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"Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product."
— Eleanor Roosevelt

McKenzie's Leighann Horne is Finalist for Supervisor of Year

NASHVILLE — Leighann Horne, Supervisor of Education for McKenzie Special School District, is honored to be one of nine finalists for Tennessee Supervisor of the Year for the state of Tennessee.

Horne obtained her Bachelor of Science in Special Education and a minor in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She continued her education with masters degrees in Special Education and School Leadership and Administration.

Her career started in Special Education in Gibson County Schools,

where she taught for 10 years. She then served as the Special Education Coordinator in Henry County before serving as the supervisor at McKenzie for seven years.

In her role at McKenzie, she is the instructional supervisor for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade and the director of Special Education.

"I absolutely love working here. We have a small district and work very closely together; it just feels like family. We have some very

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Leighann Horne

High-Speed Chase Ends at High School

Juvenile Flees Police — A juvenile male was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail after he was driving 94 miles per hour in a 45 miles per hour zone on August 15.

McKenzie Police Officer Dustin McClure said the juvenile, with a female passenger, attempted to evade police and drove at excessive rates of speed to avoid arrest. Officer McClure radioed Carroll County Sheriff's deputies to request a roadway spike deployment to

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FRESHMAN CARNIVAL A SUCCESS

New Students Welcomed to Bethel Campus

MCKENZIE (August 17) — On Saturday, Bethel University kicked off the 2024-2025 school year with its annual Freshman Carnival.

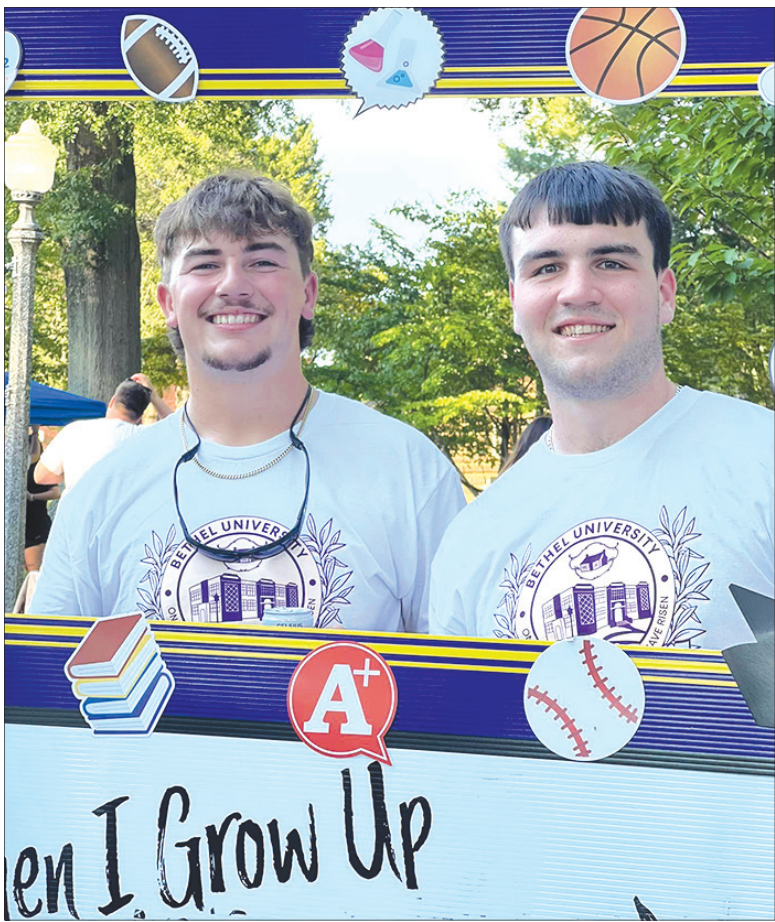
The front lawn of Campbell Hall was lined with tents and tables by representatives of local businesses, organizations and churches welcoming the university students to McKenzie.

Over 300 students took advantage of freebies, survival swag and information to help them ease into their freshman year.

Thursday, August 15, was designated as move-in day, while student-athletes have been on campus even earlier prepping for the upcoming season.

The event is designed to educate the freshmen about the McKenzie community and foster connections between the university and area.

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Bethel student-athletes took a moment to pose for a quick photo-op.

ELECTION November to Feature Many Candidates

CARROLL COUNTY (August 15) — Candidates have qualified for local municipal elections in the November 5 general elections. Four municipalities — McKenzie, Huntingdon, Bruceton and Hollow Rock have contested elections.

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 was Thursday, August 15, noon. Below is a list of candidates whose names will appear on the ballot.

Municipal elections include the City of McKenzie, and towns of Atwood, Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Huntingdon and Trezevant.

McKenzie — Five candidates are seeking three

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County Hears Request for Liquor by the Drink

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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HUNTINGDON (August 12) — During the August meeting of the Carroll County Commission, Stephen Liss, the soon-to-be proprietor of Club Rosser, spoke to the legislative body about adding liquor by the drink as a referendum to the November ballot. Currently, McKenzie and Huntingdon allow liquor by the drink within the municipal city limits but it is illegal elsewhere in the county.

Liss stated he was taking ownership of a bar located in the Rosser community on September 30 and wanted to make changes to the establishment. He added that he felt alcohol was alcohol regardless

of whether it was beer or liquor. Liss said that bringing in liquor by the drink would increase profit margins that would ultimately increase tax revenue and fees for the county.

To be on the November ballot, Liss would have to present a petition requesting the liquor by the drink referendum with 574 verified signatures of Carroll County voters or a two-thirds majority of commissioners could request the referendum. While Commissioners Walter Smothers and Daniel Thomas, both of whom are in law enforcement, spoke on their opinions and asked questions of Liss, ultimately the commission did not respond to the

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Stephen Liss spoke to the Carroll County Commission to consider adding a referendum on liquor by the drink to the November ballot. Photo by Jason Martin/The Banner

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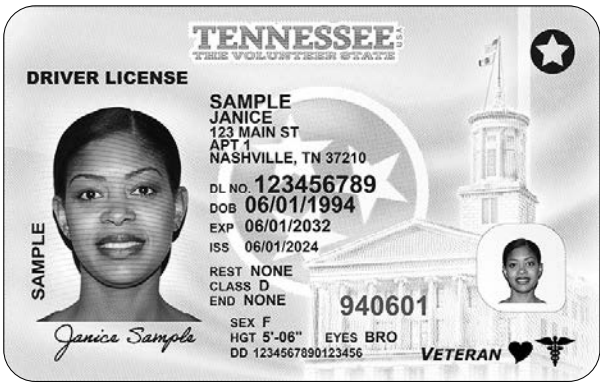
New State Driver Licenses, Self-Service Kiosks Unveiled

NASHVILLE (August 19) — The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) is issuing new Driver Licenses and ID cards with a fresh design and improved security features along with new self-service kiosks, which can reduce wait times at Driver Service Centers. The new credentials and kiosks will expand to all Driver Service Centers over the next few months.

The new Driver Licenses and ID cards prominently feature a stylized version of Tennessee’s historic State Capitol and state flag with its iconic three-stars representing the state’s three grand divisions. The new design features waves and patterns printed in very fine lines that are not able to be scanned or easily reproduced.

The new credentials are made with a sturdy poly-carbonate composition, incorporate cutting edge security and printing techniques. This includes elaborate overlapping of data and graphics and laser engraved elements that will show if the document has been altered or is fraudulent. A machine-readable barcode with applicable class, endorsements, and restrictions are printed on the back of the card. A mini ghost image repeated from the photograph is encoded elements for automated validation to help reduce identity theft.

“The new Tennessee Driver Licenses incorporate the latest technology which makes them more



An example of the new Tennessee license.

difficult to counterfeit, alter, or duplicate,” said TDOSHS Commissioner Jeff Long. “These countermeasures help prevent theft and fraud and help keep your identity safe.”

There is no need for citizens to obtain a new Driver License or ID with the new design before their existing license or ID expires. Driver Licenses and ID cards with the old design will be in use alongside the new cards. Previously issued Driver Licenses are valid until the expiration date listed on the card. Individuals do not need to replace their current Driver License or ID card unless their current credential has reached its expiration or a required change is needed, such as a name or address change.

The new design will apply to all credentials issued by the TDOSHS including Regular Driver Licenses, Teen/Graduated Driver Licenses, Commercial Driver Licenses, Motorcycle License, ID Only License, REAL IDs, and Handgun Carry Permits.

“We are excited about

the added flexibility and convenience the new self-service kiosks will provide for Tennesseans,” said Commissioner Long. “Citizens can complete many Driver Services transactions at one of these new kiosks, which will help reduce wait times at Driver Services Centers.”

Tennesseans can use the self-service kiosk to complete many Driver Services transactions including renewing or replacing a duplicate Driver License or ID Card, changing an address, updating emergency contact information, advancing a Teen/Graduated Driver License, paying reinstatement fees, and requesting a license reissue after reinstatement requirements are met. The new kiosks can take photos and process payments with Apple Pay, Google Pay, or a credit or debit card.

For more information on Tennessee Driver Services including the new self-service kiosks and Driver Licenses and ID cards visit tn.gov/safety/driver-services.html.

Rogers Fills County Commission Vacancy

HUNTINGDON (August 19) — Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler officially swore in Morris Rogers on as a Commissioner for Carroll County. Rogers was elected to represent District 4 in the August election. In filling a vacancy through election, Rogers will begin serving immediately.

Rogers spent 30 years in law enforcement and is currently a special agent with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. He is married to Penny Crafton Rogers. They have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Rogers previously served 3 years as a County Commissioner in Benton County before moving to Carroll County. His local government experience also includes 3 years as a City Alderman in Hollow Rock.

Their family moved to Carroll County approxi-



Morris Rogers (left) is administered the oath of office by Mayor Joseph Butler (right). Commissioner Rogers' wife Penny holds the bible during the oath.

mately 8 years ago and reside in Hollow Rock.

Mayor Butler noted, “We are excited for Morris to begin his service as a County Commissioner for District 4. He brings a unique background and perspective through previ-

ous service in local government, decades of service in law enforcement, and his leadership in our faith community. He is a Godly, servant-hearted man who is eager to get to work serving Carroll County.”



Dr. Perry Moulds, president of Bethel University, addressed the Rotary Club of McKenzie on August 13. Pictured are Christie Williams, president of Rotary, Dr. Moulds, president of Bethel, and Dr. Ed Perkins, Rotary member and a graduate and former trustee of Bethel University.

Bethel President Perry Moulds Eagerly Faces the Challenges

MCKENZIE (August 13) — Bethel University has a new president who is facing the challenges of the local, private four-year university. He said challenges exist for many universities nationwide, especially private institutions. And he is ready to work through those challenges. Dr. Perry Moulds assumed the office of president on July 1 after he was selected from a field of three finalists.

Moulds comes to Bethel from Belmont University in Nashville. Moulds has worked at Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, Belmont, and now Bethel.

Moulds addressed the Rotary Club of McKenzie during its weekly meeting on August 13.

Moulds was a Rotarian in middle Tennessee and has pledged to be active in the local Rotary Club.

Moulds, a Mississippi native, said McKenzie is a good fit for him and he is eager to work in and with the local community.

Bethel University moved to McKenzie from McMoresville after the Civil War on land donated by the McKenzie family. Through the years, it has successfully faced many challenges. Today’s challenges are many, including the hangover from students entering college who endured COVID while in K-12, a decreasing national view of the value of higher education, a significant delay in the rollout of the FAFSA - federal student aid application that many institutions utilize to determine what financial assistance (grants and loans) is needed by the student. The new FAFSA application was significantly delayed, causing many students to miss opportunities for financial assistance. Also, universities face a demographic cliff, in which fewer children were born approximately 18 years earlier.

Moulds said Bethel provides a loving and caring environment where students find faculty and staff

members who love and care for them. With approximately 1000 students on campus, students learn in a Christian environment. The faculty and staff work to ensure students develop good character and leadership skills.

Another 1,000 students are high school students enrolled in dual enrollment courses.

That creates a pipeline of future full-time students, said Moulds. The university also provides an associate’s degree, allowing students to participate in the Tennessee Promise scholarship program.

The new 1,000-seat (approximately) chapel will open in November, said Dr. Moulds. It is adjacent to the Vera Low Center on campus.

In closing, Moulds said he is eager to work with the community and work to build relationships while assuring the longevity of the local university that has called McKenzie home since 1872.



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Inglennook Book Club News

Inglennook Book Club held its monthly meeting at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie on Wednesday August 14 with 20 members in attendance. President Gail Mack called the meeting to order and thanked the hostesses Mona Batchelor and Victoria Ard, who filled in for Pedie Pedersen who was absent. They served delicious lemon cake along with assorted nuts and beverages. The Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Motto were recited by all. The birthday ladies for the month of August are Donna Ward and Jean Hollomon. Happy Birthday was sung by everyone.

The roll call and reading of July minutes were completed with the minutes being approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the Treasurer’s report, which was also approved as read.

President Mack called on the committee chairs to report, there is a vacancy for a new member to join, and there are names that have been submitted to membership chair, Suzanne Howell. President Mack thanked the Sunshine and Telephone committee chairs for their participation and all they do for the club.

There was no unfinished business and no new business to report, and President Gail Mack called on Mona Batchelor to present the program. Mona spoke to the group about the fundamentals of reading, and several ways to read other than just by physical books-she stated Reading about an experience is almost the same as living it. It was very informative program, enjoyed by all.

Book passing was completed by book chair Mary Newman, and the next book passing date is Au-

gust 28.

Announcement was made by Geneva Johnson about the upcoming Carroll Arts “Southern Fried Funnies”, which will take place on Thursday, August 22 at 7 p.m., and Saturday afternoon, August 24 at 2 p.m., at the Park Theatre in McKenzie.

The next meeting is September 11 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside. Hostesses will be Jean McKinnie and Genia Sherwood, and program presentation will be given by Donna Ward. Remember to bring assorted school supplies, anything is used, such as crayons, pencils, etc. The school is grateful for the school donations we provide for the students. The benediction was recited by all, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller

Trezevant Board Discusses Drug Testing Policy, Cat Overpopulation

BY BRAD SAM
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TREZEVANT (August 13) — Tuesday’s meeting of the Trezevant Board of Aldermen was heavy on discussion but light on action (for now) as two issues dominated the two-hour meeting: the fallout from last month’s drug testing of street department employees and the excessive number of cats roaming town.

During the July 9 meeting, aldermen discussed the testing of the department, which was apparently prompted by concerns voiced by citizens that one employee was seen at a house allegedly known for drug use.

There were a number of lapses in protocol in the process.

Mayor Bobby Blaylock was uninformed about the tests until rumors of the results began swirling. The town’s policy states that “reasonable suspicions” should be brought to the mayor in writing before any testing is administered.

According to Alderman Leon Ly-

ell, no consent forms were signed and containers were not properly labeled.

Further, there was no official communication between the town and Family Medical Clinic prior to the testing of the samples, and the clinic had not been provided with the town’s policy.

The employee in question, whose results returned as containing illicit drugs and canine urine, was placed on a 30-day paid leave.

Town attorney Charles Trotter, who was not present at the July meeting but has since listened to the meeting and apprised himself of the facts, addressed the issues at length.

Trotter lamented the shortcomings of the town’s drug policy and recommended two actions: the implementation of the policy written by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) and certification as a Tennessee Drug-Free Workplace.

The attorney presented examples of products used to mask drug tests, which he had purchased at

two nearby businesses. He noted that although attempting to defraud a test is a Class A misdemeanor, such products are legal to purchase.

He described the MTAS policy as robust and thorough and as providing greater protections for all parties involved. He also noted that certification by the state as a Drug-Free Workplace would not only protect the town from exposure, but would save the town \$288.90 annually on workman’s compensation insurance.

Aldermen were provided with copies of the current town policy and the MTAS policy to review and consider.

Trotter offered that there was no evidence to indicate that the clinic had done anything improper. “Whatever they were given, they tested, and whatever it came out is what it was.”

He suggested that the town would need to try to repair the damage done to the relationship with the clinic as a result of the situation.

The board heard from two citizens concerned (for different reasons) about the number of cats roaming free in town.

One, Cathy Earls, explained that

she has noticed the number of feral and stray cats increase. She said that she has been trapping cats on her property, having them spayed or neutered and releasing them in an attempt to reduce the number of new kittens. Adding to her concern is a neighbor who Earls said is also trapping cats, but is apparently taking them to an undisclosed location and releasing them.

Another citizen, who identified herself only as a resident of Atwood Street, stated that as a 70-year-old with asthma, she cannot “have cats crawling on my stuff.... and nobody claims them, so we need a solution.”

Attorney Trotter noted that local ordinance only requires that cats be vaccinated for rabies and that state law allows cats to “run at large.”

The Atwood Street resident inquired about a solution for her health concerns, and Trotter responded that the only action the town could likely take would be to pass an ordinance and hire an animal control officer.

He recommended that Earls speak to the district attorney about the neighbor’s actions.

The board briefly discussed purchasing a piece of land next to the

fire station to be converted into a small recreation area. Mayor Blaylock opined that a single basketball goal, a couple of swings and a picnic table would be valuable to youth living in the immediate area. Gabby Davis, the town’s chief municipal financial officer, recommended against such an endeavor at present, urging to take projects one at a time and focus on higher priorities first.

Alderman Dan Dieringer requested that more information be gathered on costs before dismissing the idea entirely.

Davis requested a special called meeting on September 3 to allow for final budget amendments to be approved. The second reading will occur the following week at the regular meeting. She also inquired about a line item in the budget committing \$1,000 to the Industrial Development Board.

Alderman Don Barger confirmed that the board was now self-sustaining and the payment could be removed from the budget.

Finally, discussion was held on the upcoming retirement of City Recorder Kathy Weatherford and how best to fill her position. Aldermen were interested in ways to reorganize duties to more efficiently serve the town’s needs.

Liquor

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request.

As of August 12, Liss stated he had between 80 to 100 signatures requesting the referendum.

In other business, the county approved Resolution 8-04-2024 approving and authorizing a ground lease agreement with Med-Trans Corporation and the Carroll County Airport. The lease agreement provides the county with a monthly \$3,000 payment from the medical group. Additionally, Med-Trans plans to construct a hanger that would include housing / living quarters for its employees on call and other renovations at no cost to the county.

Med-Trans is a participating provider in the AirMedCare Network. They will provide Carroll County with around-the-clock air ambulances. According to their mission statement, they build relationships with leading health systems, medical centers and EMS agencies spanning multiple geographic locations, Med-Trans Corporation offers a broad range of solutions to help its partners achieve successful patient outcomes. Med-Trans offers customized air ambulance programs through alternative delivery/shared resource models, community-based models or traditional hospital-based models.

The commission approved Resolution 8-03-2024 calling on the United States Postal Service to improve local service and return mail processing operations to Jackson, Tennessee. Mayor Joseph Butler stated that he was joining Madison County and other groups in support of the resolution in hopes of improving local mail service. While the resolution will probably fall on deaf ears at the federal level, local officials are hoping to address the increasing problem with the US Postal Service.

The commission reappointed/appointed the following: Vince Taylor to the Carroll County Civil Service Commission; Dr. Howell Todd, Phil Williams and Manuel Crossno to the Carroll County Indigent Care Board.

The following were elected as notaries: Fridie Algee, Jr., Aniker Algee, Mallory Ann Carey, Ann Cran-Williams, Tony E. Dill, Jr., Ginger Foster, Cami Furr, Elyse Lynch Henderson, Pamela L. Hilderbrand, Robin L. Luther, Annette O’Neal, Tonni L. Perkins, Chad R. Pinson, Melinda M. Popplewell, Joy R. Ross, Brenda J. Spencer, and Larry Spencer.

Commissioners not in attendance were Spiros Roditis and Joey Darnell.

The next meeting of the Carroll County Commission is September 9 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Government Complex in Huntingdon.

Bethel

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Top Left, Bethel University President Dr. Perry Moulds talks to guests during the Freshman Carnival. Top Right, Angel Newbill (left) of Nichole Lashes was one of the many vendors on hand during the Carnival. Above Left, Students listen to a lecture on the first day in the classroom. Above Right, The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry provided bags filled with food and first week needs to students.

Election

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council seats. Former Mayor Jill Holland, J Drew Beeler, Karen Toombs Fowler, Tim McBride, and Jessie Townes are the candidates for the three positions now held by Townes, Josefina Batton, and Beeler (appointed). There is not a mayoral race.

Huntingdon — Chad Edwards and Mayor Nina Smothers have both qualified to seek the office of mayor of Huntingdon. Four council seats are on the ballot. William Atkins, Chad Barnhart, Adam Crews, Lori Dillahunt, Daniel Eubanks and Barbara Knuutila have all qualified to seek the office of Huntingdon Council member. The seats are now held by Atkins, Carl Byars, Lori Nolen, and Charles Hodges.

Trezevant — Mayor Bobby

Blaylock, incumbent, is the lone candidate for his office. Three aldermen seats are available. Incumbents Robert Argo and Leon Lyell qualified to run for the office of alderman leaving one for write-in or appointment.

Atwood — Ricky Long and Gerald Mauldin have qualified to run for the two alderman seats. There is no mayoral election.

Bruceton — Chris Cole, Doug Fischer, Scotty Higdon, Cliff Sturdivant, and Renee Ford-Ward have

qualified for the three positions of alderman. Cole, Higdon and Sturdivant now hold the seats. There is no mayoral election.

Hollow Rock — Six candidates have qualified for three aldermen seats. Howard Baker, Ashley Cook, Vivian Grooms, T. Richard Goodwin, Jeremy King, and Ronnie Webb have qualified for the office of alderman. There is no mayoral election.

Horne

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dedicated teachers in our district, and we are truly here to serve our students, and we put them first,” said Horne.

“My passions include Special Education, classroom management and behavior, early literacy, and of course, my family.

“I was chosen as the finalist for Northwest Tennessee. There are nine finalists across the state. The next step in this process is a formal interview and speech

with the Tennessee Department of Education, and the Supervisor of the Year for 2024-2025 will be announced in December. No matter what, I’m truly honored to have made it this far. I’m honored to spotlight not only Special Education but also our district because I believe we have an amazing district, and we’re moving forward and growing. We have great leaders, teachers, and staff members that come together every day for the betterment of our students, and I am blessed to be a part of this team - this family.”

Chase

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stop the vehicle by flattening its tires. However, the male juvenile turned into McKenzie High School, where there was only one entrance and outlet. Officer McClure radioed Patrolman Cunningham of his location and McClure blocked the roadway with his patrol car. The male juvenile’s vehicle continued toward McClure, who was standing outside the patrol car. McClure unholstered his service

weapon and held it in the low, ready position. The juvenile continued toward the officer, stopping only two feet from him and one foot from the patrol car.

The driver was arrested, and the female passenger was released after information about the incident had been provided. The female told officers she was in fear for her life.

The driver was charged with Reckless Driving, Evading Arrest, Reckless Endangerment, Speeding, Violation of Window Tint, and Violation of Financial Responsibility. The vehicle was towed from the scene.



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“There they go boys! Don’t stop now!”

The raspy, tenor voice of my Uncle George called to me from the edge of the corn field.

I heard him, but I sure couldn’t see him. My cousin, Anthony, and I were in the thickest cane break and patch of brambles that ever grew along the banks of the Cumberland River where my uncle’s farm lay.

Anthony and I were sixteen years old and in hog heaven. We were quail hunting with our Uncle George — a thrill and a privilege for us both.

Growing up, I had been mesmerized when he would spin one of his hunting tales to the family. To be on a hunt with him was a dream come true.

One of my uncle’s traits I forgot that day was he was a huge practical joker. Whether friend or family, young or old, you were an eligible target.

I had started out that bitterly cold Christmas-Day hunt with layers of warm clothes. But after a couple of hours hunting, I was hot and sweaty. Layer by layer I stripped off a hunting coat, a jacket, and a sweat-shirt, stuffing them into my hunting vest’s game pouch, until I was down to a t-shirt and pull-over sweater I’d received that morning as a Christmas gift.

Time after time Uncle George’s hunting dog pointed a covey of quail around the edges of the grain fields, and each time the birds were flushed they flew like F-16s toward the next available patch of thick cover. When the dog pointed on the edge of the canebrake, guess who got sent in to flush the birds. Me and Anthony!

I was out of breath, with the Cumberland River somewhere on my left and Uncle George on my right, walking the edge of the field. Even if I’d seen a quail, the brush was so thick I couldn’t have lifted

my gun to shoot!

I am not Bre’r Fox, and I was not born and raised in a briar patch.

At the sound of snapping twigs and breaking brush behind me, I turned to see Anthony a few feet away. He was muttering under his breath and his face was as red as a cherry.

Gasping for breath, he asked, “Have you seen any birds?”

“Are you kidding?” I replied. “I can’t see five feet in front of me!”

“Then let’s get out of here!”

Just then Uncle George called, “The dog is pointed just ahead of you boys. Y’all just keep heading in the same direction. You’re nearly there.”

A shot of adrenalin coursed through our veins, and we plunged ahead, ignoring the pain of blackberry vines and briars tearing our hands and piercing our hunting pants.

Hours later, as the sun eased toward the western horizon, Anthony and I dragged our feet and joined Uncle George at his pickup truck.

The dog’s tongue was hanging so far out of his mouth it made me touch my mouth to be sure my tongue wasn’t resting on my chest.

Showing no signs of fatigue, Uncle George grinned broadly. “You boys did good today. You just couldn’t get a good open shot at those birds.” Pointing at my sweater, he added, “But you got a good load of cockleburs and beggar lice.”

So intent had I been on keeping up with Uncle George and the dog, I hadn’t paid any attention to myself. I looked down at my brand new Christmas sweater and saw it was completely covered with cockleburs and beggar lice.

Laughing out loud, Uncle George said, “If we’d been hunting cockleburs,

I think you’d have caught more than the limit!”

Frankly, I was too tired to care and gave him a tired smile while I put my gun in the truck.

When we got back to the big house in Vernon where all the families are gathered, I had to endure the humiliation of walking into the crowded living room wearing my newly decorated sweater. Laughter and catcalls rang out, and I suddenly realized I’d been on the bad end of one of Uncle George’s practical jokes. More than likely there never were any quail. He just kept me and Anthony thinking there were and plunging us into the thickest places he could find.

Traveling home to Tennessee the next day, mother made it clear I would restore my sweater to its original beauty. For the next several nights I pulled so many cockleburs and beggar lice off the sweater that the tips of my fingers were raw and sore by the time I finished.

Not willing to let my uncle have the last laugh, I filled a fair-sized box with the cockleburs and mailed them back to him with a note of apology for taking such fine seeds away from him. (He had a good laugh out of that.)

Let me ask you a question. Have you ever received a negative comment or criticism that got stuck in your head? The kinds of things said to us by spouses, children, parents, coworkers, supervisors, teachers, friends (and the list goes on).

I read somewhere that it takes thirteen compliments to overcome the effects of one criticism. For me, the ratio is more like 130 to 1, rather than 13 to 1.

Criticisms stick in our brain like cockleburs and beggar lice. They latch on and won’t let go! We obsess over them, lose sleep over them, cry over them,

worry about them, become depressed with them, develop anxiety over them, get angry about them, become filled with self-doubt because of them (and that list goes on and on, too).

So how do we get the cockleburs and beggar lice of criticism to relinquish control our mind?

Here are five suggestions:

- Sit with the criticism for a few minutes to see if there is any element of truth in it. Is there something that you can learn that will make you a better person? Can it prompt you to make some necessary change? If so, be thankful for the criticism and get busy.
- Find a context for the comment. What was going on with the person who made the criticism? What does it say about them that they found this particular fault with you? Are they an unhappy, fault-finding person? If so, you shouldn’t be surprised they criticized you.
- Take several slow, diaphragmatic breaths. This will help ease your stomach and reduce your nervousness.
- As soon as you hear that criticism echoing in your head, smile. (I know that sounds silly but give it a try.) What we do with our body has a profound impact on how we feel and think.
- Immediately tell yourself five things you do well (and smile even bigger). This is not about being conceited; it’s about being honest with yourself and realizing you do have value and talent.

There’s no way to avoid criticism, but there is a way to limit its power over our happiness.

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

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

We’ve Lost Sight of The Golden Rule

I grew up in the safest place in America. And it could be argued, I grew up in the safest time in the storied history of our great nation.

Listen, when I was eight years old, I would walk by myself up Stonewall Street, turn down Bell Avenue, take a left on to N. Tennessee, make a right at Georgia Avenue, left at Ruth Street, go about fifty yards on W. Florida till I reached Elm. It wasn’t as long as it sounds, somewhat less than a mile.

Pat Houston’s Grocery was located on the east side of Elm Street near where Euclid Avenue turned off toward Gleason. The mission was a pack of baseball cards and maybe a Frostie Root Beer. A nickel in 1955 would buy you either one.

Mom would see me off with a wave and the mandatory, “Be careful.” But to be honest, there wasn’t much to be careful of...

We had very little traffic. And the moment a vehicle saw someone near the street they instinctively slowed to a crawl. All would wave. And most would stop and offer you a ride. It never crossed anyone’s mind that somebody might pick you up with the intent to do bodily harm.

It just wasn’t even a possibility in 1955.

I loved it when Mr. Melton stopped. I’d crawl up in his big pickup already knowing that when I told him “Pat Houston’s” he’d go out of his way to deliver me there safe and sound. And I’d get to look at his guns.

Not many folks had gun racks in those days. Mr. Melton’s big rifle was laid across the seat. He’d sit it up between us as he asked about the family. The Colt pistol was on the dash. Mr. Melton was a farmer. And I guess he kept the guns close in case he ran across a snake or some other varmint.

It actually made me feel safe. Wasn’t nobody going to bother me with Mr. Melton by my side!

The mid ‘50’s were encompassed by the good feelings lingering from the victories of World War II. Peace on earth wasn’t a pipe dream. Everybody liked Ike. Medicine had reached the point where Polio was a thing of the past. Life wasn’t perfect for all, but we were all trying to get better...

People went to church. In earnest! They prayed for their fellow man. They loved their neighbor. They understood that

every life was ordained by God. And that each person was marvelously and wonderfully made in His own image.

How easy it is to respect life when you understand how we all came by it.

We could not, in our wildest imagination, envision someone firing a gun into a crowd of people under any circumstances!

Maybe my Pollyanna upbringing is why I’m so appalled, and at a complete loss to understand, the barrage of random and senseless shootings taking place across our land today.

I don’t blame guns or mental health or the Taliban. And let me give you the scoop on white supremacist. There is no such thing! Except maybe in somebody’s warped mind!

I’m mostly white. And I grew up on turnip greens and cornbread because we couldn’t afford anything else. I picked cotton, pulled on the “green chain” at a saw mill and hauled hay for living money. I worked three jobs to keep myself in college. I am well below average in thinking out loud ability. I missed by a country mile in the looks department and I have sinned way more than most...

I’m living proof that this white supremacist thing is an absolute myth!

We’ve got to find some real solutions to the mass shooting problem. Fast! And I don’t think government is the answer. We’ve got Congressmen, both male and female, Republicans and Democrats that have been in office for thirty plus years pointing fingers and decrying, “We’ve got to do something!” “It’s time to act!” “We need legislation now!”

Folks, they’ve had thirty years!! Come on now...we better wake up as a nation! They obviously don’t have the answer. But they may bear responsibility for the problem. They’ve legislated God out of most all “official” activities...

Somebody ought to be asking, “What did we have in America in 1955 that we don’t have today?”

I have pointed this out to people before. How quiet and calm and loving most everybody and everything was “back then.” When confronted with this fact, their answer is invariably the same, “Well, that was a different time.”

My point exactly!
Respectfully, Kes

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Obituaries

DEAN DILL
1942 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Dean Dill, 82, of the Terry Community, died Tuesday,

August 13, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, August 16, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Martin officiating. Burial followed in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Dill was born March

2, 1942, in Cedar Grove, to the late Otis and Hazel Johnson Murphy. She was a member of Obion Chapel Church of Christ, enjoyed cooking, gardening, and the St. Louis Cardinals. She was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Dill, a son, Jeffrey Lynn Dill, a

grandson, Wesley Born, a sister, Donna Mann, and a special friend, Gene Clark.

She is survived by a daughter, Tina Born (Mike Moore), a brother, Ben-nie Murphy (Debbie), both of Terry, and two grandchildren.

Mama T's

WHAT'S COOKIN'

E: recipes@mckenziebanner.com

By Teresa Washburn



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COCONUT SELF-CRUST PIE

1 2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup self-rising flour
2 cups milk
4 eggs
1/2 cup margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can coconut
2 tin pie pans

Mix ingredients; pour into pie pans. Bake at 350 degrees oven until golden brown.

FRUIT COBBLER

2 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup flour
2 cups sweetened fruit

Melt butter in Pyrex baking dish. Mix sugar, milk and flour and pour into buttered dish. Sweeten 2 cups fruit or berries and pour over mixture. Bake at 375 degrees until crust rises to top and brown.

GERMAN CHOCOLATE COOKIES

1 (18 1/4oz.) German chocolate cake mix
2 eggs
1/2 cup margarine, melted
1/2 cup quick cooking oats
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup raisins

In a mixing bowl, combine dry cake mix, eggs, margarine and oats; mix well. Stir chocolate chips and raisins. Drop by heaping teaspoon 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 9-11minutes or until set. Cool for 5 minutes. Remove to wire racks. Yield: about 3 1/2dozen cookies.

MAGIC COOKIES

1 box cake mix, any flavor
4 oz. cool whip, thawed

1 egg
Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together and form into small balls. Roll balls in powdered sugar. Bake for 8-10 minutes.

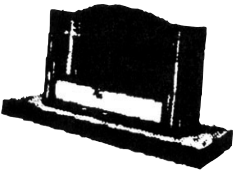
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2 small boxes French vanilla jello pudding (prepared as directed on box)
12 oz. tub Cool Whip
1 box graham crackers
1 bottle chocolate Magic Shell

Crush graham crackers and set aside. Prepare pudding according to directions and fold in cool whip. Layer graham cracker crumbs, pudding mix, Magic Shell. Repeat layers until all is used. Garnish individual servings with whipped topping and a cherry.

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Gasoline Prices Increase During Week

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According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.67/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.52/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.67/g while the highest was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.52/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.37/g today. The national average is down 11.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 47.8 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 19, 2023: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.84/g).

August 19, 2022: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.89/g).

August 19, 2021: \$2.83/g (U.S. Average: \$3.16/g).

August 19, 2020: \$1.87/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g).

August 19, 2019: \$2.29/g (U.S. Average: \$2.60/g).

August 19, 2018: \$2.59/g (U.S. Average: \$2.82/g).

August 19, 2017: \$2.12/g (U.S. Average: \$2.32/g).

August 19, 2016: \$1.94/g (U.S. Average: \$2.15/g).

August 19, 2015: \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g).

August 19, 2014: \$3.21/g (U.S. Average: \$3.44/g).

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Chattanooga — \$2.90/g, up 3.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.86/g.

Nashville — \$3.11/g, up 6.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.04/g.

Huntsville — \$3.09/g, down 1.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.10/g.

"Gasoline and diesel prices continue to trail off across much of the country as summer demand fades away. Lower demand in other oil-consuming nations is also helping to lead the downward pressure on pump prices as we approach Labor Day," said Patrick De Haan, head

of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With little new action in the Middle East to rile up prices and Hurricane Ernesto remaining far out at sea, it looks like the downward trend could continue into the week ahead. As more schools begin to resume, gasoline demand will likely continue to ease. With the transition to winter gasoline less than a month away for the majority of the

nation, gas prices will soon begin their seasonal cooling off— just as temperatures soon will as well."

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

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 INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS THURSDAY

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CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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Carroll County Fair Dog Show

HUNTINGDON (August 10) — The Carroll County Fair Dog Show was Saturday afternoon in the civic center.

Winning Dogs
-Zara, twelve weeks, Pocket Bully, Rayshaun Bailey, Huntingdon.
-Blossom, two, Pomeranian, Elaine Culver, Memphis.
-Atlas, five, Papillon, Heather Lampi, Memphis.
-Darlene, five months, mixed breed, Danielle Covey, Huntingdon.
-Buddy, seven, mixed breed, Gary Batey, Huntingdon.
-Ellie Mae, one, Yorkshire Terrier, Michelle Rimmer, Trezevant.
-Rosita, seven, Chihuahua, Lily Moore, Clarksburg.
-Stormy, six, Dachs-hund, Hannah Simpson, Huntingdon.
-Morticia, two, French Bulldog, Crystal Berry Short, Westport.
-Rocky, three, Pug,

Rakaya Humphreys, Huntingdon.
-Pixie, two, Bully, John Short, Westport.
-Brutus, one, German Shepherd, Bennett Ramsey, Huntingdon.
-Molla, five, Cocker Spaniel, Hannah Simpson, Huntingdon.
-Jase, three, Cocker Spaniel, Hannah Simpson, Huntingdon.
-Potter, one, Bedlington Terrier, Hannah Simpson, Huntingdon.
-Dozer, nine, Old English Bulldog, Kellie Birdwell, Huntingdon.
Categories
Prettiest: First - Atlas, Second - Blossom, Third - Zara.
Mixed Breed: First - Darlene, Second - Buddy.
Best Dressed: First - Atlas, Second - Ellie Mae, Third - Rosita.
Hound: First - Stormy.
Non-Sporting: First - Morticia, Second - Rocky, Third - Pixie.
Look-alikes: First - Atlas,

Second - Blossom, Third - Rocky.
Herding: First - Brutus.
Sporting: First - Molla, Second - Jase.
Toy: First - Blossom, Second - Atlas, Third - Rocky.
Terrier: First - Potter, Second - Ellie Mae.
Puppy: First - Darlene, Second - Zara.
Showmanship (19 and up): First - Atlas, Second - Buddy.
Showmanship (18 and under): First - Brutus.
Most Unusual: First - Morticia, Second - Dozer, Third - Potter.
Best of Show - Morticia. Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy - Brutus.
The Randall Dunn Memorial Trophy is given in memory of Randall Dunn, a police officer who worked for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Huntingdon Police Department. He trained dogs and was a K-9 officer. Before his death, he also served as a judge in the dog show.

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Lady Rebels Dominate Season Opener

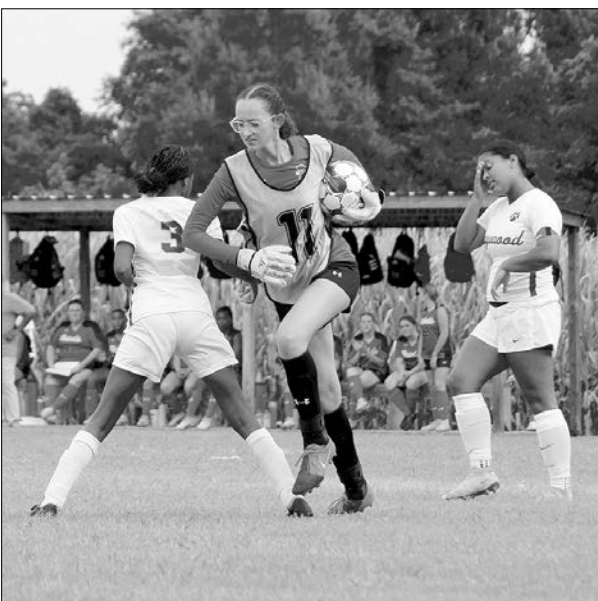
MCKENZIE (August 13) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebel soccer team opened their season on a high note Tuesday, hosting Haywood and cruising to a 7-0 win.

Lady Rebel Allie Walker scored four goals and had one assist. Stephanie Padilla had a pair of goals and an assist. Goalkeeper Rachel Essary earned the shutout with two saves and scored a goal as well.

The team traveled to Mayfield, Ky., Saturday for a pair of games in the Cardinal Classic.

McKenzie drew, 2-2, against Graves County. Walker and Zayda Scates each scored a goal, Padilla had an assist, and Essary had five saves.

The Lady Rebels were defeated 4-0 in their second game.



Lady Rebel goalkeeper Rachel Essary scoops up the ball for a save during McKenzie’s season-opening shutout of Haywood. Photo by Gracie Aird/The Banner

The team continues the season Thursday, traveling to Gibson County for a 6 p.m. start.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (August 14) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on August 14.

Six defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Brooke Alexandria Chandler, Linden Street, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Sell, Delivery, or Sell with Intent; Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kenneth Ray Haynes, Locust Avenue, McKenzie, bound over, Schedule II: Cocaine; Tampering with Evidence; Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Brandon Hopkins, Highway 79, Atwood, bound over on Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment.

Aaron R. Luter, Clay Farm Road, Atwood, bound over, Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, Possess; Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Stacy Simmons, Highway 190, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of Possession of a Weapon-Convicted Felon; Tampering with Evidence; Theft of a Firearm.

Kowasha Quinvette

Smith, West End Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Simple Possess/Casual Exchange; Possession of Drug Possession.

The following resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Anthony Barr, Reasons Blvd, Milan, guilty, DUI: First Offense, \$350 fine, 11 days jail, probation, not to drive for one year; dismissed, Driving Without a License; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care.

Jacinda Bates, Field Street, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While Suspended, probation; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Violation; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Khylan Burton, Cobblestone Street, Humboldt, guilty, Probation Violation, Driving While Suspended-Second Offense, 12 days jail, probation extended.

Marlena Flores, Everett Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 12 days jail.

Glen Goodrum, Buena Vista Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, probation; dismissed, Schedule VI Drugs; dismissed, Pos-

session of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Kenneth Ray Haynes, Locust Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, complete in-patient rehab.

David McCall, Ellis Street, Milan, guilty, Simple Possession, \$1000 fine, probation.

Michael Webb, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, probation extended.

Brandon Tylor Woodard, Perkins Mill Road, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession, \$750 fine, 30 days jail, served 14 days, suspended balance; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs-Fentanyl; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases were dismissed.

Bennie M. Harbin, II, Bobbitt Road, Bruceton, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Luis Cardona Medina, Powell Cove, Jackson, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Fugitive From Justice; dismissed, Speeding.

Michael A. Webb, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, dismissed, Evading Arrest.

Christian Malik Workman, Johnson Street, Trezevant, dismissed, Coercion of Witness.

Marriage Licenses

Michael Andrew Godrich, 26, of Atwood, to

Raini Montana Hansel, 21, of Atwood.

Courtney Rayann Boyd, 29, of McKenzie, to Kerry Lee Suratt, 51, of McKenzie.

Property Transfers

Brant Christopher and Tammy Irby to Blue Sky Inv. Inc. in District 4.

April J. Parham to Catherine Ann Littlefield in District 22.

Janet Gale Baker to Blake Adam Baker in District 11.

Bryan L. Oakes and Janet G. Baker to Bryan L. Oakes in District 11.

Michael and Rayne Zingelmann to Hunter C. Chaney.

Cody Walker to Sean Garrison in District 20.

Jennifer Collins to James Collins in District 8.

Bradley Eugene Lee to Garrett John Rosemeier in District 17.

Gregory L. and Marilyn J. Cruse to Jacob Bryan and Julie Shankle Cruse

in District 10.

Brenda Clark to Jason Ellis and Desiree Lynette Taylor Wade in District 16.

Rany and Sharon L. Neely to Paul and Teresa Plunkett in District 10.

Clerk and Master to Friedie Algee in District 21.

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Bobby C. and Belinda J. Jordan to Cachengo, Inc.

Russell B. and Cindy D. Cole to Robin Clark Carney in District 11.

Ashton Mitchell to Rachel E. Webb in District 11.

Kevin and Kent Smith to Kent and Susan and

Colton Smith in District 13.

Benjamin Volker Winkler to Travis L. and Miranda N. Coleman in District 22.

Stanley L. Taylor to Lindy F. Gill in District 17.

Lindy F. Gill to William S. Foster Jr. in district 17.

Camey Hall to Nelson and Rebecca Stewart in District 11.

Michael and Letrell Huff to Letrell Huff in District 2.

Joshua Michael Ulrich to Russell Downing in District 11.

Ryan Parish to Jonathan Adam and Hillary Parish in District 11.

James Wallace Timmons Jr. to Logan Vison in District 11.

Cynthia Gail Smith to Edward G. and Brenda Wendy Hill in District 8.

McKenzie Police Reports

Juvenile Flees Police — A juvenile male was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail after he was driving 94 miles per hour in a 45 miles per hour zone on August 15.

Officer Dustin McClure said the juvenile, with a female passenger, attempted to evade police and drove at excessive rates of speed to avoid arrest. Officer McClure radioed Carroll County Sheriff’s deputies to request a roadway spike deployment to stop the vehicle by flattening its tires. However, the male juvenile turned into McKenzie High School, where there was only one entrance and outlet. Officer McClure radioed Patrolman Cunningham of his location and McClure blocked the roadway with his patrol car. The male juvenile’s vehicle continued toward McClure, who was standing outside the patrol car. McClure unholstered his service weapon and held it in the low, ready position. The juvenile continued toward the officer, stopping only two feet from him and one foot from the patrol car.

The driver was arrested and the female passenger was released after providing information about the incident. The female told officers she was in fear for her life.

The driver was charged with Reckless Driving, Evading Arrest, Reckless Endangerment, Speeding, Violation of Window Tint, and Violation of Financial Responsibility. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

DUI — James S. Anderson, 43, Tennessee Street, McKenzie, was charged with DUI, Possession of a Handgun Under the Influence, Simple Possession on August 13.

Officer Steven Scott was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 22 and Como Street where a car was parked partially in the road and the driver was asleep at the wheel. Officer Scott found Anderson in the driver’s seat with the vehicle still in drive. Anderson was asked to step outside the vehicle and perform a field sobriety test. He was arrested for DUI-First Offense, and for having a firearm while intoxicated. The

firearm was laying on the seat next to him. The officer found a crystal-like substance believed to be meth and six Adderall pills, and another powder believed to be cocaine. The arrest was made in the Henry County portion of McKenzie.

Reckless Driving — Patricia Watwood, 44, Hawkins Creek, Huntingdon was charged with Reckless Driving on August 13.

Officer Steven Scott witnessed Watwood’s vehicle with a display of plate violation and attempted to stop the vehicle as the driver, Watwood, sped along city streets in an effort to avoid being stopped. She was charged with Reckless Driving.

Public Intoxication — Linda S. Hood, 42, Linden Street, McKenzie was charged with Public Intoxication on August 12.

Officer Dalton Raspberry received a dispatch about a woman in downtown McKenzie at Veterans Park who seemed under the influence. Raspberry located Hood, who admitted to using Meth. A field sobriety test was administered and Hood was arrested on the charge.

Sheriff’s Reports

Violation of Order of Protection — According to a report made by Deputy Sean Bongiovanni on August 13, deputies were dispatched to a home on Jessie Lane in reference to an order of protection being violated. Upon arrival, a female resident at the address notified the deputy that Ashton McGee, 19, of Huntingdon, contacted her boyfriend, Brian Wisdom, and Brian has an active order of protection against Ashton McGee. Wisdom was at work while deputies were at the residence. Deputy Sean contacted Wisdom over the phone and told him

to come by the sheriff’s office and make a statement. Wisdom filled out a statement saying that Ashton made phone calls and text messages with time stamps. An arrest warrant was issued for Ashton McGee.

Evading Arrest, Warrants — According to a report made by Deputy Chance Townes on August 13, he attempted to stop a 2012 Kawasaki motorcycle for speeding when the bike started to evade on Hwy. 104, then turning on Gardner Road. At times their speeds would be between 55 to 60 mph. The bike then turned off Gardner

Road on to Hwy. 70 going northbound. Once on highway 70, speeds reached 88 mph before the bike turned off onto hwy 220 and then continued to evade down the driveway behind the house into a field before wrecking the bike into a barbwire fence. The driver then proceeded to get up and evade on foot, where he was told multiple times to stop. Once the subject was apprehended, he did continue to resist but then was cuffed and identified as David Brown, 43, of Jackson. After speaking with dispatch, Deputy Townes learned that Brown had a revoked license, a warrant for child support in Gibson County, and a warrant out of Madison County.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Domestic Assault — According to a report made on August 3, 2024, by Officer Malachi Arline, officers responded to the Huntingdon Police Department in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival, officers talked to the victim, April Hester, who stated that she was assaulted by the father of her children, Reginald Gordon, 45, of Huntingdon. According to Hester’s statement, her and Reginald were in a vehicle traveling down Lexington Street when there was a verbal altercation and Gordon hit the victim on the right side of her face with his fist. Ms. Hester had visible signs on her face of being hit. At approximately 10:30 p.m., Sgt Parham and officer Arline placed Reginald Gordon under arrest for domestic assault.

Sex Offender — According to a report made on July 27, 2024, by Sgt Tony King, he conducted a traffic stop on a brown Toyota. This stop was conducted on Mustang Dr in front of the High School. The vehicle had been clocked on the radar at 78 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The driver, Harold King, 29, of Dyer, was noted to be a registered sex offender. There were three young boys in the vehicle with King and it was determined they were all minors. A family member pulled along side and the two younger boys went

with her, and the sixteen-year-old stayed in Mr. King’s vehicle. Sgt Tony King was having issues determining whether or not the juveniles could be in Mr. King’s vehicle alone. Harold was cited and released for the traffic violation and after further investigation it was found that Harold was in violation of his Sex Offender Registry restrictions. Warrants have been sworn to and copies will be sent for him to be rested. There will be three warrants, one for each child.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on August 30 in McKenzie on Hwy 79 and August 31 in Bruceton on Hwy 70.

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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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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA149

ESTATE OF: DONALD LYNN NOLEN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 14TH day of AUGUST, 2024 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of DONALD LYNN NOLEN deceased, who died JULY 1ST, 2024, 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 14TH day of AUGUST, 2024.

THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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

MARY NEWSON, Executor/Administrator

STEVEN L. WEST, Attorney

KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

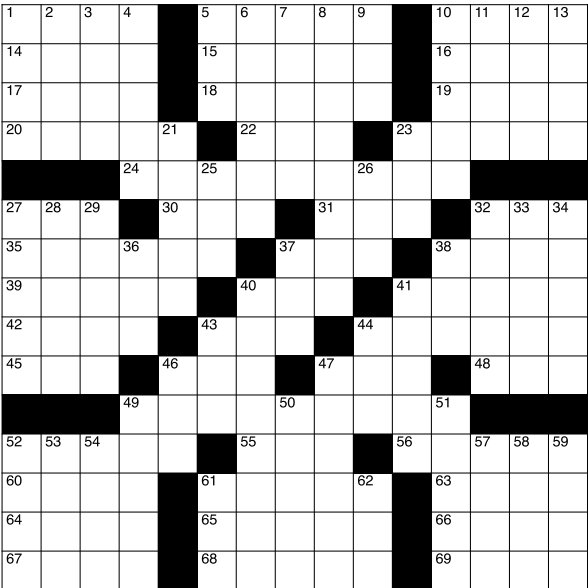
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Weekly Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Mongolian city ___ Bator
 - 5. Coconut palms
 - 10. Rounded knob
 - 14. Japanese city
 - 15. Type of sandwiches
 - 16. A type of shape
 - 17. Son of Shem
 - 18. French modernist painter
 - 19. Grandmother
 - 20. Mammary gland of female cattle
 - 22. Hill or rocky peak
 - 23. Secret political clique
 - 24. Songs to one's beloved
 - 27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
 - 30. Father
 - 31. Chinese philosophical principle
 - 32. Restrict the number or amount of
 - 35. Combined into a single entity
 - 37. Brother or sister
 - 38. Evil spirit
 - 39. Materials in the earth's crust
 - 40. Partner to cheese
 - 41. Of the sun
 - 42. Baseball great Ty
 - 43. After B
 - 44. Place to relax on the beach
 - 45. Folk singer DiFranco
 - 46. Partly digested food
 - 47. Small dog breed
 - 48. Japanese honorific
 - 49. Salts
 - 52. Beard moss genus
 - 55. Mountain pass
 - 56. Type of sword
 - 60. Albanian language
 - 61. Metric weight unit
 - 63. Italian Seaport
 - 64. Longtime late night host
 - 65. Extremely angry
 - 66. Wading bird
 - 67. Days in mid-month
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Two-toed sloth
 - 2. Cooking ingredient
 - 3. Iranian city
 - 4. Accuses
 - 5. Corrie
 - 6. Delivered a speech
 - 7. Collection of sacred books
 - 8. Theatrical
 - 9. Very fast airplane
 - 10. Arm bones
 - 11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 12. ___ fide: legit
 - 13. Gemstone
 - 21. Counsels
 - 23. Corporate bigwig
 - 25. Cool!
 - 26. Touch lightly
 - 27. Small Milky Way constellation
 - 28. Satirical website
 - 29. Border lines
 - 32. Soft drinks
 - 33. Capital of Guam
 - 34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
 - 36. Bar bill
 - 37. Car mechanics group
 - 38. Notable Bill Murray character
 - 40. Health care for the aged
 - 41. Gurus
 - 43. A passage with access only at one end
 - 44. Reduce
 - 46. Spy organization
 - 47. The upper surface of the mouth
 - 49. Plants of the lily family
 - 50. Type of reef
 - 51. Oral polio vaccine developer
 - 52. Mottled citrus fruit
 - 53. Lose
 - 54. Former Brazilian NBAer
 - 57. Baseball great Ruth
 - 58. ___ Clapton, musician
 - 59. Chance
 - 61. Spanish soldier
 - 62. CNN's founder



68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part
- See solution in next week's edition.

What A Bargain Word Search

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THIS DAY IN...



- HISTORY**
- 1839: THE UNITED KINGDOM CAPTURES HONG KONG AS A BASE AS IT PREPARES FOR THE FIRST OPIUM WAR WITH QUING CHINA.
 - 1904: THE AUTOMOBILE TIRE CHAIN IS PATENTED.
 - 1966: LUNAR ORBITER 1 TAKES THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF EARTH FROM ORBIT AROUND THE MOON.

SUDOKU

WEEK 34

		4			1	2		
		2		3	8			
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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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See solution in next week's edition.



- Solve the code to discover words related to bargain hunting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = O)
- A. 19 23 12 10**
Clue: Lowered price event
- B. 7 6 19 5 13 18 1 24**
Clue: Money off
- C. 7 10 23 12**
Clue: Good purchase price
- D. 5 13 18 25 13 1**
Clue: Clip it to save money

Answers: A. side B. discount C. deal D. coupon

LETTER MIX-UP

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

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- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
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- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?

Answer: Darkness

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to bargains.

LUEVA

Answer: Value

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Australia on August 23, 1949. I grew up between Australia and London due to my father's military career. I learned to play guitar at age 13, and achieved rock stardom in the early 1980s with several top 10 hits. I also played a doctor on a popular soap opera for some time.

Answer: Rick Springfield

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 33 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 33

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

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Rebels Roll, War Eagles Fall at Jamboree

BY BRAD SAM
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PARIS (August 16) — Henry County High School hosted its annual football jamboree Friday at Patriot Stadium with the McKenzie and West Carroll teams participating as usual.

The War Eagles faced the Dresden Lions to open the event, falling 21-0.

The Rebels then faced the Stewart County Rebels, dominating for a 30-0 win.

Dresden Lions 21, West Carroll War Eagles 0

Dresden took the first possession, starting at their own 20 (the jamboree forgoes kickoffs). Lion Aiden Carrington had five straight carries followed by a 23-yard touchdown catch from Bruce Willis. The kick by Colton Hendrickson was good, and the Lions led 7-0 with nine minutes to play in the first of two 12-minute halves.

War Eagle Jaden Milton started the West Carroll drive with a 12-yard run. Mason Taylor followed for eight yards, and a Dresden penalty moved the chains. The drive stalled there, and Taylor punted from midfield.

A Lion penalty on the punt pushed the ball back to the 13, but three big pass plays put Dresden in the end zone again. Another kick made it 14-0 two minutes before the break.

The War Eagles went three-and-out as the half ended, punting on the first play of the second.

The Lions scored on seven plays, led again by Carrington and Willis. Hendrickson's kick gave Dresden a 21-0 lead early in the second half.

West Carroll earned a first down on their final possession, but couldn't convert a second time.

Dresden ran out the remainder of the clock with a pair of first downs to seal the 21-0 win.

McKenzie Rebels 30, Stewart County Rebels 0

McKenzie set the tone immediately with an 80-yard touchdown run by Colt Norden. A kick by Skyler Fornera made it 7-0 just 15 seconds into the contest.

Stewart County earned a first down, but a pair of penalties and a stingy

McKenzie defense made it fourth-and-long.

After the punt, McKenzie took over at their own 45. Quarterback Tate Surber threw deep to Cole Brown, but Stewart County was called for pass interference and a 15-yard penalty. Surber tossed to Norden for six yards, but McKenzie fumbled the ball away on the next play.

Taking over at their 39, Stewart County lost yard on two plays before a pass by Anthony Bisogno was intercepted by Cole Brown.

McKenzie's Timmy Arline had back-to-back first down runs of 39 and 17 yards for a first-and-goal at the 3. He gained two, then Surber kept for the one-yard touchdown. Fornera's kick was good for a 14-0 McKenzie lead with just over four minutes remaining in the first half.

Stewart County started their drive strong with a 22-yard pass from Bisogno to Benn Hendricks, but were soon forced to punt again.

McKenzie started with an incomplete pass by Surber, but Cole Brown found an opening for a 58-yard touchdown run. Fornera remained perfect, and the lead was 21-0 with two minutes left in the first half.

Another Stewart County three-and-out left McKenzie enough time for another 58-yard touchdown, this time by Arline. Fornera made it 28-0 with 15 seconds on the clock.

Stewart County ran one play before the break, then completed another three-and-out to start the second half.

McKenzie began substituting heavily. A few penalties doomed the drive and led to a punt.

Two consecutive bad snaps by Stewart County resulted in a safety as McKenzie's Khamari Coleman and Shane Barrick swarmed the end zone. McKenzie led 30-0 halfway through the final frame.

The teams each went three-and-out before McKenzie took a knee twice to run out the final minute.

The regular season begins Friday as McKenzie travels to Huntingdon while West Carroll hosts Gibson County. Games kick off at 7 p.m.



Top Left, Rebel Timmy Arline shook these two and many other defenders en route to a 58-yard touchdown. Top Right, Rebel Colt Norden set the tone with an 80-yard touchdown run on the first play of the game. Above Left, Rebels Khamari Coleman (76) and Shane Barrick (50) swarm the Stewart County quarterback in the end zone for a safety. Above Right, War Eagle Zach Hames finds space for a large gain. Below Left, Rebel Cole Brown hauls in an interception on a deep pass by Stewart County. Below Right, War Eagle Amaire Kelley makes a tackle for a loss. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Rebel Seth Stafford scores on a 46-yard reception on the second play of the game. Center, Rebel Jaden Blanton makes a catch in the red zone to set up McKenzie's second touchdown. Right, Rebel Cayden Gordon strips the ball from Patriot Barrett Snow, leading to a McKenzie touchdown. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Rebels Rout Henry County Patriots, 38-12

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PARIS (August 15) — The McKenzie Middle School Rebels traveled Thursday to face the Henry County Patriots at Barton Field. The Rebels set the tone early and built a big lead in the second quarter en route to a 38-12 victory.

The Patriots won the coin toss but deferred possession to the second half.

A short kick set the Rebels up at their own 45. Dawson Reeder took a handoff nine yards across midfield on the first snap, then quarterback Parker Ross threw to Seth Stafford for a 46-yard touchdown. Ross kept for two points, and McKenzie led 8-0 less than a minute into the contest.

Henry County started their first drive at their own 32. Zane Carter

ran for nine on first down, but a false start and a deflected snap doomed the possession to a three-and-out. Barrett Snow's punt was downed by Reeder at midfield.

After a five-yard penalty, Ross and Reeder ran back-to-back to move the chains. The Rebels quickly faced a fourth-and-one deep in Patriot territory, but Ross plowed forward on a sneak for eleven yards. Next, he threw to Jaden Blanton and then to Reeder for a five-yard touchdown. Ross ran it in for two, and McKenzie led 16-0 with less than a minute left in the first frame.

Carson Braham made a good return for Henry County, and the Patriots moved the ball well to finish the first quarter and start the second. A seven-play drive culminated in a 21-yard touchdown run by Braham. A fumble doomed the two-point conversion, but Henry

County cut the deficit to 16-6 with five minutes left in the half.

A penalty at the end of the touchdown run allowed the Patriots to kick from the Rebel 45, starting McKenzie deep at the 18. Reeder ran for eight, then Ross scooped up a misplayed snap and scrambled for 29 yards. A pass to Lane Brown and two carries by Bryson Smith resulted in another Rebel score. Parker hit Cayden Gordon for two points, and McKenzie led 24-6 with just under three minutes remaining in the half.

Henry County started near midfield with a keeper by quarterback Theo Kenworthy for eight yards. On second down, Snow had the ball stripped by Gordon, who ran all the way back to the 23 before Snow made the stop.

Ross kept the first snap and took it all the way, but a flag negated

the score. Two passes to Reeder set up first-and-goal, and Smith finished the drive with a ten-yard touchdown. Ross's two-point pass fell incomplete, but the Rebel lead was 30-6 with half a minute on the clock.

The Patriots managed two plays, but Kenworthy's pass was picked off by Stafford as time expired. At the half, McKenzie led 30-6.

Henry County started deep but ran the ball well to start the second half before ultimately turning it over on downs at the Rebel 35.

McKenzie ran four plays resulting in two first downs to run out the third quarter. Stafford took over under center for the fourth, keeping for 16 yards on his first snap. Zack Lewis lost a yard on first-and-goal, but broke a couple of tackles on the second try for a five-yard score. Stafford kept for two, and the Rebels

led 38-6 early in the final frame.

The Patriots started the next drive at their 37. Kenworthy was stopped for no gain, then Easton Aaron broke loose for a 63-yard touchdown. The two-point try was stopped, and McKenzie still led, 38-12.

The Rebels went three-and-out and punted, but Henry County immediately turned it over on a high snap.

McKenzie again failed to move the chains, and turned the ball over on downs with under a minute to play.

The Patriots managed two plays before time expired.

The 38-12 win moves the Rebels to 2-0 on the season.

The team travels to Humboldt Thursday.

Friday Night Lights: All Eyes on McKenzie-Huntingdon Showdown

Buckle up, football fans! The ultimate small-town showdown is about to explode onto the gridiron as the McKenzie Rebels and Huntingdon Mustangs clash in their 95th battle. Though classifications may have changed, the feud between McKenzie and Huntingdon burns hotter than ever. This isn't just a game; it's a battle for county supremacy.

The Mustangs host the Rebels this year at Paul Ward Stadium, and it promises to be a heck of a game. Huntingdon leads the series 67-26-1. Since becoming the opening game of the season, the Rebels lead the series 4-3. Huntingdon has wins in 2017 (34-0), 2018 (49-19) and 2019 (31-22) while McKenzie won 2020 (31-22), 2021 (46-28), 2022 (34-12) and 2023 (28-12).

Loaded with seasoned seniors and battle-hardened juniors, both the Rebels and Mustangs are primed for gridiron action. Seniors for McKenzie include: Skyler Fornera, Martez Teague, Gage Crosland, Barry Swalley, Colt Norden, Tate Surber, Landon Brown, Guillermo Hickman, Samuel Calderon, Craegen Travis, Aden Heath, KD Cunningham, Jacob Smith and Trey Gilbert.

Seniors for Huntingdon include: Meal Leavitt, Gabe Smothers, Gray Eubanks, Wesley Williams, Brady Warbritton, Aiden Hilliard, Easton Byars, Braylon

Rich, Dante Pearson and Rayshawn Parker.

All-State Honors were to McKenzie's Colt Norden and Huntingdon's Gray Eubanks. Looking at last season's records and results, both teams were very impressive. The Mustangs went 11-2 advancing to the quarterfinal round of the TSSAA playoffs ultimately losing to the state champion Riverside Panthers (24-7). Huntingdon knocked off Milan (49-20) and Waverly (62-0).

The Rebels advanced to the state championship round for the third consecutive year only to fall short against perennial winner South Pittsburg. McKenzie went 13-2 on the season with its only regular season loss to Dresden (42) in week two. In the postseason, the Rebels took out Cornersville (31-14), Collinwood (43-0), Moore County (28-27) and Dresden (25-14) before taking silver against South Pitt (14-7).

Several prognosticators across the state predicted a fourth consecutive state championship appearance run for the Rebels and of course South Pitt is picked to represent that other portion of the state in 1A. As for Class 2A a deep run in the playoffs and possible a championship berth is on the horizon for Huntingdon in 2024.

McKenzie is led by first year Rebel Head Coach



Above, the 2024 McKenzie High School Rebels. Below, the 2024 Huntingdon High School Mustangs. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Keith Hodge. Coach Hodge was the head coach at Dresden High School (2021-2023, 2009-2013) and Murray High School (2014-2021). Coach Hodge has had several other assistant coaching stints during his 19-year career.

He is joined by Trey Cantrell, Austin Chapman, Ben Carter, Merritt Spence,

David Duncan, Kentrell Diggs, Randy Thomas and Chris Wall.

The Mustangs are led by Head Coach Eric Swenson. Coach Swenson boasts 151 wins in his tenure as the head coach at Huntingdon. Previously, he was the head coach at Hickman County along with assistant stints at

West Carroll and Huntingdon. His assistants are Robbie Miller, Jake Warbritton, Alan Eubanks, Adam Parish, Bryan Dickens and Rick Wallace.

Beyond the outcome of this year's game, the legacy of this rivalry will continue to shape the lives of countless students and commu-

nity members. As the teams take the field, they carry with them the hopes and dreams of generations past. And while only one team can emerge victorious on Friday night, the true winners will be the fans who experience the magic of high school football at its finest. Game time is 7 p.m.



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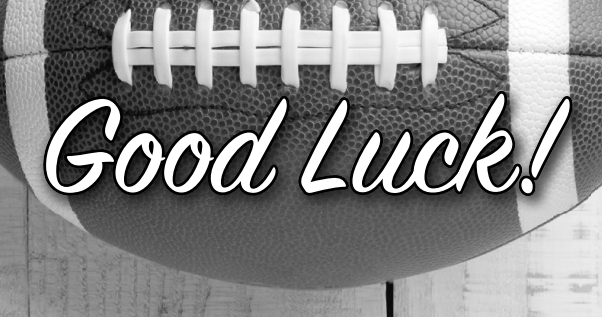
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McKenzie City Florist & More

A Family's Legacy of Service

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE — On one corner of downtown Veterans Park stands a monument to a local fallen soldier and the men who served alongside him.

Just a few feet down the street at 17 Broadway stands a different sort of monument.

McKenzie City Florist & More represents a legacy of service started by one of those men and his family, a legacy still being realized by that family and now, another one of those men.

When the late Master Sergeant David Jarrett retired from the National Guard after 30 years of service in 2018, he knew he wanted to continue to serve his community. His widow, Michele, told The Banner, “We lived here [almost] all of our lives, and he wanted to do something that would serve McKenzie and give back to the community. Through all the deployments, the community has been so good to us, and he felt like it was something he could do in retirement.”

He completed a program called Boots to Business to learn how to operate a small business, and he and Michele settled on purchasing the existing City Florist in McKenzie. “He knew I liked to be creative, and I love doing that stuff. He bought me a florist instead of buying me a dozen roses.”

They almost immediately began a move from Waldren Street to a new, larger location on Cedar, because David had bigger aspirations for the business. “He wanted to expand it. He liked the idea of having several things under one roof. He wanted to move over there and add the coffee bar.”

Besides the coffee bar, the shop would expand the gift



(L to R): Zach Jarrett with wife Carson and daughter Andi, Michele Jarrett and Steve Love, and Morgan (Jarrett) Richards with husband, Drake, and son, Reed. Not pictured is Evan Jarrett. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

shop, offer tuxedo rentals and wedding-related services, and offer lunches and pastries with help from local partners.

Truly a family business, the Jarretts’ three children, Morgan, Zach and Evan, as well as many extended family members, have been heavily involved.

Besides unwavering family support, Kim Chapman has been the shop’s full-time florist not just since the Jarretts took over, but for many years prior in the previous iteration of City Florist.

That deep roster of support would become vital in the difficult times ahead.

In April 2020, David was diagnosed with brain cancer, a battle that would end in April 2021.

The loss left Michele and the family with a difficult decision. “I had to step away for a little bit. And I had good employees who took care of everything and kept it running. Without them, we would have just closed down.”

Ultimately, she decided to carry on. “I really kind of felt like I owed it to him. I felt like this is something he started, and it was his

legacy. So I really felt like it was something I needed to keep going for him. It would have been easy just to say, ‘let’s get rid of it.’

So McKenzie City Florist & More endured, although there have been more changes. About a year ago, the shop made another move to the current location on Broadway. They had streamlined their offerings and were more suited to a smaller space. “And I love this building. It’s gorgeous. Who wouldn’t want to be in this building? It’s beautiful, with the exposed brick. And eventually it would be nice to do something with the upstairs.”

Besides the full-service florist, gift shop and coffee bar, the business recently added another service as a shipping and drop-off point for UPS.

And in a month’s time, it will once again be a veteran-owned business when Michele marries Steve Love. Lt. Col. Love was deployed with David in 2005 and they developed a close friendship. “He was my best friend,” Love told The Banner. “I knew Michele and the family, and for that

whole time we kept in touch with each other, especially through [David’s] sickness.”

Love and Michele reconnected last year, and he came to see the florist as it moved to Broadway. The pair began dating soon after.

Love was always a confidant for David on the business and even helped with construction in the move to Cedar.

“And then when he passed, it was hard for everybody, and I wanted to help somehow. But there was not much I could do because I was living in Murfreesboro at the time. But as she got this place fixed up and then we started dating, I just wanted to dig in and kind of fight for Dave, and for Michele, because she was struggling with doing things that she didn’t have to do before that Dave did. And I’m not a business man, but I know some of the ideas he had and the direction he wanted to go. I’m trying to reinstall that as best I can.”

McKenzie City Florist & More is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dr. Adam Douglas Named Principal At West Carroll Junior Senior High

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Dr. Adam Douglas is the new principal at West Carroll Junior Senior High School.

Douglas received the news on the last day of July and hit the ground running as the return of students was quickly approaching.

He is a 2012 graduate of McKenzie High School and a 2017 graduate of Bethel University. He achieved his Masters at Union University in 2020 and his doctorate (in Educational Leadership) in 2024 from ETSU.

“It all kind of lined up,” he told The Banner. “One of the biggest things I’m very thankful for is, I graduated in Carroll County and now I’m serving Carroll County.”

This is his seventh year at West Carroll. He was an aide in Huntingdon, then taught English in Humboldt before his arrival. He taught at his current post for three years before serving as assistant principal for the last three.

Douglas turns 30 this week. “I know I’m young. There’s not a lot of people where I am at right now. I’m really blessed. And I have a great support system and a great staff.”

He noted the truncated time frame he faced to implement his vision as principal. “Usually when you get in these positions you have a 30-, 60-, 90-day, year plan. Well I didn’t have that luxury, so I skipped all that [and went with a 100-day plan].”

“My biggest thing is creating the culture and the expectations. Getting test scores where they need to be. Getting people where they need to be. Developing relationships. Making sure our school is safe... Being really purposeful in everything we do. A culture of ‘we over me.’

He said he wants to turn



Dr. Adam Douglas, new principal at West Carroll Junior Senior High School. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

West Carroll into “a powerhouse in academics and all the other stuff.”

He asked, “Why not us? I think we have to start slowly and make sure the foundation is set. We’re here to teach the children, make sure they become good citizens in the community.”

He identified his biggest goal: become a Level 5 school again. “I want to get back on the map of academics.”

Another goal is to let the students have a voice. “I’ve created a leadership council with my top teachers, and one of them is spearheading a student council.” He plans to have lunches with the council to hear them and to have them attend board meetings to see how policy that affects them is made.

He credits his late grandfather, Sigfried Dietz, a professor at UT Knoxville, with instilling education in him and making him want to be an educator.

Douglas resides in Huntingdon with wife, Kelly, and daughter, Sofia, who turns two this week. Kelly is a physician assistant with Evans Clinic who makes rounds to schools in the county to serve both students and staff.

Carroll County Fair Tiny Tots Pageant



1. Girls Under Six Months (L to R): Third Maid Oakley Moore, three months, daughter of Rylee Holladay and Johnathan Moore; First Maid Vallie Rose Williams, five months, daughter of Savannah and Josh Williams; Queen Sunny Brooke Thompson, four months, daughter of Clay and Tyler Brook Thompson; Second Maid Layla Collins, three months, daughter of Devan and James Collins; Fourth Maid (tie) Ryleigh Mae Kee, two months, daughter of Ryan and Amber Kee; and Fourth Maid (tie) Grace Ezell, two months, daughter of Emily and Spencer Ezell. 2. Girls 6-11 Months (L to R): Third Maid Leighton Gallimore, six months, daughter of Heath and Mary-Ashton Gallimore; First Maid Mary-Helen Foster, seven months, daughter of Nick and Lindsey Foster; Queen Marlie McMinn, eight months, daughter of Kolton and Torri McMinn; Second Maid Oaklee Faye Walton, nine months, daughter of Breanna Moon and Tanner Walton; Fourth Maid (tie) Blakely Kate Thomas, nine months, daughter of Irelan and Hunter Thomas; and Fourth Maid (tie) Adryanna Knight, ten months, daughter of Da'Shaun Knight and Kamiya Williams. 3. Girls 12-23 Months (L to R): Third Maid Skylin Leigh McDaniel, 14 months, daughter of Travis and Lindsey McDaniel; First Maid Andi Kathryn Bennett, 18 months, daughter of Austin and Nicki Bennett; Queen Neely Jaymes Johnson, 18 months, daughter of Trey and Kelli Johnson; Second Maid Emery Gene Coleman, 21 months, daughter of Madison and Bryant Coleman; and Fourth Maid Paislee Knox Gowan, 16 months, daughter of Ian and Brittany Gowan. 4. Girls 2-3 Years (L to R): Third Maid Leighton Grace Ezell, three, daughter of Hayley and Cody Ezell; First Maid Brynlee Duncan, three, daughter of Devan and James Collins; Queen Kinsey Prater, two, daughter of Austin and Alexis Prater; Second Maid Georgia Gibson, two, daughter of Taylor and Rumor Gibson; and Fourth Maid (tie) Ella Rae Reynolds, three, daughter of Rob and Payton Reynolds. 5. Girls 2-3 Years Fourth Maid (tie) Piper Lyn McMackin, three, daughter of Justin and Valarie McMackin. 6. Boys Under Six Months (L to R): First Page Spencer Kole Moon, two weeks, son of Katey and Gage Moon; and King Gunner Gibson, four months, son of Taylor and Rumor Gibson. 7. Boys 6-11 Months (L to R): Third Page Riot Lee Moore, six months, son of Santanna Moore; First Page Tanner Neely, eight months, son of Tyler Neely and Marisa Nunnery; King Cason Reed, ten months, son of Matt and Whitley Reed; and Second Page Collin Jones, nine months, son of Macy Jones and Benjamin Leverette. 8. Boys 12-23 Months (L to R): First Page Colton Parker, 22 months, son of Jazzlyn Ray and Daniel Parker; King Denver Mitchell, 20 months, son of Ashton Mitchell and Rachel Webb; and Second Page Sanquan Harris, 16 months, son of Porshea Simmons and Phillip Harris. 9. Boys 2-3 Years (L to R): First Page Taytum Brown, two, son of Rebecca Farrar and Nicky Brown; and King Lyndel Kee, two, son of Amber and Ryan Kee. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner