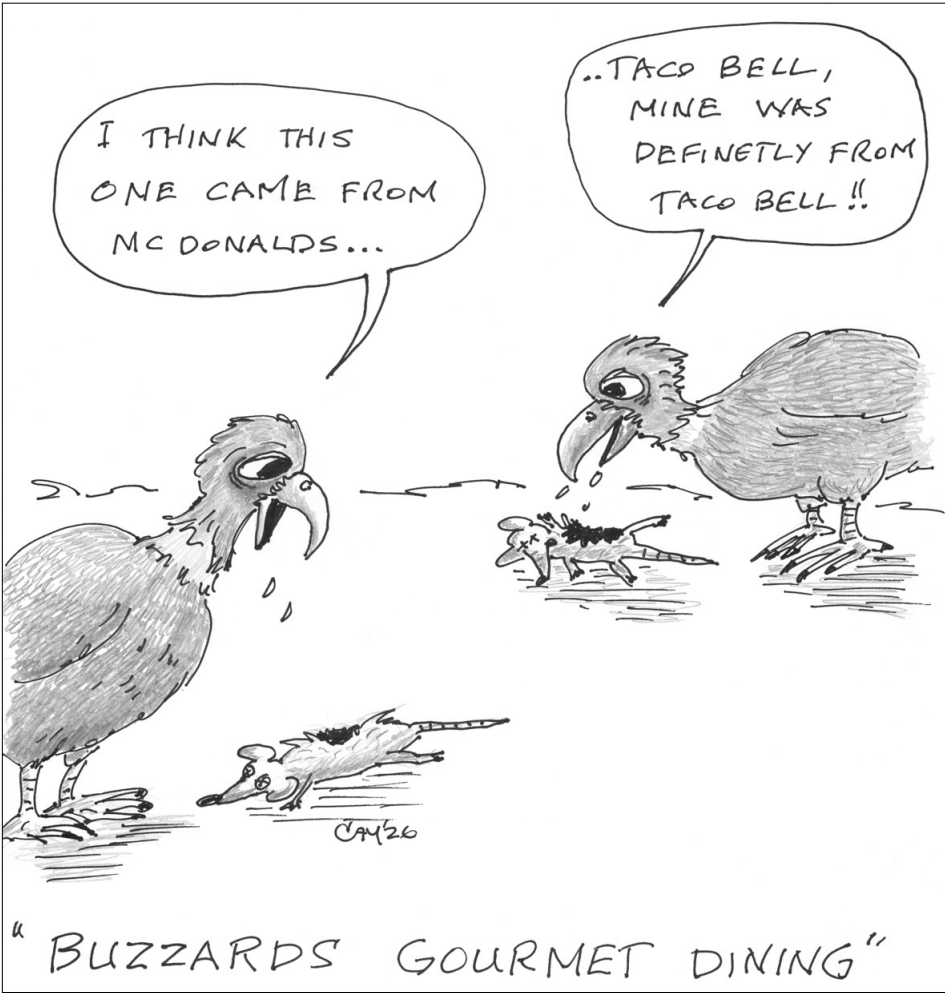
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Things In My Head with Charles Manfredi



HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Maybe Our Connections Have Connections

Pat Fisher, who I did not know, sent a short note of thanks for some of my little stories. She mentioned she is related to Jim and Joe Williams, that her husband attended Mississippi State, and she lives in McLemoresville, Tennessee. She has no idea how quickly her encouraging words sent my memory bank tumbling in all sorts of directions.

And reaffirmed my belief that so many of our different stories are entwined in so many ways....

Jim and Joe lived just up the street from me. Jim was a couple of years older and one of the guys I looked up to. First, because he was always playing in any game we had going on in the neighborhood. And later, when I realized how smart he was, I began to look to him for advice.

And, good golly, you wouldn't believe the hours we spent together on that old football practice field behind the high school. Bonding together through blood, sweat, toil, and tears.

Joe was a year younger than me. He was brilliant in an off-beat kind of way, and I mean that as a great compliment. I get in touch with him when I can't remember all the characters that made the City Café so special in our young lives. He should be the one writing weekly stories.

I'm telling you, he could make these pages glow.

He understood Leon. That is saying something! I always suspected, but could never prove, that Joe might have been called up with Leon into the flying saucer that landed in the field behind Mr. Archie Moore's pond in 1958.

Before I could finish reading Pat Fisher's few lines, I found myself on a Sunday afternoon at the baseball

field across from the pajama factory. Our town team was playing a group from Sardis, led by brothers Sammy and Ralph Fisher. I did not know if Pat was kin to them, but her name sure rang their bell for me.

Ralph was playing second base. Sammy was at short-stop. Someone hit a sharp ground ball screaming towards centerfield. Sammy took a few quick steps, dove to his left, snagged the ball and while still sliding on his stomach whisked it out of his glove toward second base. Ralph grabbed it while twirling in midair and threw a strike to first to complete the greatest double play that I have ever witnessed.

It was a moment that transcended the game itself to be written in indelible ink in the deepest chambers of my mind. I appreciated Pat giving me a chance to review it all over again.

Our same town team played later that summer in McLemoresville against a black team. It was a rare occurrence in our neck of the woods in the early 1960's for sure. It was the first time I had ever been involved in such an event.

I remember we jumped off to an early lead and everyone played as hard as they could on both teams. It was a baseball game. Nothing more, or less. We shook hands after the game and you'd a'thought we'd been doing it for years.

I was sixteen, playing with, and against, older men. There were no incidents. No name calling. But I think a lot of respect was shared on both sides. Another moment to relive, courtesy of Pat's note, that transcended the game.

And one teenage boy grew a bit that day just by keeping his eyes and heart open.

Fast forward ten years and 550 miles and you'd understand why I didn't hesitate to play for the St. Joe Sluggers, a black semipro team, when they asked me to join them. Another great group of guys just intent on beating Perry, or Ebbero, or Panama City on any given Sunday afternoon.

We'd win a big home game and celebrate with a plate of Paul Gant's barbeque.

Cathy's niece attended Mississippi State. We went to see her one fall weekend and attended a football game. I was impressed with the students, the town of Starkville, and the unbelievable Cullis and Gladys Wade Clock Museum on campus.

I told Cathy we ought to have a couple of more kids so we could send them to Mississippi State!

When you start connecting the dots, you can see the logic in my earlier statement about one story expanding into many.

McLemoresville also had a store that sold the best pimento cheese in the universe. We'd drive over there and pick up a pint, or quart, and eat most of it before we got back to the house.

Mom was famous for her hand squeezed pimento to cheese. I tell you how special it was. When her three sons were older, with families of their own, Leon would show up at Mom's at Thanksgiving and Christmas a day early. When me and David Mark arrived, there wouldn't be enough pimento cheese left in the bottom of the bowl to cover one Ritz Cracker!

If I dig any deeper, we may all be entwined in this one....

Respectfully,
Kes
kesley45@aol.com

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Good Grief, It's Personal

She was a simple, unadorned young woman. Her long, awkward strides took her quickly from the door of my office to the couch where she unceremoniously plopped down and crossed her legs, swinging it impatiently as I settled into my chair.

Before I could open my mouth, she said, "My doctor says I need to be here. I think he needs to be here."

The double-handful of words she threw at me told me much:

1. She has some kind of emotional or behavioral symptoms that are significant enough that a primary care physician has noticed them and felt they needed addressed.

2. This woman takes the shortest route to a destination. She won't tolerate beating around the bush, so I'll have to be direct with her.

3. She's mad at her doctor for insisting that she come.

4. But has a tremendous amount of respect for her doctor to agree to do something she doesn't want to do.

5. She has lots of misgivings about the value of counseling in general and is probably suspicious of me.

I decided to try a question.

"So, why would your doctor think you need to come see me?"

Grabbing that question like a rodeo cowboy wrestling a calf to the ground, she held the back of her hand toward me and stuck up one finger. No, it wasn't that finger; it was her ring finger.

Pointing to the wedding ring encircling it, she said, "Doc tells me I need to take this off and get on with my life."

Folding her arms across her chest, her leg shifted into high gear again, swinging vigorously. There was an air of finality about her, as if she'd said all she intended to say and now it was my turn.

Clearly, I needed some more information. I ventured another question, "Why don't you tell me

your story?"

With a huff of exasperation she uncrossed her legs, leaned forward, and launched into what was a heartbreaking story.

Three years earlier, her thirty-four-year-old husband was killed in a work-related accident, which meant she was a widow at twenty-eight with four-year-old twin daughters and an eight-month-old son.

She concluded her story by saying, "Am I still sad sometimes? Yes, but I ain't depressed. I go to work every day. I take care of my kids and my house. But doc says I need to take this ring off."

Grief.

It's an interesting word. It's an effort to describe in one word a myriad of emotions.

Grief is not pain. It's our emotional response to pain; the specific kind of pain associated with loss.

When any conversation revolves around human suffering, the name of Job inevitably shows up. It's hard to find any example of someone who experienced more loss than this ancient man. As a matter of fact, so shocking were the losses that Job experienced that when his friends came to see him, "they sat on the ground with him seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him because they saw how great his suffering was."

Emotions are internal, but they need an external (physical, behavioral) expression, a means of finding their way out of the heart. For example, if you're happy, the corners of your mouth turn up, producing a smile; you might laugh and even produce happy tears.

Finding a healthy way of expressing intense feelings is crucial to our mental health. As a matter of fact, it's the holding in of emotions that causes a plethora of problems and constitutes one of the main reasons counselors' offices are so busy.

What I appreciate about Job's story is how readily and openly he expressed his grief. He "tore his robe

and shaved his head." He sat in a pile of ashes and "took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it."

It's a vivid picture of someone giving full vent to their emotions.

Am I saying we should all express our grief the same way Job did? No. As a matter of fact, I rarely offer any suggestions on how to express grief because I believe grief is the most personal experience a person can have. I try to stay out of the way of other's personal expression of grief. Everyone has to do things in ways that make sense to them, not to me.

The only time I get concerned about how a person is grieving is if, after a month or two, it's preventing them from functioning on a daily basis. That doesn't mean I think they should be over their loss in a month or so. I'm simply saying that it might be time to consider medications and/or behavioral changes.

Two points I'm trying to make here:

- Don't let someone tell you how you should be processing your grief or what "stage" you should be in.

- Don't make the mistake of telling someone what they should do with their grief just because it makes sense to you. Many people have been greatly wounded by well-intentioned suggestions from others.

And the lady I mentioned in the opening of this article? What did I tell her? I simply asked her if she wanted to take her wedding ring off.

"Hell no," she said.

"Then don't take it off,"

I replied. "It's your business what you do with your ring."

She responded with a warm, genuine smile. "Thank you. That's what I needed to hear." Laughing, she added, "Just wait until I see that crazy doctor of mine."

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

EPA Turns to Renewables to Lower Fuel Prices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a move aimed at curbing rising costs at the pump, federal regulators cleared the way for a significant increase in ethanol blending for the nation's gasoline supply starting this month.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an emergency waiver authorizing the nationwide sale of E15 gasoline—a blend containing 15% ethanol—effective May 1, 2026. The decision effectively bypasses standard seasonal restrictions that typically limit ethanol content to 10% during the warmer months to manage air quality concerns.

A Strategy for Lower Prices

The Biden-Trump transition era has seen a continued focus on domestic energy production and price stabilization. By allowing the higher 15% blend, officials hope to leverage the lower cost of corn-based ethanol to offset the price of crude oil derivatives.

"This action is a critical step in providing relief to American families," an

EPA spokesperson stated. "By increasing the volume of fuel available to consumers, we are utilizing every tool at our disposal to lower costs during the peak driving season."

Under the Clean Air Act, E15 is traditionally restricted between June 1 and September 15 for retailers—and as early as May 1 for wholesalers—because higher ethanol blends can contribute to ground-level ozone (smog) in high temperatures.

To circumvent this, the EPA invoked emergency powers, citing "extreme fuel supply circumstances." While the current waiver is legally capped at a 20-day duration, the agency signaled that it intends to issue successive renewals to keep E15 available through the remainder of the summer.

Impact on Consumers and Infrastructure

The shift to E15 will not be universal. While the waiver simplifies the supply chain by creating a unified national standard for fuel pressure (10 psi), the higher blend is currently

offered at approximately 3,400 stations nationwide, largely concentrated in the Midwest.

Industry experts offered the following guidance for motorists:

Vehicle Compatibility:

The EPA maintains that all light-duty vehicles manufactured in 2001 or later are safe to operate on E15.

Potential Savings:

Historically, E15 sells for \$0.10 to \$0.25 less per gallon than standard E10 gasoline.

Warranty Warnings:

Owners of high-performance vehicles or older models are encouraged to check their manuals, as using E15 in unapproved engines (such as boats or lawnmowers) may void warranties or cause engine damage.

The waiver has drawn praise from corn growers and renewable fuel advocates, who view the move as a win for American agriculture and energy independence, while some environmental groups expressed concern over the potential impact on air quality during the upcoming heatwaves.

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MCKENZIE FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 6

The McKenzie Farmers Market opens Saturday, June 6 for the season. Hours are 8 a.m.-noon each Saturday.

CARROLL COUNTY E911 BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Carroll County Emergency Communication District Budget Committee meets Tuesday, June 9 at 11:30 a.m. at 20405 East Main Street, Huntingdon. Citizens desiring to publicly comment at the meeting on an agenda item must register with the district at 731-986-8911. A copy of the Public Comment Policy may be obtained at the district office, temporarily located at 20405 East Main Street.

MCKENZIE REBEL GOLF PAR 3 TOURNAMENT

McKenzie Rebel Golf hosts its Par 3 Tournament fundraiser Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m. at the Carroll Lake Golf Course. Registration starts at 3 p.m. The format is a three-person scramble. Entry fee is \$120 per team (\$40 per player). There will be door prizes and food. Hole sponsorships are available. For registration or sponsorship info, contact Coach Holt at holtt@mckenzie-schools.org or 731-415-2215.

REVIVAL AT EPHEBUS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival at Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, 2895 Ephesus Church Rd., Hollow Rock, is May 31 at 6 p.m. and June 1-5 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

MCKENZIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DECADES REUNION

Plans are underway for the third annual MHSAA Decades Reunion weekend on September 25-26. All MHS alumni are invited to return to McKenzie to reconnect with friends, classmates, former teachers through many reunions and other planned events. Updates on the upcoming weekend will be on the alumni association's Facebook site and in The

McKenzie Banner. For more information, email mckenziehsalumni.tn@gmail.com.

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. 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.

SHERIFF TOWN HALL COMING JUNE 30

The McKenzie Banner and The Carroll County Observer are partnering to organize a Carroll County Sheriff's Town Hall and Community Forum on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center at 201 Mustang Drive in Huntingdon to meet the three candidates vying for the Sheriff's position: Eric Sawyers, Michael A. Smith and Ryan White. The moderator will be retired Circuit Court Judge Donald Parish. News media will be broadcasting the event. Early voting is July 17-August 1. Election day is August 6, 2026.

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.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC

Everyone is invited to The Breakfast Club every Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. for coffee, snacks, mingling and a light activity. Take the chance to connect and socialize before getting interactive with games, light exercise and fun! Bring a friend and come make new ones at Hometown Health Clinic - Pediatrics/Special-

ty Entrance. We can't wait to see you there!

MHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

McKenzie High School Class of 1976 is holding a 50-year class reunion on September 26, 1 p.m. at Chandler Farms in McKenzie. The event is in conjunction with the MHS Alumni Association annual reunion. For more information, e-mail Amy Rich Carter at amycarter58@gmail.com or Marsha Spain Smith at smithmarsha99@yahoo.com.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS, NEWS

Cat Vouchers
Cat spay/neuter vouchers are always available for \$60. To purchase by phone for use at Paris Vet Clinic, call 731-514-0878 and leave a message. These are available to anyone regardless of residency. We now offer cat vouchers to Carroll County residents for \$60 at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic. These must be purchased in person at the shelter with cash or card, and proof of residency is required. However, Carroll Co. residents can still use Paris Vet Clinic if preferred.

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

Obituaries



BRINNEN CONWAY MURRAY 1968 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Brinnen C. Murray are on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Murray, 57, died on May 30, 2026, from injuries sustained in a car accident. He was a paramedic and a member of Long Heights Baptist Church. Born in Paris, Tenn., on July 13, 1968, to Mackey Brin Murray and Joy Ward Murray Webb.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Murray; two children, Brin Murray and Allie Grace Murray; two sisters, Sheila (Randy) Miller of Springville, and Linda Murray; and one brother, Michael Murray.

He is preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Bob Webb.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

BETTY JANE SCATES 1936 – 2026

BRUCETON — Ms. Betty Jane Scates, 89, of Bruceton, Tenn., died at Jackson Madison County General Hospital on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2026, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home with Brother James Keen and Brother Randy Thompson officiating. Interment followed in New Prospect Cemetery in Hollow Rock.

The family received friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Saturday from 4:30-8 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Ms. Scates was born on December 25, 1936, in Huntingdon, Tenn., to the late William Albert and Edna Bennett Smith. She married Ray Scates on November 26, 1955.

She was a member of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. She retired

from Publix Shirt Factory (Thomas Bradford) where she worked for 40+ years as a sewing machine operator. She was also co-owner of Scates Grocery & Market in Hollow Rock where she worked part-time until it was sold in 1975.

Jane is survived by one daughter, Debbie Devault; and one son, Mike (Lori) Scates; and one brother, Billy (Patsy) Smith. She also leaves three grandchildren, Melissa Cox, Monica Hollingsworth, and Jonathan (Kristin) Devault; six great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Austin) Starr, Kristen Cox, Kylie Hollingsworth, Connor (Josalyn) Hollingsworth, Kasper Malchow and Kaylee Devault; three great-great-grandchildren Riley, William and Baylor and a very special niece, Linda Cursey.

She is preceded in death by her husband; three sisters Evonne Smith, Bobbie Jean Rich, and Wanda Workman; grandson William Devault; and grandson-in-law Shane Cox.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

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

CARNELL HILL BROWNING 1929 – 2026

Carnell Hill Browning, 96, of Paris, Tenn., died Friday, May 29, 2026, at the Patriot Health and Rehab Center in Paris.

Carnell worked for many years in quality control at the Holley Carburetor Plant before its closing. She then worked as a CNA at the McKenzie Hospital. After retiring, she served 25 years as a "Pink Lady", volunteering at the Henry County Medical Center. For many years, Carnell volunteered working for the Henry County Election Commission. She was a member of New Bethel Church of Christ.

She married Cecil B. Browning December 24, 1949, who preceded her in death January 4, 2011.

She was born on October 15, 1929, in Cottage Grove, Tenn. to the late James William Hill and the late Rosa Jane Brown Hill.

Carnell is survived by her daughter, Kenitha Ferguson of Paris; two grandchildren, Marc (Brooke) Moore of Puryear, Tenn., and Adam (Mandi) Jackson of Milan, Tenn.; and four great grandchildren, Rian Moore, Alaina (Justin) Hutson, Kennedy

Jackson, and Aden Jackson; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her husband of sixty-two years, she was also preceded in death by four sisters, Kathryn Browning, Garnett McFarland, Flossie McKee and Opal Brock; and three brothers, AJ Hill, Nathan Hill, and Teddy Hill.

Ridgeway Funeral Home 201 Dunlap St./P.O. Box 788, Paris, TN 38242, handled the arrangements. Visitation was Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 4-7 p.m., and continued Sunday, May 31, 2026, after 12 p.m. until the time of her service. Her funeral service was held Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Ridgeway Funeral Home with John Dale and Charlie Cate officiating. Burial followed in the Olive Branch Cemetery.

In honor of Carnell's years of service as a "Pink Lady", memorials may be made to the Henry County Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, 301 Tyson Ave., Paris, TN 38242.

PAUL CRAWFORD 1958 – 2026

PARIS — Mr. Paul Crawford, 67, of Paris, Tenn., died Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Ascension St. Thomas Hospital West in Nashville. He was born on September 26, 1958. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation is 1 p.m. on Friday at the church. McPhearsen-Rawls Funeral Home - Paris. 731-642-1515.

JASON RUDOLPH HAMBY 1973 – 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Jason R. Hamby are Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 12 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Caledonia Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Hamby, 52, died at his residence on May 27, 2026. He worked at Tower MGF, McKenzie, as a galvanizer. Born on September 24, 1973, in Memphis, Tenn., to James Rudolph Hamby and Alice Carol Williams Hamby.

He is survived by his parents, Rudy and Carol Hamby of McKenzie, and his wife, Jenny Hamby.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Rodney Scott Hamby.

Huntingdon Historical Museum's June Dates

HUNTINGDON (May 28) — The Huntingdon Historical Museum is open four days in June, the Town of Huntingdon announced on Thursday.

"From generations past to treasured moments throughout the years, there is so much to see and learn," the Town of Huntingdon said.

The museum is open the following dates:

Wednesday, June 3: 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 13: 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, June 17: 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, June 24: noon to 2 p.m.

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Living at Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

May kicked off with us literally running as we celebrated the Lakeside Derby with a racing game. Winners Maxine Garner and Julie Garner crossed the finish line first and received not a blanket of roses but a soft plush throw for taking first place. After that, we shared fun facts and trivia about the Derby. Each person picked their winner and watched the next day to see who would win. It was a magnificent run with a long-shot emerging from last place to take the prize. Although no one had picked the winner, we all loved an underdog story.

We continued running with several outings this month. We visited the Masonic Lodge in Huntingdon for their annual scholarship cookout and took our food to the 1000-Acre Lake for a sunset picnic. We attended

the Carroll County Senior Dance and feasted on a Cinco de Mayo Mexican food bar, danced to the band and visited with friends. This was the last dance of the season. We will kick off the next season on September 1 with the end-of-summer cookout.

Then we put on our aprons, and the bakers among us made some tasty sweets to be entered into the Dresden Iris Festival Baking Contest and Senior Luncheon. Ms. Gail and her group always make us feel welcome and do an excellent job of hosting at the Weakly County Senior Center. Lonnelle McMillen made a sugar free coconut lime Margaritaville pie, Lena Morgan made strawberry pie, Carol French made a fresh apple walnut cake, Mary Ann Melton made a four-layer fresh coconut cake and Robbie Adams made a very berry cake. We brought home two

ribbons and two cash prizes.

We attended the Monday morning Breakfast Club at Hometown Health Clinic, and this month we had an informative speaker regarding drug addiction and interventions. Each guest received a combination lock box. They also had a mini health fair screening this month to demonstrate some new equipment, and we got goody bags filled with useful items along with testing for A1C, Pulmonary Lung Function, blood pressure and weight. Resident Harry Walch was the lucky winner of the door prize drawing.

The Krider Performing Arts Center hosted a concert with the James Greer Band for their Senior Series Event. They provide this to seniors free of charge, and it was such an enjoyable day.

We were invited to Picking by the Pond at McKenzie City Park by Steve Bomar, a monthly music volunteer. At Picking by the Pond, a group

of local musicians planned to cook up some food and play some tunes. We planned on a picking and grinning good time. This event was scheduled for May 30.

We celebrated Mother's Day with a Breakfast at Tiffany's themed party on Friday. All the ladies were given a Tiffany blue box filled with a pearl bracelet and a cosmetic bag with black bows stuffed with the iconic colored tissue paper. We had a diamond bow and pearl backdrop for a family photo with moms. We used all matching tableware with centerpieces of bows, sunglasses and pearls and served a pearl punch along with a matching cupcake. On Sunday, the kitchen staff served a Mother's Day meal and served 24 guests. Some of our moms went out to be with family. It was a very nice weekend for all the Lakeside Moms.

On Memorial Day, we made sure that we first and foremost paid tribute to the

solemn purpose of the day by remembering the U.S. military personnel who died in service to our country. We did this with our White Table Service: Charlene Doyle placed the white cloth, Mary Lacy placed the plate setting, Ann Isom placed the black napkin, Mary Ann Melton placed the single red rose and ribbon, Lonnelle McMillen placed the lemon slice and the sprinkled salt, Peggy Work placed the inverted cup and the candle, Julie Garner placed the flag, Thai Saul placed the Bible and Sheila Willis placed the tilted chair. May God bless all branches of the Armed Forces, those who have answered the call to serve and their families. Our maintenance man, Chris Thomas grilled for us, and our director, Cris Stafford, made homemade strawberry and banana ice cream.

Lindsey Gordan, a representative from Security Finance Bank presented on Fraud Protection. Scammers

and criminals are coming up with new ways to take advantage of people, and our government and financial institutes are constantly working to stay ahead of them and to keep their clients protected. The senior population is one of the more vulnerable targeted groups that fall prey to accounts being hacked.

We also had Kim Brannon from Cane Creek Rehab come and tell us about the warning signs of strokes, the different kinds of strokes, ways to help prevent strokes and risk factors contributing to strokes. Both ladies were so knowledgeable, and we appreciate them coming by and speaking with our residents.

We celebrated four birthdays: Adell Rich, Caryl Ingram, Chester Page and Linda Brinkman. We welcomed two new residents to the Lakeside family: Billy McAdams and Thomas Crawford. Until Next Time...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the McKenzie Mayor and Board of Aldermen on Thursday, the 11th day of June, 2026 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

The hearing is to receive public input on an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of McKenzie, Tennessee which would rezone properties located at 15671, 15687, and 15697 Highland Drive (owned by the Perkins Corporation) from partially B-2 (Highway Business) and R-3 (High Density Residential) to entirely B-2 (Highway Business). Full copies of the proposed amendment may be viewed in McKenzie City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS#: 2026-21063-TN

Whereas, Gary A McKennie, An Unmarried Man by Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), dated 11/3/2021 and of record in Deed Book 711, Page(s) 580-595, and/or as Instrument Number 191004, in Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed to Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee along with Correction Instrument recorded on 5/8/26 as Instrument No. 213715, and in Deed Book 426, Page 463-464, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the "Note") described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to Mortgage Investors Group, and subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and Whereas, Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC has been duly appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by instrument recorded in Deed Book 768, Page(s) 1032-1034 and/or as Instrument Number 213961 in Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and Whereas, the owner and holder of the Note has demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust. The notice requirements of T.C.A. §35-5-101 and 35-5-104 have been satisfied. Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that an agent of Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and conferred by the Deed of Trust, will proceed to sell the below-mentioned property on 7/2/2026, at 2:00 PM at the East Court House Door of the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344, to the highest call bidder for cash free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Carroll County, Tennessee, described as follows: Lying And Being Situated In The 4th Civil District, Carroll County, State Of Tennessee, More Particularly Described As Follows: Being Lot # 19 Of The Long Subdivision, A Plat Of Which Is Recorded In Deed Book 141, Page 139, ROCCT, And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Stake On The Southwest Corner Of This Lot And The Northwest Corner Of Lot # 18 At A Gravel Road And Runs Thence N 1 Degree 30' E 27 Feet To A Small Stake; Thence Continuing North 9 Degrees West 73 Feet To A Stake At Lot # 20; Thence Runs North 85 Degrees 30' East 198 Feet To A Stake With Lot # 18; Runs Thence South 4 Degrees East 100 Feet To A Stake At Lot # 18; Runs Thence South 85 Degrees 30' West 197 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 5753 Cole St, Mc Kenzie, TN 38201, but if such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Owner of Property: Gary A McKennie The sale is subject to occupant(s) rights in possession of the premises. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The purchaser shall have no further record against the grantor, the grantee or the trustee. Notice To Bidders: Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5. Internet Posting Website: <https://tennesseepostings.com/>

Publication Dates: 6/2/2026 and 6/9/2026 Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, 214 5th Street, Suite 205, Huntingdon Beach, California 92648 Phone: (888) 403-4115 TS#: 2026-21063-TN

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Property Transfers

McKenzie First United Methodist Church to McKenzie Methodist Church. No district listed.

Bonnie Jean Caraway to Bonnie Jean Caraway and others. No district listed.

Gary Allan Roney to Jeffrey L. and wife Meredith Fuller in District 7.

Preston Carter to Levi James Jordan in District 11.

Othella McGowan to Reggie Milam in District 12.

William Leon Thorne to William Leon Thorne Family Living Trust dated April 23, 2026. No district listed.

Lucielouis Ray King and

others to GL Land, LLC. No district listed.

Scout Land Group, LLC to Bobbie Joe and husband Raymond Merenda in District 8.

Denise Maynard and others to Midway Storage in District 22.

Craig Clayton Ellis and Willard Trent to Peyton S. Collins in District 13.

Clay Roberts Easley as executor to Jesse Hawkins Easley in District 12.

Barsto Rental to Paul E. and wife Stacy H. Stokes in District 11.

Larry and wife Nancy Eskew to Larry R. and Nancy D. Eskew, co-trustees in District 11.

Larry and wife Nancy Eskew to Larry R. and Nancy D. Eskew, co-trustees in

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Aggravated Burglary, Drug Charges, Theft Investigation — On May 21, deputies responded to a residence on Highway 22 in Yuma after a homeowner reported someone had broken into the residence and was asleep in a bed inside the home. The caller advised her husband was holding the subject at gunpoint until deputies arrived.

Upon arrival, deputies entered the residence and identified the subject as Gregory Staten, 51, of Clarksburg.

Deputies reported Staten was unsteady on his feet and had heavily slurred speech. Investigation revealed Staten had forced entry into the home by damaging a garage door to gain access to the residence.

Deputies discovered Staten had consumed multiple drinks belonging to the homeowners, including two Coca-Cola beverages and a 1.5-liter bottle of wine found inside the residence. A wallet containing approximately \$1,514 in cash was located beside the wine bottle, along with folded currency contain-

ing approximately 1.15 grams of methamphetamine that field tested positive.

While investigating the incident, deputies determined a vehicle parked at the residence belonged to another woman who stated Staten did not have permission to drive it. Deputies also located custom-made shirts and additional items believed to have been taken from a nearby storage unit attached to another residence on Quincy Lane. The property owner advised Staten had previously been trespassed from that location two days earlier.

Staten was taken into custody and charged with two counts of aggravated burglary, theft of property, theft of property between \$2,500 and \$10,000, vandalism, possession of Schedule II, possession of drug paraphernalia and aggravated criminal trespass.

Theft of Property, Aggravated Criminal Trespass — On May 21, Deputy Crowe investigated a theft complaint at a residence on Quincy Lane in Yuma involving Gregory Staten, 51, of Clarksburg.

District 11.

Larry and wife Nancy Eskew to Larry R. and Nancy D. Eskew, co-trustees in District 11.

Larry R. Eskew to Larry R. and Nancy D. Eskew, co-trustees in District 3.

Wortham Brothers Rental, LLC to Kelsey and husband Scott D. Wortham Jr. in District 16.

Jimmy and wife Beverly Rush to William and wife Lillian Sheldon in District 13.

Reid Scott Howell as executor to David Thomas Rorer in District 4.

BWB Properties, LLC to Benford E. and Joseph T. Wortham in District 4.

Trevor M. and wife Jennifer T. Smith to Trevor Smith, trustee. No district listed.

During a separate investigation earlier that day, deputies discovered property believed to have been taken from the residence and contacted the property owner.

The property owner advised deputies that Staten did not have permission to use her vehicle and confirmed several custom-made shirts and other miscellaneous items located by deputies belonged to her. She stated the shirts had been stored inside a storage unit attached to the residence and could only have been accessed by entering the structure.

Deputies learned Staten had previously been trespassed from the property on May 19. Investigators returned to the residence to examine the property but did not locate any obvious signs of forced entry.

Based on the investigation and statements obtained, Staten was charged with theft of property between \$2,500 and \$10,000 and aggravated criminal trespass. Additional charges stemming from the related investigation included aggravated burglary, vandalism, possession of Schedule II, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft of property.

Reckless Driving — On May 22, Deputy Ezell initiated a traffic stop on Veterans Drive in Huntingdon after observing a Honda Accord fail to stop at a posted four-way stop sign, nearly striking the deputy's patrol vehicle and forcing him to veer to avoid a collision.

The driver was identified as Kimberly Goff, 49, of Hornsby. Deputies reported the incident occurred in an active construction zone where multiple warning signs had been posted, including two signs alerting drivers of the upcoming stop sign and flashing red lights suspended above the intersection. Although road workers were not present due to rain, the traffic control devices remained active.

A records check revealed Goff had previously received two citations for failure to stop at stop signs or traffic control devices. Due to the circumstances of the incident, Goff was cited for reckless driving and issued a booking date for Carroll County Jail.

Lost License Plate — On May 24, Deputy Smith responded to a residence on Sydnor Road in McKenzie

regarding a lost license plate report. The complainant advised the Tennessee license plate had been lost from a 1999 Ford Explorer.

The missing tag was entered into records as lost property.

Domestic Assault — On May 25, Deputy McClure responded to a domestic assault complaint at a residence on Howley Lane in Cedar Grove and made contact with the victim, who reported her brother had assaulted her during an altercation.

Deputies observed visible marks on the victim's arms and noted her hair appeared disheveled and consistent with her account of the assault. The victim stated her brother had struck her, pushed her and pulled her hair during the incident.

Deputies then made contact with Jacky Hart, 65, of Cedar Grove, who admitted to pushing and striking the victim while attempting to remove her from the residence. While speaking with Hart, deputies detected a strong odor of alcohol and marijuana coming from his person. Hart stated he had consumed approximately one-fifth of liquor and had smoked what he described as 'gas station marijuana.'

EMS responded to the scene and evaluated the victim for injuries before clearing her at the residence. Hart was taken into custody and transported to the Carroll County Jail, where he was charged with domestic assault.

Methamphetamine Charges, Resisting Arrest — On May 24, Deputy Scott conducted a traffic stop on Walnut Avenue in McKenzie for a vehicle operating without headlights. During the stop, a passenger later identified as Joshua Schenk, 32, of McKenzie, suddenly exited the vehicle and fled on foot due to having an active warrant.

While running, Schenk discarded a bag containing a white crystal-like substance. Deputies apprehended him a short distance away and recovered the discarded bag, which field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed approximately one-half gram.

Schenk was arrested and charged with possession of Schedule II methamphetamine, tampering with evidence, resisting arrest and his active warrant.

Carroll County General Sessions Court Reports

HUNTINGDON (May 27) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on May 27.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding:

Jeremy Lee Irwin, Round House Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation – Booked, no fine, 11/29, can get day-for-day credit upon successful completion of long-term treatment.

Brayden Y. Katz, Roseland Street, Milan, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29, supervised probation until paid in full, cannot drive in Tennessee for one year, ignition interlock, report to serve June 4 at 12 p.m.

Dylan Michael Oakley, Hidden Acres Road, Paris, guilty – lesser charge, Driver’s License to be Carried and Exhibited, \$50 fine, 30 days, payment arrangements

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Revoked License — According to a report made on May 7, Sgt. Kristen Lee observed a vehicle traveling on Veterans Drive South with a broken rear light and conducted a traffic stop.

Upon contact with the driver, identified as Jazz Johnson, Johnson was unable to provide a physical copy of a driver’s license. A records check through dispatch confirmed Johnson’s license was revoked through Carroll County General Sessions Court for failure to satisfy fines, costs and taxes related to a criminal offense.

Johnson was charged with driving on a revoked license.

Driving on Revoked License Arrest — According to a report made on May 15, Officer Bo Ezell initiated a traffic stop on a blue 1996 Honda Civic for an expired registration violation.

Upon making contact with the driver, identified as Anthony L. Taylor, Taylor advised he did not possess a driver’s license. A records check through dispatch revealed Taylor’s license was revoked for failure to comply with financial responsibility requirements. Dispatch also confirmed Taylor had an active warrant out of Madison County.

Taylor was placed under arrest without incident and transported to the Carroll County Jail on a charge of driving on a revoked license, first offense.

Criminal Impersonation, Evading Arrest — According to a report made on May 2, Officer Daniel Inman and Officer Furr responded to Baptist Memorial Hospital ER regarding a possible identity issue involving a patient.

Hospital staff advised officers that a male subject had previously received treatment using one name and later returned to the hospital using a different identity. Officers made contact with the individual in a patient room and requested identification. The subject stated he did not have identification and provided another name and date of birth, which did not match either identity previously given to hospital staff. Records checks through Tennessee and Illinois returned

no results for the identities provided.

While Officer Inman was outside making a phone call regarding the investigation, he observed the individual leaving the hospital and walking down R.B. Wilson Drive toward Timber Lane. Hospital staff advised the subject had left without being discharged and had removed hospital equipment prior to leaving.

Officer Inman made contact with the subject and advised he was being detained for criminal impersonation. The subject fled on foot, ignoring multiple verbal commands to stop. Officer Inman deployed his Taser, striking the subject and causing him to fall to the ground. The subject was then restrained and taken into custody.

After being taken into custody, the individual identified himself as Michael W. Dowdy. Dispatch later confirmed his identity through a photograph comparison. Dowdy was charged with criminal impersonation, resisting arrest and evading arrest.

Driving on Revoked License, Drug Paraphernalia — According to a report made on May 17, Officer Bo Ezell initiated a traffic stop on a black Honda moped for a no-tag violation.

Upon contact with the operator, identified as Robert Bennett, Officer Ezell recognized Bennett and had prior knowledge that his license was revoked due to a previous DUI conviction. Dispatch confirmed Bennett’s license was revoked through Carroll County Circuit Court in 2020 for DUI.

Officer Ezell requested consent to search Bennett and the moped, which was granted. While placing Bennett under arrest, officers discovered a glass pipe containing suspected drug residue concealed on his person.

Bennett was transported to the Carroll County Jail and charged with driving on a revoked license for DUI, second offense and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Drug Investigation Leads to Multiple Charges — According to a report made on May 5, Officer Joey Hedge received information regard-

ing possible drug activity at a residence on Paris Street and responded to investigate.

After arriving at the residence, Officer Hedge obtained written consent to search the home. During the search of a bedroom containing mail, a purse and other items belonging to Dora Lee Ewald, officers located a glass case containing a plastic bag with a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine. The substance field tested positive and weighed approximately 2.2 grams.

Officers also discovered approximately 13.1 grams of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, along with digital scales, multiple baggies, pipes and an unmarked bottle containing 20 oxycodone pills. A notebook containing names and money amounts believed to be a drug ledger was also recovered from the bedroom.

Ewald was transported to the Carroll County Jail and charged with possession of Schedule II drugs with intent, possession of Schedule VI drugs with intent, simple possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Felony Theft Investigation — According to a report made on May 2, Officer Daniel Inman responded to Woodlawn Avenue regarding a reported theft.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the complainant, who stated he had approximately \$2,001 in cash sitting on a bedroom dresser before discovering it missing. The complainant advised that Jayden T. Ayers and a juvenile had stayed overnight at the residence after attending a party the previous night.

The complainant stated he briefly stepped out of the room to get ready to take the subjects home, and when he returned, the money was gone. Both subjects had already left the residence on foot before the theft was discovered.

The complainant also advised that social media posts were later observed depicting money consistent with the amount reported stolen.

Attempts were made to contact both subjects and their parents; however, neither subject responded. A warrant was issued for Ayers, and a juvenile petition was filed for the second subject.

PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

The City of McKenzie, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56, Section 206.

There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at City Hall, on June 11, 2026 at 6 p.m. All citizens are welcome to participate. The budget and all supporting data are a public record and are available for public inspection by anyone at the office of the City Recorder.

	General Fund		
	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Budget
Revenues:			
Local Taxes	2,510,908	2,959,348	2,498,323
State of Tennessee	179,852	318,350	318,350
Federal Government	-	-	-
Other Sources	2,742,926	2,309,413	2,325,991
Total Revenues	5,433,686	5,587,111	5,142,664
Expenditures:			
Salaries	-	2,280,410	2,125,493
Other Uses	4,970,754	3,689,855	3,625,487
Total Expenditures	4,970,754	5,970,265	5,750,980
Beginning Fund Balance	1,534,791	1,997,723	1,614,569
Ending Fund Balance	1,997,723	1,614,569	1,006,253
Number FTE Employees	54	56	57

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Town of Trezevant, General Fund
ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC NOTICE
Y/E June 30, 2026

The Town of Trezevant, Tennessee hereby provides certain financial information for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget in Accordance with provisions of Chapter 484, Public Law of 1991, as amended.

TOWN OF TREZEVANT, TENNESSEE
PROPOSED BUDGET
for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

	Actual 2024-2025	Estimated 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027
GENERAL FUND			
General Fund Revenue			
Revenue			
Intergovernmental Revenue	130,106	142,160	135,200
Local Taxes	196,309	215,841	206,150
Other Sources of Revenue	25,462	20,518	16,975
Charges for Services	1,930	1,620	1,600
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	39,277	24,952	46,300
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
Total General Fund Revenue	393,084	405,091	406,225
General Fund Expenditures	449,666	457,359	533,068
Beginning Fund Balance	281,747	225,165	172,897
Ending Fund Balance	225,165	172,897	46,054
STATE STREET AID			
Revenue	31,658	31,635	31,509
Expenditures	21,303	22,310	22,500
Beginning Fund Balance	85,273	95,628	104,953
Ending Fund Balance	95,628	104,953	113,962
DRUG FUND			
Revenue	416	310	250
Expenditures	-	-	-
Beginning Fund Balance	2,290	2,706	3,016
Ending Fund Balance	2,706	3,016	3,266
SOLID WASTE FUND			
Revenue	85,235	90,767	89,805
Expenditures	80,071	91,963	88,914
Beginning Fund Balance	90,510	95,674	94,478
Ending Fund Balance	95,674	94,478	95,369
EMPLOYEE POSITIONS			
	Full Time	6	
	Part Time		
WATER & SEWER FUND INCOME			
Water Department	192,679	196,543	208,900
Sewer Department	175,240	183,167	173,000
Govt Grant & Other Sources	151,031	74,701	25,000
Total Water & Sewer Fund Income	\$518,950	\$454,411	\$406,900
EXPENSES	302,579	331,810	335,952
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)	\$216,371	\$122,601	\$70,948
Employee Positions			
	Full Time	1	
	Part Time	1	

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PE90

ESTATE OF: REBECCA IRENE CHEATHAM, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH day of MAY, 2026 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of REBECCA IRENE CHEATHAM deceased, who died JANUARY 6TH, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.
- All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 18TH day of MAY, 2026.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

JENNIFER LYNN MURRELL, Executor/Administrator
PRO SE, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PE94

ESTATE OF: JAMES DOUGLAS WHITE, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of MAY, 2026 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of JAMES DOUGLAS WHITE deceased, who died NOVEMBER 25TH, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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JOSHUA D. WHITE, Executor/Administrator
LAURA A. KEETON, Attorney
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2026PA95

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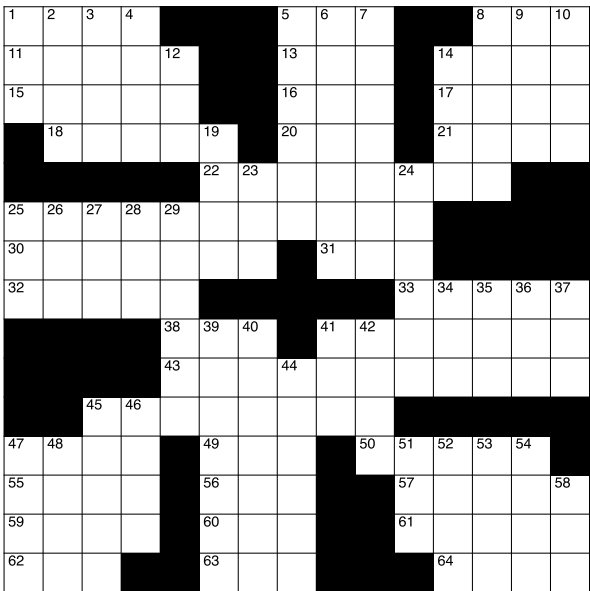
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. A young canine
- 8. Cologne
- 11. Fictional British P.I.
- 13. Midway between northeast and east
- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Minneapolis suburb
- 16. Single lens reflex
- 17. NY Mets great Tommie
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Habitual twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent or submit
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Made possible
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Relating to one's birth
- 33. Deep-bodied fishes
- 38. Defunct European currency
- 41. Small American songbird
- 43. One from L.A.
- 45. After tenth
- 47. Hillside
- 49. Red deer
- 50. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 57. Golden peas plant
- 59. Breezed through
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Frameworks
- 62. Danish krone
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Influential Korean leader



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Turkish leader title
- 5. Nag
- 6. Blank
- 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
- 8. A nice shot in golf
- 9. Away from wind
- 10. Evergreen shrub genus
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Something you receive
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Writing utensil
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Licensed for Wall Street
- 29. Alternative forms of a gene
- 34. Buddy
- 35. We all do it
- 36. Chicken
- 37. No seats available
- 39. Yearned to possess
- 40. Ineffectual
- 41. Explosive
- 42. Turkish title
- 44. Worn near the foot
- 45. Impatient
- 46. Set an example for others
- 47. Actor Pitt
- 48. Instrument of torture
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. A way to print
- 54. Storied college hoops program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast

Week 22

See solution in next week's edition.

Deep Blue Sea Word Search

W W H A C T B E N T H I C S L C Y E E E
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F U C F L S P D S H O R E L I N E K N R
A G E T O L K P G Y L S I C U L T D N P
Y E R C E O B L T A D M W H A L E S O M
R M N K R Y L A S R K N F O H T Y C A H
N I H P L O D N U C K W S E K C I R Y I
C S L E A D C K N H Y F W H O N I D U T
L H K R I E O T A I T T T A N R O K L L
I A F O M L K O T M P S Y I E O H A K G
B R M O S C K N I E W S C N T L G Y I F
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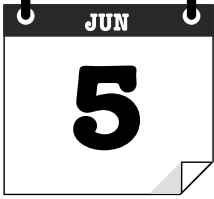
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Coral

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Kelp
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Plankton
Reef
Salinity

Seafloor
Shark
Shoreline
Tide
Tsunami
Whale

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1837: Houston is incorporated by the Republic of Texas.

1851: Harriet Beecher Stowe's serial, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," starts a 10-month run in an abolitionist newspaper.

2002: The space shuttle Endeavour launches, carrying the Expedition 5 crew to the International Space Station.

SUDOKU

WEEK 22

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

Level: Intermediate

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to oceans. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

A. 6 23 9 25

Clue: Rising and falling of the sea

B. 16 25 13 20 25 25 9

Clue: Kelp

C. 16 13 26 6 24

Clue: Full of sodium

D. 9 25 8 6 12

Clue: Distance from top to bottom

Answers: A. tide B. seaweed C. salty D. depth

LETTER MIX-UP

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

COASTLINE

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

Riddle Me This

What did the little lobster get on its math test?

Answer: Sea-plus

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

YROEST

Answer: Oyster

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in California on June 4, 1975. Before acting, I had considered being a funeral director and dropped out of acting classes. It's a good thing I stuck with it, as I won an Academy Award for a 1999 film and have since had a prolific career. I have three biological kids and three adopted children.

Answer: Angelina Jolie

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 21 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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	A	R	A	B	I	A		B	A	T	I	N	G		
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			L	A	M	B	S		S	E	T	H			

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 21

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

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Trees Downed During Monday Storm

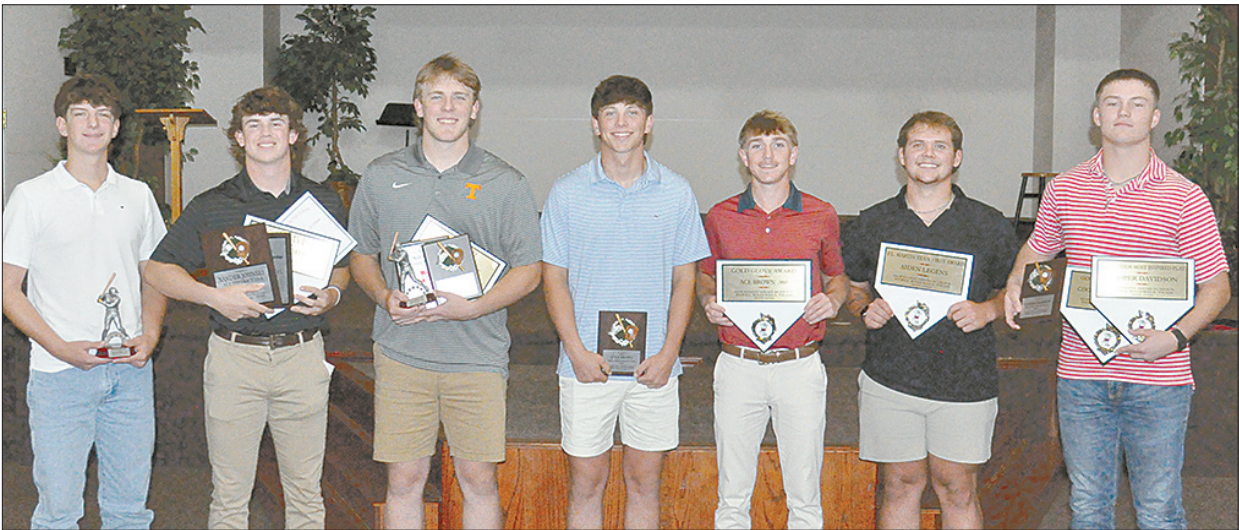


CARROLL COUNTY (June 1) — The Carroll County Electric Department and the Carroll County Highway Department responded to scenes of downed trees blocking roads near Christmasville in western Carroll County Monday morning following a brief but intense storm. Trees and utility lines were down on TN-190 (pictured), and very nearby, a large tree partially blocked Hinkledale Road. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Monday Fire Claims Smyrna Road Home



CARROLL COUNTY (June 1) — The Carroll County Fire Department extinguished a home fire Monday afternoon on rural Smyrna Road, southeast of Huntingdon. The blaze resulted in a total loss, but, fortunately, no one was injured. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Left, MHS Baseball award winners (L to R) Hudson Garrett, Xander Johnsey, Fletcher Holt, Cole Brown, Ace Brown, Aiden Legens and Cooper Davidson. Not pictured is Maddox Shiell. Right, MHS Baseball seniors (L to R) Xander Johnsey, Fletcher Holt and Aiden Legens. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie High School Baseball Celebrates Season with Banquet

BY BRAD SAM
brad@mckenziebanner.com

MCKENZIE (May 28) — The McKenzie High School baseball team celebrated a great season with a banquet Thursday evening at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Players, coaches, parents and other supporters enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Simply Southern.

Head Coach Chris Wall

spoke about the season, which saw the Rebels earn a 17-13 record and win their fifth consecutive district championship and fifth straight region title. The team was one win away from advancing to the state tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

Wall thanked a great many people, groups and businesses for their support of the program.

Each player was recog-

nized and presented a certificate, with many earning letterman status, and individual awards were presented.

Silver Slugger awards were earned by four players with batting averages above .300: Hudson Garrett (.310), Cooper Davidson (.358), Xander Johnsey (.367) and Fletcher Holt (.393).

Gold Glove awards went to three players with fielding percentages above .950: Ace Brown (.960), Maddox Shiell

(.970) and Cooper Davidson (.992).

Four players were presented plaques for earning All-District honors (previously announced): Cole Brown, Cooper Davidson, Fletcher Holt and MVP Xander Johnsey.

The P.L. Martin Team First Award was presented to senior Aiden Legens.

The Ricky Chism Most Inspired Play Award went to Cooper Davidson.

Seniors Fletcher Holt and Xander Johnsey were named Co-MVPs.

Johnsey and Holt were also awarded the Seth Foster Memorial Scholarship.

Homerun Club President Lindsey Holt presented gifts to the coaches and seniors. She also thanked everyone for their support as a senior parent completing her service and offered her support to whomever takes the helm.

The banquet concluded,

and guests lingered for photos and fellowship.

The 2026 McKenzie High School Rebel baseball team included: Dawson Reeder, Caden Gordon, Hudson Garrett, Parker Ross, Alex Hughes, Malaki Harris, Cooper Davidson, Avery Brown, Ace Brown, Lelan Gordon, Cole Brown, Bryson Smith, Brin Murray, Tucker Redmond, Maddox Shiell and seniors Aiden Legens, Xander Johnsey and Fletcher Holt.

CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER

Golf Tournament Winners



Top, Carroll County Chamber Golf Tournament Championship Flight winning team, L.I. Smith (L to R): Logan Rorie, Chris Mills, Chamber President Brad Hurley, Kallie Veazey and Mason Smith. Above, Carroll County Chamber Golf Tournament First Flight winning team, Carroll Bank & Trust (L to R): Collin Pruett, Jordan Allen, Preston Carter and Chamber President Brad Hurley. Not pictured is team member Max Wardlaw. Right, Carroll County Chamber Golf Tournament Second Flight winning team, Hydro-Gear (L to R): Kyle Brundige, Chamber President Brad Hurley and Joe Lowry. Not pictured are team members Ryan Wyatt and Carl Evans. Bottom Right, Carroll County Chamber Golf Tournament Closest to the Pin winners (L to R): Trevor Bradley (Hole 15), Chamber President Brad Hurley and Jon Davis (Hole 6). Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER

Junior Golf Tourney Winners



Top, 15-17 Year Old Boys participants (L to R): Chamber President Brad Hurley; Luke Smith (winner), 15; Samuel Wallace, 16; Gabriel Derryberry, 16; Reagan Halter, 16; and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. Above, 12-14 Year Old Boys participants (L to R): Chamber President Brad Hurley; Lawson Ownby (winner), 12; Heath Johnson, 13; Ripken Brown, 12; Harlon Butler, 14; and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. Below Left, 9-11 Year Old Boys participants with Chamber President Brad Hurley (L to R): Steel Martin (winner), 9; and Reeves Dowdy, 10. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner Below Right, Younger group participants with Chamber President Brad Hurley (L to R): Cason Hernandez (winner, 8 and Under Boys), 8; Quinn Lewis (winner, 9-11 Year Old Girls), 9; and Lainey Sullivan (winner, 8 and Under Girls), 8. Photo courtesy Carroll County Chamber

