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Left, The exterior of the TNT Tacos truck following Thursday's explosion. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner
Right, TNT Tacos owners Tiffany and Tim McPherson suffered second- and third-degree burns and were airlifted directly from the scene. Submitted photo



TNT Tacos Food Truck Explodes, Both Owners Severely Burned

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HUNTINGDON (June 4) — Late Thursday morning, TNT Tacos, a popular local food truck, exploded

as owners Tim and Tiffany McPherson were preparing to open. The truck was parked in the shopping center parking lot on East Main Street in front of Tractor Supply. The two owners suffered sec-

ond- and third-degree burns and were airlifted separately to Skyline Medical Center in Nashville directly from the lot.

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Chance Carlton Act Signed Into Law

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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NASHVILLE (June 4) — Governor Bill Lee signed the Chance Carlton Act, a bill that officially considers electrical linemen as first responders, into law on Thursday.

Named after a Carroll County lineman who died in April 2025 while working to restore power following a severe storm, the Chance Carlton Act groups electrical linemen with law enforcement officers, firefighters and volunteer rescue squad members in the event of a work-related death.

Under this act, a lineman's family can receive an annual annuity of \$50,000 for five years to help ease financial burdens following their loved one's death.

The act defines an "electrical lineman" as an individual who A) installs, maintains or repairs electrical transmission and power distribution

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Samantha Carlton (middle) is pictured with her and Chance's daughters, Landry and Ellsie Carlton.

Lavender Festival Grows in Second Year

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HOLLOW ROCK (June 6) — Lavender Kisses Farm hosted the second annual Lavender Festival Saturday. The all-day event saw huge growth from last year's inaugural effort. Attendance grew from approximately 1,000 last year to over 2,300 this year.

The festival featured live entertainment, over 65 vendors (up from 38 last year), animal visits and other activities. Entertainers included harpist Sheila Hart, Hands of Praise, the Camden First Assembly worship team, Jace Hammett, Drake Cannon and Jacob Ervin.

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(L to R) Kayla, Anastasia and Alex Cserni of Paris visit young Highland cows Dex (white) and Opie. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Clay Fowler

Atwood Teen In Recovery After Farming Accident

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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ATWOOD — What started as a normal Monday in the hay field changed in an instant for one Carroll County teenager on June 1 when a farming accident led to a four-day stay in the hospital. Clay Fowler, the 15-year-old son of Justin and Mallory Fowler, was working in his

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Steven Gooch

Bicyclist Dies In Traffic Accident

McKENZIE (June 5) — A 56-year-old Yuma, Tenn., man died in a bicycle-car accident on June 5 around 5 p.m.

First responders were dispatched to U.S. 79 (Highland Drive) at the intersection near Maverick convenience store where they discovered Steven Gooch, 55, of Yuma injured after he rode his

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CARROLL COUNTY Electric Board Approves Cybersecurity Revisions

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The Carroll County Electric Board approved revisions to the Carroll County Electric Department's (CCED) Cyber/Information Security Policy during its May 28 meeting. The board also awarded Birmingham Control Systems' bid for the purchase of two relay panels and associated relay equipment at the Huntingdon Primary Substation.

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Sunrise Cafe. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Sunrise Cafe Closes Unexpectedly

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McKENZIE (June 8) — Sunrise Cafe, a beloved diner situated in downtown McKenzie, shuttered its doors on Monday.

The restaurant’s closure includes the ice cream parlor,

which just recently opened.

The owners, Bill and Sherry Ann Westerveld, announced the sudden closure on June 6, citing unforeseen circumstances.

“We would like to thank all of our wonderful supportive customers,” the owners

shared. “This last year has been a learning experience we all will cherish for a lifetime. We have gained so many friends and will be sad not to see you all every day.”

The Westervelds have owned Sunrise Cafe since 2025.

Postage Rates to Increase For Second Time This Year

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is implementing significant rate adjustments effective July 12, 2026. These changes are divided into two major categories: an imminent hike on Mailing Services (stamps, postcards, letters) coming this summer, and a temporary surcharge already in place for Shipping Services (packages).

Mailing Services Rate Increase (Effective July 12, 2026)

Pending final approval from the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), the USPS is raising the prices of standard mailing products by an average of 4.8% to offset rising operational costs.

First class mail increases from the current 78 cents to 82 cents for the first ounce.

Metered mail increases from 74 cents to 78 cents, domestic postcards increase from 61 cents to 65, international letters increase from \$1.70 to \$1.75, and certified mail fee increases from \$5.30 to \$5.55.

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will remain unchanged at 29¢.

Temporary Shipping Rate Surcharge, In Effect Now

If you are shipping packages, you are likely already seeing higher costs. On April 26, 2026, the USPS implemented a time-limited 8% increase on base postage rates for its primary domestic shipping products.

This temporary transportation-related adjustment is designed to help the postal service align its pricing with rising market and fuel costs. It is scheduled to remain in

place until January 17, 2027.

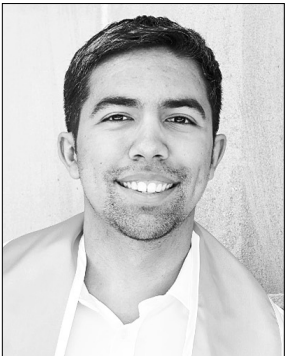
The 8% surcharge affects the retail and commercial base prices of:

- **USPS Ground Advantage™** (Which already saw a 7.8% average bump in January) Easyship
- **Priority Mail®** (Which saw a 6.6% average bump in January) ShipStation Help
- **Priority Mail Express®**
- **Parcel Select**

Why the Repeated Increases?

These adjustments are part of the Postmaster General’s ongoing 10-year “Delivering for America” modernization plan. The USPS has faced severe financial deficits, and the leadership is utilizing its regulatory pricing authority to try to steer the organization toward long-term financial sustainability while maintaining its universal six-day mail delivery mandate.

Eduardo Vega Earns Master’s Degree in Business Cybersecurity, Volunteer of Distinction Award



Eduardo Vega

KNOXVILLE (May 15) — Eduardo Vega, a network administrator at UT Martin and Class of 2018 McKenzie High School graduate, graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville’s Haslam College of Business with a Master of Science in Business Cybersecurity on Friday, May 15. In addition to earning his graduate degree, Vega was recognized as a recipient of the prestigious Volunteer of

Distinction Award.

The Volunteer of Distinction Award honors students who have demonstrated extraordinary academic achievement, community engagement, outstanding teaching or excellence in research.

Vega’s accomplishments serve as an example of dedication, perseverance and the value of continued education in the rapidly evolving field of cybersecurity.



Left, Retiree Rosemary Taylor was honored during Thursday’s meeting and presented a plaque by Director of Schools Preston Caldwell. Right, Retiree Kim Allen was honored during Thursday’s meeting and presented a plaque by Director of Schools Preston Caldwell. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



West Carroll School Board Honors Retirees

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ATWOOD (June 4) — During Thursday’s regular meeting, the West Carroll Special School District Board of Education honored two retirees, Rosemary Taylor and Kim Allen.

Each was presented a plaque by Director of Schools Preston Caldwell which read, “In appreciation for your years of dedication to education and especially for all of the lives that you have influenced over the years. May the blessings of

good health, the joy of good friends, a loving family and the contentment of a job well done fill your life with happiness. Congratulations on your retirement. We’ll remember you always.”

Taylor served on the West Carroll Primary School cafeteria staff for 13 years.

Principal Jackie Wester said of Taylor, “We’re going to miss how she was always just so good with the kids. She loves being around the kids. She loves all of our staff. She loves doing things for everybody. She has just been so awesome... We’re going to

miss you, Miss Rosemary.”

Allen has 30 years of service in the district, most recently as an interventionist at West Carroll Elementary School.

Allen addressed the board, “When I came to West Carroll, I was very uncertain of myself... and West Carroll welcomed me with open arms, and they encouraged me. I am thankful most for all the kids that I got to have an impact on their life. And I have great, great memories... Thank you, it’s been a wonderful, wonderful time.”

Clarksburg School Announces Plans for Soccer Field

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CLARKSBURG (June 2) — The Clarksburg Rockets will soon have a soccer field to call home, Clarksburg School revealed on Tuesday.

The school shared that the new soccer field project was made possible through the dedication, vision and support of many individuals and organizations.

Clarksburg School extended its thanks to Ret. Col. Donna McDaniel-Cox, Mr. Corey Bartholomew, Mr. Colton Moore, Dr. Christy Blount, Mr. Tom Miller, Mr. Andrew Stokes of Stokes Surveying, Nick Foster Construction, USDA’s NRCS Division, the Tennessee National Guard and Brig. Gen. Warner A. Ross II for their support.

“This is a great example

of what can happen when people come together with a shared vision for our students and our future,” a Clarksburg School representative said.

The new Rocket Field will be located behind the Rocket Farm barn, creating a permanent home for Clarksburg’s soccer program and providing new opportunities for students and the Clarksburg community. Previously, the Rockets’ home soccer field was in Huntingdon.

Baptist Hospital Recognized for March 27 Mass Casualty Response

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HUNTINGDON (June 5) — Baptist Ambulance recently presented Baptist Memorial Hospital - Carroll County with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing the hospital’s coordinated response during the fatal three-vehicle accident involving a Montgomery County school bus on March 27, 2026.

“In the face of unimaginable circumstances, our physicians, nurses, EMS partners, support staff, and leadership came together with professionalism, com-

passion, and unwavering dedication to patient care,” Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County shared.

All four units of Baptist Priority Ambulance Service of Carroll County responded to the mass casualty event on March 27, with additional units from Baptist Ambulance Service of Obion County, Medical Center EMS in Jackson and Henderson County EMS assisting on the scene. The Carroll County Fire Department, Huntingdon Fire Department, McKenzie Fire Department and the Carroll County Rescue Squad were

also on the scene.

The Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler and Baptist Ambulance President Tony Anteau, reads, “Your professionalism, resilience and commitment to saving lives under extreme conditions embody the very best of public service.”

Hospital leaders voiced their gratitude for receiving the Certificate of Appreciation and emphasized their pride in the Baptist Memorial Hospital team members who serve the Carroll County community every day.

Former Weakley County 911 Dispatcher Arrested for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

WEAKLEY COUNTY (June 3) — A TBI investigation involving agents with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, the Weakley County Sheriff’s Office, Madison County SWAT, the office of the 27th Judicial District Attorney General Colin Johnson and Homeland Security Investigations has resulted in the arrest of a Weakley County man.

In May, TBI agents began investigating a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding child sexual abuse material (CSAM). During the course of the investigation, agents learned that Christopher John Gertsch (DOB 04/18/1979) uploaded CSAM onto Snapchat.

Wednesday, while executing a search warrant at Gertsch’s residence, TBI

agents seized multiple devices. He was taken into custody and charged with two counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, two counts of Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and one count of Especially Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Gertsch was booked into the Weakley County Detention Center on \$50,000 bond.

Weakley County 911 is working with the TBI to ensure that no calls for service were missed during the commission of these crimes.

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

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is an ICAC affiliate of the Tennessee ICAC Task Force. Anyone with information about these cases or other cases of online child exploitation should contact the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Tipline at 1-800-TBI-FIND, TipsToTBI@tbi.tn.gov, or report via the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTipline at CyberTipline.org.

The TBI has information about online dangers, sextortion and common-sense tips for the public on its website, at www.tn.gov/tbi. Parents and caregivers looking for resources aimed at helping children develop online safety skills should visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s website, at www.netismartz.org.

West Carroll School Board Approves HVAC Bid, Discusses Budget Challenges

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ATWOOD (June 4) — The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education met Thursday for a regular monthly meeting in which an HVAC bid was opened and approved and for a work session in which budgetary challenges were discussed ahead of the budget approval process.

During the work session, Director of Schools Preston Caldwell presented a preliminary overview of the 2026-27 budget, which will total approximately \$12 million.

Caldwell outlined several challenges he faces as he prepares a budget to present to the board in August.

He identified concerns that local revenues could decrease while state funding remains roughly level.

Increases in the salary schedule and in operational and transportation costs, as well as a \$750,000 renovation project at the elementary school, compound the revenue concerns.

One positive that the director noted is that the debt service, which amounts to \$400,000 per year, will be paid off in April of 2029.

Caldwell said, “It’s going to be a tough budget. I’m doing the best I can with it. We’re going to be fine, but it’s going to be tight.”

During the regular meeting, a single bid was opened for an HVAC unit for the junior-senior high school. The board approved the \$15,700 bid from Newbill’s Heating

and Air of Humboldt.

Board members approved the first of two readings on 13 policy updates.

Two of the updates amend policies regarding drugs and alcohol. One adds language allowing for drug and alcohol testing triggered by reasonable suspicion, while the other establishes procedures surrounding the testing process.

A policy regarding revenues was adjusted to account for the discontinuation of the penny.

One update amends the personnel records policy to include disciplinary action and responses from the employee.

Updates were approved to separation practices for three categories of district employees: tenured, non-tenured and non-certified. In each case, language was added to allow for temporary removal from duty not to be considered disciplinary “but rather a precautionary measure until a determination can be made” about further actions.

The sick leave policy was amended to require a doctor’s statement when an employee is absent for five consecutive working days.

Another update clarifies language prohibiting employees with a contagious or communicable disease from performing duties in a location that might endanger the health of students.

The policy on political activities was updated to reiterate that district-owned property may not be used for political promotion of

solicitation and that employees shall not use audio or video messages to engage in such activity during school hours.

A policy was updated to state that teachers who engage in private tutoring do so as independent actors and that the district shall not be liable for any claims or damages arising from such services.

A policy was amended to clarify that the director of schools is the only employee directly employed by the board of education and that all others are employed, supervised and managed under the authority of the director.

Finally, an update to the Student Wellness policy adjusts school nutrition standards.

An FBLA field trip to San Antonio later this month was approved on second and final reading.

During the meeting, a moment of silence was held in memory of eighth grade teacher Mandy Sullivan, who recently died unexpectedly.

Primary school Principal Jackie Wester presented Caldwell and board members with copies of “The Fun and Strange Tales from the Halls of the WCP,” a book written and illustrated by the second grade class.

The students dedicated their book to classmate Atticus Ecker, who died during their Kindergarten year.

The meeting adjourned after 45 minutes.

The board meets next on Thursday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m.



Top, Meilani (left) and Kristy Bailey of South Jackson pose at a photo stop at the Lavender Festival. Above, Jace Hammett performs during the festival. Below Left, Drake Cannon performs at the festival. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner Below Right, Jacob Ervin closes out the live entertainment. Photo courtesy Denise Sam



Lavender

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Vendors offered a plethora of crafts, food, drinks and other wares.

Owners Stacie and Larry Overman were assisted by a team of volunteers, mainly fellow members of Camden First Assembly. The majority of funds from parking fees (the only admission charged by the farm) will go to the church.

Stacie told The Banner, “I’m very overwhelmed with the outpouring of our

communities and the people that have come, even from out of state, which just blows me away. They say, ‘build it and they will come,’ and that is exactly what we did. We started from nothing and the Lord has just blessed us with this overflow, just an overflow of abundance of people. I am in awe. I have no words. My biggest thing is I just wanted people to feel the peace and the joy and what God’s doing here. He told us to share, and we’re doing everything we can to share our animals and our land.”

More than doubling attendance created some challenges, namely parking and restrooms. Stacie hopes to address those issues so the event can continue to grow in years to come.

She also expressed her disappointment that the lavender fields had not flourished this season to provide the beautiful purple backdrop for the event. She said, “Growing lavender in West Tennessee clay soil is not always easy, and unfortunately Mother Nature doesn’t follow our festival calendar.”

Accident

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bicycle across U.S. 79 into the path of a northbound vehicle driven by Alec Meddlings, 33. There were no charges filed in the case.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol, McKenzie Police,

McKenzie Fire and medical first responders, and Baptist EMS responded to the scene. The THP investigated the accident.

Mr. Steven Ray Gooch, 55, of Yuma, Tennessee, died Friday, June 5, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

A memorial visitation is on Wednesday, June 10,

2026, in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mr. Gooch was born April 19, 1971, in Huntingdon, to the late Danny Ray Gooch and Betty Lou Crocker. He was a laborer. See complete obituary inside the newspaper.

Electric

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CCED General Manager Ryan Drewry discussed two revisions made to the department’s Cyber/Information Security Policy.

The revisions introduced additional security measures recently implemented through Central Service Association’s Single Sign-on and added a new section within “Acceptable Use of the Internet,” addressing Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The board then reviewed bids to purchase two relay panels and associated equipment at the Huntingdon Primary Substation, which is undergoing updates.

Allen & Hoschall provided the bid tabulation and recommendation letter, suggesting that the board award the bid to Birmingham Control Systems at \$72,990. Birmingham Control Systems had the cheapest bid price but the longest estimated delivery time — 22-24 weeks.

KVA, Inc.’s bid was priced at \$85,595 with a delivery time of 20-22 weeks. WESA

also placed a bid, priced at \$84,334 with a delivery time of 8-10 weeks.

Jamie Glosson added insight into the increased capability, flexibility, visibility and reliability measures gained on the 161kV delivery from TVA with the replacement relay panels and equipment as compared to the current electromechanical relay panels.

The board awarded the bid to Birmingham Control Systems.

Under old business, Drewry informed board members of updates to the upcoming Flip the Switch event at the Trezevant Silicon Ranch solar site. During this event, CCED will invite schools and individuals to the solar site for tours. CCED has begun working with Silicon Ranch’s marketing and communications team to coordinate the event, with initial discussions targeting early September for the event.

During the month of May, CCED — alongside the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) — participated in several check presentations at Carroll County schools.

McKenzie Elementary School received a TVA School Uplift Learning

Environment Grant in the amount of \$25,000. Second-grade teacher Kelly Simmons spearheaded McKenzie Elementary School’s efforts in receiving the award.

Four schools received \$5,000 TVA STEM grants: Huntingdon Primary School, Huntingdon Middle School, Huntingdon High School and McKenzie Middle School.

The electric board heard public comments from Richard Lestienne, who presented a “Cease and Desist” letter to Laura Keeton, CCED’s company attorney. Lestienne said the letter was related to CCED’s access to his property at 4505 Old Stage Road, Huntingdon. His primary request was for CCED or its contractors to notify him before accessing his property.

Keeton received Lestienne’s letter and explained that CCED is not obligated to provide notification before accessing individuals’ properties.

The Carroll County Electric Board’s next meeting is Thursday, June 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Carroll County Electric Department Board Room, 103 W Paris Street, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.



The first of two helicopters departs the scene of the TNT Tacos food truck explosion carrying one of the two injured owners. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

TNT

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The food truck is a complete loss, and as of The Banner’s Monday press deadline, no cause has been identified by authorities.

Tim and Tiffany, both military veterans, are facing a long recovery with multiple surgeries. Their daughter, Jada Pastrana, created a GoFundMe page to assist with her parents’ medical bills and other expenses: gofund.me/82fc54ee4.

Pastrana also shared a message from Tiffany on Monday: “Tim and I are survivors, and we are in the process of surviving. We will always be forever grateful for the outpouring of love and support. Thank you guys from the bottom of our hearts... I want to take a moment to recognize my husband, who was the first person in the line of many to save my life. From the force of the explosion, I was blown back against the far wall where our sinks are, and I was trapped. He was blown towards the door. Tim could’ve easily ran out but chose to come back and get me and drag me out, hav-



The interior of the TNT Tacos truck following Thursday’s explosion. Submitted photo

ing to go through the explosion before busting us both through the door and saving our lives.

“As of now we have both undergone our first surgery and everything is going as expected. We need to express our heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who has helped us. A huge shout out to the Huntingdon

EMS, firefighters, police officers, customers and every single person who helped us to survive this ordeal.

“With the help of God, all of you guys and these fantastic nurses, doctors and surgeons, we are gonna be okay. It’s just gonna take some time... God bless you all and thank you so very much for all the love.”



Gov. Bill Lee signs the Chance Carlton Act into law, surrounded by Chance Carlton’s family, friends, fellow linemen and state representatives.

Carlton

...From Front Page

systems; and B) is employed by a municipality, county, utility district or other local governmental entity.

Chance Carlton, an employee for the Carroll County Electric Department, was 32 years old at the time of his death. He left behind a wife, Samantha, and two young daughters, Landry and Ellsie.

Samantha, Landry and Ellsie Carlton joined Gov. Lee Thursday as he signed the bill into law. Also in attendance were some of Carlton’s fellow linemen from the Carroll County Electric Department.

“What a way for Chance to live on and impact the lives of those after him,” Samantha Carlton said. “What a way to



Samantha Carlton is pictured with Carroll County Electric Department linemen, holding the signed Chance Carlton Act.

happily continue serving my husband. May our daughters look back at this and know that the hard thing isn’t always hard to do.”

The Chance Carlton Act takes effect July 1, 2026, and will apply to work-related deaths occurring on or after that date.

Atwood

...From Front Page

family’s hay field in Atwood when he was seriously injured in an accident. Local first responders arrived at the scene quickly, and Fowler was airlifted to Regional One Health in Memphis for emergency treatment.

Fowler was treated for several injuries, including a liver laceration and bruised lungs. During his four-day hospital stay, he showed significant improvement. By day three, medical staff reported that Fowler was walking, climbing stairs and breathing near-normally, leading to his discharge on June 5.

“We are forever thankful

for our county’s first responders who arrived so quickly and cared for Clay with urgency and compassion,” said Brittany Baker Fowler, who shared updates on Clay Fowler’s health throughout his hospital stay. “The flight crew kept Mal and Justin informed and at peace with timely updates, and the staff at Regional One in Memphis have been nothing short of exceptional.”

The Fowler family has also expressed gratitude to the community for their continued prayers and support.

“To everyone who has called, texted, prayed, checked in, offered help with the animals or simply stood beside Mal and Justin and the rest of the Fowler/Brandon family, thank you,”

Brittany Baker Fowler said. “The overwhelming love and support from friends, church families, rodeo families and our small community have carried everyone through the unknowns.”

As Fowler continues to recover at home, Brittany Baker Fowler created a Meal Train profile to help support him and his family: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/mewv09>

“We’d like to support the Fowler family; Mallory, Justin, Clay, and Corbin by providing meals to help lighten their daily load,” the Meal Train page says.

Fowler is a rising sophomore at McKenzie High School. He is an active member of his church and is involved in rodeo associations.

Things In My Head with Charles Manfredi



Mayor Griffin Selected for Leadership Program

McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin is one of 16 individuals selected to join the inaugural cohort for PULSE TN: Strengths-Based Leadership Intensive. The cohort selection was announced Wednesday, May 27, by the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service.

Led by the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), PULSE TN gathers a selective cohort of municipal leaders, elected officials and community partners from across the state to address challenges including strengthening rural communities, advancing K-12 education and overcoming addiction.

"The vision for PULSE TN is to help local leaders connect their individual strengths to something bigger than themselves," said MTAS Training and Development Consultant and PULSE TN Program Lead Dr. Matt Hensley. "The Grand Challenges touch every community in Tennessee. PULSE TN is about building a statewide network of local leaders who are leading meaningful change where they live and serve—aligning local action for coordinated statewide impact."

The program is intentionally collaborative in design and delivery, bringing together expertise and en-

gagement from across all agencies within IPS. In addition, PULSE TN includes collaborative partnerships with campus and statewide leadership organizations, including the Jones Center for Leadership and Service at UT Knoxville and Leadership Tennessee. These collaborations help create a uniquely interdisciplinary leadership experience that connects local leaders with subject matter experts, statewide networks and applied learning opportunities across Tennessee.

Over the course of the multi-month program, selected participants will engage in immersive learning experiences across Tennessee's three grand divisions, including strengths-based leadership workshops, expert panel discussions, service-learning opportunities and community engagement experiences tied directly to the UT Grand Challenges.

The curriculum is grounded in CliftonStrengths and emphasizes self-awareness, adaptive leadership, collaboration and translating leadership into action. A key component of the program is the development of participant-led "Strengths in Action" projects designed to create tangible local impact after the program concludes.

The inaugural PULSE TN cohort represents commu-

nities and organizations from across Tennessee and reflects a diverse mix of leadership backgrounds, professional expertise, and civic engagement experience. Participants were selected through a competitive nomination and application process.

PULSE TN's inaugural cohort includes Glen Mullins, Chairman, Bartlett Station Commission; Adrienne Batara, Marketing/Public Relations Director, Kingsport; Wendy Maness, Councilwoman, Clinton; Patrick Smith, City Councilman, Union City; Jason Horne, Assistant Director of Greeneville City Schools, Greeneville; Mary Lee Williams, Director of Administration, Bristol; Melanie Rice, Director of HR, Johnson City; Lori Phillip-Jones, Mayor, Oneida; Ryan Griffin, Mayor, McKenzie; Amanda Waddell, Director of Grants and Strategic Initiatives, Greene County Partnership; Ruth Reno Anderson, Alderman, City of Puryear; Kendra Hopson, General Manager, Greene County Partnership; Martin Granum, City Manager, Red Bank; Lynn Broyles, Executive Director, Greene County Anti-Drug Coalition; Rafferty Davis Cleary, Cultural Administrator, Monterey; and Chelsea Sadler, Director of Grants and Opportunities, Chattanooga.

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The Watchdog

Have you ever wondered, "Where would you go to find the info on this page if you didn't have the newspaper?"

Well, your schedule would start to look a lot like ours, because you now have lots of meetings and events to attend, some occurring simultaneously. We have 4-5 people covering things (which sometimes isn't enough) because this is a happening area! With events like Nights on Broadway, the Lavender Festival and summer library pro-

grams, "Oh, the fuel you will burn as you go all the places!" Like a less fun version of the Dr. Seuss book.

For records, some of it can be found online, but some government agencies may charge a small fee to individuals accessing records, like on THP's website. For obits, you now have eight or so different area funeral home websites to check.

A lot goes into every edition and update online. It is definitely a team effort. It can be exhausting at times, and we all make sacrifices for the job, as with anything in life, but it's worth it.

The newspaper is vital to a functioning democracy; it's the watchdog. It informs on issues and celebrations and can be a rallying cry for anyone

needing community in the wake of a tragedy.

It is the good, bad and ugly of our history – a mirror for society. Sometimes we may not like the reflection, but information gives us the tools needed to change what we cannot accept.

People have been saying for years, "Newspapers are dead."

We're 156 years old, and as long as you keep reading, we'll be here. We all grow and change as we age. Your paper has become more digital and immediate to keep up with the times, but we're not dead. Actually, we have a lot more readers online, from all over the world. So, don't write us off just yet, please. Thank you for reading your local newspaper.

McCaleb Discusses Special Olympics

MCKENZIE (May 26) — Kelby McCaleb, the West Tennessee Unified Champion Schools Coordinator for Special Olympics Tennessee, recently addressed the Rotary Club of McKenzie, detailing the organization's significant growth and expanded initiatives across the state. McCaleb highlighted a mission focused on year-round sports training and competition for individuals with and without disabilities, underpinned by the athlete oath: "to be a champion."

Special Olympics Tennessee has seen remarkable expansion, now serving 21,000 registered athletes statewide, an increase of 3,000 since 2024. This extensive network is supported by 6,000 volunteers and operates through 36 area programs covering all 95 Tennessee counties.

A cornerstone of the organization's efforts is the Unified Sports program, which integrates individuals with and without disabilities on the same teams. McCaleb cited a partnership with the National Soccer Club (NSC) as a prime example, enabling unified teams to travel and compete. The sports offerings have evolved, now featuring 16 disciplines, with recent additions including soccer, fitness, and pickleball, while tennis was discontinued due to declining participation. These changes are notably driven by an athlete leadership committee composed entirely of athletes.

The Unified Champion Schools (UCS) program, funded by federal and state government through the In-



McKenzie Rotary Club President Ricky Price (left) shakes hands with Kelby McCaleb.

dividuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), has experienced rapid growth. Statewide, participating schools have increased from 140 in 2024 to 223, and in West Tennessee, the number of schools grew from eight (all in Shelby County) before 2024 to 46 today. This expansion has broadened the program's reach to approximately 194,000 students across the state. Despite offering three years of funding and coach stipends, McCaleb noted that administrative buy-in at the school level remains the primary hurdle for further expansion. The University of Tennessee at Martin is currently the only college-level UCS in West Tennessee.

Beyond athletic competition, Special Olympics Tennessee prioritizes athlete well-being through its Healthy Athletes program, which provides free medical screenings—including dental, vision, and podiatry—at state games. This is complemented by the "Train for Life" program, a nine-week fitness initiative offering weekly workouts, meal plans, and

assessments, sponsored by Life Point Health and Well Point Health. For younger participants, the "Young Athletes" program introduces fundamental skills for children aged two to seven.

Community engagement and fundraising are also vital components, with events like the popular Polar Plunge held in West Tennessee cities such as Jackson, Union City, and Memphis. McCaleb also detailed the revitalized Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), which engages law enforcement in fundraising and provides crucial training for officers on interacting with individuals with disabilities. A recent "Tip a Cop" event at Texas Roadhouse in Jackson successfully raised \$2,200, underscoring strong community support.

McCaleb concluded by expressing gratitude for community partnerships and encouraged continued support, emphasizing the profound impact these programs have on providing opportunities and fostering inclusion for athletes across Tennessee.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES
I Feel Like The Richest Man In Town

I must be worse off than I thought. Joey Fontaine showed up at the house. He had driven all the way from Jackson, Mississippi. With a homemade cherry cheesecake in his hand. We called him "Fake Red" when he was in high school.

"Coach, I heard about your hip surgery." Joey graduated in the late 1970's. "I wanted to come over and see if you were alright. Do you like cheesecake?"

I marveled at how fast he got here. The hip replacement had taken place a couple of days before. My right leg felt like someone had attacked it with an old McCullough 142 chainsaw!

Fake Red made me feel better just by the genuine concern on his face, and his kind remarks about our time together almost half a century ago. Folks, that's better medicine than those five pills Cathy was shoving down my throat morning, noon, and night.

Strickland called to check on me. I don't go to his church either. But I have spoken there enough that I'm surely on their church roll.

I couldn't even start to tell you about the church where Cathy and I do go on occasion. We have a staff that has prayed for me daily. As has every deacon. And most every member. Without fail.

I know because I have felt those prayers.

Diane Pitts brought over an entire meal that we ate on for two days. Miss Dora came bearing a real southern baked apple pie. Sarah Ruth brought her famous chicken pot pie. My wonderful goddaughter came bearing pasta with meatballs and a key lime pie. Barbara Whitfield sent over a carrot cake that was so good I winced when Cathy ate a couple of slices of it.

I gained eight pounds in my first week of recovery.

People have called and sent cards. My cousin Joe's granddaughter, Makenna, who has the best heart in our family, came down from Tennessee to check on me and take me to lunch.

You don't realize the importance of the little things... until you need them!

All of this attention is most humbling. And it sends me back to my youth, and those simpler times. I remember Mom, Aunt Jessie, Opal Coleman, Ruth Bradfield, and so many others preparing meals for anyone in our church, or in town for that matter, that had hit a bump in the road.

Jim Alexander, Robert Hall, Ed Wiley, and a host of other men stood ready on a moment's notice to "jump in" whether it be a strong back or some cash money to help some needy family weather a storm.

I spent my youth seeing

this love for fellow man and generosity played out on an almost weekly basis. When I asked once about this phenomenon, Dad simply said, "Son, we take care of our own."

The good old days some say.

Gone forever is often the echo.

We hear the talk of the insensitivity that permeates life today. We live too fast. Computers have all the answers. If you snooze you lose. You only go around once, so grab all the gusto. Take care of number one. AI is what it is all about today....

Well, that's bunk! I have seen the best of the good ole days come to life in my own living room in the past couple of weeks. I have been surrounded with people who care. Who have turned aside for me. Who have treated me like family. I will not live long enough to pay them back.

The beauty is that doesn't even cross their minds.

I just got back from my two-week post-op meeting with my doctor. The first thing he noted was the surgery had not hurt my appetite any. He also gave me some insight into what I could expect. Like, back to normal in some things in a month or so. Golf in three months. Sky diving might take twice that.

He did say that I had one particular problem with the hip that did not occur after most surgeries. And I want you to point this out to Phil Collier when you see him. The doc said I could not, under any circumstances, mow my yard until AFTER the summer of 2028....

Thankfully,
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Obituaries

JANE THOMAS CHANDLER 1932 — 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral Services for Mrs. Jane Thomas Chandler were Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Interment was at the church cemetery. Mrs. Chandler, 93, of McKenzie, died on June 1, 2026. She was born on September 16, 1932, in the Hico Community to Charlie Fred Thomas and Victorine Crawford Thomas. A proud graduate of McKenzie High School, Class of 1950, Mrs. Chandler was the last surviving member of her graduating class. She was also the oldest by age and in years member of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Chandler devoted many years to caring for others through her work as a Certified Cardio Nurse Technician at Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon. Her compassion and professionalism were evident in the care she gave to patients and in the respect she earned from those who worked beside her. She later worked with her daughter at Priest Drugs and also worked the lunch counter at Coroka Cafe, where her friendly spirit and warm smile were a blessing to many.

Her interests and contributions extended far beyond her work. Mrs. Chandler was a lifetime member of the Thomas-Bridges Association and took great pride in her family history. She was a historian and genealogist who self-published the book Thomas Line, preserving the story of her family for future generations. She was also a talented seamstress and an accomplished quilter whose hands created beauty and comfort for those she loved. As a member of Silver Threads, she enjoyed fellowship and friendship with others who shared her gifts and interests. She crocheted thousands of hats to give away, touching countless lives through simple acts of generosity and care. She was honored as Grand Marshal of the Bethel Homecoming Parade, reflecting the love and admiration she inspired in her community.

She is survived by her children, Tommy Chandler and his wife Katie, Katherine Flippin, and Vickie Summers, her grandchildren and their families, including Rev. Gwen (Jarid) Warren and their daughter Grace Holland-Miller and her husband Wren, Wendy (Dustin) Chandler, and their children Andrew Barton, Gatley Boroughs, and Coralee Boroughs, Molly (Clint) Vaughn, and their children Ozzy Lessenberry and Cecil Lessenberry, and Lee (Meredith) Chandler, and their sons Wade Chandler and Wyatt Chandler, a niece, Samantha Butler Ussary, second great-niece Willow and second great-nephew Julian.

She is preceded in death

by her parents; her husband of 58 years, Kenneth Chandler; her sister, Nancy Thomas Smith; and son-in-law, Barry Summers. +

BOBBIE L. COLEMAN 1931 — 2026

GREENFIELD — Funeral Services for Bobbie L. Coleman, 94, of Martin, Tenn., were Thursday June 4 at 1 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home in Greenfield. Burial was in Eastside Cemetery in Martin, Tenn.

Bobbie is survived by son, Randy (Sandra) Coleman of Dresden; daughter, Amy (Billy) Sanderson of Gibson; along with four grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Coleman; father, Vannie Jones; mother, Verna Snider; and sisters, Hattie Peirce, Robbie Edwards, and brother Hoyt Jones. She was born August 2, 1931 and died June 1, 2026.

WYNEMIA BOWLES MOUSER 1928 — 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Wynemia Bowles Mouser were Friday, June 5, 2026, at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie.

A second funeral service was on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Greensburg, Ky. Visitation was at Cumberland Presbyterian Church and began at 3 p.m. until service time. Burial followed at Center Cemetery in Metcalfe County, Ky.

Wynemia Bowles Mouser, 98, died at her residence on May 30, 2026.

Born on May 28, 1928, in Center, Ky., Wynemia was the daughter of the late William Otley Bowles and Leora Huffman Bowles. She dedicated her life to education, earning her college degree and embarking on a distinguished teaching career that spanned 37 years. Throughout those years, she taught at several schools and positively impacted the lives of countless students.

In 2014, Wynemia moved from Greensburg, Ky., to McKenzie, where she became a faithful member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Her commitment to her faith and community was evident through her many years of service. She served as an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was active in the Cumberland Presbyterian Women, and served on the Board of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. She also devoted her time to healthcare service as a member of a hospital auxiliary board in Texas.

Ms. Wynemia was survived by her daughter, Nancy Bean (Morris Anderson) of McKenzie; her sister, Emogene Greer; her grandsons, Jason Mikel (Suzanne), John Shepard, Steven Shepard, Phillip Shepard, and Wesley Mikel; along with other extended

family members and friends who cherished her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Jodie DeSpain and Calvin W. Mouser; and her sister, Verenda Roberts.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Bethel University Renaissance.

KITTY DOMINGUEZ 1956 — 2026

Mrs. Kitty Renee Dominguez, 69, of Jackson, died Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Jackson Madison County Hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, June 8, 2026, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Entombment followed at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 3-7 p.m. and again on Monday, June 8, 2026, from 9 a.m. until time of service at 10 a.m.

Kitty was born October 30, 1956, in Grundy, Va., to the late Raymond Buford Thacker and Opal Nadine Thacker. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two sisters, Kelly Fahy and Terri Ohlrich.

She is survived by her loving husband, Raul Dominguez of Jackson; two daughters, Angela Balentine of Huntingdon, and Lori (Jay) Moore of Huntingdon; one sister, Tessa (Bubba) Pritchard of Huntingdon; one brother, David Thacker; six grandchildren, Vincent Curatola, Kayla Balentine, Brittany Balentine, Lindsey Burney, Kelsey Watson and Ethan Balentine; and six great-grandchildren.

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

MANDY SULLIVAN BREWER 1977 — 2026

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Mandy Rae Sullivan Brewer were Friday, May 29, 2026, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery.

Some people leave footprints on your heart that can never be replaced, and Mandy Sullivan was one of those people.

Mandy Sullivan, born July 16, 1977, died peacefully on May 24, 2026. Mandy lived life with purpose, passion, and adventure. She loved to travel, explore the world, and pour into others through missions and teaching opportunities across the globe. Mandy served as a missionary teacher in Venezuela for two years and in Singapore for one year, dedicating her life to helping others and sharing the love of Christ. She also went on mission trips to Spain to teach English, traveled deep into the Amazon Rain Forest alongside medical mission teams, and served in both Malaysia and Indonesia.

No matter where life took

her, she carried kindness, compassion, and the love of Jesus with her everywhere she went.

Mandy loved sports of all kinds — from driving a dirt track stock car to coaching softball and encouraging those around her to believe in themselves. Her curiosity for life and passion for knowledge made her an incredible teacher and mentor to so many students over the years.

Mandy taught at Trinity Christian Academy, Carroll Tech Special School District, West Carroll, Bradford, McKenzie, and Bethel University.

Even after death, Mandy continued giving to others through organ donation — one final act of selfless love that perfectly reflected the way she lived her life: always putting others before herself and always finding ways to help people.

Mandy leaves behind her loving parents, Harold and Deborah Sullivan; and her brothers, Scotty Sullivan and Jason Sullivan (Brooke). She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ira and Bonnie Sullivan, and Floyd and Peggy Inman.

At the request of Mandy and her family, in place of flowers, please consider donating to the charity of your choice.

STEVEN RAY GOOCH 1971 — 2026

YUMA — Mr. Steven Ray Gooch, 55, of Yuma, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

A memorial visitation is Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m.

Mr. Gooch was born April 19, 1971, in Huntingdon, to the late Danny Ray Gooch and Betty Lou Crocker. He was a laborer.

He is survived by a brother, Billy Gooch (Nancy) of St. Joseph, Tenn.; a sister, Debbie Gooch, of Nashville; step mother, Marilyn Gooch, of Yuma; three step sisters, Tabitha Reynolds, Mary Willis and Sandy Pierce; nephews, Nathaniel Mullen, Chase Mullen and Billy Martin; and his special friend, Geneva Tesneair.

BILLY W. ARNOLD 1950 — 2026

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Billy W. Arnold were Friday, June 5, 2026, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mr. Arnold, 75, died at his residence on May 30, 2026. He was born on November 3, 1950, in Gibson Co. to Hollis and Inelve Baker Arnold.

He is survived by two sons, Mark (Sally) Arnold of Trezevant and Adam Arnold of Trezevant; a sister, Jane Pope of Greenfield; and four grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 43 years, Beverly Arnold; and his brother, Johnny Arnold.

Average Gasoline Prices Decrease During Week

TENNESSEE (June 8) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee fell 19.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.72/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 45.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.05/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 13.8 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.299 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$3.05/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.99/g, a difference of \$1.94/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.05/g while the highest was \$4.99/g, a difference of \$1.94/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 17.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.09/g today. The national average is down 45.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices

in Tennessee and the national average going back five years:

June 8, 2025: \$2.67/g (U.S. Average: \$3.07/g)
June 8, 2024: \$3.01/g (U.S. Average: \$3.42/g)
June 8, 2023: \$3.14/g (U.S. Average: \$3.55/g)
June 8, 2022: \$4.63/g (U.S. Average: \$4.98/g)
June 8, 2021: \$2.86/g (U.S. Average: \$3.07/g)

"Average gasoline prices declined in virtually every state over the last week as oil prices continued to fall, with crude approaching \$90 per barrel and refiners ramping up output following seasonal maintenance," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "The combination of lower oil costs and improving refinery runs has kept downward pressure on pump prices, giving motorists a welcome reprieve. However, the future of prices remains murky. With the Strait of Hormuz remaining effectively closed, global oil supplies continue to tighten, and any further deterioration in the situation could send prices sharply higher. For now, motorists may enjoy the savings at the pump, but the risk of a significant reversal has not gone away."

SOURCE GasBuddy



Homemade Lemon Ice Cream

3 eggs
1 1/4 cup sugar
2 small cartons whipping cream
1 can eagle brand milk
2 tablespoon lemon extract

Beat eggs first, then add sugar to the eggs, add whipping cream, eagle brand milk, add flavoring. Put mixture into electric ice cream container finish the mixture by adding regular milk to the top of the paddle.

Country Vanilla Ice Cream

4 eggs
2 1/4 cup sugar
5 cup milk
4 cup heavy cream
4 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
Add sugar gradually to beaten eggs. Continue to beat until mix is very stiff. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pour into gallon freezer and freeze.

Pound Cake

1/2 pound real butter
3 cup sugar
3 cup cake flour
6 eggs

1/2 pint whipping cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond
1/2 teaspoon salt
Cream butter and sugar and salt. Add eggs one at a time and beat after each one. Add flour and cream alternately. Add flavorings. Place cake in tube pan and put in cold oven at 325 degrees. Bake 1 1/2 hours.

Ice Box Pie

6 oz. can frozen lemonade
8 oz. cool whip
1 can eagle brand milk
Mix all together and beat well. Pour into one large or 2 small pie pans. Make crust with vanilla wafers or graham crackers. Sprinkle some on top and refrigerate.

Chewy Cake Bars

1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
2 eggs
2 teaspoon vanilla
1 6 oz. package chocolate chips
2/3 cup chopped pecans
Mix all ingredients except chocolate chips and nuts. Beat well. Pour into greased 13x9x3 inch pan. Sprinkle chocolate chips and pecans on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Do not over bake. These are chewy and may not look done, but are. Cool and cut into bars. You may sprinkle brown sugar on top instead of chocolate chips.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARROLL COUNTY E911 BUDGET MEETING

The Carroll County Emergency Communication District Budget Committee meets in a regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30 p.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, Huntingdon.

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.

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Enon Baptist Church, 13025 Highway 79 South, McKenzie, hosts Homecoming services Sunday, June 14. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and the worship service and preaching by Bro. Malcolm Norton follow at 11 a.m. An add-a-dish meal is at noon. Following the meal, The Overall Singer and Friends perform at 1:30 p.m.

ROTARY, WEBB ALUMNI FREE COMMUNITY FEEDING

The McKenzie Rotary Club and Webb Alumni Association are hosting a free community feeding on Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Webb School, 938 Walnut Ave. W., McKenzie. Church partners for the event are Overflow Church, McKenzie Church of Christ, Greater Enon Baptist Church, First Baptist Church and Smyrna Baptist Church. For more information, call 731-697-5468.

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-prdpop>. Please remember there will be a processing fee applied using the link. Or, purchase from any Rotary member for \$50.

ALA UNIT 47 FAMILY DANCE NIGHT

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

American Legion Auxiliary, Huntingdon, TN Unit 47.

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 amyrccarter58@gmail.com or Marsha Spain Smith at smithmarsha99@yahoo.com.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH

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

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS, NEWS

Cat Vouchers

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

McKENZIE TOPS MEETS WEEKLY

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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MHS GOLF ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The MHS Golf Team held their Par 3 Extravaganza golf tournament on Saturday, June 6, at the Carroll Lake Golf Club, which is also their course for home golf matches. This tournament serves as the major fundraiser for the MHS golf team. A total of 18 teams came out to support this event, where all 18 holes are set up to play as a par 3. All participants left with a prize as a token of appreciation for playing, and regardless of the skill level, everyone has fun at this event, while at the same time supporting our MHS golf program.

Thank You!

On behalf of Coach Tyler Holt and the MHS golf team, we would like to thank all sponsoring individuals and businesses in the community, our golf team families, and all 18 teams that came to play in our tournament on Saturday. A special thank you to the Carroll Lake Golf Course for hosting the tournament. It was a very successful day, and we appreciate your continued support of our MHS golf program.

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Rotary, Webb Alumni Free Community Feeding

The McKenzie Rotary Club and Webb Alumni Association are hosting a free community feeding on Saturday, June 13 from 11

a.m.-1 p.m. at Webb School, 938 Walnut Ave. W., McKenzie. Church partners for the event are Overflow Church, McKenzie Church

of Christ, Greater Enon Baptist Church, First Baptist Church and Smyrna Baptist Church. For more information, call 731-697-5468.

The Dixie to Host Art Camp

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center's annual summer camps kicked off in May with photography classes. This month, summer camps continue — starting with Art Camp June 15-19.

Students in fourth through 12th grade are invited to this five-day art camp, where they will explore art through hands-on 2D and 3D projects using paint, printmaking, collage and sculpture.

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders are invited to the 9-10:30 a.m. camp. Seventh through 12th graders have a

later class, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Dixie.

Huntingdon native Laura DeVille is this year's Art Camp instructor.

DeVille has a background in graphic design and studio arts and has been a part of The Dixie since 2013. She is a graduate of Lambuth University and furthered her education studying fine arts abroad in France and Italy. DeVille has taught art at the university level and for several seasons at The Dixie. She lives in Huntingdon with her husband and two children.

Students are asked to sign

up for The Dixie's Art Camp before 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 15. Registration is \$75 and nonrefundable.

Later in the summer season, The Dixie will host Storymakers: From Idea to the Stage (fourth through eighth grade) June 22-26; Photography for Students (fourth through eighth grade) June 29-July 3; Passport to France: The Ultimate French Culture Mash Up (third through seventh grade) June 29-July 3; and Pottery Camps (Kindergarten through 12th grade) July 27-31.



Janyla Piro of McKenzie (center) is the Jackson Elks Lodge #192 Eagle Scout of the Year. She is pictured with Elks Past President O. Wayne Woods and her mother, Heather Piro. Photo courtesy Jackson Elks Lodge #192

Piro Named Eagle Scout of the Year

JACKSON (June 1) — Jackson Elks Lodge #192 announced Monday that Janyla Piro of McKenzie is the Eagle Scout of the Year for 2025-26, highlighting her outstanding achievement and inspiring community pride.

Piro is a rising junior at McKenzie High School. She

has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with high honors. Her sports interests include track and soccer. Piro is a member of the MHS Marching Rebels and plays clarinet with the Jackson Youth Symphony. She is the daughter of Heather Piro.

She was presented a certificate, a flag, a lodge pin, a

250th anniversary pin and a cash award.

Learn more about Jackson Elks Lodge #192, a community-focused organization, at 28 Executive Drive in Jackson or follow on Facebook and at Elks.org for updates.

* Courtesy Jackson Elks Lodge #192

Local Student Attends UT Martin SOAR

MARTIN — Alyssa Belew (right), a graduate of Clarksburg High School, and her mother, Malinda Edwards of Clarksburg, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Summer Orientation And Registration (SOAR) event May 18. SOAR provides students who have been accepted to UT Martin the opportunity to tour the campus, meet their instructors and register for fall classes. More information about UT Martin SOAR events can be found at www.utm.edu/soar. For more information about UT Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861).



'An Evening with Carroll Arts' is June 20

McKENZIE — Carroll Arts, Inc. presents 'An Evening with Carroll Arts' on Saturday, June 20 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The free annual event is a celebration of local artists, including a visual art gallery and a slate of stage performances.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.,

and stage performances begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Scheduled performers include Chelsea Fuller Brown, Mitchell Brown, the Jon Eaton family, Jacob Ervin, Mayor Ryan Griffin, Coltyn Ledbetter, Isaac Stephen Walker, Danny Stover, Brittany Washburn

Martin and Dana Wyatt and Larry Bullion.

If you would like to include your artwork in the gallery, message the Carroll Arts Facebook page or call Carroll Arts President Carol Armpriest at 731-393-3048 and leave a message if necessary.

THP Checkpoint Dates Across West Tennessee

The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) has announced multiple sobriety, driver license and safety belt checkpoints throughout Jackson District this June.

Local Checkpoint Dates:

- 6/12 — Decatur County (SR 100) — Sobriety
- 6/12 — Gibson County (US 45W) — Seatbelt

- 6/14 — McNairy County (SR 57) — Driver License
- 6/19 — Carroll County (US 79) — Sobriety
- 6/19 — Hardin County (SR 69) — Sobriety
- 6/19 — Obion County (SR 214) — Sobriety
- 6/20 — Henry County (US 79) — Sobriety

These checkpoints are

aimed at reducing impaired driving and keeping roadways safe, according to THP. Officers will watch for signs of alcohol or drug impairment, along with other violations.

Impaired driving remains a serious issue nationwide, causing thousands of deaths and injuries each year.

Thank You!

On May 30, Soaring For Greatness hosted a leadership camp and talent show at McKenzie Middle School. I extend my sincere gratitude to Karen Moore & staff at the school for providing access to the gym. Thanks to Carroll Bank & Trust, Wagging Tails, Regions Bank and Coca-Cola for contributions.

Cynthia Arnold
CEO & Founder of Soaring for Greatness Youth Foundation

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YARD Sale

8369 Hwy 124
McKenzie

Friday, June 12
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 13
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Women's clothing (M-XL), craft supplies, handmade earrings, dog supplies, kitchenware, furniture, cookie jars & knickknacks.

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Parisian THEATRE

Jim Adams Drive
Paris, TN • 642-1696

SCARY MOVIE (R)

Tues. 4:30 • 7:30
Wed. 4:30 • 7:30
Thurs. 4:30 • 7:30

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE (PG-13)

Tues. 4:25 • 7:25
Wed. 4:25 • 7:25
Thurs. 4:25 • 7:25

BACKROOMS (R)

Tues. 4:35 • 7:35
Wed. 4:35 • 7:35
Thurs. 4:35 • 7:35

THE BREADWINNER (PG)

Tues. 4:35 • 7:35
Wed. 4:35 • 7:35
Thurs. 4:35 • 7:35

THE MANDALORIAN AND GROGU (PG-13)

Tues. 4:30 (3D) • 7:30
Wed. 4:30 (3D) • 7:30
Thurs. 4:30 (3D) • 7:30

MICHAEL (PG-13)

Tues. 4:25 • 7:25
Wed. 4:25 • 7:25
Thurs. 4:25 • 7:25

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Authorities Investigate Homicide in Henry County

BUCHANAN, Tenn. — The Henry County Sheriff's Office and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) have launched a homicide investigation after a 49-year-old woman was found dead Friday at a residence in Buchanan. The victim, identified as Angela Claxton, was discovered on June 5, 2026, at 245 Cay Lawrence Road.

According to Sheriff Josh Frey, the death is being treated as suspicious and remains an active investigation. Claxton's body has been transported to the medical examiner in Nashville for further examination. No further details regarding the cause of death have been released at this time.

Investigators are seeking the public's help in identifying potential leads. Residents in the vicinity of Cay Lawrence Road, Buchanan Road, and Cowpath Road are urged to review security camera footage for any vehicles, motorcycles, or other means of transportation captured between 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, and Thursday, June 4.

Authorities are also asking anyone who may have traveled through these areas during the specified time-frame and encountered other vehicles to contact investigators. Information can be reported to the Henry County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division at 731-642-1672 (option #7) or the TBI at 1-800-TBI-FIND. Investigators are available to visit residences to review any footage found by the public.

CARROLL COUNTY UT Extension Programs Help Residents Stay Active, Healthy

BY LACY YELEY
UT Extension Agent

Carroll County residents are taking important steps toward improving their health through physical activity programs offered by UT Extension Family and Consumer Sciences.

During the month of May, 22 participants completed the annual May Marathon Challenge, a month-long walking and running program designed to encourage individuals to move more and stay active. Participants received weekly motivational emails throughout the challenge to help keep them engaged and inspired. By the end of the month, participants had collectively logged more than 680 miles of walking and running.

Programs like the May Marathon Challenge help participants establish healthy habits while improving cardiovascular health, increasing endurance, managing weight and reducing stress. Just as importantly, they provide encouragement and accountability that can help individuals stay committed to regular physical activity.

UT Extension also recently completed a 12-week Chair Yoga program, consisting of 24 classes and serving 35 participants ranging in age from 30 to 86 years old. Chair Yoga offers a safe and effective form of exercise that can be adapted to a variety of fitness levels and physical abilities. Participants worked to improve flexibility, balance, strength, posture and mobility while also experiencing the mental benefits of exercise, including reduced stress and improved overall well-being.

McKenzie Police Reports

Assault — Cody Bradley, Price Road, Huntingdon, and Bethany Brown, of the same address, were both charged with Assault on June 4.

Officer Matthew Cunningham and other officers responded to the parking lot of a business on Highland Drive, where witnesses observed the two in an altercation. The report indicates Bradley was located behind the business in the parking lot while Brown had driven from the scene and stopped by authorities. Witnesses claim Brown drove her Nissan car toward Mr. Bradley and slammed on her brakes just before striking him.

Brown stated Bradley was in her car and grabbed her and punched her in the face. The report indicated she had a cut on her lip. Mr. Bradley refused to provide a statement to police.

Brown was charged with Aggravated Assault and Domestic Assault. Bradley was charged with Domestic Assault. Both were transported to Carroll County Jail.

Simple Assault — Steven Baker, a resident of Relax Inn, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was charged with Simple Assault on June 6.

Officer Michael Cunningham was dispatched to the motel, where the male victim stated Baker slammed the head of the victim against the wall. Baker was located at a nearby business and arrested.

Criminal Trespass — Timothy S. Hickey, Brighton, Tenn., was arrested for Criminal Trespass on June 7 after he entered a home on Reynolds Street, McKenzie.

Officer Timothy Dillon arrested Hickey for Criminal Trespass and violation of an active ban from the residence. This is an ongoing situation in which MPD responded multiple times to the residence in response to Hickey being on the property.

Dogs Running At Large — James Albert Milton, Linden Heights, McKenzie, was charged with Dogs Running at Large after his pitbull reportedly attacked a man as he was walking in the neighborhood.

Officer Darren Davis reported the victim had bite marks on his hand and was bleeding. Milton stated someone must have released the dog from its restraint. He said the female dog had a litter of new puppies. The dog was placed back on the restraint, and Milton was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Public Intoxication — Steven Ray Gooch, May

Street, McKenzie, was arrested for Public Intoxication on Thursday, June 4.

Officer Matthew Cunningham reported that Gooch was in the lobby of the McKenzie Police Department and was intoxicated, had slurred speech, and was unsteady on his feet. He stated he had purchased two beers at Maverick Convenience Store and the clerk refused to sell him more beer. Gooch had ridden his electric bicycle to the police station.

Gooch was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Unfortunately, Gooch died in a bicycle-car accident on Friday, June 5.

Warrant Service — Billy Borum, Everett Street, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Violation of Probation. He was transported to Carroll County Jail on June 7.

Warrant Service — Theotis R. Staten, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear. He was transported to Carroll County Jail on June 6.

NOTICE OF RESALE

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

Whereas, the bid on the real property in this Estate has been raised. This property will be offered for resale at the First Floor Lobby of the Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee, on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10 a.m.

This property is located at 5800 Main Street, Trezevant, TN. This property is located in the 02nd Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, and is identified as Map No: 077C, Group: D, Parcel No: 009.00, in the Office of the Property Assessor of Carroll County, Tennessee; and further described in Deed Book: 400, Page: 937, in the Register of Deeds Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The bidding will begin at \$35,200, the amount the bid has been raised to. This property is sold subject to the 2026 property taxes.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THIS PROPERTY. THIS AUCTION WILL BE FINAL.

TERMS OF SALE: 10% down with the balance due within thirty (30) days upon delivery of deed. A letter from a lender will be required for the balance of the bid.

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

Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master and Special Commissioner

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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:

(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 21ST 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

JOSHUA D. WHITE, Executor/Administrator
LAURA A. KEETON, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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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: 2026PA95

ESTATE OF: JAMES HAL EASON, 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 HAL EASON deceased, who died APRIL 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:

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(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

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

SARA BETH EASON, Executor/Administrator
STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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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/ire-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, Huntington Beach, California 92648 Phone: (888) 403-4115 TS#: 2026-21063-TN

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Property Transfers

Billy C. Williams to Robert C. Williams in District 22.

Farmers & Merchants Bank n/k/a Centennial Bank to Centennial Bank in District 2.

Rita Pruett, executrix, to Andrew M. Goode in District 16.

Julie Kathleen Hester and Stacy Michelle Fletcher to Julie Kathleen Hester and Stacy Michelle Fletcher in District 4.

S & T Properties, Inc. to Brian K. Wallace in District 4.

Christopher Finley to Thomas L. Mitchell in District 16.

Daniel Gant to Timothy Douglas Ryan Davis in District 24.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Luis F. and wife Andrea L. Salazar in District 8.

Angela Curtis Cantrell and others to Brian Sinclair Bennett in District 2.

Lisa M. Petz to Jack A. Leonard. No District listed.

Donnie and Randy Bland to Randy Bland in District 1.

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Felty D. and wife Edith R. Mast to TF Holdings, LLC in Districts 3 and 22.

TAP Land Capital Group, LLC to Travis Wade and

wife Lara Lynn Coleman and others. No district listed.

Michelle N. and Todd B. Simpson, as trustees, to Kamilha Rentals and Renovations LLC in District 11.

Alex W. Hayes to Richard Charles Jr. and wife Barbara Ann Kirby Van Horn in District 22.

Donnie and Randy Bland to Donnie Bland in District 1.

DH RE-TENN 1, LLC to Andrew Everett McGuire in District 16.

Darrell Ridgely to Ivy M. McDaniel and others. No district listed.

Barbara A. Borkowski to Raymond Jerome and wife Greta Mae Witzman in District 23.

Tyler Brooke f/k/a Tyler Brooke Hinson and husband Michael Thompson to Angela Rainey in District 11.

Linda Belew to Linda Belew, trustee. No district listed.

Felipe Bernal and wife Cira Castaneda to David Castaneda Tapia in District 8.

Jada L. Maness and Ricky Wayne Cooper III to Lisa Petz in District 15.

Cale A. and wife Cassidy B. Belew to Blake Lynn Reeves and others in District 11.

Beracah LLC to Andrew R. and wife Alivia A. Hudgins in District 4.

Sondra Melton to Kaleb and wife Allison Coleman in District 11.

Molly K. Anderson to Miles T. Anderson in District 21.

Larry Deere and others to Larry and wife Judy Deere in District 21.

Bank of Gleason to Michael E. Stafford in District 4.

William Thomas and Deann Roome, as trustees, to Blake Aaron Grant and others in District 11.

Marie Davidson Winstead and others to Morgan Davidson in District 2.

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Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. to Jonathan Brasfield and others in District 12.

Andrew Ryan Hudgins to Joseph W. and wife Autumn Anderson in District 4.

Tippitt Farms, a Partnership to Tippitt Family Land, LLC. No district listed.

Larry Tippitt and others to Tippitt Family Land, LLC. No district listed.

Renee Verner to Aaron Scott and wife Shelby Desiree Floyd in District 10.

Gerald Don and wife Alma Ruth McKee to Mitchell Don and Melody McKee. No district listed.

Marriage Licenses

Lynzie Louise Brown, 40, of Luling, La., to Luis Miguel Ramos, 43, of Bells.

Kristina Lynn Storey, 32, of Gleason, to Ryan Blake Bennett, 40, of Gleason.

Steven Elwood Petz, 35, of Hollow Rock, to Rachel Paige Hollingsworth Ernberger, 31, of Hollow Rock.

David Edward Robertson, 67, of McKenzie, to Susan Rene Moss Arnold, 66, of McKenzie.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — According to a report made on May 20, Sgt. Kristen Lee observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign at Clark Street and Third Avenue and conducted a traffic stop.

Upon making contact with the driver, identified as Lurissa M. Perry, of Huntingdon, Perry was unable to provide a driver's license. Dispatch confirmed Perry's identity and advised that her license was suspended through Henderson County General Sessions Court for failure to pay fines and court costs.

Perry was charged with driving on a suspended license.

Driving Under the Influence, Implied Consent Violation — According to a report made on May 21, Officer Bo Ezell observed a black Honda stopped in the grass area between Sonic and Tractor Supply.

Upon making contact with the driver, identified as Anthony Greer, Officer Ezell observed an empty bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey between Greer's legs. While speaking with Greer, officers observed him actively urinating on himself. Greer admitted he had consumed "a few beers" and was asked to exit the vehicle.

Greer performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests. During the testing process, officers reported he urinated on himself multiple additional times. Deputy Smith of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office asked Greer to rate his level of intoxication on a scale of one to ten, and Greer responded with a five.

Officer Ezell read the Tennessee Implied Consent Form to Greer multiple times, and Greer refused testing. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Greer was charged with driving under the influence - first offense and violation of implied consent law.

Driving Under the Influence, Simple Possession — According to a report made on May 23, Officer Daniel Inman responded to Huntingdon Health and Rehab after staff reported a female subject who appeared to be under the influence preparing to leave the facility in a vehicle.

Staff advised the subject had been visiting a patient and had displayed an altered level of alertness throughout the day. Officers later observed the subject, identified as Patricia L. Haputa, leave the facility appearing disoriented and stumbling before entering a vehicle and driving away.

Officer Inman followed the vehicle and observed it fail to maintain its lane, including crossing onto the rumble strips. A traffic stop was conducted on Veterans Drive North. Upon contact, Officer Inman observed slurred speech, glassy eyes and slow responses. Haputa repeatedly fumbled with her phone and had difficulty locating vehicle documents.

Haputa agreed to perform field sobriety tests and displayed multiple indicators of impairment. Although she advised officers she suffered from neuropathy in her hands and feet, Officer Inman noted additional signs of impairment that were not consistent solely with that condition. She later refused to provide a blood sample after being read the Tennessee

Implied Consent Form.

During the investigation, officers also discovered Haputa was in possession of Methadone HCL, a Schedule II controlled substance. She was transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Haputa was charged with driving under the influence, violation of implied consent law and simple possession of a Schedule II controlled substance.

Public Intoxication, Resisting Arrest — According to a report made on May 21, Officer Bo Ezell responded to a 911 call regarding a male subject walking in the roadway on Lexington Street with a small child and a dog.

Upon arrival, Officer Ezell observed the subject walking through a residential yard before returning to the roadway on Shady Lane. Officers gave repeated verbal commands for the subject to stop walking but he failed to comply.

After making contact, Officer Ezell detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the subject, identified as Kyle K. Fields.

Fields was informed he was under arrest and instructed to place his hands behind his back. He refused commands, tensed up and resisted officers' attempts to take him into custody. After Fields was placed in handcuffs, officers located a small cup emitting a strong odor consistent with an alcoholic beverage during a search.

While officers were escorting Fields to a patrol vehicle, he threw himself onto the ground. Officer Furr moved his patrol vehicle closer, and officers assisted Fields into the vehicle before transporting him to the Carroll County Jail.

Fields was charged with public intoxication and resisting arrest.

Carroll County, Tennessee Proposed Budget For the Fiscal Year Ending 2027			
	Actual 2024-25	Estimated 2025-26	Budgeted 2026-27
101-General Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$7,592,096	\$8,421,200	\$8,663,776
State of Tennessee	3,927,905	3,090,433	3,429,076
Federal Government	968,590	123,928	276,150
Other Sources	4,110,233	4,016,784	4,373,382
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$16,598,824	\$15,652,345	\$16,742,384
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	7,931,377	8,414,078	8,527,676
Other Cost	8,205,552	13,170,145	8,058,200
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	16,136,929	21,584,223	16,585,876
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	11,466,490	11,786,142	5,854,264
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	11,786,142	5,854,264	6,010,772
Employee Positions	193	197	188
116-Solid Waste Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$399,179	\$470,000	\$495,867
State of Tennessee	67	741	-
Other Sources	1,803,904	1,934,500	2,094,300
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	2,203,150	2,405,241	2,590,167
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	303,725	369,560	389,677
Other Cost	2,125,002	2,027,336	2,134,112
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	2,428,727	2,396,896	2,523,789
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	837,692	641,726	650,071
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	641,726	650,071	716,449
Employee Positions	10	10	10
131-Highway/ Public Works Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$1,120,254	\$1,194,242	\$1,244,748
State of Tennessee	2,842,642	3,725,914	3,495,000
Other Sources	2,735	3,000	14,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	3,965,631	4,923,156	4,753,748
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	1,332,533	1,444,233	1,487,560
Other Cost	2,789,245	3,427,610	3,143,375
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	4,121,778	4,871,843	4,630,935
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	1,061,167	1,160,358	1,211,671
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	1,160,358	1,211,671	1,334,484
Employee Positions	34	32	34
141-General Purpose School Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$146,158	\$175,000	\$175,000
State of Tennessee	1,622,960	1,129,268	577,334
Federal Government	154,348	-	-
Other Sources	741,262	1,352,989	2,066,061
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	2,664,728	2,657,257	2,818,395
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	1,801,561	2,006,010	2,091,336
Other Cost	1,833,189	1,422,388	2,074,759
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	3,634,750	3,428,398	4,166,095
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	7,499,447	6,529,425	5,758,284
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	6,529,425	5,758,284	4,410,584
Employee Positions	62	74	74
144-School Transportation Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$402,183	\$477,600	\$487,600
State of Tennessee	562,378	416,019	435,000
Other Cost	71,886	-	70,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	1,036,447	893,619	992,600
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	229,377	264,200	263,830
Other Cost	484,758	704,273	709,210
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	714,135	968,473	973,040
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	534,605	856,917	782,063
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	856,917	782,063	801,623
Employee Positions	6	6	5
151-Debt Service Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$299,294	\$337,000	\$341,952
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	299,294	337,000	341,952
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	-	-	-
Other Cost	435,780	436,618	439,314
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	435,780	436,618	439,314
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	848,894	727,158	627,540
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	727,158	627,540	530,178

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF McLEMORESVILLE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

The City of McMoresville, 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 meeting concerning the budget at City Hall, on June 25, 2026 at 7 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 Audited	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Budget
Revenues:			
Local Taxes	\$28,661	\$28,411	\$33,000
State of Tennessee	\$85,479	\$83,317	\$83,983
Federal Government	\$3,068	\$53,168	\$-
Other Sources	\$140,659	\$44,809	\$41,600
Total Revenues	\$257,867	\$209,705	\$158,583
Expenditures:			
Salaries	\$24,611	\$14,728	\$32,300
Other Uses	\$158,119	\$239,725	\$126,000
Total Expenditures	\$182,730	\$254,453	\$158,300
Beginning Fund Balance	\$300,555	\$375,692	\$330,944
Ending Fund Balance	\$375,692	\$330,944	\$331,227
Number FTE Employees	1	1	1

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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 22, 2026 at 5:45 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	2,913,603
State of Tennessee	179,852	318,350	255,930
Federal Government	-	-	-
Other Sources	2,742,926	1,724,460	2,632,270
Total Revenues	5,433,686	5,002,158	5,801,803
Expenditures:			
Salaries	-	2,280,410	2,125,493
Other Uses	4,970,754	3,190,390	3,754,837
Total Expenditures	4,970,754	5,470,800	5,880,330
Beginning Fund Balance	1,534,791	1,997,723	1,529,080
Ending Fund Balance	1,997,723	1,529,080	1,450,554
Number FTE Employees	54	56	57

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Evading Arrest, Tampering with Evidence — On May 29, Deputy McClure observed a blue Jeep Liberty traveling on Highway 70 in Bruceton with a defective headlight and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was identified as Alexander Gilliam, 33, of Bruceton.

Deputy McClure reported Gilliam appeared unusually nervous during the stop. He was visibly shaking, had glassy eyes, occasionally slurred speech and repeatedly provided information that had not been requested. Deputies also detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Gilliam advised deputies he had “store-bought” marijuana in the vehicle and produced a Swisher Sweets wrapper containing approximately 0.74 grams of marijuana. While deputies were securing the evidence, Gilliam exited the vehicle without permission and repeatedly reached into the same pocket where the marijuana had been located.

As deputies attempted to continue the investigation, Gilliam fled the traffic stop eastbound on Highway 70, leading deputies on a pursuit. During the chase, he extended his arm from the driver’s window and threw several items from the vehicle onto the roadway. One of the discarded objects struck Deputy McClure’s patrol vehicle.

Gilliam eventually stopped on Cotton Creek Lane, where deputies conducted a felony stop and took him into custody. During the arrest, he resisted Deputy Smith’s attempts to search him by pulling away, attempting to stand up multiple times and refusing commands.

Deputies conducted an extensive search of the area where the items were discarded but were unable to locate them due to traffic and roadway conditions. Investigators believed the items were intentionally discarded to prevent their recovery as evidence.

Gilliam was transported to the Carroll County Jail and charged with evading arrest, tampering with evidence, resisting arrest and simple possession of Schedule VI marijuana.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Domestic Assault, Vandalism — On May 30, Deputy McClure responded to a domestic disturbance on Grooms Road in Bruceton and made contact with a complainant who appeared visibly upset and emotional. Deputies observed the complainant’s vehicle stuck in a ditch near the residence and found its windshield shattered.

The complainant reported going to the residence to give Joseph Moudy, 46, of Bruceton, a ride to his parents’

home for his birthday. An argument reportedly began after the complainant refused to enter the residence.

According to the complainant, she started her vehicle and attempted to leave when Moudy came outside, grabbed onto the vehicle and refused to let go. The complainant stated Moudy then climbed onto the hood while she was backing down the driveway.

The complainant reported losing control of the vehicle and driving into a ditch while attempting to get Moudy off the hood. After getting off the vehicle, Moudy allegedly picked up a rock and threw it through the windshield. The rock shattered the glass directly in front of the driver, causing glass fragments to strike the complainant. The complainant stated she feared Moudy was going to seriously injure her.

The complainant also advised deputies that Moudy had access to a firearm inside the residence and had recently made statements indicating he was suicidal because he felt alone. Deputies searched the residence but learned Moudy had left before they arrived.

Following the investigation, warrants were obtained charging Moudy with domestic assault and vandalism.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

Theft of Property — On June 1, Deputy Boaz responded to a residence on Highway 423 in McKenzie regarding the theft of a dump trailer. The owner reported that someone had taken the trailer from his property sometime during the night.

The owner stated he had purchased the trailer earlier this year and last saw it around 8 p.m. on May 31 after returning home from a job site. He advised the trailer remained at the residence throughout the day and was discovered missing the following afternoon.

The stolen trailer was described as a black 2026 PJ dump trailer with “Quest” written in large white lettering across the upper rear portion. The trailer had four-foot sides and was not displaying a license plate. The owner valued the trailer at approximately \$10,266.64.

The trailer was entered as stolen and the investigation remains ongoing.

This incident occurred in Carroll County.

PUBLIC AUCTION/
HIGHEST BIDDER

2018 Tesla Model 3
VIN #5YJ3E1EALJF024252
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at **10 a.m.**

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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 Monday, the 22nd day of June, 2026 at 5:45 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Trezevant Industrial Development Board (IDB) to Meet

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Trezevant Community Center

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Trezevant Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 6 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment.

For additional information, please contact City Hall at 731-669-4831.

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Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (June 3) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on June 3.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding:

Shane Barksdale, Cherrywood Cove, McKenzie, guilty - lesser charge, DUI: First Offense, \$350, 11/29, supervised probation for sentence, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, cannot drive for one year, ignition interlock, DUI school, report to jail June 19 at 6 p.m.; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon); dismissed, Implied Consent - Enhancement Only; dismissed, Improper Lane Change.

Robert Bennett, Paris Street, Huntingdon, guilty - lesser charge, Driving While License Revoked, cost taxed to defendant through probation, no fine, six months, supervised probation for remainder, cannot drive for one year, times-served credit, after 90 days if all costs and fines are paid defendant can be transferred to unsupervised; guilty - lesser charge, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, cost taxed to defendant through probation, \$150 fine, six months, supervised probation for remainder, cannot drive for one year, times-served credit, after 90 days if all costs and fines are paid defendant can be transferred to unsupervised.

Christina Clark-Farris, Crum Road, Yuma, guilty, Public Intoxication, cost taxed to defendant, fine and costs to be paid June 3, \$25 fine, 30 days, unsupervised probation for 30 days.

Amber T. Copeland, Swor Road, Springville, Tenn., guilty - lesser charge, Possession of Unlawful Drug

Paraphernalia – Attempt, pre-trial diversion, \$150 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for at least 90 days, may become unsupervised probation for balance upon completion of all conditions of probation, cognitive behavioral training course; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange (Marij. <½ oz. or 14.175 grams).

Richard Cunningham, Pin Ridge Road, Paris, guilty, Reckless Burning, no fine, 11/29; dismissed, Vandalism - \$10,000-\$60,000.

Jennifer Lianne Darling, Lewis Lane, Henry, guilty - lesser charge, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities, \$150 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for 11 months 29 days, after 90 days if all fines and costs are paid defendant can be moved to unsupervised and all conditions meet; dismissed, Speeding.

Guy Thomas Wyatt, Tiffany Lane, Murray, Ky., guilty - lesser charge, Meth – Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29, supervised probation for sentence, cognitive behavioral training course, alcohol drug evaluation and recommendations, may attend inpatient treatment and receive jail credit if completed.

Guy Thomas Wyatt, Tiffany Lane, Murray, Ky., guilty, Probation Violation – Booked, no fine, 11/29, may receive jail credit for successful completion of inpatient rehab.

The following cases were dismissed:

Austin Kyle Bennett, Bethel Court or Timberlake Drive, McKenzie, dismissed, Probation Violation – Booked.

Christina Clark-Farris, Crum Road, Yuma, dismissed, Leave Scene of Accident – Property

Damage; dismissed, Immediate Notice of Accident; dismissed, Drivers to Exercise Due Care.

Erica D. Ivory, Bledsoe Road, Humboldt, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

Morgan Limbaugh, Reynolds Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Allowing Dog to Run At Large, defendant

had to pay costs June 3.

Crystal Lynn Ogle, Baker Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While License Suspended.

The following cases were rescheduled: Robert Lee Bunce III, Charles M. Coffman, Lesenda M. Gregory, Stacy Hart, Crystal Mealer, Joshua Paul Schenk

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, PATRICK DI CARLO AND WIFE, MICHELA DI CARLO, by Deed of Trust (the “Deed of Trust”) dated **February 5, 2025**, of record in **Trust Deed Book 750, Page 199**, Register’s Office for **Carroll County, Tennessee**, conveyed to **MICHAEL L. AINLEY**, Trustee, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the “Note”) described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to **CHERYL J. KETNER** (the “Lienholder”); and

WHEREAS, said **MICHAEL L. AINLEY**, Trustee, is unable to act as Trustee under said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, I, **GEORGE ROBERT WHITFIELD III**, have been appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by an instrument of record in Trust Deed Book **769, Page 260**, Register’s Office for **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 indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that I, **GEORGE ROBERT WHITFIELD III**, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon me, by the Deed of Trust, will on **June 30, 2026, at 10 a.m. (local time) at the EAST door of the Carroll County Courthouse at 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee**, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and 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:

22nd District of Carroll County, Assessed at Tax Map Map 017, Parcel 037.08

TRACT NO. 1: BEGINNING at a set iron pin on the west margin of Connie Allen Road at the NE corner of Willie Smith’s (DB 159, page 388) N-E corner; thence S 68 deg. 43 min. 45 sec. W 346.4 feet along north line of Smith to an iron pin at SE corner of Lot #10; thence N 2 deg. 14 min. 06 sec. E 129.43 feet along east line of Lot #10 to an iron pin at south corner of Lot #8; thence N 41 deg. 47 min. 41 sec. E 243.48 feet to an iron pin on west margin of Connie Allen Road; thence along west margin of Connie Allen Road and these bearings and distances: S 53 deg. 00 min. E 100 feet; S 38 deg. 00 min. E 80 feet, and S 26 deg. 00 min. E 67.2 feet to the point of beginning.

THIS BEING LOT #9 OF CHARLESTON SQUARE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 125, SLIDE 196B, REGISTER’S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

TRACT NO. 2: BEGINNING at an iron pin on the west margin of Connie Allen Road and NE corner of Lot #9; thence S 41 deg. 47 min. 41 sec. W 243.48 feet to an iron pin; thence N 49 deg. 53 min. W 128.5 feet to an iron pin at SE corner of Lot #7; thence N 15 deg. 36 min. 47 sec. E 250.44 feet to an iron pin on west margin of Connie Allen Road; thence S 53 deg. 35 min. E 240 feet along west margin of Connie Allen Road to the point of beginning.

THIS BEING LOT #8 OF CHARLESTON SQUARE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 125, SLIDE 196B, REGISTER’S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Subject to restrictive covenants as recorded in Deed Book 305, page 770, in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

This being the same real estate conveyed to **Patrick Di Carlo and wife, Michela Di Carlo** by Quitclaim Deed of **Patrick Di Carlo**, dated **July 22, 2022**, and of record in **Deed Book 405, page 536**, in the Register’s Office of **Carroll County, Tennessee**.

The common address is **2167 Connie Allen Road, McKenzie**

Interested parties are: **CHERYL J. KETNER; PATRICK DI CARLO; MICHELA DI CARLO; DISCOVER BANK** (see judgment lien of record at Lien Book 24, p. 220 in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee); and **NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING** as successor in interest to **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** (see Deed of Trust of record at Trust Deed Book, Page 679; Assignment of record at Trust Deed Book 745, page 47; and Modification Agreement of record at Trust Deed Book 745, page 47; all in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee).

The sale shall also be held subject to the following (in addition to matters referenced in above legal description, including any matter reflected on plats referenced therein):

1. Any unpaid city, county or state taxes which may be a lien against such property.
2. Rights of parties in possession (if any).
3. Any matters encumbering such property which have a priority over the Deed of Trust.
4. Materialmen’s liens, if any, easements and restrictions of record and such matters as would be revealed by an accurate and complete survey.
5. **INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY SENIOR/PRIORITY LIEN OF DEED OF TRUST held by NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING** (see Deed of Trust of record at Trust Deed Book, Page 679; Assignment of record at Trust Deed Book 745, page 47; and Modification Agreement of record at Trust Deed Book 745, page 47; all in the Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee). **The unpaid principal balance as of March 1, 2025, according to said Modification Agreement was \$308,584.08; however, THE CURRENT BALANCE OF INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY SAID DEED OF TRUST IS UNKNOWN TO THE UNDERSIGNED.**

The sale may be postponed and reset at a later date without additional publication provided that an announcement to that effect be made at the scheduled time and place for sale.

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

I believe the title to the above property to be good, but make no warranties or representation thereto and sell as Substitute Trustee only.

The website of the third-party internet posting company that posts an advertisement pursuant to TCA § 35-5-101(a)(2) is https://liveauctions.govease.com

DATED at Paris, Tennessee this the 3rd day of June, 2026.

GEORGE ROBERT WHITFIELD III, Substitute Trustee
Greer, Greer & Whitfield, Attorneys, PLLC,
114 S Poplar Street, Paris, TN 38242

PLEASE PUBLISH ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 06/9/2026; 06/16/2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

The Carroll County Election Commission meets June 16, 2026, 4:30 p.m., in the Election Office at 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The purpose of the meeting is to Call the General Election, November 3, 2026, which will include municipals: Atwood, Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Huntingdon, McKenzie, McLemoresville, and Trezevant. The CEC will lock and seal ballot boxes for the August 6, 2026 State Primary/County General, including one municipal — Clarksburg. For more information or if you’d like to address the CEC during the meeting, call 731-986-1968, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or Email: carroll.commission@tn.gov.

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NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

BARBARA ANN NADIN: THE ESTATE OF:

CIVIL ACTION NO: 2019-PA-6

By the authority granted by an “ORDER” filed in the above styled Estate, and entered of record in Probate Minute Book: 044, Page: 381, I will on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 10 a.m., offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the real property as set out in said “Order”.

Said real property will be sold on the premises located at 1020 Fesmire Road, Cedar Grove, Tennessee. The sale will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10 a.m., at 1020 Fesmire Road, Cedar Grove, Tennessee 38321.

Said property consists of a residential lot upon which is located a two story frame home with 1,596 S.F. of Heated Area, a 198 S.F. open front porch, a 176 S.F. Enclosed Back Porch, and a 14’X28’ Shed. Downstairs the home has three bedrooms, a bath, a Large Living Room and a Kitchen. Upstairs there is a Large Bedroom and a Bath. This property is in a great location and could be a showplace with a little TLC. Country Living! This house has great character!! DON’T MISS THIS SALE!

THIS AUCTION SALE WILL BE POSTED ON-LINE AT govease.com

This property is located in the 6th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, and is identified as Map No: 146, Group:, Parcel No: 040.01, in the Office of the Property Assessor of Carroll County, Tennessee; and further described in Deed Book: 322, Page: 476, in the Register of Deeds Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

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

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

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

Donnie W. Knott BPR#01 7769, Attorney for the Estate
5070 West Van Hook Street, Milan, TN 38358

Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master and Special Commissioner

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Rep. Darby Congratulates Tennessee Arts Commission Grant Recipients

NASHVILLE (June 3) — State Rep. Tandy Darby (R-Greenfield) is congratulating recipients across Northwest Tennessee for receiving a combined \$30,110 in grant funding through the Tennessee Arts Commission’s Rural Arts Project Support Grant program.

Funding for the Rural Arts Project Support Grant is part of a \$13.8 million budget appropriation approved by members of the Tennessee General Assembly for the 2026-27 fiscal year for the sole purpose of supporting art projects and activities that promote community vitality, cultural engagement and access to the arts in Tennessee’s rural communities.

“I’m grateful to the Tennessee Arts Commission for investing in these efforts and recognizing the value the arts bring to communities across our region,” said Darby. “Tennessee’s rural communities have a great deal to

offer and these organizations play an important role in preserving local culture, strengthening community connections and enhancing quality of life.”

“Tennessee is fortunate to be a state where few can rival the breadth and depth of its arts and culture. Tennessee boasts a unique array of artistic and cultural assets,” said Anne B. Pope, executive director of the Tennessee Arts Commission. “Arts and culture are vital tools for attracting and retaining businesses and help build stronger communities by enhancing the distinctive character of Tennessee places.”

The following organizations have been awarded Rural Arts Project Support grants:

Northwest Tennessee Development District - \$24,790

Weakley County Reconciliation Project - \$5,320

Grant applications are evaluated through a

competitive review process that includes citizen advisory panels with expertise in various artistic disciplines, followed by review and approval by the full Tennessee Arts Commission.

The Commission anticipates awarding approximately 1,000 grants in both rural and urban communities in all 95 counties of the state during the year, totaling up to \$13.8 million in 19 Annual and Rolling Grant categories. Other grant opportunities are offered throughout the year for qualifying organizations, including the Arts Build Communities grant and Student Ticket Subsidy. Additional information on grant programs offered by the Commission is available at TnArts-Commission.org.

Rep. Darby represents District 76, which includes Weakley and part of Carroll and Henry counties.

Gilbert Earns Bachelor of Science from MTSU

First in her family to receive college degree

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MURFREESBORO (May 9) — Alajah Gilbert, a Class of 2023 McKenzie High School graduate, became the first person in her family to earn a college degree, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) on Saturday, May 9.



Alajah Gilbert

Gilbert graduated Cum Laude, completing her degree in just three years.

To Gilbert, this milestone represents perseverance, sacrifice and the fulfillment of a dream.

Throughout her college journey, Gilbert balanced the demands of being a full-time student while also maintaining employment.

Gilbert shared that none of her accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering love, encouragement and support of her mother, LaShonda Williams.

“Her strength, sacrifices and belief in me have been the foundation of every accomplishment,” Gilbert said of her mother. “This achievement belongs to her as much as it

does to me.”

As she celebrates this chapter, Gilbert is also mindful of the responsibility that comes with being a first-generation college graduate. Most of all, she hopes to inspire her younger sister, Aleecia, who is a rising senior at McKenzie High School.

“I hope to pave the way for my younger sister, encouraging her to dream big and showing her that higher education is possible through dedication, hard work and perseverance,” Gilbert said.

Gilbert also encourages her fellow classmates from McKenzie’s Class of 2023 to continue pursuing their goals and finish strong.

“Whether your path

takes three years, four years or longer — stay committed to your education, trust the process and never lose sight of the future you are working toward,” Gilbert said. “The journey may not always be easy, but earning your degree is a reward that no one can ever take away from you.”

Gilbert’s journey is far from over. This summer, she returns to her West Tennessee roots to work a summer job. In August, she will begin graduate studies at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, where she will pursue a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy.

Gilbert plans to work as an occupational therapist and, eventually, pursue her doctorate.

Over the next year and a half, Gilbert will dedicate herself to an intensive program, attending daily classes and clinical training as she works toward a career devoted to helping others live fuller, more independent lives.

Gilbert shared that she is grateful for everyone who has supported her along the way, and she is excited for what the future holds.

Bethel University Announces ‘Vision 2030’ Strategic Plan

MCKENZIE (June 1) — Bethel University announced its new strategic plan, named “Vision 2030,” on Tuesday. The new plan maps out Bethel University’s mission statement, vision, key values and strategic priorities over the next four years.

According to the university, Vision 2030 is the product of a year-long, campus-wide effort that brought together faculty, staff, students and community members.

Bethel President Dr. Perry Moulds led a series of listening and planning sessions, facilitated by Dr. Bob Fisher, President Emeritus of Belmont University, to develop Bethel University’s new vision.

“Vision 2030 is more than a plan. It is a shared promise to our students and a reflection of Bethel at its best,” Moulds said. “Our community came together with energy and honesty, and what they created gives us a clear and exciting path toward real prosperity for the university. I could not be

more proud of what we built together.”

Bethel University’s mission, as presented in Vision 2030, is to be “an inclusive Christian community dedicated to equipping individuals for a life of service through academic, spiritual, social and experiential learning to go forth and transform the world.”

The university’s new vision reads, “Bethel University will be a leader in student-centered education through innovative academics, character formation and life skills development.”

Vision 2030 is anchored by five values: Faith, Integrity, Inquiry, Compassion and Respect.

According to the university, each value was chosen to reflect what Bethel is and what it aspires to be.

Vision 2030 is also organized around five strategic priorities:

1. Show Faithfulness to Our Christian Character and Commitment to Student Formation.
2. Strive to Attract, Re-

tain and Graduate Outstanding Students.

3. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability by Growing Revenue and Stewarding Resources Responsibly.
4. Invest in Grounds and Facilities to Create an Environment Where All Can Thrive.
5. Embody a One Bethel Culture in All We Do.

The full Vision 2030 plan, including the complete set of goals under each priority, is available at bethelu.edu/vision2030.

The Bethel University Board of Trustees voiced its support for Vision 2030.

“This is a clear and unifying roadmap for our future, and it positions Bethel to grow and thrive for generations of students to come,” said Nancy Bean, Chair of the Bethel University Board of Trustees.

In the months ahead, Bethel will turn its five priorities into specific initiatives, projects and investments that will shape future students’ experiences.

McKenzie Elementary 2026-27 School Supply Lists

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MCKENZIE (June 4) — McKenzie Elementary School released its school supply list for the 2026-27 school year on Thursday. The school year begins with a half day on Tuesday, August 4.

Pre-K school supplies are provided to students. Every student needs a standard-size backpack without rollers. Classroom fees (not listed) will not exceed \$10.

If any parents would like to contribute classroom supplies, teachers request Kleenex, wet wipes, index cards, colored printer paper, wide-rule loose-leaf paper, band-aids, Ziploc bags and white or colored cardstock.

Meet the Teacher is Thursday, July 30, from 1-6 p.m. Parents are asked to bring their students’ labeled school supplies on this day.

See what this year’s Kindergarten through fourth-grade students need:

Kindergarten

- Scissors (metal blunt tip)
- Six small glue sticks (no large or scented ones)
- 24-pack of small Crayola crayons (six packs for the year)
- Pencils (no fat pencils)
- Small plastic pencil box
- One watercolor paint set
- Six fat black Expo markers (black only)
- Two fat yellow highlighters
- Two boxes of tissues
- Two containers of Play Doh (3 oz. size, no glitter or scented)

- Water bottle (one with a top that closes to avoid spills)
- Boys - One pack of baby wipes
- Girls - One container of disinfecting wipes (Clorox or Lysol)

First Grade

- Scissors (school scissors)
- Four jumbo glue sticks
- Four boxes of crayons (24 or less)
- 12 Ticonderoga pencils
- One pack of cap erasers
- One pencil bag (no school boxes)
- One plastic folder with three prongs and pockets
- One composition notebook
- Two yellow highlighters
- Two black Expo markers
- One watercolor paint set
- Kleenex
- Boys - Clorox wipes
- Girls - Ziploc bags

Second Grade

- Pencil pouch with binder rings
- 24 Ticonderoga pencils
- Pencil top erasers
- 4- 24 count box of Crayola crayons
- Three glue sticks
- Child-size scissors
- Four Expo markers
- Two pairs of ear buds (\$1 each)
- Two yellow highlighters for ELA
- Kleenex
- Girls - Wet wipes
- Boys - Clorox wipes

Third Grade

- School scissors

- (sharp-pointed metal)
- Two boxes of crayons (16 or 24-count only)
- Four Elmer’s school glue sticks
- Two packs of #2 Ticonderoga pencils (NO plastic-coated pencils)
- One plastic pocket folder with prongs
- One composition notebook
- One pencil bag/pouch (large enough to hold a box of crayons – no school boxes)
- Two highlighters (yellow)
- One spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- Four dry-erase markers (black)
- One pack of pencil-top erasers
- NO markers, NO binders, NO colored pencils

Fourth Grade

- Two plastic folders with prongs and pockets
- One three-ring binder, 1 ½ inch width
- Five tab plastic dividers
- Two highlighters
- Four Expo dry-erase markers (black or blue)
- Two boxes of 24-pack crayons
- Two packs of #2 pencils and cap erasers
- Two 70-count spiral notebooks
- One large zipper pencil pouch (no pencil boxes)
- 1-2 pairs of earbuds
- One pack of wide-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper
- Two glue sticks
- Scissors
- Girls - Germ-X
- Boys - Baby wipes

MCKENZIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Left, Greyson Wallace holds a stone painted by McKenzie Memorial Library Assistant Director Adora Carty. Right, Katie and Elinor Howerton, of Jackson, adopted a little dino after spotting her in the children’s reading room. During a brief adoption ceremony, Elinor named the dinosaur “Star.” Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Summer Program Unearths Fun

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MCKENZIE — McKenzie Memorial Library’s “Unearth a Story” summer reading program continued June 5-8 with “Adopt a Dino,” “Stone Age” and “Tales at 10” events.

“Adopt a Dino” invited library patrons to a dinosaur hunt. Ten little dinosaurs were hidden amongst the many books at McKenzie Memorial Library, waiting to be found and adopted.

“Stone Age” on June 6 invited children and guardians alike to put their creativity to the test and paint small stones.

During “Tales at 10,” McKenzie Memorial Library’s librarians read dinosaur tales to visiting children.

Upcoming events include “Blooming Poems” at 2 p.m. June 9; “Dapper Dinos” all day Thursday,



Michelle Wallace shows off her stone art during McKenzie Memorial Library’s “Stone Age” activity. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

June 11; “Minecraft Archaeology” all day Saturday, June 13 and “Tales at Ten” at 10 a.m. Monday, June 15.

McKenzie Memorial Library is located at 15

Broadway Street, McKenzie, Tenn. It is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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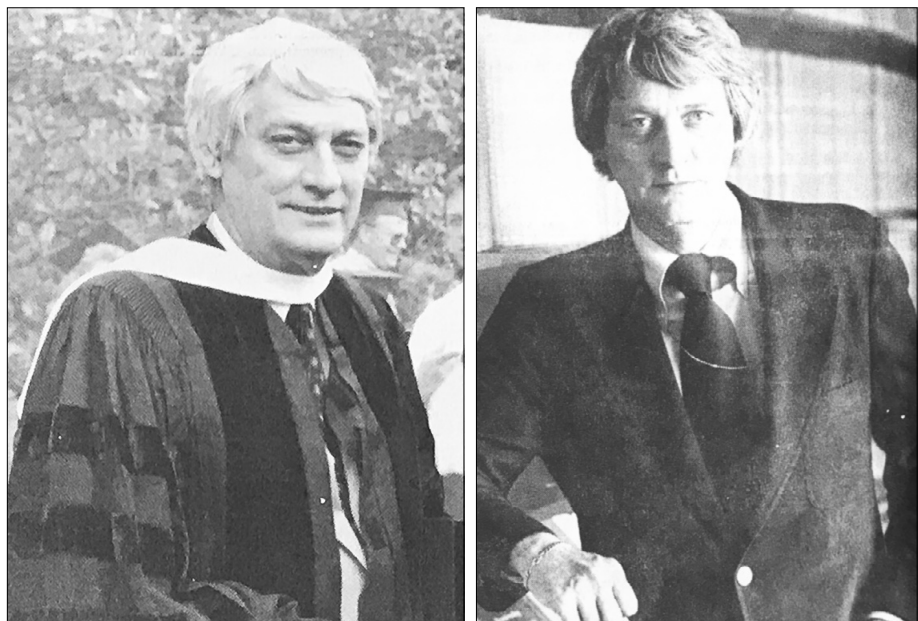
MARTIN (June 5) — Engineering students completing their Bachelor of Science in Engineering participated in the Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony on May 2 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Order of the Engineer was established in 1970 to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession.

In the ceremony, graduates were invited to accept the Obligation of the Engineer and receive a stainless-steel ring. Connor Viana (right), of McKenzie, was among those inducted into the Order of the Engineer. Viana is



congratulated by Chancellor Yancy Freeman, Sr. on receiving his engineering degree during the spring commencement ceremony May 2 at the Kathleen

and Tom Elam Center. For more information about the UTM Department of Engineering, visit www.utm.edu/engineering or call 731-881-7571.



Bethel Grad, International Journalist Jim Wooten Dies After a Distinguished Career

Wooten began his journalism career as editor of the Weakley County Press in Martin, Tenn. He later joined the Huntsville Times, where his reporting on the Civil Rights Movement attracted the attention of The New York Times and launched a career that would take him around the

In his second year at Bethel, he earned a full-ride scholarship to play basketball. With a double major in History and English, he graduated in 1958. During his senior year, he decided to become a minister based on his father's desires. Following graduation, he

"It took about a year before the light bulb went on how to write for TV; everything has to be compressed into a minute-forty or two minutes long. You learn to compress information into small chunks and let pictures do at least half of the work. And you learn to live with the unfortunate fact that you can never tell the entire story. It's frustrating, but you get better."

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McKenzie Middle Summer Bridge Camp Students Take Walking Downtown Tour



McKENZIE (June 4) — McKenzie Middle School students participating in the school's Summer Bridge Camp took a walking tour of downtown McKenzie Thursday. They visited city hall and were shown around by Mayor Ryan Griffin, Police Chief Ryan White and Fire Chief Brian Tucker. They toured the Gordon Browning Museum with its vice president, Jennifer Waldrup. Lunch was enjoyed in Veterans Memorial Park, and the kids visited McKenzie Memorial Library. Pictured here, the students stopped by the historic train depot before heading back to the school. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

Auto Clinic is McKenzie 10U Soccer Champion



McKENZIE — The Auto Clinic team recently earned the 10U championship in the McKenzie Youth Soccer League's spring season. *Photo courtesy Mike Hayes*



Xander Johnsey signs to continue his baseball career at Bethel University. Pictured (L to R) McKenzie Head Coach Chris Wall; Xander's stepfather, Brad Campbell; Xander; and his mother, Cortni Campbell. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

McKenzie's Johnsey Signs with Bethel Baseball

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McKENZIE (June 8) — Recent McKenzie High School graduate and baseball standout Xander Johnsey signed with Bethel University baseball Monday in the MHS theater.

The multi-tool player was instrumental in McKenzie's recent success on the diamond, including a pair of no-hitters on the mound this season. He also hit .367 for the year and was named Co-MVP for the team, among many other honors.

Johnsey, son of Courtni and Brad Campbell and Evan and Jennie Johnsey, was joined by family members, McKenzie Head Coach Chris Wall and other supporters for the signing ceremony.

Coach Wall said of Johnsey, "Very hard worker. He shows up to work. Baseball is his thing, it's always been his thing, so he takes it to heart. Xander's had some rough times in his baseball career, but everything started clicking the last couple of years. This year, it came to fruition. He's had a really good year. Really good on the mound for us. Ended up being 8-2. We couldn't have gotten as far as we did without him."

Johnsey told The Banner why he chose Bethel. "They have an outstanding program. Coach Rusty [Thompson] is really good at developing players. The Lord just pointed me towards Bethel. It's the right decision."

He explained his love for baseball. "I grew up playing a lot of sports. Ever since I was hitting the ball off the tee, I've been obsessed with it. I'm in love with baseball. I think about it constantly. It's all I want to do. It's always been my dream to play college baseball."

He said of his time as a Rebel, "This program has really done a lot for me, to develop me as a player and as a person. Coach Wall is a really good coach. He developed me into a kid that can hit the ball over the fence and throw mid-80s, and that's a really big accomplishment. It just shows a lot about what McKenzie's program is."

Johnsey will major in Education.



Flashback Band performs on Banner Row. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

Flashback Band Kicks Off Nights on Broadway

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McKENZIE (June 4) — Nights on Broadway, the City of McKenzie's summer concert series, kicked off Thursday on Banner Row with music from Flashback

Band.

Flashback Band includes local performers Steve and Kim Price, Peggy Kee, Don Page, Matt Deck and Randy Delaney. The band performed throwback hits from the 1970s and 80s, giving many attendees the chance

to show off their line dancing skills.

The Nights on Broadway season continues June 18 with Back Road Truckers and July 16 with Johnny Mac. More dates and performers will be announced at a later date.



Tomasa Villaseñor of Tommy's Artisan Bread and Desserts bags tamales for a customer. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

McKenzie Farmer's Market Opens

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McKENZIE (June 6) — The City of McKenzie's Farmer's Market, located at 2451 Cedar Street, opened Saturday for its tenth season.

Saturday's vendors included Lanae Virkler's baked goods and eggs; Crochet by Brianna; Tommy's Artisan Bread and Desserts; Beary Blessed Suckers; Linda Swalley's baked goods, jams and jewelry; Kudzu Lane Soap; Momma D's Sweet Treats; Charlotte Wise's fresh produce and meat; Otis Nesbitt's farm-fresh eggs; Bakers Acres Farm's non-GMO whole chicken; Momma D's Sweet Treats; Ladybug Landscaping; Kenny's Nutz; K & K Knick Knacks; Ron Hoffman's Garden,



Mother-daughter duo Lanae and Brianna Virkler sold baked goods, farm-fresh eggs and crocheted toys. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

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CARROLL COUNTY LIBRARY



Library patrons, like these three cheerful children, were invited to check out books and get started on their reading goals. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

Summer Reading Program Kicks-Off

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (June 8) — The Carroll County Library kicked off its summer reading program with huge fanfare Monday morning. The kick-off gave children the opportunity to sign-up for the library's summer reading challenge while also interacting with the summer reading program theme, "Unearth a Story."

Dinosaurs were hidden all over the library, and children searched far and wide to find and adopt them. All the while, they were served various snacks and were free to peruse the library for their next read.

Children could sign up for the summer reading challenge, choosing to count either the number of books they read over the summer or the amount of time they spend reading over the summer (on a 30 minute or hour basis). Children will receive a point with the completion of each book, 30 minutes or hour of reading.

Outside the library, several vendors were set up to inform library patrons about various nonprofit programs available for Carroll Countians. Vendors included West Tennessee Legal Services, Tennessee Military & Family Reading Operations, West Tennessee Veterans



Nora and Cameron Maddox received bags for signing up for Carroll County Library's summer reading challenge. *Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*

Coalition, Carey Counseling Center, United Way of West Tennessee, AIMHiTN, Tennessee Childcare Resource & Referral, Northwest Tennessee Head Start and Early Head Start, CASA of Henderson and Carroll Counties, TN Voices, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Carroll County Library's summer reading program continues throughout the summer. Upcoming events include Musical Storytime with Alice Hardin (June 10, 10:30 a.m.), a visit from West Tennessee Public Utility

(June 11, 10:30 a.m.), Ferociously Friendly Friday Frenzy (June 12, all-day while supplies last), a visit from Smokey Bear (June 16, 10:30 a.m.) and Tot Time with Carroll County Mayor (June 17, 10:30 a.m.).

The Carroll County Library is located at 625 High Street, Suite 102, Huntingdon, Tenn. It is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The library is closed on Sundays.