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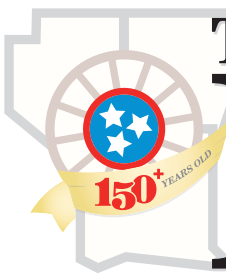
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Left, From left, third grader Caiden Nesbitt, first grader Jamyla Nesbitt and second grader Zanyah Hyde arrive for their first day at HPS. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner Right, Bella and Balentina Wilson arrive at MES for their first day. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner



It's Back-to-School Time in Carroll County

BY BRITTANY MARTIN
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CARROLL COUNTY (August 6) — On Tuesday, area students dusted off their school clothes, loaded up their backpacks and returned to their respective educational institutions to kick off a new year of learning. A full range of emotions was on display from tears to excitement as parents anxiously snapped first day photos. School is officially back in session in Carroll County and we at The Banner can't wait to see what excitement the year brings. Wishing everyone a safe and productive school year. Preliminary enrollment numbers were not available at press time.

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Huntingdon Primary Principal Vicki Crossno greets first graders Hide Morris (left) and Jemma Todd. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



Top, Board members of the Carroll County Inclusion Park and members of the Carroll County Commission cut the ribbon signifying the opening of the new facility. Left, Children of all ages and abilities pile on the merry-go-round. Above, Inclusion Park Chairperson Lori Dillahunt welcomes guests and dignitaries to the new park.

Inclusion Park Hosts Grand Opening

The Carroll County Inclusion Park hosted its grand opening on Saturday, August 10 at 10 a.m. The park is located at 450 Mustang Drive (formerly Fairgrounds Road) in Huntingdon.

The weather was beautiful with mild temperatures and sunny skies to mark the culmination of the first phase of construction, with more musical instruments to be added

in the near future.

The grand opening brought together children of many different

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McKenzie Fire, Rescue to Add Equipment

McKENZIE (August 8) — The McKenzie City Council met Thursday with a light agenda. The McKenzie Fire Department was given approval to purchase a battery powered version of the Jaws of Life. The combination package that includes two extended rechargeable battery packs was quoted at \$14,074.

The rescue tool has the same capabilities as the standard hydraulic version currently used by the department. The current 2024-25 budget had plans for the purchase.

On the first reading, approval was agreed upon to amend Zoning Ordinance 570. The ordinance addresses fencing requirements within the McKenzie

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Candidates Seek Municipal Offices in November

CARROLL COUNTY (August 12) — The November 5 general elections include the U.S. President, U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representatives, State Senators, State Representatives, and local municipalities.

The qualifying deadline for local municipal candidates is Thursday, August 15, noon. Petitions to seek those offices can be picked up at the Carroll County Election Commission.

Municipal elections include the City of McKenzie, and towns of Atwood, Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Huntingdon and Trezevant. Persons interested in seeking office must be at least 18 years of age

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FY 2024-'25 BUDGET APPROVED — Preston Caldwell, West Carroll School District Director of Schools (second from right) presents the FY25 budget to the school board on Thursday, August 8. The budget 11.6 million dollar budget includes 1.3 million dollars in upgrades for the Elementary and Primary schools.

West Carroll School Board Approves Budget

BY JEAN ODOM

Mirror-Exchange

ATWOOD (August 8) — The West Carroll school board met on Thursday August 8 and approved the fiscal year 2024-'25 budget. The \$11.6 million budget includes \$1.5 million in improvements to the Primary and Elementary schools as well as new asphalt paving for all three schools in the district, some of which is already completed.

Board member Keith Murray was absent for the meeting, all other board members were present.

The new budget is based on the state certified tax rate at \$1.2207 per \$100 assessed value. The tax rate has been the same for the past four years and generates about 1.3 million dollars in property tax revenue for the school system.

The budget includes a 3% raise for teachers and a 2.5% raise for support staff for the school system. The state requires school systems to keep staff with certified teachers at a certain pay level depending upon individual attainment of educational degrees.

The budget for the school system consists of four main components, General Purpose, Debt Services, Central Cafeteria and Federal Funds. Director of Schools Preston Caldwell stressed that they would only be voting on three of those components. The fourth component, Federal Funds, is approved by the federal government and not under the board's control.

General purpose funding has changed in the last few years, moving to the state-funding TISA, (Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement), which is the new system of funding

through the state of Tennessee led by Governor Bill Lee's funding reform. TISA bases school funding on student outcomes and allows for bonus funding for areas of excellence at a particular school. TISA replaces the former BEP, Basic Education Program, that formerly funded the school systems in Tennessee prior to 2022.

Central Cafeteria is a component of the budget that is currently in deficit spending, requiring the school to make up the difference from the cafeteria's reserve fund balance account.

"I have spent a lot of time in central cafeteria and a lot of time digging through and trying to figure out where we're getting these red numbers from," stated Director of Schools Preston Caldwell.

The main source of revenue for central cafeteria is USDA, which accounts for students who eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria each day.

"As we have come off of COVID, we have a decline in USDA claims which is declining our revenue in central cafeteria," explained Caldwell during the meeting.

Mr. Caldwell decided to give the more accurate claim numbers, based on the previous school year, for USDA claims rather than inflating that revenue in hopes that they receive more funding.

"We are hoping that we catch where we are not getting the revenue," Caldwell said.

Central cafeteria could potentially be in the red by \$41,173 for the FY25 budget, which would be balanced by the fund balance account," Caldwell explained to the board that he hopes to have this corrected in future budgets.

Mandy Drewry, the new manager of central cafeteria

presented a plan to the board allowing central cafeteria to debt remaining balances left by teachers from their last paycheck if they leave the system mid-year or over the summer.

West Carroll employees are permitted to charge their account for breakfast and lunch items with the agreement that they will pay those balances before the end of the school year. When staff members leave mid-year, these balances go unpaid and the school system is occasionally left with uncollectable unpaid balances.

This plan was approved by the board with a 5-0 vote, after Board Member Betty Wallace questioning the need for a board vote on the policy.

Caldwell explained the new policy needs to be recorded in the minutes of the board meeting and a document for teachers to sign permitting faculty members to charge their account for lunch and breakfast purchases.

The board unanimously approved the budget and Chairman William Robinson complimented Mr. Caldwell on his work on this year's budget.

Prior to the meeting, a reception was held to welcome new staff to the West Carroll School District. Special mention was made of Dr. Adam Douglas is the new principal of the Jr/Sr High School. Dr. Douglas previously served as vice-principal of the school. Douglas has given special focus to academic achievement at the school during his first few months and was praised by both Caldwell and the school board members for his efforts.

The board praised the idea of the reception and wanted to continue the tradition into future school years.



Left, A new digital scoreboard was approved by Rebel Stadium and smaller scoreboards for McKenzie Middle School Gymnasium. The new boards are funded entirely by sponsors. Right, Baylee Barden was welcomed as MHS's new student representative to the Board of Education. Pictured are LaShonda Williams, chairman, Baylee, and Dr. Justin Barden, director of schools.

New Scoreboard, Tennis Approved During McKenzie Schools Meeting

McKENZIE (August 6) — The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education approved tennis as a new high school sport and new scoreboards at Rebel Stadium and McKenzie Middle School Gymnasium during the August 6 meeting.

The Board also approved a plethora of new policies, which the state General Assembly mandated during its 2024 term.

Dr. Justin Barden, director of schools, said the school system has secured enough sponsors to pay for new scoreboards at Rebel Stadium and at the McKenzie Middle School Gymnasium. No school funds will be used.

A new video scoreboard will be installed by the first home high school football game. Sponsors include Granges, Pepsi, Carroll Bank and Trust, McKenzie Banking Company, and 4Front Promotions. The scoreboards will be purchased from Varsity in Kentucky. The Board unanimously approved the purchase with a budget \$110,000, all donated funds.

Tennis will again be added to the varsity sports offerings at McKenzie High School. Barden said the recommendation came from Kelly Spivey, principal, to again offer the sport. It was presented as a low-cost sport requiring only uniforms and minimal equipment. Bethel University's tennis courts are available for practice and competition. The courts are the home courts for Bethel and Huntingdon High School. Eventually, the sport will transition to pickleball, said Spivey. McKenzie has six regulation-size pickleball courts.

The Board voted to seek competitive bids for repainting the exterior of McKenzie Elementary School.

Prior to competitive bidding, a courtesy estimate of \$48,500 was given as a reference point.

Bleachers in the McKenzie Middle School Gymnasium were also discussed.

One side has plastic seating, the other wood. The

Board is seeking bids to replace both sides with plastic seating.

The Board also approved a mandatory Code of Conduct for campus visitors.

The Board approved an emergency preparedness policy requiring schools to develop emergency plans with local police and fire departments. The policy includes a provision for students not to immediately exit the classrooms when the fire alarm is activated, a state law that arose after an armed intruder activated the fire alarms to force students into the hallways.

A state-mandated policy also requires school officials to report any assaults or threats of mass violence to law enforcement. Teachers or staff members who are assaulted while at school are eligible for a leave of absence in certain conditions. The new law adds staff members, while teachers were already included in the law.

Dr. Barden said all substitute teachers must participate in safety training. Substitutes are required to be familiar with the school's safety procedures, including a new state law requiring students to remain in the classroom momentarily after the sounding of the fire alarm. School officials first determine if it's a real emergency or a false alarm prior to students exiting the classrooms and buildings.

A policy was approved to comply with new state laws concerning the retention of third and fourth graders if they do not meet certain criteria on the standard test. The state law improves on the law's language. Parents can also choose to retain their child in a grade.

Family life education must include a state-approved video of the development of a child.

Narcan may be carried at the school, according to a new law. Each school nurse may administer Narcan.

Janyla Pico, a freshman at McKenzie High School, addressed board members

and asked for permission to construct a viewing tower for the MHS Band field commander. The project is part of her Eagle Scout project. She proposed to locate it next to the bus loop facing the faculty parking lot, where the marching band practices. She is to work with Dr. Barden to address safety concerns.

Leighann Horne, supervisor of instruction, is one of nine supervisors across the state to be nominated for the Tennessee Department of Education's Supervisor of the Year. The goal of the Tennessee Supervisor of the Year program is to recognize and celebrate the wealth of excellent district leaders that exist across the state. An outstanding public school supervisor earns distinction as the Tennessee Department of Education Supervisor of the Year (SOY) each year. This honor is reserved for leaders who demonstrate superior abilities in: managing and motivating students and faculties; evoking high standards; demonstrating a commitment to excellence; implementing innovative programs; and having a track record of exceptional gains in student learning.

Supervisors of the Year are selected competitively through four cycles: district, region, grand division, and state.

Supervisors selected at each cycle receive local recognition and awards underwritten by local sources. State recognition and awards include a banquet honoring the nine region-level Supervisors of the Year.

Baylee Barden, a senior at McKenzie High School, was welcomed as the student representative to the Board of Education. She will attend the monthly meetings. Chairman LaShonda Williams asked Miss Barden to provide updates about MHS to the Board.

Baylee is a cheerleader and a member of the Student Council. She is the daughter of Dr. Justin and Allyson Barden.



McKenzie High School Golf 2024 — (L to R) Front Row: Ethan Bradberry, Cayden Ownby, Brady Allison, Nolan Fawcett and Ace Brown. Second Row: Maggie Hall, Anna Claire Weatherford, Madelyn Morris, Emma Smith, Morgan Little and Charli Weatherford. Back Row: Carter Kee, Landyn Smith, Caleb Burke, Chris Eaton, Landon Otis and Coach Tyler Holt. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

MHS Golf off to Strong Start

McKENZIE (August 5, 8) — The McKenzie High School Golf teams began their season last week with a pair of matches at home at Carroll Lake Golf Club.

Monday, the girls won against Gleason while the boys defeated Huntingdon and Bradford.

The Lady Rebels earned a team score of 84 to defeat Gleason by 22 strokes. Charli Weatherford was the match medalist with a 34. Anna Claire Weatherford and Emma Smith each shot a 50, with one added to the team score.

The Rebels team score of

162 topped Huntingdon by 32 and Bradford by 37. Match medalist Ethan Bradberry's 38 was added to Ace Brown's 40, Carter Kee's 41 and Nolan Fawcett's 43.

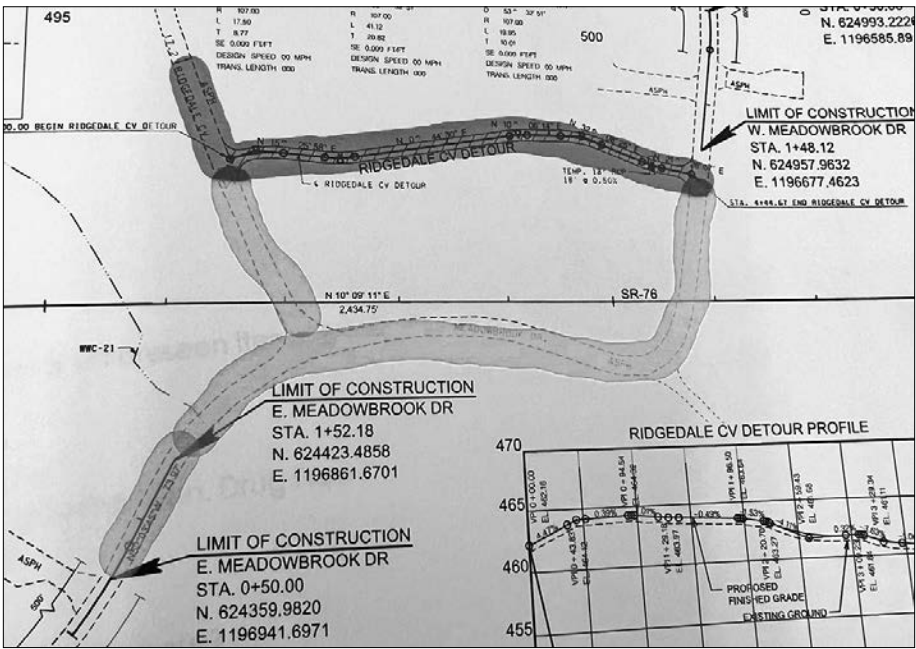
Thursday, both teams fell to Westview despite each adding only a few strokes to their Monday scores.

The Lady Rebels totaled 89 to fall by three strokes, led by Charli Weatherford with a 38, followed by Anna Claire Weatherford's 51.

The Rebels shot 164 to fall by 15 strokes. Bradberry led McKenzie with a 39, followed by Kee (40), Fawcett (41) and Caleb Burke (44).

Remaining Schedule

August 13 at Carroll Lake.
August 15 at Persimmon Hills.
August 20 at Paris Landing.
August 22 at Paris Landing.
August 26 at Persimmon Hills.
August 27 at Magic Valley.
September 5 at Persimmon Hills.
September 9 at Humboldt Country Club.
September 10 at Wynridge.
September 12 at Magic Valley.
September 16 at Carroll Lake.
September 19 at Persimmon Hills.



Bypass Construction to Close Trezevant Street

The U.S. 79 (State Route 76) highway construction bypassing the business district of Trezevant will cause the closing of a city street, according to the Town of Trezevant.

Through traffic on Meadowbrook Dr. will be

closed in the near future between Railroad St. and Big Buck Road. Access to residences will remain. Meadowbrook Rd residents to the west of the new roadway crossing will utilize the west end of Meadowbrook Drive back

to Railroad Street to US 79. Residents to the east will utilize Big Buck Road and Ridgedale Cove. Residents will utilize a new detour drive and utilize Meadowbrook Drive back to the west. Signage will be installed notifying motorists.

School...From Front Page



Top Left, Abbi Hudgins, second grade, arrives at McKenzie Elementary. Above Left, Mason Christman, second grade, is excited for his first day at MES. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner Above, Jullian Goodman (left), Kindergarten, and Jeremy Goodman, third grade, are excited for school at HPS. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner Below, Third grade teacher Chris Wall greets Stacey McCaleb, first grader Kip and third grader Tate. Bottom, Second grade teachers Sydney Lane (left) and Ashley Sellers are ready to welcome students to MES. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Fire...From Front Page

City Limits. The wording states that a building permit must be obtained and states that the maximum height is 6 feet for single-family, duplexes and multifamily dwellings. Tennis courts would have a maximum height of 10 feet.

Mention was made of fencing materials as well. The ordinance states, "fences should be made of masonry, ornamental metal, vinyl, chain link, durable wood, or some combination of the aforementioned materials. The use of wire is not permitted for fences. The finished side or outside of fences shall be positioned to face adjacent property. Privacy screening shall be required in multi-family housing areas to separate such areas from adjacent single-family or duplex properties."

Current fencing that is considered not in compliance will be grandfathered in and not required to come up to code. If the fencing were to be removed or be seriously damage then would have to be replaced to meet the ordinance requirements. Repairs to a non-compliant fence are subject to question of what degree of repair is necessary and is to be determined by the codes officer.

The second reading of

Ordinance 570 will take place in September and should have a public hearing before hand as is required by TCA 13-7-203.

The Council gave McKenzie City Attorney Beau Pemberton the approval to work on an agreement between the City and First Baptist Church on the usage of the city hall parking lot. The agreement would release the City of McKenzie from general liability from First Baptist when the parking lot is used for non-government purposes. This agreement would be on Wednesday evenings and Sunday during church service hours. The Church can use the parking areas as long as it does not interfere with any government function.

In other business, Kim McMahan and Beverly Mueller were appointed to the library board.

During department reports, it was noted by Codes Enforcement Officer Jim Seaton that 43 violations were issued for July with 39 being corrected. Two properties will go before the Condemnation Board.

The Fire Department had 50 calls in July with 29 being classified as medical related.

The Police Department had 1592 calls in July; 723 were security checks and 400 were traffic stops.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is September 12 at 6 p.m.



Top, The four high school bands in the county came together to play for the grand opening. Above Left, One of the key features at the new inclusion park are swings that accommodate children of all abilities. Above Right, Brent Dillahunty (center) brags on the hard work and dedication of the Carroll County Inclusion Park Board of Directors. Below, Children from all over the county joined in utilizing the new equipment profiling the park's slogan "Let's Play Together."



Park...From Front Page

physical abilities, who were eager to play on the brand new equipment. Seating was brought in and a small lectern served as members of the board of directors of Carroll County Inclusion Park and others spoke of the new park, with its playground, restrooms, and soft surface designed to prevent injuries. What was not lost on the ceremony was the sounds of excitement from the children, who were enjoying the new venue. At times, the people speaking would stop to listen as the children played.

It also brought together a combination of all four high school bands - Huntingdon, McKenzie, West Carroll, and Hollow Rock-Bruceton to perform music. Such an undertaking was last attempted to march in the inaugural parade of Governor Phil Bredesen, that was canceled after a large snowstorm.

As part of the celebration face painting, food trucks and other amenities were

available.

Large donors, contributors and volunteers were recognized. The project raised more than \$1 million to construct and maintain the special playground. The County of Carroll provided \$400,000 from federal COVID relief funds approved by the Biden administration, the State of Tennessee provided another \$497,250 through Intellectual and Development Disabilities. State Senator John Stevens said Carroll County received the largest donation because its planning for an inclusion park was well ahead of other communities' plans.

The Town of Huntingdon provided the real estate for the project. It is adjacent to Kelley Park and the Sesquicentennial Park, a small park gifted to the town of Huntingdon by the county of Carroll. Lori Dillahunty, chairman, said "Having support is of the utmost importance to us. And now after receiving several grants from the state of Tennessee affirming what we have known all along. Carroll County families and friends will

benefit from this unique playground for children of all ages and abilities."

The board consists of members: Lori Dillahunty, Jennifer Johnson, Jennie Smith, Wendy Jones, Krystal Tippitt, Connie Bond, Nikki Cunningham, Allison Williams, Jimmy Crossett and Dana Cobb.

"We are grateful to be receiving funds from the Tennessee Disability Coalition, Tennessee Art Commission, and the inclusive playground grant from the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We also recently found out we are one of 14 recipients this year to be recognized as a Tennessee Healthy Built Environment. 137 letters of intent were submitted from across the state of Tennessee and we are encouraged that the committee wanted to partner with us and our project. This will add our location to a map on their website continuing to help us get information about our playground out to the public. When all is said and done we will have taken in over 1 million dollars for this project. We can't thank the County Commission

Election...From Front Page

and meet the residency requirements of each municipality.

Here are the persons who have picked up petitions to seek election. The Election Commission released the following names of persons, who picked up petitions to seek election. A designation of qualified means the person has obtained the necessary 25 signatures from registered

voters in the municipality and that person's name is now eligible to be placed on the ballot.

McKenzie — Three councilman will be elected at-large. Former Mayor Jill Holland, J Drew Beeler and Tim McBride have filed their petition. Josefina Batton and Jessie Townes have picked up a petition, but not yet filed. There is not a mayoral race.

Huntingdon — Chad Edwards and Mayor Nina Smothers have both qualified to seek the office of mayor of Huntingdon.

William Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Lori Dillahunty, Daniel Eubanks and Barbara Knuutila have all qualified to seek the office of Huntingdon Council member.

Trezevant — Two persons have picked up petitions for the office of mayor. Mayor Bobby Blaylock, incumbent, has qualified and Roy Traywick has picked up a petition to run for mayor. Robert Argo and Leon Lyell have both qualified to run for the office of alderman.

Atwood — Ricky Long

and Gerald Mauldin have qualified to run for alderman.

Bruceton — Chris Cole, Doug Fischer, Scotty Higdon, and Cliff Sturdivant have qualified for the position of alderman. Renee Ford-Ward has picked up a petition, but not yet qualified.

Hollow Rock — Ashley Cook, Vivian Grooms, and T. Richard Goodwin have qualified for the office of alderman. Jackson Crocker and Ronnie Webb have picked up petitions, but not yet qualified.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

What I Learned From Being Bitten by a Dog

It happened as suddenly and unexpectedly as a lightning bolt from a cloudless sky.

The Rottweiler’s huge mouth engulfed my entire hand and wrist. As he clamped shut, pain like hundreds of dull nails shot up my arm. He gave me a violent shake, and just as quickly as he struck, he let go.

The attack happened in the blink of an eye and in slow motion at the same time.

Only moments before, I was strolling with my brother in his backyard as he showed me his new home. I had noticed the dog lying by the chain link fence in his neighbor’s backyard seemingly unconcerned about our movements.

When we approached the area where he was, he lifted his heavy frame and draped his front paws over the fence. My brother called him by name and petted him.

I’ve had dogs my entire life and knew I should be slow and easy about introducing myself to the dog. So, I put my hand to his nose to let him smell and see that I meant him no harm.

I don’t know why he bit me, but I was left blood dripping from my hand, paralyzed with the shock. Never in my wildest imagination did I dream he would bite me. It was the first time in my life I’d been dog bit.

Inside my brother’s house, I washed my hand off in the sink while muttering, “I can’t believe what just happened.”

My wife, sister-in-law, daughter, and brother urged me to go to the hospital, but I resisted.

“I’ll be fine,” I said. “Let’s just peroxide it and put on some ointment.”

I told my daughter, “I know how much you like

dogs. But I’m warning you to stay away from that dog. He’s dangerous.”

A couple of hours later, I looked out the patio doors leading to the backyard where my daughter was watching her young nephews. I spotted the dog back reared up on the fence.

I watched in disbelief as she approached the dog, stopping a few feet from the fence and talking to it.

I knew what was going to happen but was powerless to stop it.

The dog lunged and grabbed her arm, pulling and slamming her against the fence.

By the time I get to her, the dog had let go and retreated.

That time, a trip the ER was necessary for stitches and shots.

What I didn’t know at the time was how severely my psyche had been wounded by what happened.

Three months later, while visiting with a friend at his house, he mentioned he had a new dog he wanted me to see. He whistled and from around the corner of his house a large dog bounded toward us.

With the force of a sledgehammer my heart slammed against my chest, and I felt thousands of pin pricks from my head to my feet. I could hardly breathe. I felt like jumping in the bed of my truck or climbing a tree.

It was the first time in my life I’d ever been afraid of a dog. All from being bitten one time and from seeing my daughter attacked.

Some people have been bitten by life multiple times, and it’s shaped who they are and how they react to others.

It’s not always about you.

** Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume 1: I Didn’t Know Donkeys Could Laugh.*

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McKENZIE HIGH BAND, 1948-49. Photo submitted by Lanier Mabry. File photo originally published in “A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee,” by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.

Graveyard Sale

BY BILLY O. WILLIAMS
Excerpt from Down to Earth

Those big shots up in Washington
are in a raging stew;
The Bureaucrats are running out
of ample revenue.

I picked up the morning paper,
and this is what it said -
They’ve figured out a way to tax us
even when we are dead.

There’ll be taxes on your phone bill
when your folks make your last call;
There’ll be taxes on the fuel and hearse
that come to make the haul.

There’ll be taxes on the payroll
of the undertaker’s aide,
And there’ll be taxes on the organ
when your funeral march is played.

There’ll be a tax man standing
at the register of your wake,
And I’m sure he’ll have it planned out
how more taxes he can take.

There’ll be taxes on your flowers
and taxes on your bier,
And there’ll be crying taxes
for every little tear.

When they get you to the church
house, before they sing one verse,
They’ll charge a little extra
just to open up the hearse.

The six men who come to tote you
will stand outside the door,
While taxmen try to figure out a way
to tax this friendly chore.

When you reach the cemetery,
before they let you down,
They’ll add on a planter’s tax,
then put you in the ground.

When your rites have been completed,
on your tomb they’ll place a cup,
And each day your guardian angel
must come by and ante up.

And if for any reason
one day he should fail,

They’ll start to advertising
a great big graveyard sale.

It won’t make any difference
if your loved ones stand depressed,
They’ll have your grave reopened
and your body repossessed.

They’ll scrap your pretty coffin
and make kindling from the box;
They’ll put gold teeth and jewelry
in a safe up at Fort Knox.

They’ll remove the vaults and line
them up like military ranks;
Then they’ll advertise and sell them
as super septic tanks.

They’ll sow each lovely flower bed
in kale and collard greens,
And lease the cemetery out
for wheat and soy beans.

Please don’t think I’m crazy
just because of what I’ve said;
They’re gonna keep on taxing us
long after we are dead.

The thoughts of such is bad enough
to make us weak and pale;
Don’t be surprised to see a sign
“Come to the Graveyard Sale.”

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

We’d Try Anything....Except Synchronized Swimming

It seems like to me, back when I was competing in the Summer Olympics, we didn’t do so much talking between events as they do today. You can bet your bottom dollar we didn’t plan our races, high dives, and javelin throws around television commercials. And a long-winded documentary on every contestant in every event would have been superfluous.

We grew up together. I didn’t need a background check on John Ingram, Hollis Mayo, Buddy Wiggleton, or either of the Stafford brothers. I don’t remember a day they were not in my life. It was the same for Larry Ridinger, Bobby Brewer, Emily Scar-

brough, Jim Williams....

As a matter of fact, when we gathered up in front of the swimming pool for the race to town, I knew who I could beat, and who I couldn’t. The aforementioned John Ingram was going to win unless he stumbled over that little hill in front of Paul David Campbell’s house, or he got run over by a car when we bolted through the intersection where Stonewall Street crossed Magnolia Avenue.

We didn’t have one of those fancy pits for the long jump. We settled for the big ditch behind George Sexton’s house. We’d try to pick a spot where the ditch wasn’t

20 feet wide. And we approached it from the east side because you could get a downhill running start. We didn’t have any rules about what part of your body landed first. The idea was to make it to the top of the bank on the far side.

We didn’t need a judge. If you didn’t reach the top, you’d bounce off the far wall and plummet to the bottom of the ditch. It meant immediate disqualification, not to mention a few cuts and bruises, and, every once in a while, a broken arm.

The winner didn’t need a gold medal. His reward was he wasn’t spitting blood out between his teeth.

The discus throw was one of my favorite events. We’d borrow a hubcap off of the nearest 1960 Chevrolet and head to that vacant lot beside the swimming pool. That hubcap was as big as a flying saucer and, in the right hands, it would sail on forever.

Form didn’t matter to us. We’d spin around and let it fly. We’d throw side-arm, overhand, we’d get a running start to build up momentum.... Distance was the key here. And we’d most always get into a heated argument on whether you measured to where the hubcap landed, or where it rolled out to, as to who would be declared the winner.

That is when the boxing match broke out. It was legal back in our day for one Olympic game to “spring up” right in the middle of another one!

We used sawhorses for the hurdles race. We’d pull up those hollow reeds down by the pond in Mr. Archie Moore’s field, cram mud in the big end to give them some weight, and throw them like javelins. We’d cut small trees down, trim them up a mite, and pole vault any high thing that got in our way.

The pole vaulting never worked as intended. You put a big stick in the hands of West Tennessee boys back in those days and they just naturally started hitting each other with them. Remember, we could have two games going at once.

And the good news is, we did this all summer long, every summer! We were not about to waste three years “training” for a game. And we never felt confined to a set order of games. It was our summer, our games. If we could imagine it, we could do it! Well, almost....

Leon invented the tree jump. We had climbed up to the top of the walnut tree in our backyard. We were enjoying the view high above every house in the neighborhood when he got to discussing the fastest way back to the ground. As you all know, it always took longer to climb down a big tree than it did to get to the top of it.

Leon got to studying the distance to the mimosa tree that was fifteen feet or so below us and back closer to the house. He figured it we leaped out wide enough we could catch the nearest limbs of the mi-

mosa and be back on the ground in no time.

It was true the mimosa limbs were more spread out and easier to maneuver, but if you missed those limbs that sudden stop when you hit the ground wasn’t going to be a lot of fun. I turned to tell Leon he was crazy, but I was too late. He was already in midair.... Leon was never one to ponder over anything for long.

He crashed through the first couple of high-up limbs, but they slowed his descent till he could get a good hold, and then it wasn’t but a few seconds till he was on the ground. He immediately looked up at me and yelled, “NEXT!”

From that distance, I couldn’t tell if he was bleeding or had an arm dangling loosely by his side. I looked at Buddy and Ricky. We voted Leon the gold medal for tree jumping right on the spot.

Of course, it took us 20 minutes to get back down to the ground to deliver the good news to him.

Respectfully,
Kes

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Obituaries

GENEVA TAYLOR BLEDSOE 1924 — 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Mrs. Geneva Taylor Bledsoe are Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 16, 2024, 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home and on Saturday, Noon until service time.

She will be laid to rest beside her husband of 33 years, L.C. Bledsoe, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Bledsoe, 100, died Monday, August 5, 2024, at her residence in McKenzie. She was born in Brownsville on February 20, 1924, to Wiley and Maggie Wills Taylor. She was a member of Johnson Temple CME Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a school teacher for over 50 years. She began her career in teaching in Haywood Co, only later to teach at Webb School and McKenzie Elementary School.

She is survived by her daughters, Melba Tucker of Owensboro, Ky., and Jennifer Bledsoe of McKenzie, a brother, Joe Taylor of Brownsville, one grandson, Taurus Bledsoe, two great-grandchildren, Joshua Bledsoe and Charrish Bledsoe and a great-great-granddaughter, Amara Rose Bledsoe.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Lee Esther Howard, Elizabeth Wiley, Bessie

Prather and Wilette Perry and brothers, Pack Taylor, Mack Taylor, Earl Taylor, Raymond Taylor, James Taylor, O.C. Taylor and Finis Taylor.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, McKenzie, Tenn., 731-352-4848. +

REX EUGENE SOUDERS 1929 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Rex Eugene Souders, 95, of Huntingdon, died Friday, August 2, 2024, at Harmony Hills assisted living facility.

Graveside services were Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Christian Chapel Cemetery with Bro. Bud Ricketts officiating.

Mr. Souders was born February 21, 1929, in Cisco, Ill., to the late Walter Earl and Hazel Pearl Souders. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Souders, a daughter, Sherry Kay Yundt, and a great-grandson, Jordan Wyatt.

He is survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

RICKY DALE HARDIN 1960 — 2024

BRUCETON — Mr. Ricky Dale Hardin, 64, died August 6, 2024, after a motorcycle accident in Belvidere, South Dakota.

He was born on February 5, 1960, to the late Hershel Gary Hardin and Rosie Pearl Owens Hardin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Rosie Hardin, his wife, Christine Arnold Hardin, a

sister, Pearl Loux, and two brothers, Thomas Hardin and Billy Joe Hardin.

He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and being out in nature. He was headed to Sturgis, S.D., for the bike rally with his riding buddies. He was a retired U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by two sons, Joseph Galindo of Nashville, and Brian A. Galindo of Alabama. An adopted daughter, Stacey Shands of Henry. Two brothers, Robert (Marguerite) Hardin of Huntingdon, and Paul Hardin of Woodlawn, Tenn. Five grandchildren, Damian Galindo, Joseline Galindo, Zachary Welcher, Erin Galindo and Presley Shands, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. until Noon. Funeral service is Saturday, August 17, Noon, with burial to follow in New Prospect Cemetery.

Bruceton Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

DANIEL P. BYNUM 1952 — 2024

McKENZIE — Mr. Daniel P. Bynum, 72, McKenzie died Sunday, August 4, 2024, at AHC of McKenzie. His request was to be cremated with no services.

He was born on July 28, 1952, to the late Dewey C. and Sarah Davison Bynum.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Deborah Sue Bynum and brother, Larry Ray Bynum. He is survived by several cousins.

If you need further assistance, please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

Gas Prices Fall During Week

TENNESSEE (August 12) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee decreased 8.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.97/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 13.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 44.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.72 per gallon- the lowest level since January, 2022, over 900 days ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.53/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.66/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.53/g while the highest was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.66/g.

Locally McKenzie Food and Fuel had regular gasoline at \$2.89 per gallon on Saturday, August 10.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.41/g today. The national average is down 11.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 42.5 cents per gallon lower 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 ten years:

August 12, 2023: \$3.42/g (U.S. Average: \$3.83/g).

August 12, 2022: \$3.50/g (U.S. Average: \$3.94/g).

August 12, 2021: \$2.85/g (U.S. Average: \$3.18/g).

August 12, 2020: \$1.88/g (U.S. Average:

\$2.18/g).

August 12, 2019: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.64/g).

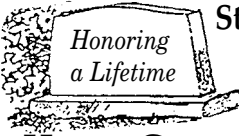
August 12, 2018: \$2.60/g (U.S. Average: \$2.85/g).

August 12, 2017: \$2.13/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g).

August 12, 2016: \$1.90/g (U.S. Average: \$2.12/g).

August 12, 2015: \$2.29/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g).

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1 1/2cups sugar
3/4 cup flour
1 1/2 sticks butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
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1 package chocolate chips
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No Bake Cookies

1 large bag vanilla wafers, crushed
1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 cup raisins
1 cup coconut
1 cup chopped nuts
Mix with hands, make into rolls. Chill. Slice and eat.

Honey Bun Cake

1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup buttermilk
3/4 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
Mix together. Pour 1/2 batter in greased 13x9 pan. In small bowl, mix 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle half over batter. Pour the rest of batter. Pour remaining sugar and cinnamon over batter. Mix with fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Icing:

1 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix until smooth. Drizzle over hot cake. Spread evenly.

Green Jello Salad

Bring to a boil:
1 no.2 can crushed pineapple
2 boxes lime jello
2 tablespoons sugar
Let cool.
Add:
Large package miniature marshmallows

Peach and Cream Cheese Salad

2 small boxes peach jello (or orange)
1 (8oz.) cream cheese
1 cup boiling water
1 large can peaches (mash peaches in syrup)
Pecans (if desired)
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Bristol Motor Speedway to Host Tennessee's First Major League Baseball Game in 2025

NASHVILLE (August 9) — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced the Cincinnati Reds and Atlanta Braves will play a regular season game in the MLB Speedway Classic at Tennessee's Bristol Motor Speedway on Saturday, August 2, 2025. This historic announcement marks the first American or National League game played in Tennessee. "Tennessee has a remarkable history of hosting sporting events on the national stage, and we're honored to announce the first Major League Baseball game of its kind in state history," said Gov. Bill Lee. "Baseball is a great American brand that belongs in Tennessee, and we look forward to welcoming Reds and Braves fans to Bristol while ensuring continued economic growth and prosperity across the Volunteer State."

The MLB Speedway

Classic is the second event to be awarded funding from the Special Event Fund. In 2022, Gov. Lee partnered with the General Assembly to appropriate \$25 million in the state budget for a fund designed to attract and retain high-profile events that deliver significant economic impact, create jobs, and showcase the state to a global audience. The Special Event Fund is a competitive, incentive-based grant program tied to measurable performance outcomes. Eligible events will generate direct economic impact greater than \$10 million, and a net economic benefit of at least \$1 million in state tax revenue.

"We are home to the best sports fans in the nation, and now they—along with thousands of fans from around the globe—will get to experience Major League Baseball here for the very first time," said Commissioner Mark Ezell, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. "This is a home run for Tennessee residents and visitors. It's a tremendous opportunity for our businesses and communities, and will no doubt be another landmark sporting event at Bristol Motor Speedway."

A major league field

will be constructed across the famed track at Bristol Motor Speedway, one of the largest sporting venues in the world. The MLB Speedway Classic will include a range of festivities, including a musical presence in the "birthplace of country music."

"Major League Baseball is excited to deliver a special game at Bristol Motor Speedway, a unique setting that sports fans will remember forever," said Robert D. Manfred, Jr., Commissioner of Baseball. "The Reds and the Braves form an ideal matchup because of their dynamic talent and the proximity of their markets. We look forward to celebrating our game with a wide array of fans, both on and off the field throughout the week-end, and highlighting the rich traditions of sports, music, and community in Tennessee and across the region."

As Tennessee's second largest industry, tourism is a significant contributor to the state's overall economic development and vitality. In 2023, tourism in Tennessee generated a record \$30.6 billion in direct visitor spending, with 144 million visitors according to Tourism Economics. Visitor spending generated \$3.2 billion in direct state and local tax revenues in 2023.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MHS BASKETBALL GOLF SCRAMBLE FUNDRAISER

The McKenzie High School Basketball teams host a four-man golf scramble fundraiser Saturday, August 24 at Carroll Lake Golf Club at 8 a.m. Entry is \$200 per team. Hole sponsorships available for \$100. Please make checks payable to McKenzie High School. Contact Coach Emerson at emersond2@mckenziezschoools.org or Coach Lowery at loweryj@mckenziezschoools.org.

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETS AUGUST 16

The Carroll County Election Commission meets Friday, August 16 at 2 p.m. at the election office at 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon. August elections will be certified.

MEMPHIS WRESTLING LIVE FOR CLARKSBURG VOLLEYBALL

Clarksburg High School hosts Memphis Wrestling Live to raise funds for the volleyball team Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. For tickets online, visit Eventbrite.com and look for Memphis Wrestling. For local tickets, call Coach Jeff Gooch 731-415-1095, Chris Edlin 731-352-0158 or Charleace 731-694-8839 or contact any Lady Rocket Volleyball player. General Admission tickets are \$10 at the door. Pre-event tickets are 20 percent off at \$8. Ring-side tickets are \$15.

MEMPHIS WRESTLING PRESENTS TATER TOWN THROWDOWN

Memphis Wrestling presents the Tater Town Throwdown Saturday, August 24 in the Gleason School gymnasium. Principal Lee "Wild Thang" Lawrence will defend his 2023 Gleason Bulldog Championship Title. A meet-and-greet is at 6 p.m.; belltime is 7 p.m. General admission is \$10; Ringside seats are \$15. Proceeds support Gleason Beta Club.

911 BOARD MEETS AUGUST 20

The Board of Directors of the Carroll County Emergency Communications meets August 20, 5:30 p.m. in the training room of the Carroll County Jail.

The agenda includes: public comments, financial reports, director's report, old and new business, discussion of as-

sistant's maternity leave, and discussion of financial investments.

McKENZIE RIDERS CHAPTER X ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The McKenzie Riders Chapter X hosts a first-year annual celebration at Tom's Steakhouse in Paris Saturday, August 17 at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome; door prizes will be given.

REVIVAL AT ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Come join us, at Enon Missionary Baptist Church, for a week of blessings during our revival services, Sunday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 14. Bro. Michael Norton, Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Martin is the evangelist for the week. The address is 13025 Highway 79 S, McKenzie. Sunday services are as follows: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Worship Hour, and 5 p.m. Worship Hour. The Worship Hour services for Monday through Wednesday begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

MISS TATERTOWN IS AUGUST 17

The annual Miss Tattertown pageants are August 17 at Gleason School. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the first pageant is at 10 a.m. Pageants will start no earlier than every 30 minutes. Lunch break is 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Baby show ages 0-11 months; one year olds, two year olds, three year olds, 4-5 year olds, Little Mr. and Miss 6-9 year olds for boys and girls up to age 9. Pre-Teen is 10-12 year old; Jr. Miss Tater Town 13-15 years old; Miss Tater Town 16-21 years old. Please be dressed 15 minutes prior to the contest.

McKENZIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S HOURS

The McKenzie Memorial Library, Broadway Street, is open, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer for the Summer Reading Program. Additionally, the library has programs on most Saturdays beginning at 11:30 a.m.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Dog Vouchers

We are currently selling spay/neuter vouchers for dogs. The cost is \$50 and

surgeries will be done at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic. Must be 6 months or older at time of the appointment. No residency or income requirements. Vouchers must be purchased in person at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. We are running low on spay vouchers so hurry if you want one. We have several more neuter vouchers. Cash or card only.

Cat Vouchers

We always have spay/neuter vouchers for cats at a cost of \$50 and to be used at Paris Vet Clinic. If you need to pay with cash, come by the shelter to purchase. Otherwise, we have a NEW NUMBER to purchase using a credit/debit card. Please leave a message and the volunteer will return your call very soon, 731-514-0878.

McKENZIE TOPS TO MEET

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 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. There are no meetings in February and July.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

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

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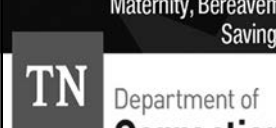


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Sheriff’s Reports

Theft From Building — On August 1, Deputy Grant Davis responded to a residence on Cotton Creek Rd. in Bruceton in reference to a stolen lawn mower. The complainant, Christy Lubben stated that on July 31, a man was at the residence and appeared under the influence while there. The complainant stated an argument ensued with the man and made him leave. The next day, a lawnmower was missing from the residence. That mower was there to be repaired and was owned by a third party. They believe the man came back over during the night and stole the lawnmower from them. No arrests have been made

in the case.

Evading Arrest, Unlawful possession of a Firearm by a Felon — On August 5, Deputy Thomas conducted a traffic stop on a silver Buick for failure to maintain lane. As he approached the driver, Ashley Williams, an odor of marijuana came out of the vehicle. The passenger, Bryan Eubanks, 20, of Jackson, came back showing a warrant from Maine. Due to the odor of marijuana, a search on the vehicle was performed where a gun was retrieved from under Bryan’s seat and he admitted it was his. Deputy Thomas began to tell Eubanks that he was under arrest, and he took off

running on foot. He made it about 30 yards from the vehicle before being placed under arrest.

Burglary/Breaking and Entering — On August 5, Investigator Meggs received information that inmate Joseph Berggren would like to speak with an investigator in reference to items being stolen from his residence while he is incarcerated. Joseph said he received information from family members that items had been stolen from his residence without permission. He stated he had a friend advise him the items were scraped at a recycling center in Milan. Surveillance video at the scrap yard revealed the named suspect did scrap Berggren’s scrap metal.

Property Transfers

S & T Properties, Inc. to Austin and Madeline Page in District 22.

Karlene Ann Ulrich to Bradley and Angela Ulrich in District 21.

Tommy Hicks to Gary Lynn Hicks in District 18.

Larry H. and Beverly A. Maners to Henry Pilcher in District 24.

Scotty R. and Lauren Elizabeth Rhodes to Scotty R. Rhodes in District 23.

Fred S. and Martha J. Morris to Live Oak Properties TN LLC. No district listed.

Kory and Candice Wilson to Candice Kay Wilson in District 5.

Patricia and Rhonda Sanford Wright to Patricia Wright in District 11.

The Perkins Corporation to Cachengo, INC in District 4.

Carla Marie Harvey to Cachengo, INC in District 11.

Sherry Ann Vavra to Deane Campbell in District 16.

Wendy Wilson to David Michael Garvey.

Thomas Andrew Woodson to Mason J. and Sarah A. Blevins Clark in District 4.

First Bank to J3E Properties, LLC in District 12.

Jessie Scott to James M. and Lindsey D. Wilkes in District 6.

Anthony and Debbie Maxy to Kelly D. Anthony in District 13.

Jerry Vowell to John David Bell in District 22.

Joseph Brooks and Victoria Hayden Blacketter to Denise H. Blacketter in District 5.

Pamela Henry to Clay Kerley and Leigh Sanders

Pinson in District 11.

Dwight E. and Gary L. Hollingsworth to Daniel and Brittney Kelly in District 16.

Darnell Pitts to Heather Young in District 16.

James and Jocelyn Shattuck to Jocelyn Shattuck in District 10.

Doris Lewis to Natashaia M. and Tim L. Forman in District 16.

Shirley Cooper to Rodney Carl Cooper in District 16.

William Allen, Jr. and Jennifer A. Espey to Thomas O. and Celena C. Shaw in District 19.

Rodney and Cindy Karsten to City of McKenzie in District 4.

John D. and Janet P. Baumgardner to City of McKenzie in District 4.

Todd and Regina Hackney to Mark Steven and Valerie Beth Allen in District 22.

Marriage Licenses

Kenneth Allen Goode, 36, of Hollow Rock, to Britany Nicole Arnold, 34, of Hollow Rock.

Charles Phillip McCall, 39, of Huntingdon, to April May Anog McCall, 30, of Huntingdon.

April Joy Barnett Arnold, 48, of Cedar Grove, to Timothy Keith Gilley, 47, of Cedar Grove.

Ariana Jade Evans, 20, of Bruceton, to Solomon Jedidiah Walters, 20, of Huntingdon.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (August 8) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on August 8.

Three defendants’ cases were bound over the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Ashton James McGee, Jessie Lane, Huntingdon, was bound over on charges Evading Arrest-Vehicle, Reckless Driving, Speeding, and Failure to Carry Driver’s License.

Joseph Lee Scott, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange.

Adam Richard Seavers, Sand Hill Road, Lavinia, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Tampering with Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Charles William Arant, Perkins Mill Road, Memphis, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$750 fine, 19 days jail; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Vehicle Must Stop at All Stop Signs; dismissed, Unlawful Removal or Altering Registration Tag; dismissed, Driving While in Possession of Meth.

Dora Lee Ewald, Paris Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation; guilty, Simple Possession; dismissed, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess with Intent; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Stephanie Renee Howe, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Reckless Endangerment, \$500 fine, time served, probation.

Kevin Jones, Florida Court, McKenzie, guilty, Driver’s License Must Be Carried; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Ryan Murphy, Fairlane Drive, Greenfield, guilty, Harassment, probation, no

calls to law enforcement that are not legitimate emergencies.

Jarrid Dewayne Sterling, Adell Street, Hollow Rock, guilty, Driving While Canceled, 48 hours jail, probation, must obtain valid license.

Ryan James Townsend, Adell Street, Hollow Rock, guilty, Probation Violation.

Lamont Treadway, Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation.

Luis Alberto Vallellanes, Bayliss Avenue, Memphis, guilty, Simple Possession, \$750 fine, six days jail; dismissed, Public Intoxication.

The following cases were dismissed.

Dallas Baker, Thompson Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driving Without a License.

McKenzie Police Reports

DUI — Susan C. Coplin, 59, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was charged with DUI, Implied Consent, and Expired Registration after a traffic stop on August 7.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Coplin vehicle after observing the registration tag expired in 2020. The driver showed signs of impairment and was administered a field sobriety test resulting in her arrest. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault, Aggravated Assault — Rene Telles, 39, Elm Street, was charged with Domestic Assault and Aggravated Assault on August 11 at his residence.

Officer Matthew Cunningham filed a report indicating Telles assaulted a female family member, grabbed her by the throat and punched her as she was attempting to get some of her belongings. Rene refused to speak with officers concerning the incident but stated he was ready to be transported to jail. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault, Public Intoxication — Hunter Lovell, 22, Reeds Levee Road, McKenzie, was charged with Public Intoxication after he and his brother, Dalton Lovell, charged with Domestic Assault, had an altercation at a residence in Forrest Circle, McKenzie.

Officer Dustin McClure responded to the residence, where the two had been intoxicated and had an altercation. A window was broken after Dalton pushed

his brother against it. Hunter was cited into court and Dalton was transported to jail.

Driving on Suspended License — Cortazsha S. Falls, 26, Paris, Tenn. was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Speeding on August 5.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Falls’s vehicle for speeding. His license was reported as suspended by MPD dispatch. Falls could not produce documentation for liability insurance. He was cited to Carroll County Jail for booking.

Driving on a Suspended License — Ashley Snead, 36, Dees Road, Yuma, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on August 10.

Officer Dustin McClure’s report states Snead’s vehicle had an inoperable headlight and he made the traffic stop. A check of her license revealed the suspended status. She was cited into General Sessions on the charge of Driving on a Suspended License and Light Law Violation.

Driving on Suspended License — Stanley Hill, 28, Bugg Hollow Road, Gallatin, was charged with Speeding and Driving on a Suspended License-Second Offense on August 11.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Hill’s vehicle for traveling 52 in a 40 mile per hour zone. A check of Hill’s license revealed the suspended status. He was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Disorderly Conduct —

Laderrick D. Means, 26, Main Street, McKenzie, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct on August 9.

Officers Darren Davis, DTF Agent Adkins, and Officer Cunningham responded to a residence in Hillview Apartment, where they had information about possible illegal drug activity in front of a child. A person had received medical treatment from that apartment earlier in the day. Mr. Means was arrested after he was uncooperative with officers. A female in the house was under the influence and a child, in the two’s care was at the home. The child’s mother was called to come get the child and the Department of Children’s Services was alerted to the situation.

Criminal Trespass — Maurice Lawrence, 31, Coleman Street, Memphis, also McKenzie, was arrested for Criminal Trespass on August 8.

Officer Timothy Dillon arrested Lawrence after he observed him in front of Pocket’s convenience store. Lawrence had an active ban from the property.

Violation of Order of Protection — Clinton Hoard, 37, Randle Street, McKenzie was charged with Violation of Order of Protection on August 7.

Officer Dalton Rasberry responded to a family member’s house, where the relative had a protection order against Hoard. Mr. Hoard was arrested on an order of protection out of Weakley County.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Criminal Trespass, Possession of Schedule VI — On July 21, 2024, officers were patrolling the Hill Court Apartments due to high crime being reported lately and at the manager’s request. Officers approached apartment 531 and observed Charles Hill, 31, of Huntingdon, sitting in front of the complex. Hill had a strong odor of marijuana coming from his person. Officers had knowledge that Hill was banned from the apt. complex from the manager. Officers have a copy of the trespass notice that was issued on July 26, 2019. Hill was in possession of a large plastic bag containing 118 grams of marijuana located in the waistband of his pants and a digital scale in his front right pocket. Hill was placed under arrest and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

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THE BANNER

NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS

TO: NSITE. INC.

STATE PROJECT NO.: 09LPLM-F3-043

FEDERAL PROJECT NO.: STP-M-9416(14)

PIN: 128523.00

CONTRACT NO.: 190008 COUNTY: CARROLL

The City of McKenzie is preparing to make final settlement with the contractor for construction of the above referenced project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122, T.C.A. must file same with **City of McKenzie, ATT: Mayor Ryan Griffin, 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie TN 38201** on or before **(09/20/2024)**.

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NOTICE TO BID

McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTERIOR PAINTING

McKenzie Elementary School

McKenzie Special School District (MSSD) will be accepting sealed bids for exterior painting at McKenzie Elementary School, 165 Brooks Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201. The painting bid specs and project details can be picked up from the MSSD Board Office, 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201, or can be accessed on-line by visiting www.mckenzie-schools.org, “About”-“Manuals, Plans, and RFPs”-“MES Painting”.

All prospective bidders are highly encouraged to attend a pre-bid site inspection on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 10 a.m. Contact Maintenance Director, Bobby Osborn, at 731-358-9789 for additional information prior to submitting bids. Bids must be sealed and labeled “MES Exterior Painting”. Sealed bids should be submitted to the MSSD Board Office by no later than 9 a.m. on Monday, September 2, 2024. Bids will be open at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 2, 2024.

McKenzie Special School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated structure located at 569 Walnut Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12M, Group A, Parcel 4).

Dear property owners and parties or interest:

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

In accordance with section 13-203 of THE CITY OF McKENZIE SLUM CLEARANCE ORDINANCE, a hearing has been set for 2 p.m., August 26, 2024 at McKenzie City Hall located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN. The owner and interested parties will have the opportunity to answer this complaint. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the Administrative Hearing Officers.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact the City of McKenzie Building Inspector at 731-352-2292.

Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

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City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated structure located at 50 Olivet Road, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12N, Group B, Parcel 29). This is the old Olivet Missionary Baptist Church.

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

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City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated structure located at 244 Oaklawn Drive, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 162K, Group C, Parcel 12).

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

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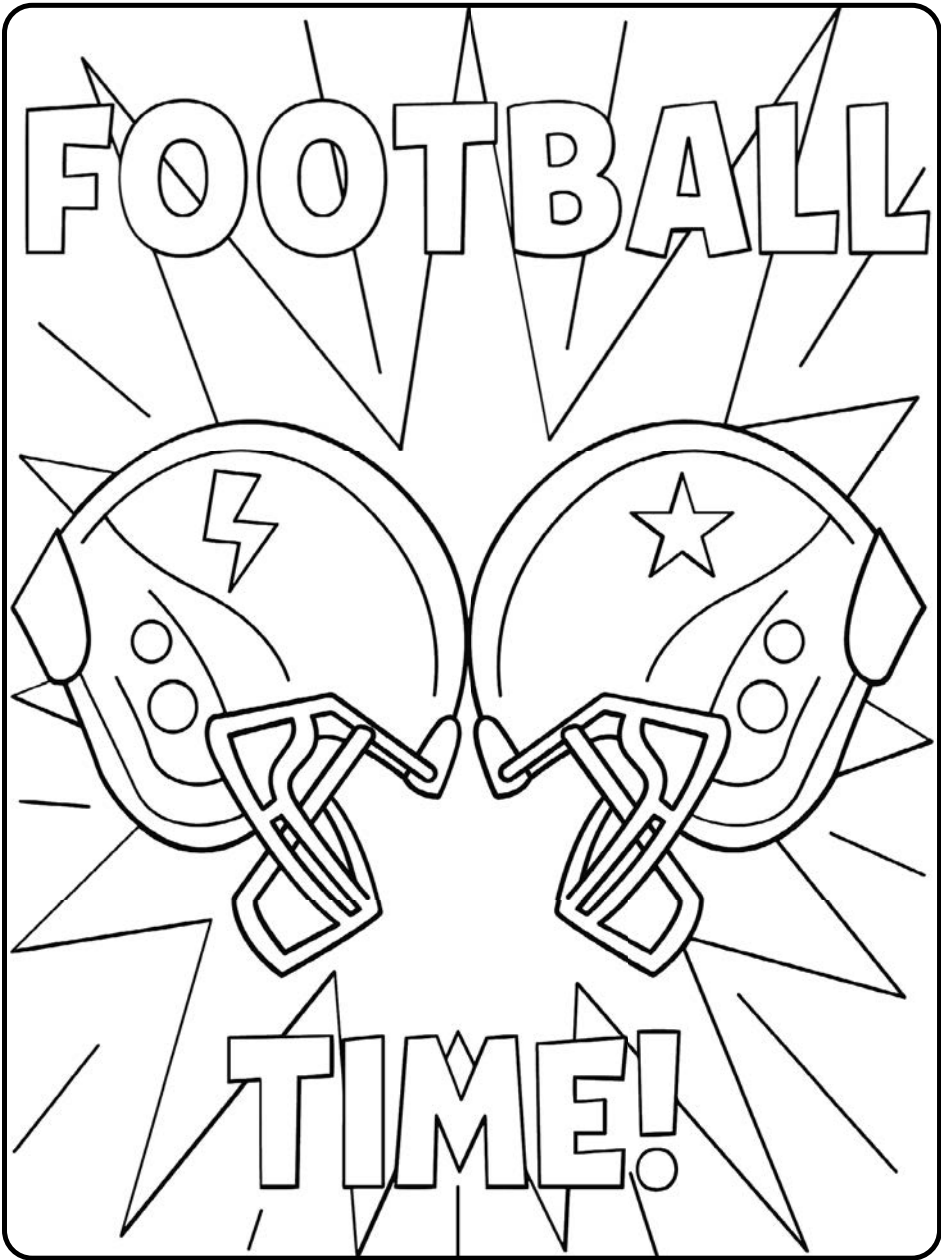
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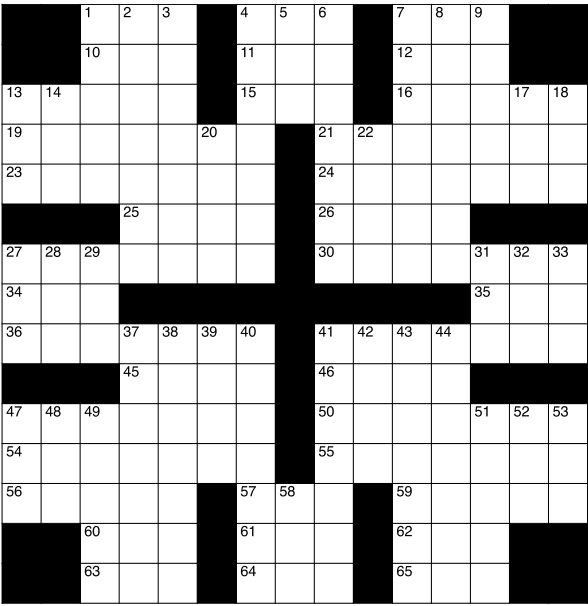
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Major American automaker (abbr.)
- 4. Pressure measurement
- 7. Two-year-old sheep
- 10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
- 11. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 12. Actress de Armas
- 13. Not moving
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Bog arum genus
- 19. Perceptible by touch
- 21. Type of test
- 23. Monetary units
- 24. Collection of various things
- 25. Sum of five and one
- 26. Type of sword
- 27. Hates
- 30. Immobility
- 34. Pie __ mode
- 35. Moved quickly
- 36. Passenger's place on a motorbike
- 41. A way through
- 45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
- 46. Leader
- 47. Flowing
- 50. Greetings
- 54. Remedy
- 55. Soft lightweight fabric
- 56. Building material
- 57. Sea bream
- 59. A way to cause to be swollen
- 60. One and only
- 61. People get one in summer
- 62. Wreath



- 63. Thus far
- 64. They __
- 65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Policemen (French)
- 2. Toy dog
- 3. Inflamed colon disease
- 4. Can't move
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Lists of names, subjects, etc.
- 7. Takes down
- 8. Makes possible
- 9. Wife of Julius Constantius
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 17. Written account
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Something the first shall be
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. Gov't lawyers
- 28. Peyton's little brother
- 29. Small amount
- 31. Investment vehicle
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Head pain
- 38. Popular sport in England and India
- 39. King Charles's sister
- 40. Boat race
- 41. About fish
- 42. Maidservant
- 43. Able to be marketed
- 44. Tinier
- 47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 48. Paddle
- 49. Oneness
- 51. Bitter chemical
- 52. Not around
- 53. Very fast airplane
- 58. Swiss river

Week 33

See solution in next week's edition.

Down to Biz Word Search

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

Accounting
Allocation
Assets
Balance
Bond
Capital

Cashflow
Cost
Earnings
Economics
Employee
Entrepreneur

Equity
Expense
Finance
Input
Liabilities
Loan

Management
Margin
Net
Output
Payroll

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- 1519: PANAMA CITY, PANAMA IS FOUNDED.
- 1843: TIVOLI GARDENS OPENS IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.
- 1965: THE BEATLES PLAY TO NEARLY 60,000 FANS AT SHEA STADIUM IN NEW YORK CITY. THE EVENT IS NOW WIDELY REGARDED AS THE BIRTH OF STADIUM ROCK.

SUDOKU

WEEK 33

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

Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to business.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 18 = T)

A. 20 3 7 5 1 18

Clue: Earnings above expenses

B. 24 22 3 4 1 15 11

Clue: Deposits with broker

C. 11 18 7 19 25

Clue: Share in a company

D. 1 15 16 8 11 18 24 8 15 18

Clue: Asset used to build wealth

Answers: A. profit B. margins C. stock D. investment

LETTER MIX-UP

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

EMPLOYMENT

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

Riddle Me This

What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

Answer: Silence

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to business.

TBUSEGD

Answer: Budgets

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on August 17, 1943. I started acting in school at the age of 10. My first movie roll came at age 20. I became a legendary actor, winning two Academy Awards. I'm known for my frequent collaborations with director Martin Scorsese.

Answer: Robert De Niro

Peace of Mind.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 32 Crossword Puzzle Solution

	R	A	B	B	I	S		S	A	L	I	N	E	
M	A	D	E	I	R	A		A	B	A	L	O	N	E
A	B		A	N	A	L	O	G	I	Z	E		D	A
H	I	N	D	S		A	U	G		E	A	G	E	R
D	E	U	S		S	A	T	E	S		C	R	A	N
I	S	M		R	A	M		D	K	G		O	R	E
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A	C	R	I	S						W	U	N	D	T
B	R	A	V	E	D					M	A	I	D	
R	U	T		T	A	R		P	O	N		H	U	S
E	S	O	P		B	A	S	A	L		T	O	N	E
A	A	R	O	N		P	I	P		S	A	G	E	R
S	D		S	A	T	I	R	I	C	A	L		A	U
T	E	H	E	R	A	N		S	A	R	C	A	S	M
	S	E	R	A	P	E		T	R	I	A	G	E	

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 32

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

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MISSING CAT

MISSING CAT — ANSWERS TO MIMI. Calico, black around both eyes, white and gold, no collar, Walnut Circle area. Reward is found and returned. 731-336-3013. If found, please give her some water. NC/23-TF

MISCELLANEOUS

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Left, Rebel Dawson Reeder takes a catch to the house. Right, Rebel Cayden Gordon sacks Lion quarterback Athan Spaulding deep in Dresden territory. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Open Season with Nail-Biting Win Over Lions

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MCKENZIE (August 8) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Dresden to open the football season Thursday. After a quick touchdown by the Lions, the Rebels pulled ahead by a dozen three separate times only to see Dresden climb back each time. After a wild fourth quarter, McKenzie held on for a 32-28 victory.

Dresden won the coin toss and received the opening kick. A short return set the Lions at their 30 yard line, and a good mix of rushes and passes led to a nine-play, 70-yard scoring drive capped by a six-yard touchdown run by Caiden Mount. McKenzie stifled the two-point attempt, but Dresden had a 6-0 lead with five minutes to play in the first frame.

Rebel Dawson Reeder took a deep kick to the McKenzie 37 to start the first Rebel possession. Ten plays and three McKenzie penalties later, quarterback Parker Ross kept for a ten-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, and the game was tied at 6-6 with 13 seconds to play in the opening quarter.

Rebel Seth Stafford kicked deep to start the Lions at their 19, and Cayden Gordon burst through the protection for a nine-yard sack of quarterback Athan Spaulding to close the first with the score tied, 6-6.

The second quarter opened with the McKenzie defense completing the three-and-out, and Mount's punt was downed near midfield.

Ross kept the first snap and took it 48 yards to paydirt. An incomplete pass doomed the two-point try, but McKenzie had its first lead, 12-6, early in the quarter.

A short kick with no return started Dresden at their 36, but the offense stalled for a second consecutive three-and-out. A short punt was downed at the Rebel 45. A nine-play drive was nearly doomed twice. A high snap cost McKenzie 15 yards, but a good run by Ross led to a manageable fourth-and-three, where the Rebels enticed the defense to jump offside. Now first-and-goal, Ross threw incomplete before earning his third rushing touchdown. Another failed conversion kept the score at 18-6 with a minute to play in the half.

Mount returned Stafford's deep kick to the Lion 37. Spaulding threw to David Odle for a long touchdown, but a holding penalty negated the score. Two plays later, the QB tossed to Mount,



Rebel quarterback Parker Ross slips through a defender at the goal line for a touchdown. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

who broke many tackles to get close to a first down. McKenzie was assessed a personal foul to move the chains for Dresden. Spaulding threw to Colt Melton for nine, leaving one second on the clock, then found Jon-Reece Allman for a 40-yard touchdown as time expired. Landon Kanady ran for two points to cut McKenzie's lead to 18-14 heading into the break.

Reeder received the second-half kickoff and made a 40-yard return to the Lion 35. Ross and Reeder kept it on the ground but quickly faced third-and-eleven at the 25. The pair connected in the air to ensure the first down, but Reeder found a clear path to the end zone. Ross snuck in for two points, and McKenzie's lead grew to 26-14 with five minutes left in the third.

Allman made a huge return before being run down by Gordon at the Rebel 30. Spaulding threw to Odle for 16 yards, then to Allman in the backfield, brought down quickly by Gordon. The Lion QB found Melton for a 15-yard touchdown. Mount was stopped short on the conversion, but Dresden had again cut into the lead, 26-20, with just under four minutes left in the third frame.

Reeder again had a solid kick return, stopped at the Rebel 40. A couple of long runs by Ross were marred by penalty, and a couple of good stops by Dresden put McKenzie in a precarious third-and-20. Ross answered the call again with a 27-yard keeper, then repeated for 16 to make it first-and-goal at the 3 entering the final frame.

Ross plowed through a pile of linemen to start the fourth with a three-yard touchdown. A high snap doomed the two-point try, but the Rebel lead was back up to a dozen, 32-20.

Due to an unsportsmanlike penalty on the scoring play, McKenzie kicked from the 20, giving the Lions good

field position near midfield. Spaulding kept the ball in the air, earning multiple first downs to reach the red zone. A false start on first-and-goal threatened the momentum, but Spaulding connected with Melton near the sideline. Rebel Lane Brown forced the receiver out of bounds at the 1 to prevent a touchdown, and Mount lost two yards on second down. Two plays later, the Lions turned the ball over on downs at the 4.

Ross found a gap on the first snap and shook one defender at midfield for a 96-yard, would-be touchdown, but a blocking penalty took the Rebels all the way back to their 9. A first-down loss back to the 4 was followed by a high snap out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

This cut Dresden's deficit to 32-22 and forced McKenzie to kick the ball off to the Lions from the 20 once again. Melton fielded the kick near midfield and returned it to the Rebel 7, finally brought down by Zack Lewis. Spaulding hit Odle at the goal line for the score, but threw incomplete on the two-point conversion. With just under four minutes to play, Dresden cut the Rebel lead to four points, 32-28.

Lewis made a short return to set McKenzie up at the 36 and in need of a couple of first downs to run out the clock. Ross looked to be in trouble on first down, but broke a tackle in the backfield and reversed his route to gain 21. Reeder carried twice for a net loss of one yard to bring up a dangerous third-and-eleven. True to form, Ross turned the pressure into fuel for a 15-yard run to move the chains and seal the win. He ran one more play, keeping for seven yards, then took a knee twice in victory formation.

With the 32-28 win, the Rebels take a 1-0 record to Henry County Thursday. Kickoff is 6:30 p.m.

and the event concludes with a contest between the Camden and Henry County freshmen at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10.



Left, Chris Edlin officiates a previous event. Right, Lee Lawrence will defend his belt at the Gleason event. Photos courtesy Gary Owens

Memphis Wrestling Coming To Clarksburg, Gleason Soon

Wrestling fans won't have to travel far for not one, but two, big events this month as Memphis Wrestling comes to Carroll and Weakley counties. Clarksburg High School hosts Memphis Wrestling Live to raise funds for the volleyball team Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m.

For tickets online, visit Eventbrite.com and look for Memphis Wrestling.

For local tickets, call Coach Jeff Gooch 731-415-1095, Chris Edlin 731-352-0158 or Charleace 731-694-8839 or contact any Lady Rocket Volleyball player.

General Admission tickets are \$10 at the door. Pre-event tickets are 20 percent off at \$8. Ringside tickets are \$15.

Then, Memphis Wrestling presents the Tater

Town Throwdown Saturday, August 24 in the Gleason School gymnasium.

Principal Lee "Wild Thang" Lawrence will defend his 2023 Gleason Bulldog Championship Title.

A meet-and-greet is at 6 p.m.; belltime is 7 p.m. General admission is \$10; Ringside seats are \$15.

Proceeds support Gleason Beta Club.



Left, Local band Crooked Creek provided entertainment. From left, Carl Byars (sitting in for Max Bybee), Dale Cooper and Lloyd Lewis. Right, Carroll County Senior Day King Billy Smith and Queen Robye Lindsey. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Senior Day at the Fair

HUNTINGDON (August 8) — Senior Day Thursday at the Carroll County Fair. Inside the civic center, senior citizens enjoyed fun, fellowship and music.

Games were played, door prizes were given and many vendors were on hand.

Carl Byars served as Mas-

ter of Ceremonies for the event.

Local band Crooked Creek provided music. Members are Dale Cooper, Lloyd Lewis and Max Bybee. Byars also sat in with the band for some sets.

Billy Smith was crowned King, and Robye Lindsey

Queen.

Lindsey also won the award for oldest woman present at 97, while Ovalle Wilks, 94, was the oldest man.

Thai Saul won the award for Prettiest Legs, while the Ugliest Legs trophy went to Bobby Pate.



Left, War Eagle Quamarion Patterson goes up to catch a pass during a scrimmage against Dresden and Trinity Christian Academy Friday. Above, West Carroll's Ben Pruitt rolls out to pass the ball during a scrimmage against Dresden and Trinity Christian Academy Friday. Photos courtesy Pam Dietz

Dowland Sees Improvement from War Eagles Between Scrimmages

COURTESY MICHAEL ODOM

After losing to Lake County in the first full-padded scrimmage, West Carroll football coach Adam Dowland saw things that he knew his team needed to work on.

On Friday, the War Eagles scrimmaged Dresden and Trinity Christian Academy, and Dowland felt like his team performed better in the second scrimmage of the year.

"There was a lot of improvement in our conditioning," Dowland said. "I could see our body language was better, we ran to the ball, we finished plays better on offense and defense. Our big guys played harder for longer periods, which is good for us. Our effort and attention to details was better, so we had a really good week and played better because of it."

Teams rotated between playing defense, playing offense and taking a break.

Offensively, West Carroll didn't score on TCA in the three times the two played, but the War Eagles beat Dresden 6-0. Defensively, the War Eagles lost to Dresden 7-0, didn't give up a touchdown to Dresden, lost to TCA 8-0 and lost to Dresden 7-0.

"Physically, I thought we did fine in the box with linebackers, d(efensive) line and o(ffensive) line," Dowland said. "We have young guys in the places learning multiple spots. We play hard and physical and run the ball, and that is the West Carroll way."

The War Eagles started the scrimmage on offense against TCA, and while they didn't score, Ben Pruitt hit Quamarion Patterson for a 20-yard pass during the 10-play series.

West Carroll again scrimmaged TCA in its second series, and while the War Eagles didn't score, Zach Hames rushed for 10 yards on one play.

In the offense's first try against Dresden, the War Eagles moved the ball. Pruitt hit Patterson for a 38-yard pass, Jayden Milton rushed for 12 yards, Zac Fowler rushed for nine yards before Pruitt hit Patterson for a 15-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was no good.

The War Eagles scrimmaged TCA's defense once again and didn't score, but Milton did get off a 12-yard run.

West Carroll will get another crack at Dresden this Friday as part of the Henry County Jamboree.

"We have to play faster on offense," Dowland said. "We have to get to the ball and have some urgency. Our kids don't want to make some mistakes, so they are overthinking some things. On offense, we have to have better communication on the O-Line with schemes. Defensively, we have to keep the ball inside of us."

Henry County Jamboree is Friday

Henry County High School hosts its annual high school football jamboree Friday at the stadium at 315 S. Wilson St., Paris.

Dresden and West Carroll compete at 6 p.m., followed by McKenzie and Stewart County at 7 p.m.

At 8 p.m., Camden plays against the host Patriots,

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