

Trezevant Board Discusses Traffic, Water Bill Concerns

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TREZEVANT (September 10) — The Trezevant town council met Tuesday with a light agenda. Discussion mostly paved the way for action in the coming months on several issues including fire department pay, drug policy, traffic concerns and the reading of water meters.

Mayor Bobby Blaylock was resolute that, beginning next month, water meters would be read within the first two days of the month. He said meters were not always being read in a timely manner, and that it was leading to some citizens paying more than they should. He explained if a customer uses close to the minimum billable amount each month, a reading covering extra days one month would result in the customer paying more than the minimum amount. In his example, if the next month the meter is read earlier, the customer must still pay at least the minimum amount. The result is the customer paying more than the minimum over the two-month period despite using less than the minimum in each billing cycle.

Board members discussed raising fire department compensation, which is currently \$25 per meeting or incident attended. Mayor Blaylock asked that the town find out rates in surrounding towns before setting the new pay rate.

A motion was made and approved to have Town Attorney Charles Trotter prepare a new drug policy for the town's employees based on the policy suggested by MTAS, which Trotter described at the August meeting as robust and thorough and as providing greater protections for all parties involved.

A second and final reading was approved on budget amendments reflecting minor last-minute adjustments to the fiscal year 2025 budget before it is submitted to the state.

Aldermen discussed the terms of an ad seeking a new city recorder/court clerk in anticipation of Kathy Edwards' retirement early next year. Duties include keeping the town's records, attending all town meetings, acting as the tax collector for the town and acting as the court clerk under the instruction of the town judge. The ad will offer pay starting at \$14.50

per hour or higher based on experience.

Discussion was held on increasing safety at the four-way stop in town by possibly adding a flashing light or rumble strips. The town would be responsible for funding any such endeavor as the state only provides signage for the four-way stop.

The meeting adjourned after 42 minutes, but two citizens in attendance initiated discussions with the board immediately following the adjournment.

Roxanne Young voiced her concerns about the lack of a crossing guard in front of West Carroll Elementary School. In recent years, the school had provided a guard, but Young said the school informed her the town was responsible. The mayor and board expressed their intention to communicate with school officials to resolve the matter.

Rita Galloway expressed urgency for the town to hire additional police officers. Alderman Don Barger, the police department liaison, stated that the town was attempting to acquire another patrol vehicle and hire a part-time officer.



Above, Presenters and organizers of 2024 Relay For Life (L to R): Co-Chair Jennifer Horton, master of ceremonies Carl Byars, National Anthem singer Nicole Todd and Co-Chair Michelle Tucker. Below, The Bethel Renaissance Bluegrass Band performed on the civic center stage. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



West Carroll School Launches Career Awareness Program

West Carroll Jr/Sr High School launched a new program aimed at enhancing career awareness among its 9th and 10th-grade students. Each Wednesday, students enrolled in the Career Exploration and Advising class have the opportunity to learn about various professions from community members and alumni.

Mary Beth Dunagan, the program coordinator, explained that the initiative was designed to help students explore different paths after high school. "We started this activity this year to provide insights into various careers," she said.

Throughout the school year, a diverse lineup of speakers will cover fields ranging from cosmetology to agriculture, and marketing to medicine. These professionals share valuable information about educational requirements, daily responsibilities, and how students can get in-



Centennial Bank Representative, Mandy Bryant, speaks to West Carroll High School students about the banking industry.

volved in their chosen fields.

Dunagan expressed gratitude for the administration's support in facilitating these guest speakers, noting, "I believe it has been eye-opening for several of our students."

The Career Exploration and Advising class is a

year-long course at West Carroll Jr/Sr High School, designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of potential career options.

Professionals interested in sharing their career experiences with students are encouraged to contact Dunagan at mary.dunagan@wcssd.org.

Leadership Carroll County Program Underway

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Carroll County (LCC) is an annual program for business leaders consisting of nine sessions and a community service project.

The sessions include information on health care, government operations, education, county demographics, economic development, agriculture, professional development and more.

Natalie Porter, Chair of the LCC program, said, "The goal of the Leadership Carroll County program is to provide our participants with information about the life and work of Carroll County and to identify the issues, challenges, and opportunities that our county will face in the coming years."

Leadership Carroll County is comprised of nine members representing businesses all over Carroll County:

Drew Beeler is the owner of Hometown Hangout

and has resided in McKenzie for 22 years. Drew is also attending the University of Memphis.

Hannah Belew is the senior HR generalist at Granges and resides in Huntingdon. She is also a member of the West TN SHRM and attended Freed-Hardeman University.

Kayla Boyd is from Huntingdon and is a customer services coordinator at Granges. She hopes to learn more about the daily work in Carroll County.

Jordan Allen is from Huntingdon and is a controller at Carroll Bank and Trust.

Chris Finley lives in Bruceton and is principal of Hollow-Rock Bruceton Central High School and head coach of the boys' basketball team.

Natalie McMasters is director of the Carroll County Civic Center and resides in Huntingdon. She is a member of Huntingdon First Baptist Church and coaches Huntingdon Soft-

ball League.

A.J. Maxwell lives in McKenzie and is a senior survey technician at L.I. Smith and Associates. He serves on the McKenzie Planning Commission and has been in the Tennessee Army National Guard for six years.

Beth Smothers works at Life Care Center as an admissions director and is from Camden. She is also the secretary at Faith Driven Ministries.

Nathan Wallace is the assistant principal at Huntingdon Middle School. He is also a deacon at Huntingdon Church of Christ.

The Chamber of Commerce has operated leadership programs since 1990. Approximately 1,010 individuals have gone through both the Adult and Youth Leadership programs. The leadership sessions are an excellent opportunity to network with class members and presenters.

Relay For Life Night Raises \$24,265

Event Brings 2024 Total to \$47,389

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HUNTINGDON (September 7) — Carroll County Relay For Life held its annual main event Saturday at the Carroll County Civic Center, raising \$24,264.59 for the American Cancer Society from sponsorships, donations and team deposits.

Combined with proceeds from other events throughout the year, such as the Cancer Bake Auction and the celebrity waiter dinner, the Carroll County organization has raised \$47,388.59 so far.

The theme for 2024 was "Superheroes for Hope."

Co-Chairs for the event were Jennifer Horton and Michelle Tucker. Carl Byars served as master of ceremonies. Nicole Todd performed the National Anthem, and Horton delivered an opening prayer. A moment of silence was also held in honor of loved ones with cancer.

Honorary Chair Cliff Sturdivant spoke about his journey with cancer, from his diagnosis to treatment, and how it has and continues to affect his life. He closed with a plea to all to get screened yearly for the best chance of early detection.

Entertainment inside the civic center began with the Bethel Renaissance Bluegrass Band and continued with Cherrywine 451.

During the evening, survivors were recognized and invited to participate in a lap. Then, luminaries were lit, and a silent lap was held.



Carroll County Sheriff Andy Dickson makes a splash after a bullseye at the dunking booth. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

At the end of the night, teams and sponsors were recognized for their contributions.

Teams and their offerings included:

- AHC McKenzie — Hair tinsel, face and nail painting.
- Baptist Memorial Hospital — Ribeye sandwiches, pirate ship jumper and dunking booth.
- Carroll Bank & Trust — Free bottled water.
- Davis Chapel Church — BBQ nachos, children's superhero merchandise and Tennessee football viewing.
- Hexpol — Grilled hotdogs.
- Holy Cross Catholic Church — Funnel cakes.
- Huntingdon Health & Rehab — Popcorn and pretzel

bites.

- Rich Family — BBQ Bologna and pecan tassies.
- Tosh Farms — Pork tenderloin sandwiches.

Sponsors included: Bethel University, Carroll Bank & Trust, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County, Centennial Bank, Huntingdon Animal Clinic, City of Clarksburg, Allegion, Espey Oil Co., Life Care Center of Bruceton, Watson Lumber Company, Cherrywine 451, King Law Office, Nicholson Eye Center, Santos Family, Spivey Eye Clinic, Taylor Real Estate, Carroll Lake Golf Course, Massage by Brenna, Pepsi MidAmerica — Ricky Price and Regions Bank.

Rotary Learns About TnAchieves

Ben Sterling with TnAchieves spoke to the Rotary Club of McKenzie on September 10 concerning mentorship of high school seniors as they prepare for post-secondary educational opportunities.

First-generation college students often need some guidance as they enter college. Mr. Sterling said the mentoring program helps students maneuver the steps of seeking financial aid and be the on-to-person for many things first-year students encounter.

The program assists 90,000 students annually, 90 percent of which are high school seniors.

The program needs 5,000 mentors by November 15.

Each mentor has to register, select a preferred high school, and complete an



Ben Sterling with TnAchieves and Christy Williams, president of McKenzie Rotary Club.

in-person meeting. Each mentor is assigned 2-3 students to mentor. The mentoring program helps

assure students have a successful transition from high school to post-secondary education.

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is beginning to take shape. According to the lease agreement, Med-Trans will provide the county with a monthly \$3,000 payment. Additionally, the medical group plans to construct a hangar that would include housing/living quarters for its employees on call and other renovations at no cost to the county.

In July 2023, the Med-Trans/Hospital Wing held a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of what was to be their home base at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Carroll County. At the time, the Baptist Hospital base would have served as a daytime-only base. Due to the lack of a hangar, each day, weather permitting, crews started the morning at the Selmer base and flew to Huntingdon.

A pilot, flight nurse and flight paramedic manned the Airbus EC130 helicopter stationed at the local hospital. Each aircraft is equipped with blood, plasma, IVs, ul-



The ground clearing along with grading and the placement of housing has begun at the Hospital Wing air base located at the Carroll County Airport in McKenzie. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

trasound, and other medical equipment. At the end of the day, the helicopter along with its crew would then be flown back to Selmer.

With the construction of the hangar and base at the airport in McKenzie, this move will provide Carroll County with around-the-clock air ambulance service.

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 out-

comes. Med-Trans offers customized air ambulance programs through alternative delivery/shared resource models, community-based models or traditional hospital-based models.

The air ambulance is part of the emergency network supporting local hospitals and first responders. Flights to Memphis or Nashville can be just over 20 minutes compared to two hours via ground transportation. Subscriptions are available to lessen the cost of air transportation.

An exact timetable has not been released for the completion of the airbase.

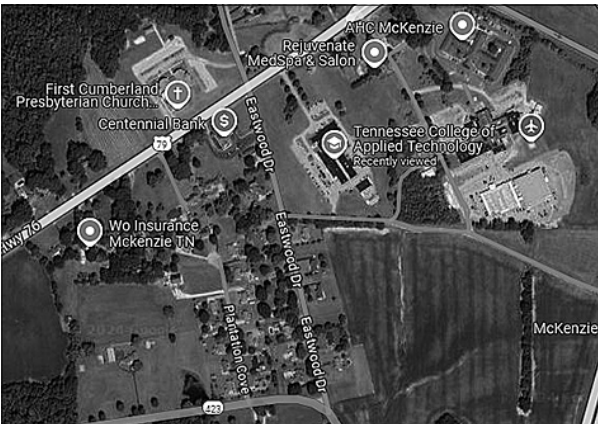
Council

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have two inches of new asphalt. It was noted that streets are graded on a scale in need of resurfacing. While David Street was said to be one of the worst on the list in need of resurfacing Eastwood Dr. was moved to the forefront. The reason is that David Street is scheduled for pending sewer rehabilitation and possible water cuts. The estimated cost of resurfacing David Street is \$250,000.

In other business, the Council approved Ordinance 570 for the Revision of the Adopted Fence Requirements. 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



The map depicts the area to be resurfaced.

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 damaged then it would have to be replaced to meet the ordinance requirements. Repairs to a non-compliant fence are subject to the question of what degree of repair is necessary and is to be determined by the codes officer. Under department re-

ports, mention was made of the Sweet Tea Festival and the work of the Parks Department along with other departments to make the festival happen. Fire Chief Brian Tucker stated the Fire Department received 65 calls in August. 37 of the calls were medical-based. In the Codes report, it was noted that 27 violation notices were issued; two properties were deemed condemnable with two additional properties working on the appeals process.

McKenzie property owners should be receiving their tax notices by mail starting in October.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is scheduled for October 10 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

Martin

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Shelley Simpson to their team in 2021. Again, in 2023, they furthered their ability to care for their community, merging with Drs. Allan and Amber Douglas of Camden, long-time friends and Dr. Brock's high school mentors who inspired him to pursue chiropractic.

From their earliest days in practice, Dr. Brock sought to serve through leadership, participating in WestStar, the Delta Leadership Institute, on the Bethel University Board of Trustees, among others, all earning him recognition in the Jackson Sun's 40 Under 40. In addition, the Martins' steady Gold Membership in the TCA and contributions to the TCA PAC and Eagle Society have greatly supported their profession. Their combined gifts of volunteerism through professional board and committee roles, including Dr. Brock's tenure as TCA President,

have been invaluable to the profession and the patients served across Tennessee.

His many years of dedicated advocacy earned Dr. Brock the prestigious Statesman of the Year Award from U.S. Congressman David Kustoff in 2021. It also fostered strong relationships that ultimately led to the endorsement of former State Representative Curtis Halford and his successful campaign to be elected State Representative for District 79. This marked a historic win for his profession, as it had been nearly 40 years since a chiropractic physician last served in the TN General Assembly. His expertise earned him the rare honor of a vice-chair committee role and his leadership secured several legislative successes benefiting Tennesseans in his first term.

"I credit Dr. Krista for making each success possible," said Dr. Brock during their acceptance of the honor, noting all she does to seamlessly balance her roles of First Lady of District

79, wife, mother and partner in their busy growing practice.

Dr. Krista added, "We have an amazing team who have continued to embrace our ideas and roll with the changes. Without them, it would have been impossible to move into the roles we have now. They work hard but have fun in and out of the office. They have been the true dream team!"

The Martins were honored by their peers at the Southern Chiropractic Conference* hosted by TCA held on August 24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro, TN and a special video presentation is also featured on the TCA's YouTube channel (@TNChiroAssoc).

The TCA, a professional organization composed of doctors of chiropractic since 1935, is a dynamic advocate for chiropractic physicians whose conservative care contributes to the health and well-being of Tennessee. For more information about the TCA, visit www.TNChiro.com.

Townes

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I have been employed with EW James & Sons for 46 years and have served as assistant manager in various locations, prior to returning to the McKenzie store. Additionally, I have owned my lawn care service for 30 years where I

have taken care of several residents in the McKenzie area and other nearby communities.

I am married to Cheryl Oglesby-Townes, and we have three children: Jessie, Jr., Samantha, and Breonna. I am most proud to be "Papa" to six grandchildren: Serenity, Milania, Emery, Ivy, Ava, and Nova.

If you are not registered to vote, I encourage you to

get registered and exercise your rights. Your Vote Does Count!

It has been my pleasure to serve this city, and I look forward to continuing to serve YOU...the People of this community! I humbly ask for your continued support and your vote on November 5!

Thank you!

Webb School Presents 'Building a Bright Future: Black Communities and Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee'

New Exhibit Focuses on the Development, Legacies of Rosenwald Schools in the State

McKENZIE — Every Tuesday and Saturday from September 17 to November 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Webb High School presents Building a Bright Future: Black Communities and Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee, a new traveling exhibition created by the Tennessee State Museum in partnership with The John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library at Fisk University

The exhibition traces the history of education for Black Tennesseans from the Reconstruction period, through the development of the Rosenwald program and into the present day.

Prior to 1896, few records exist about education for black children in the McKenzie area; usually their education was provided by local churches.

Early in the 20th century, a one-room school was built just outside of town for African American education. One teacher was responsible for teaching all the students in all subjects.

Around the year 1900, due to increased parental involvement, another room and another teacher were added. This complex was known as the Booker T. Washington High School.

In 1920, Professor James L. Seets became principal of Booker T. Washington, to which the Carroll County Training School was added in 1927.

Professor Seets contacted Julius Rosenwald, who was helping schools throughout the South through his humanitarian foundation and secured a donation from the Rosenwald Foundation of \$1,000, a matching \$1,000 was easily raised by the com-

munity, and that \$2,000 financed the construction of four additional rooms. Later, an additional \$8,000 from the Rosenwald Foundation and the McKenzie Community expanded the facility further, including dormitories for students and teachers and two school buses.

What are commonly referred to as Rosenwald Schools were the result of an initial partnership between Sears, Roebuck, and Co. president Julius Rosenwald, Tuskegee Institute president Booker T. Washington and black communities throughout the South. Between 1912-1937, that partnership resulted in the construction of almost 5,000 schools for black children across 15 southern states, including 354 in Tennessee. Rosenwald schools drove improvement in black educational attainment and helped educate the generation who became leaders of the Civil Rights movement.

The traveling exhibition on display at Webb consists of five two-sided panels and includes the engaging stories of alumni and community members from 16 different Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee, including Carroll County.

"TSM and Fisk wanted to build a more diverse and inclusive space for all Tennesseans to learn about and honor the history and legacy of Black education in the state," said Debbie Shaw, Senior Curator of Archaeology at the Tennessee State Museum. "The resilience and perseverance of these black communities as they strived for equal access to education is highlighted

through their work with the Rosenwald School program. The legacy continues today as members from these same groups work toward the preservation of these schools and communities."

"Our teams at the Fisk University John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library and the Forging Future Pathways Forward: Building a Portal to Rosenwald Collections for all at Fisk University project were thrilled to partner and collaborate with Tennessee State Museum," said Delisa M. Harris, Director of Library Services at Fisk University. "This exhibit is the first major showcase of the impact and legacy of the Julius Rosenwald Fund Rural School program in Tennessee."

This traveling exhibit is an expansion of Building a Bright Future: Black Communities and Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee, an initiative that included a 4,000-square foot temporary exhibit at the Tennessee State Museum and a two-day symposium. The project won a 2024 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Leadership in History Award of Excellence and the 2024 Tennessee Association of Museums President's Award. For more information visit: Building a Bright Future.

The Tennessee Historical Commission erected a historical marker to commemorate Webb High School's importance in Tennessee history on September 23, 2024. In 2016, the alumni association inc. opened the Webb School Historical Museum that showcases Webb School memorabilia including photographs, yearbooks, scrapbooks, mementos, and other historically relevant information.



Left, Dirt-moving equipment at Cutlip Lane outside of Trezevant along U.S. 79 (State Route 79). Right, Barricades block passage of the new divided four-lane that connects State Route 70A with U.S. 79 east of Milan. It bypasses the current U.S. 79 in Atwood.

Bypass

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Crews are putting the finishing touches on the first leg of construction that connects U.S. 79 outside of Milan and State Route 70-A near West Carroll High School, where it will

terminate.

Tennessee Department of Transportation said the highway section is ahead of schedule and could possibly open in the fall of 2024. The original scheduled opening was May 2025.

Eventually, the expanded roadway will bypass both Atwood and Trezevant and then proceed to McKenzie to make one continuous

four-lane or five contiguous lanes (with a middle turn lane).

The bypass around Atwood was the first in the Carroll County portion, to be followed by the bypass around Trezevant and last, the four-lane to McKenzie from Trezevant.

The project is being built by Delta Contracting Company.

HCMC

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This celebration marks a significant milestone in the commitment to enhancing healthcare services for the residents of West Tennessee. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature remarks from leaders of both HCMC and West Tennessee Healthcare, highlighting the collaborative efforts to expand healthcare access, and provide an opportunity for the community to network with local healthcare professionals. West Tennessee welcomes all community members, local officials, and healthcare professionals to join in this celebration.

Event Details:

What: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for West Ten-



nessee Healthcare — Henry County Hospital When: Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 2 p.m.

Where: Hospital Main Lobby, 301 Tyson Avenue, Paris, Tenn.

Please join West Tennessee Healthcare- Henry County Hospital as we celebrate this exciting new chapter in health care for West Tennessee. We look forward to sharing this

special moment with our community!

West Tennessee Healthcare is a public, not-for-profit healthcare system with locations serving 19 counties in West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The mission of West Tennessee Healthcare is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care.

Freeman Named Traveling Teacher Of the Year by National Magazine

Stacie Freeman, the director of Bethel University's Global Studies program and professor of sociology, is being honored as the first-ever Traveling Teacher of the Year. It was an honor bestowed her by Teach & Travel magazine, the leading source for nearly 85,000 educators who plan student travel. Sponsored by the Student & Youth Travel Association (SYTA), whose mission is to provide life-enhancing travel experiences for students and to establish quality and safety standards for travel provider. In the announcement article, Editorial Manager Josh Veal explained the rationale for the recognition, "Educators who are passionate about travel, go far above and beyond what's asked of them, expanding their students' horizons in life-altering ways."

He noted, after receiving dozens of nominations, 13 finalists were presented to the public for a vote. Freeman, Global Studies Director at Bethel University, where she also is a professor of sociology and offers dual enrollment courses in area high schools, was named the winner and is profiled in the September issue of the magazine.

Jon Shepherd, a Spanish teacher for Weakley County Schools and a frequent traveler with the international programs, was nominated Freeman. Shepherd noted in his nomination, "Stacie Freeman was one of the first, if not the first, educator to design and deliver global service-learning programs to high school students for college credit. She truly stands out as a pioneer in the realm of education and has revolutionized the way high school students in the rural South engage with the world. With unwavering determination and dedication, she has crafted and implemented groundbreaking global service-learning programs, ushering in a new era of experiential education for students in Title I schools."

Freeman designs and leads high school and university students, plus



Stacie Freeman, Global Studies Director at Bethel University and Co-Founder of Global Citizen Adventure Corps, a nonprofit raising funds for scholarships for international travel and volunteer experiences, was recently named Travel and Teach magazine's Traveling Teacher of the Year.

members of the community, on trips, both domestically and globally. She first makes the trip herself and arranges for language translators and tour guides, meals, and safe sleeping accommodations. True to the mission, travelers also have a service component to the travel, which might include working in an animal rescue center in Costa Rica, providing fluoride treatments for students in Guatemala, teaching English to students in Colombia, and building a kitchen in Peru, to name a few.

The article highlights that, at the time of its writing, Freeman's approach to travel – combining service projects with locally-led tours and experiences in nature -- netted more than 37,000 hours of volunteer work with students and an economic impact of over \$1.1 million in the communities they serve.

Also included is the origin of Global Citizen Adventure Corps, the nonprofit she founded in 2022 with Dr. Julie Hill of Union City. The fundraising effort began as a means of providing scholarships to underserved students from rural and other economically disadvantaged areas.

Nearly 100 students have received assistance since the organization began. In acknowledging the honor, Freeman said she is pleased to have the opportunity to share her love

of travel and her belief in the power of encouraging young people to live as global citizens.

"Traveling opens your eyes to the undeniable truth that good people are everywhere. Whether you're navigating bustling city streets or exploring remote villages, you'll encounter kindness, generosity, and hospitality. From strangers offering directions to the genuine friendships formed with fellow travelers, each interaction serves as a reminder of the goodness that exists in humanity," she said. The current issue of Travel and Teach can be found online at <https://teachtravel.org/>. More on Freeman is at <https://teachtravel.org/traveling-teacher-of-the-year/>. To contact Freeman about travel, email freemans@bethelu.edu.

Global Citizen Adventure Corps is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to cultivating global citizens through education, service, and travel. By offering transferable college credit and donor-funded scholarships, GCAC actively builds pathways between rural high schools, universities, and a robust network of global nonprofit partners to provide travel program opportunities to underserved students. For more information visit www.globalcitizenadventurecorps.org.

Bethel University is a four-year higher education university located in McKenzie, Tenn. www.bethelu.edu.

Guest Editorial

Agencies Across the State Continually Delaying Access To Public Records Requests

BY DEBORAH FISHER
Executive Director of Tennessee Coalition for Open Government

Late last year, the city of Memphis wrote a \$7,419.68 check to reimburse the attorney fees of journalist Marc Perrusquia rather than risk losing a public records lawsuit.

The city folded before the case got before a judge. What was the issue?

For 2½ years, the city had sent Perrusquia monthly emails, telling him that it was still working on his public records request and trying to decide whether they could withhold parts or all of the records.

"It was like reporting on the Kremlin, so much secrecy, opacity... They did not refuse to give it to us. They just kept delaying and delaying," Perrusquia said.

"Our argument was justice delayed is justice denied. The continuation of delaying our request was basically a denial."

This kind of delay is not the worst I've seen in Tennessee, nor is it uncommon.

In Knoxville, WBIR anchor John Becker made a public records request to the University of Tennessee in August 2022. It took almost a year for the university to turn over two of the records he sought. But it continued to withhold others, taking months to tell Becker what laws allowed the university to keep those confidential.

Becker eventually filed a public records lawsuit. On the eve of a hearing in May in a Knoxville court, UT caved. Its lawyer told the court that the laws they had thought would allow the university to withhold or redact the records weren't applicable after all.

The court hearing occurred anyway, with Becker asking for reimbursed attorney fees.

Consider this: In both cases, if no lawsuit had

been filed, two major government institutions would have simply kept delaying and refusing access to public records.

That's a problem.

In both situations, I do not believe the responses given by the government followed the law.

The public records statute gives government entities three options of how to respond to a public records request and says that response must happen no later than seven days after the request:

1. Give access to the records;
2. Deny access to the records, citing the basis for the denial; or
3. Furnish the requester, in writing, the time it will take to produce the record.

Knoxville Chancellor John Weaver noted in court that UT did not do that. It didn't deny access to the records within seven business days citing its legal basis for denial. The university said it needed more time and used that time to come up with potential reasons to withhold the records, not produce them.

Weaver remarked this is not what the statute says. If you ask for more time, you're asking for more time to produce the record, not more time to deny the record. If you're going to deny records, you must do that within seven days.

The statute also says the government entity is to tell the requester "the time" it will take to produce the record. It does not say you can tell the requester that you're still working on it, with no end in sight, as in the Memphis case.

Neither Memphis nor UT followed the clear language of the statute. And when it came time for their actions to come under the bright light of court scrutiny, they threw in the towel.

Tennessee ranked 45th among all states in compliance with public record requests in a study that examined 7,000 requests to state agencies throughout the United States.

David Cuillier, who did the study and is director of The Freedom of Information Project with the Brechner Center for the Advancement of the First Amendment, observed that the states with the best compliance had laws that required government entities to pay when they lost a public records lawsuit.

Tennessee does not have mandatory fee shifting. Rather, when the government loses, the judge has to find that the government was "willful" when it violated the public records law. And even then, the judge has discretion on whether to make the government entity pay the requester's attorney fees.

"States that allow judges broad discretion, or impose high burdens of success for litigating requesters, demonstrate worse compliance than states that mandate judges to impose attorney fees. Certainly, agencies might not worry about a \$1,000 fine or other slap on the wrist, but it appears they pay attention to pay tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars to a successful plaintiff's attorney, not to mention the bad publicity that would create for the agency" Cuillier wrote in his research, "Bigger Stick, Better Compliance?"

Perrusquia eventually got the records, but he worries that most journalists and citizens would simply give up.

"I've been in the business for 40 years, knowing public records and fighting for them," Perrusquia said. The delays have a chilling effect on asking for public records in the first place, he said.

Perrusquia and Becker both had an attorney with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press taking their case. But most don't have the money or time to press a case through the courts and get the government entity to follow the law.

If citizens and journalists are going to keep government open in Tennessee, we might just need a bigger stick.

Bear Wanders Henry County



A black bear is traversing Henry County and was photographed by AirEvac team at the Henry County Airport. Sheriff Josh Frye confirmed the sighting. The public is warned not to approach or feed it.

The Deadline to Register to Vote Is October 7 for General Elections

NASHVILLE — To commemorate National Voter Registration Month, Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett is encouraging all eligible Tennessee residents to register to vote.

"More Tennesseans than ever are registered to vote, but we want all eligible citizens to register and participate in the November 5 State and Federal General Election," said Secretary Hargett.

National Voter Registration Day is September 17, and the deadline to register and be eligible to cast a ballot in the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 7.

The fastest way to reg-

ister, update, or check your registration status is through the free GoVoteTN App or online at GoVoteTN.gov. Voters can also download a paper voter registration application at GoVoteTN.gov.

"We anticipate a robust voter turnout for the presidential election," said Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins. "If you have not registered or need to change your address, don't wait. This will ensure your voice is heard during early voting or on Election Day later this fall."

Early voting for the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election begins October 16 and runs through October 31.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON Bless Your Heart

It's one of Southerner's most-used expressions. But as people have started streaming into the south from all parts of the country, I think I need to explain how and when to use the expression.

You might say "Bless your heart" to your friend who is telling you about their latest crisis of the week, but they've been droning on so long about it you're not even paying attention to them and they suddenly stop and look at you, waiting for a comment. This version of the expression is the semi-sincere one, because if you really knew what they'd said, you would mean it.

If your friend is complaining about their preacher preaching so long on Sunday that their pot roast burned, you would definitely say, "Bless your heart." But you'd also be thinking, "Who in the world would go to a church that has such a long-winded

preacher?"

We definitely use the expression when we're discussing our alcoholic uncle who's had his 17th DUI and has promised it's his very last one.

And when discussing our cousin who has a steel plate in his head from having that four-wheeler accident while chasing his girlfriend who was riding on the back of someone else's four-wheeler, and he forgot to duck when he went through the Dutch door of the barn when the upper half was still shut. Yeah, he gets a "bless your heart."

But then there's the time someone does something nice for you that's totally unexpected, and you're so surprised by it that you just have to give them a truly, heartfelt, "Bless your heart."

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Obituaries

CARLENE KELLEY 1942 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Carlene Kelley, 82, of Huntingdon, died on September 9, 2024. She was residing at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie.

Funeral services were at First Baptist Church of Huntingdon on Thursday, September 12. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Kelley was born August 11, 1942, to the late Carl and Gladys Tullos in Alexandria, La. She was a graduate of Whitehaven High School in Memphis, and received her Bachelor's degree from Mississippi College in Home Economics. Following graduation, Mrs. Kelley moved to Huntingdon to work, where she then met her husband of 57 years, Dale R. Kelley. Together they served their community for many years in various roles. During Dale's time in government at the state and local level, Mrs. Kelley was an integral part of his success with support and love from their family and hometown.

Mrs. Carlene, as she was known by most, was an active member of First Baptist Church of Huntingdon for over 60 years. She served in her church in various ways from Sunday School coordinator, Youth Department leader, Women's Ministry, Missions, and Choir member. Mrs. Kelley loved to praise Jesus through song daily, but especially in her time through the church choir. She worked with Huntingdon Special School District for 28 years as Food Service Supervisor.

Carlene Kelley is survived by her three children,

Amanda (Rick) Wallace of Huntingdon, Meredith (Tommy) Surber of McKenzie, and Cliff (Holly) Kelley of Huntingdon. She was a loving and proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, Payten Plunk, Cole Edwards, Jack Surber, Eli Surber, Tate Surber, Ty Kelley, Quinn Kelley and Max Kelley.

The family requests donations be made to First Baptist Church of Huntingdon or The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center.

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

HOMER 'EDDIE' STATON 1949 – 2024

YUMA — Mr. Homer "Eddie" Staton, 75, of Yuma, died Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Funeral services were Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 1 p.m., in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Antwan Jordan officiating. Interment followed in Hopewell Cemetery.

The family received friends in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Saturday, 11 a.m. until time of the service.

Mr. Staton was born May 15, 1949, in Huntingdon, to the late H.C. Staton and I.B. (Bomer) Staton.

Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Vester Ann Staton, a brother, Joe Howard Staton and two sisters, Mary Ruth Hart and Sue Helen Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memory, three sons, Gregory Staton, Jonathan Staton and Eric (Dr. Lawanda) Staton, two daughters, Carla Staton and Daphne Reece (Rob), two brothers, Rufus Staton and Ray Staton, a

half-brother, Jonny Melton (Susan) a half-sister, Lisa Hess. He also leaves seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

GERTIE PERRITT 1928 – 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Gertrude "Gertie" Evon Perritt were Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Thursday from 11 a.m. until service time. Interment followed at Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Perritt, 96, died at her residence on Monday, September 9, 2024. She was born in Paris, on July 2, 1928, to Comus Postic Scott and Lena Hazel Cobb Scott. She is a retired cashier for local restaurants.

She is survived by her daughter Sandra Hawkins of McKenzie, three grandchildren Becki Durham of McKenzie, Jeff (Lisa) Hawkins of McKenzie, and Justin (Anna) Hawkins of Jonesboro, Ark., and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Harrell Perritt, two sons, Jimmy Perritt, Stan Perritt, and one grandson, Curt Perritt.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

MARJORIE MARIE FULLER 1932 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Marjorie Marie Fuller, 91, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, September 8, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were

Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Denny Abernathy and Bro. Ed Long officiating. Interment was in Hampton Cemetery.

Marjorie Marie Fuller was born October 3, 1932, in Huntingdon, to the late Earnest and Pauline Thompson Wilks. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyce Fuller, her parents Ernest and Pauline Wilks, and a brother, Virgil Wilks.

She is survived by a sister, Shirley Arnold of Bruceton and many nieces and nephews. She was taken special care of by four of her nieces: Susan, Tabitha, Tiffany and Deanna.

Chase Funeral Home.

DOUGLAS GLOVER 1942 – 2024

BRUCETON — Mr. Douglas Glover, 81, of Bruceton, died Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services were Friday, September 13, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Wendell Owens officiating. Interment was in New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Decatur County.

Douglas "Doug" Glover was born September 24, 1942, in Covington, to the late John Wesley and Ocie Lee "Hatcher" Glover. He worked in shipping and receiving for H.I.S. He was a member of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur County. He was preceded in death by 8 siblings.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Peggy Glover, a daughter, Bonita McMackins (Mike) of Buena Vista; two sons, Greg Rimmer and Elvis Glover (Tracy) both of Buena Vista; he also leaves one sister and two

brothers as well as eight grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

WADE SMITH, JR. 1937 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Wade Everett Smith Jr. "Pete", 87, of Huntingdon, died Friday, September 13, 2024, at Volunteer Hospital.

Funeral services are 11 a.m., Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Huntingdon Church of Christ. Interment will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Friday, 5-8 p.m. and on Saturday at Huntingdon Church of Christ, 9 a.m. until time of services.

Mr. Smith was born July 10, 1937, to the late Wade Everett Smith "Pete" and Lena Ruth King Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Virginia Smith of Huntingdon; one daughter, Sheila (Stephen) Hensley of Ashland, Wis.; Wade Everett (Penny) Smith III of Huntingdon, and Philip (Laura) Smith of Maryville, Tenn.; two sisters, Sherry Cunningham of Camden, Tenn., and Peggy Hayes of Cartersville, Ga.; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren.

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

STEPHEN CARTER 1957 – 2024

CLARKSBURG — Mr. Stephen Edward Carter, 67, of Clarksburg, died Thursday, September 12, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services were Sunday, September 15, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Interment was in Sellers Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Carter was born February 12, 1957. He was preceded in death by his mother, Yevonne McCaslin; son, Randal Kirk Carter and sister, Celena Stanford.

He is survived by his father, William Edward Carter of Somerville, Tenn.; three daughters, Laura Carter (Van) Smith of Huntingdon, Ashley (Jesse) Cooper of Fort Stewart, Ga., and Paige (Anthony) Walters of Byhalia, Miss.; two sisters, Alisa (Carl) Byars of Huntingdon, and Robin (Todd) Buttrey of Yuma; two brothers, Mitchell (Melinda) Carter of Huntingdon, and William (Mandy) Carter of Collierville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

DAVID FOSTER 1949 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. David Foster, 74, of Huntingdon, died Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Foster was born October 25, 1949, in Milan, to the late James Patton and Virginia Mae (Williams) Foster.

He was a farmer, and owner/operator of Foster Brothers Equipment Company, which he established with his brother Danny Foster, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter, Karla Nanney (Jeff) of Lexington, a son, Colin Foster (Brittany) of Huntingdon, and two grandchildren, Britt Nanney and Bryar Foster.

Chase Funeral Home.

McKenzie Alumni Decades Reunion is Two Weeks Away

McKENZIE — McKenzie High School Alumni Association is hosting its first Decades Reunion on October 4 and 5 with a parade, golf tournament, homecoming game, block party and individual class reunions.

The events kick off with the Alumni Association Golf Tournament on Friday, October 4, 8 a.m. at Carroll Lake Golf Course. All golfers need to be present by 7:45 a.m.

Homecoming Parade — The traditional Homecoming Parade begins at noon on Friday in downtown McKenzie, travels down Stonewall and passed both the McKenzie Middle School and McKenzie Elementary School.

Pre-game Decades Reunion begins at 4:30 p.m. outside of Rebel Stadium. The start time is 4:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. Admission to the game is \$7 and must be paid by all attendees as they tailgate. Food will be provided by the Alumni Association. An RSVP is requested to participate. The reunion area is casual and come-and-go.

A Block Party in Downtown McKenzie is at 10 p.m.

Saturday is filled with individual class reunions.

10 a.m. is the Class of 1974 at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Gale Chandler Edwards is



Memorabilia of the past MHS alumni is on display at City Florist in downtown McKenzie.

the contact through Facebook Messenger.

11 a.m. is the Class of 1969 at the MHS Cafeteria. Terry Howell is the contact at 731-415-7075.

1 p.m. is the Class of 1979 Reunion at the McKenzie City Park Barn. Mary Ann Bush Garner is the contact through Facebook Messenger or by email at maryann@randalgarner.com

4 p.m. is the Class of 1984 Reunion at the MHS Cafeteria. Melinda Moore Leake is the contact through Facebook Messenger.

6 p.m. is the Class of 2014 Reunion at the New Valley Event Venue - Gleason. Katelyn Ridley Robertson is the contact through Facebook Messenger.

Pop-up memorabilia is now available for viewing at City Florist Monday to Friday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and on Saturday, October 5,

10 a.m.-2 p.m. The exhibit is located in McKenzie City Florist, 17 Broadway, downtown.

The weekend is capped with the band Flashback performing at Hometown Hangout from 6 to 8 p.m. It is a place to gather with friends, get dinner, and listen to live music. It is located at 14985 Highland Drive.

Huntingdon Heritage Day Is Saturday, September 28

It is time once again to celebrate Huntingdon Heritage Day Festival with the Town of Huntingdon. On Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., all are invited to Huntingdon's historic Court Square to join this free, all-day special event honoring the rich history of Carroll County and its county seat, Huntingdon.

This year marks the 31st annual Heritage Day and its longstanding tradition, with the festival's schedule promising to deliver fun and entertainment. Festival goers can expect to enjoy a cruise-in, inflatables, ISTEA train rides, Carroll Arts Storytelling, face painting and Mudslinger's pottery, petting zoo, kids' activities and 50+ vendor booths for jewelry, clothing, crafts, food trucks, snow cones, and ice cream, along with music and entertainment acts on two stages. Don't forget local shopping with

In-Store specials and local restaurants with your favorite dishes!

The Carroll Bank & Trust Bandstand Stage will host a variety of live music acts from 11:15-3:15pm.

Huntingdon Heritage Festival Ceremony 10-10:45 a.m.

Fisher Stokes 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wallace and Company 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Kellye Cash 2-3:15 p.m.

The children's stage, sponsored by the Huntingdon Animal Clinic, will feature family entertainment from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Carroll County Library 11-11:30 a.m.

Eden's Echo Wildlife Education 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Storytime with Miss Trudy from The Dixie Carter PAC 12-12:30 p.m.

Ray Moore Magician 12:30-1 p.m.

Eden's Echo Wildlife Education 1-1:30 p.m.

Carroll County Library 1:30-2 p.m.

Other events related to the festival include the Heritage Hustle 2024 5K St. Jude Fundraiser on Saturday, September 28. Race starts at 8 a.m., registration is at 7:15 a.m. at Huntingdon Middle School at 199 Browning Ave. in Huntingdon.

For more information about this free event, contact Huntingdon City Hall at 731-986-2900.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STORYTELLERS AT HUNTINGDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Come hear the storytellers, sponsored by Carroll Arts, at the Huntingdon Heritage Festival, Saturday, September 28. Storytelling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Huntingdon Police Station, 12740 Lexington Street. Stay for a short time of for the whole time!

VERIZON FUNDRAISER FOR KAITLYN REED FAMILY

Verizon in McKenzie is raising funds for the family of Kaitlyn Reed, who died at age 19 on September 1 of a fentanyl overdose. 100 percent of the funds raised go to Kaitlyn's funeral expenses. Support her family by purchasing any RC Cares products or making a cash donation.

McKENZIE CHURCH OF CHRIST FREE HAMBURGER, HOTDOG SUPPER

The McKenzie Church of Christ, Highland Drive, hosts a free hamburger and hotdog supper Thursday, September 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. or until food is gone. Dine-in is available, of drive-thru is you want to pick it up and go. Meals consist of one hamburger, one hotdog, chips, dessert and a drink (drink for dine-in only). The meal is free to all who are hungry or in need of Christian fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call 731-352-2106 or 731-695-6576.

LAKESIDE FALL PREVENTION CLASS

In recognition of September Rehabilitation Week and Fall Prevention Day Lakeside Senior Living will partner with Baptist Home Health on September 25 at 11 a.m. to host a Fall Prevention Class. Baptist Home Health Therapist will be performing Fall Risk Assessments along with demon-

strations of what to do if you fall at home and some preventive measures to keep you upright and balanced. This event is open to all senior citizens. The location is 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie. For more information call 731-352-4567.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL

You are invited to Revival Services at Bethel Baptist Church, 25755 Highway 22 in McKenzie on September 17 at 7 p.m. with Bro. Windal Walker.

THE McKENZIE BANNER TO BE HONORED AS A CENTENNIAL BUSINESS

Join us, The associates of The McKenzie Banner, as the state of Tennessee honors the company as a Centennial Business. The event is Wednesday, September 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3 Banner Row, McKenzie. Come and go as you please. Refreshments are available. The company is the oldest business in McKenzie and started in 1870, one year following the incorporation of the City of McKenzie. In its 154-year history, it has undergone many changes and a few owners. The Washburn family has owned the company since 1968 and is now in the third generation with the Jason and Brittany (Washburn) Martin.

UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST GOSPEL MEETING

Union Primitive Baptist Church, 2020 Ross Rd., McKenzie, hosts Elder Ben Cordes for a gospel meeting September 20-22, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and immediately after lunch, and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Supper will be served Friday at 5:30 p.m.; lunch follows the 10:30 a.m. services Saturday and Sunday.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Northwest TN Economic Development Council begins accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program October 1. This program assists low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Proof of gross household income is

required to determine eligibility. Applicants must also submit a government ID, social security number verification for all household members and a current utility company print-out showing the last 12 months of usage at their current location. Individuals interested in applying for the LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest TN Economic Development Council office in their county of residence. Go to our website for county site contact information: nwcommunityaction.org. Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is provided through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).

5TH SUNDAY SINGING AT GREENFIELD FIRST BAPTIST

Greenfield First Baptist Church, 3127 N. Meridian Street, hosts a 5th Sunday Gaither Style Old Fashioned Singing Sunday, September 29 at 6 p.m. All singers in the area are invited to come sing with us. Rehearsal is 5 p.m. in the choir loft. Everyone is invited to come join us for this free event!

NORTHWEST TN EDC BOARD TO MEET

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council meets Friday, September 20 at 10 a.m. at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office located at 938C Walnut Avenue W, McKenzie, and virtually by Zoom.

McKENZIE HIGH ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT IS OCTOBER 4

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) Golf Tournament is Friday, October 4 at Carroll Lake Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person scramble with a limit of 18 teams. All golfers will need to arrive by 7:45 a.m., and the shotgun start is 8 a.m. Entry fees are \$200 per team of four, and event sponsorships for businesses are available for \$100 each. Sponsorships include recognition on a banner to be displayed at both the golf tournament and the MHSAA decades reunion tailgate party later that evening. Proceeds from the event

support the goals of the MHSAA, which include providing scholarships and other assistance for students of McKenzie schools. The deadline for team registration and sponsorships is Monday, September 16. For more information, pick up a form at Carroll Bank & Trust in McKenzie, or call MHSAA President Brian Winston at 731-352-2282.

McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL TITLE I, PARENT INVOLVEMENT MEETING

McKenzie High School's annual Title I/Parent Involvement Meeting is Thursday, September 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the MHS Library. All parents and guardians of MHS students are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Carol Nanney, Parent Involvement Coordinator for MHS at nanneyc@mckenziehighschools.org or 731-352-2133.

CLAYHILL EVENT TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS, JACE JONES

Join us Saturday, September 21 at Clayhill Motorsports Park, 1315 Rimmer Rd, Atwood at 6:30 p.m. for a special dual event. We will be honoring the sacrifices of our first responders and paying tribute to Jace Jones, a young man we lost too soon, whose love for music and race cars continues to inspire us. All first responders—including EMTs, hospital staff, military personnel, firefighters and police officers—are welcome to attend the event for FREE in the grandstand with their agency ID. In Jace's memory, we will celebrate his passion for life, music, and racing. Together, we come to honor not only those who serve but also the joy and love that Jace brought into the world. We are also hosting a Code 3 Parade with lights and sirens around the racetrack. We encourage first responders to bring a unit to showcase your agency's participation.

MHS CLASS OF 2004 REUNION

The McKenzie High School Class of 2004 20-year reunion is Saturday, September 28 at Urban Trading Company, 5:30-11:30 p.m. RSVP to Rebekah

Cooper Crass or through the Class of 2004 Facebook page.

MHS CLASS OF 1970 REUNION

The McKenzie High School Class of 1970 reunion is Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. at the Barn at the City Park.

MHS CLASS OF 1979 REUNION

During the weekend of The McKenzie High School Alumni Association Decades Reunion, the Class of 1979 meets Saturday, October 5 at the pavilion in the City Park from 1-3 p.m. Gina Hale Gore and Mary Ann Bush Garner are planning a memorable afternoon, with refreshments, photo backdrop with fun props and reconnecting with our classmates. Encourage your classmates to attend. For classmates that have not responded on our McKenzie High Class of 1979 Reunion (Facebook page) please RSVP to maryann@randalgarner.com.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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.

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.

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 REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

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.

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- Kindergarten students at West Carroll Primary enjoyed a visit from School Resource Officer Chris Hamer
- The elementary school book fair, themed "Reading Takes You Places," was a success during parent-teacher conferences
- West Carroll Junior/Senior High School won the county's FAFSA championship

2-Quotes

"We're excited to host our students every home game, regular season." - Dr. Adam Douglas, WCHS Principal

"Our goal this year is for each student to read 100 books on their reading level." - Dr. Jessica Williams, Elementary School Principal

1-Action for Our Community

Join our students' reading challenge! Let's collectively read 100 books in one month. Choose books, share on social media using #WestCarrollReads, and encourage others to participate. Together, we can model the importance of reading for our children

August was a great start for our upcoming school year! I'm grateful for the tireless efforts of our educators, staff, and families. Together, we're creating an environment where every student can thrive.

To another great month of learning & growth at West Carroll,

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McKenzie Elementary Fall Festival is October 26

The McKenzie Elementary School PTO hosts its annual Fall Festival fundraiser Saturday, October 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the campus at 165 Brooks Avenue. Activities include a silent

auction, cake walk, games, food, a children's costume contest and the crowning of the Fall Festival king and queen.

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Two ‘Major Players’ Arrested On Drug Trafficking Charges

PARIS — Two Paris residents—described by local law enforcement as major players in local Fentanyl trafficking—were arrested on various drug charges.

Yvette Somerville is under a \$5 million bond, while Laquan Mcferren is under a \$1 million bond.

According to the press release from Henry County Sheriff Josh Frey, on September 6, 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force Agents arrested the two, who were involved in a “large drug ring” in Henry County.

Drug Task Force Agents along with Henry County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigation Division, Henry County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division, Puryear Police Department and Tennessee Highway Patrol, executed search warrants at the homes of Yvette Somerville and Laquan Mcferren.

Both were arrested on active warrants for felony drug charges for Sale and Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled substance, being Fentanyl. During the execution of the search warrants, patrol officers conducted a traffic stop on Laquan Mcferren near his home on Dudley Street. Mcferren



Yvette Somerville

was arrested and was also in possession of numerous blue m30 pills that tested positive for Fentanyl. Mcferren was taken into custody and his vehicle was seized.

During the year-long drug investigation, Drug Task Force Agents conducted multiple controlled narcotics buys on both Mcferren and Somerville. Most of the controlled buys took place in a school zone in Henry County which enhances the penalty.

Drug Task Force Agents have determined that Mcferren and Somerville are responsible for bringing in and supplying large amounts of Fentanyl and conducting this drug activity near a school.

Both were booked into the Henry County Jail.

24th Judicial Drug Task



Laquan Mcferren

Force Agents have also connected several other suspects involved with selling and distributing the dangerous drug Fentanyl during this long- term investigation. 24th Judicial Drug Task Force Agents have active cases on those individuals connected to Somerville and Mcferren and the suspects will be indicted on felony charges of Conspiracy.

24th Judicial Drug Task Force Agents have confirmed that the Fentanyl-laced drugs are responsible for numerous deaths and overdoses in both Henry County and the surrounding counties. Drug Task Force Agents encourage anyone who has information to come forward to assist agents in the prosecution of these cases.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (September 11) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on September 11.

Bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court were:

Cloie Bolin, Cades Atwood Road, Milan, bound over on a charge of Aggravated Child Abuse, Neglect, Endangerment.

Rachel Cole, Hillcrest Avenue, Camden, bound over on a charge of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Cloie Bolin, Cades Atwood Road, Milan, guilty, Probation Violation.

Steven Thomas Elmore, Mcillwain Road, Holladay, guilty, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search, probation, credit for jail time served.

Shawn Michael Riley Foreman, Florida Court, Paris, pre-trial diversion, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, time served, probation; dismissed, Probation Violation.

Jeremy Goode, Walnut Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, intense outpatient treatment, supervised probation.

Keira Leann Hones, Douglas Avenue, McKenzie, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, pro-

bation, not to drive for one year, DUI School.

Mary Michelle Horton, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, judicial diversion, Trespass, probation.

Joseph Johnson, Clark Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$500 fine, 15 days jail, probation, no contact with victim; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Preston King, 809 Old Hickory Blvd, Jackson, pre-trial diversion, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, 12 days jail, probation; dismissed, Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange.

Raken Nazi, Cedar Drive, Camden, guilty, Failure of Notice of Accident, \$50 fine, probation, time served credit; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Leaving The Scene of An Accident.

Tyler Owens, Tickle Street, Dyersburg, guilty, Probation Violation, 15 days jail, probation extended.

Kenneth Wayne Payne, Jr., Walnut Circle, McKenzie, Criminal Trespass, eight days jail.

Donna Daniel Shadix, Natchez Trace Road, Paris, guilty, Probation Violation, 17 days jail-time served, probation extended; dismissed, Contraband in Pe-

nal Facility; dismissed, Drug Paraphernalia.

Herivia La Shea Strayhorn, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, sentence concurrent with other sentence; dismissed, Tampering With Evidence; dismissed, Public Intoxication.

Ellis Tharpe, Wood Street, Jackson, guilty, Probation Violation, 15 days jail, probation extended.

Keon Williams, Field Street, McKenzie, guilty, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search, 17 days jail, probation, forfeit seized money during the investigation of the case; dismissed, Gambling.

The following cases were dismissed.

Frank Brown, Airport Road, Milan, dismissed, Fugitive from Justice.

Ethaniel Glen Lewis, Rowland Mill Road, Bruce-ton, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Laderrick D. Means, Hill-view Apartments, McKenzie, dismissed, Aggravated Child Abuse, Neglect, Endangerment; dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Matthew Taylor Stuckey, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While Revoked; dismissed, Registration Certificate Must Be Carried.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Simple Possession, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia — According to a report made by Officer Brad Allen on September 7, he stopped a vehicle on Buena Vista Road that was being operated by Vasquez Yarbough, 64, of Huntingdon, because he had an active warrant on Mr. Yarbrough for Criminal Simulation. During the traffic stop Mr. Yarbrough gave consent to search through the vehicle. During the search, marijuana was found inside a Swisher Sweet package that weighed about 1 gram. Yarbough was transported to Carroll County Jail for Marijuana Possession and Criminal Simulation. On September 6, Officer Allen

was dispatched to Murphy for someone passing a fake \$100 bill. Upon arrival he saw Yarbrough hand a fake \$100 bill to the cashier on video footage.

Sex Offender Registration Violation — According to a report made by Officer Brad Allen on September 6, he issued a warrant for Marty Lynn Thompson, 52, of Huntingdon, for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry. Thompson was scheduled to come in on September 6 and failed to show or call. On September 7, Thompson was picked up and taken to Carroll County Jail.

Sex Offender Registration Violation — According to a report made by Officer Brad Allen on September

6, he issued a warrant for Howard Glyn Corder, 70, of Huntingdon, for Violation of Sex Offender Registry. Corder was scheduled to come see Officer Allen and didn’t show or call on his scheduled date. On September 7, Mr. Corder was picked up and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Revoked/Suspended, Speeding — According to a report made by Officer Brad Allen on September 7, he stopped a vehicle on Highway 22 south for speeding 71 in a 55-mph zone. The driver, Robert Robertson, 56, had a suspended driver’s license and was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Kyle Christopher Scruggs, 28, of McLemoresville, to Gara Bettie Jean Chambers, 29, of McLemoresville.

Mikayla Rae Morin, 22, of Humboldt, to Xavian Brenttan Dudley, 25, of Humboldt.

Meagan Leann Carr, 26, of Huntingdon, to Hunter Cole Guess, 27, of Huntingdon.

State Sheriff’s Association Warns of School Threats

School Threats Due to the increased volume of school threats being made on-line and through social media platforms, Tennessee Sheriffs feel it is imperative to release the following joint statement:

One of the main goals of an elected sheriff is to provide quality public safety and ensure citizens feel secure in their surroundings. With the increased volume of school threats being made across the state of Tennessee, we want parents, students, and citizens to know that we will not

tolerate anyone making threats and inciting fear within our schools and community. Those responsible will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Making threats of violence against a school is a Class E felony offense TCA 38-16-517, which carries life-altering consequences.

We urge parents to monitor what their child is posting on social media platforms and to talk to them about the seriousness of making or even sharing threatening posts.

As always, we continue

to urge the community to report anything suspicious or potentially threatening in nature toward schools or any public building.

We understand the frustration, stress, and fear communities across our state are dealing with, and we will continue to investigate every threat received in an effort to ensure the safety of our schools and all citizens.

Sincerely, Jeff Cassidy, President of the Tennessee Sheriffs Association/Sullivan County Sheriff

Property Transfers

David S. Smith to Carol A. Poliner in District 18.

Bethel University to Marty E. Ensley in District 11.

Amando S. Herrera to Pedro Mendez in District 22.

William F. and Wanda S. Kirksey to William and Rob-in Brunk in District 8.

Amando S. Herrera to Agustin Mendez Rizo in District 4.

Gail Mack to Mike Brown in District 4.

Barry and Lisa Crum to Clinton H. and Lisa M. Weaver in District 13.

Jean Troutt to Jean Jaeger.

Kathy Bennett Holmes to Ronald D. Bennett in District 12.

Peggy Lawrence to Terry and Tyler Reeder in District 4.

Online Land Sales, LLC to Edward and Tammy Wolf. Margaret Ruth and Timothy Harold Cutlip to Robert D. Baker.

Blue Sky Investments, INC. to Jose B. and Hugo B. Hernandez in District 18.

Travis Ray and Robyn Gray Rich to Bo Brooks Mc-Lemore in District 11.

Jerry Lee Johnson, JR. to Nafeesha A. Madyun in District 6.

Ottis R. and Lillie Marie Dunning to Dixie Dunning Jobe in District 22.

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Christopher R. and Paula D. Jobe in District 22.

Adam and Hillary Parish to Phillip Eugene Sr. and Gladys Mae Gwartney in District 11.

Eldon Lynn Laman to Linda Ivey in District 23.

Robert Oliver Phillips III to Christopher D. and Tina M. Bellamy.

Robert L. Neely to Michael Drake Pritchard to District 11.

Brent A. Scott to Tristen and Faith Bailey in District 13.

Rosann J. Walters to Todd P. Range in District 10.

Jeremy Donell to James Thomas V Grant in District 6.

McKenzie Police Reports

DUI, Leaving the Scene — Pablo Salas, Jr., 29, Highway 423, McKenzie was charged with DUI-Second Offense and Leaving the Scene of an Accident on September 13. Officer Timothy Dillon was dispatched to Rivals, where Salas was backing from a parking space, struck another vehicle and left the scene. MPD radioed asking other law enforcement officers to be on the lookout BOLO and Trooper J. Roth spotted the vehicle along Highway 423. MPD Sgt. Beauchamp went to the location outside the city. Salas refused a field sobriety test and also a blood-alcohol test. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended - Third Offense — Michael A. Smither, 27, Dillon Road, Denmark, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License - Third Offense and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign on September 9. Sergeant Cody Coleman initiated the traffic stop on Forrest Avenue.

Driving on a Suspended License, Speeding — Deiontei Rashad Ferrell, 28. Clarksville was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Speeding, and Violation of Financial Responsibility on September 11. Officer Dustin McClure clocked Ferrell’s vehicle at 53 in a 40-mile-per-hour zone. He was cited into Carroll County Jail on the three charges.

Driving On A Revoked License — Jeremy Farlow, 38, Gus Trail, Gleason, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License on September 9. Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped the vehicle Farlow was driving and determined Farlow’s license was revoked. The owner of the car was a passenger. She was questioned about her knowledge of him being revoked. She said she knew he did not have a license. The vehicle was impounded and Farlow was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Active Warrants Arrest — Susan Coplin, 59, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was arrested on active warrants for Failure to Appear and Violation of Probation on September 13. Officer Timothy Dillon made contact with Coplin on Walnut Circle and arrested her on the charges.

Active Warrant Arrest — Charles D. Dunning, 40, McKenzie, was arrested on outstanding war-

rants of Violation of Probation on September 15. Officer Jayden Rembert observed Dunning walking along Elm Street and made the arrest.

Public Intoxication — Two pedestrians were charged with Public Intoxication on September 11. Jodi Kelley, 51, Highway 423, McKenzie, and John David Mayo, 53, Highway 423, McKenzie, were both charged with Public Intoxication as they walked in the area of Highland and Highway 423. Officer Matthew Cunningham and Officer McClure each administered field sobriety test and determined the pedestrians were both intoxicated. They were transported to Carroll County Jail.

Active Warrant Arrest — Lamarcus Shumone Allen, 31, of Union City, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Obion County on a warrant for Possession of Schedule VI drugs on September 9. Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped the rental van that Allen was driving for speeding 66 in a 45 mph zone. He did not have possession of his driver’s license. The canine Toby conducted a sniff

test of the vehicle and alerted on the passenger side. The passenger indicated he had used some marijuana and was not charged.

Assault — Two subjects were charged with Assault after they two reportedly had issues of road rages on September 14. Michael D. Raymer, 51, Tatertown Road, Paris and Armand J. Hebert, III, 62, Cedar Street, McKenzie were both cited for Assault on September 15. Officer Austin Jones responded to the parking lot of Walgreens, where the two had stopped after traveling along U.S. 79. Hebert stopped at the parking lot and Raymer turned his semi-truck around to go back to the parking lot. Both said they were concerned for their own safety. Officer Jones cited both into court.

Leaving the Scene of an Accident — The rear porch of My Sister’s Closet on Cedar Street was damaged by a motorist who struck the porch and then left the scene. Officer Trey Boucher investigated the September 11 incident. He found the porch had sustained substantial damage and the concrete slab was pulled away from the building. The matter is still under investigation.

Marriage Licenses

Dakota Creston Lewers, 21, of Huntingdon, to Trinity Deanne Moore, 20, of Huntingdon.

Caitlin Susan Wade, 26, of McLemoresville, to Hayden Sloan Savage, 27, of McLemoresville.

Isaac Jacob Clayton, 24, of McKenzie, to Angeli-

na Alyssa Fuentes, 22, of McKenzie.

Charles Leon Jackson, 36, of Bruce-ton, to Kay-la Leigh Reynolds, 30, of Bruce-ton.

Stephen Dwain Love, 58, of McKenzie, to Michele Bateman Jarrett, 55, of McKenzie.

McKenzie Police Department

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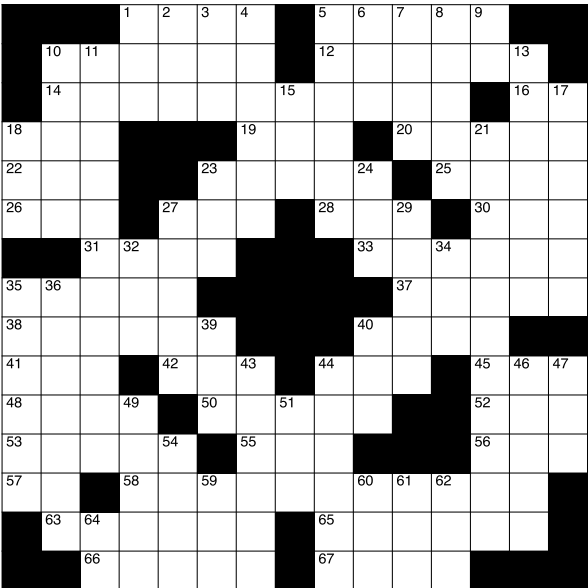
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wrest
- 5. Russian river
- 10. Grupo Montpamasse founder
- 12. One who quits prematurely
- 14. Related to the nature of being
- 16. Early multimedia
- 18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
- 19. Tease
- 20. J.M. __, Irish dramatist
- 22. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Surrendered
- 25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- 26. Dash
- 27. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 28. British Air Aces
- 30. Data executive
- 31. Spiritual leader
- 33. Flower cluster
- 35. Of the cheek
- 37. Tears down
- 38. Uncoordinated
- 40. Touches lightly
- 41. Soak
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 44. Not good
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 48. Type of casino game
- 50. Skills assessments for adults
- 52. Check
- 53. Gives a job
- 55. Fifth note of a major scale
- 56. Small, faint constellation
- 57. Thou
- 58. Reduce
- 63. Another recording
- 65. Removes for good
- 66. Jill and Catherine are two



67. Cruise

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Greenwich Time
- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Complete
- 4. Scheduled
- 5. One who obeys
- 6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- 7. Days (Spanish)
- 8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- 9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- 10. Tributary of the Alabama River
- 11. One who eliminates
- 13. Ballroom music
- 15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
- 17. Denies
- 18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 21. Make vital
- 23. Former NFLer Newton
- 24. Kashmiri tribe
- 27. Indigenous S. American person
- 29. Capacitance unit
- 32. MLB great Scherzer
- 34. Taxi
- 35. Boggy
- 36. Artist's workroom
- 39. Feline
- 40. Prosecutors
- 43. Freshwater perches
- 44. Young ladies
- 46. Whittles
- 47. Licensed for Wall Street
- 49. Type of gene
- 51. Express displeasure
- 54. Fly high
- 59. Norwegian krone
- 60. Investment account
- 61. Chinese surname
- 62. Language
- 64. By the way (abbr.)

Week 38

See solution in next week's edition.

Get Sewing Word Search

P V N M Q B A S T E R E S Q M D E N O P
E Q C E S N K U P L K E D U B U D R E S I
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A E A F A R G L T N Q R V I F A C I N G
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SUDOKU

WEEK 38

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to sewing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = T)

A. 17 26 26 14 6 26

Clue: Sharp instrument

B. 24 22 11 26 18 14

Clue: String or floss

C. 12 24 9 24 13 22

Clue: Make, mend or join together

D. 18 24 24 18 13 22

Clue: Fasten or join

Answers: A. needle B. thread C. stitch D. attach

LETTER MIX-UP

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

SEWING

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

Riddle Me This

What has one eye, but can't see?

Answer: A needle.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sewing.

NBBOSIB

Answer: Bobbins

GUESS WHO ?

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 37 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 37

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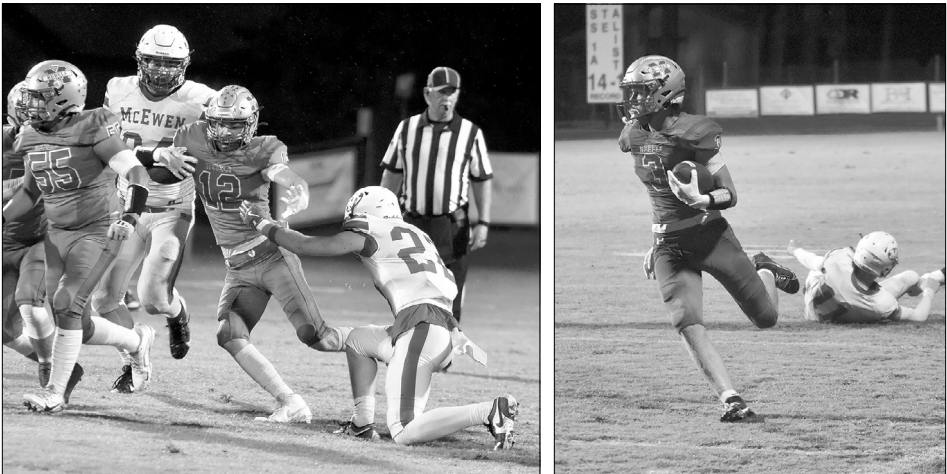


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Left, Rebel Colt Norden dodges a Warrior defender after a catch. Right, Rebel Cole Brown slips a defender for a 24-yard gain in McKenzie’s first scoring drive. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Rout Warriors, 49-7

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 13) — The McKenzie High School Rebels began region play Friday as they hosted the McEwen Warriors for another rainy affair at Randy Thomas Field. McEwen mustered an early touchdown for a 7-7 tie, but the Rebels ran away for a 49-7 victory.

McKenzie won the toss and deferred possession. Warrior Kainan Gill received the opening kick behind the 5 yard line and fumbled it at the 28, recovered by Rebel Davarion Gilbert.

Rebel Colt Norden moved the chains with a 17-yard carry, then Timmy Arline ran for eight. Two plays later, Arline took it in for a three-yard touchdown. Skyler Fornera kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 7-0 early in the first frame.

Warrior Truman Gill received another deep kick by Rebel Guillermo Hickman and returned it to the 22. Dalton Williams, Jesse Ross and quarterback Landon Davis kept it on the ground for a pair of first downs into Rebel territory. Davis threw to Adam Harrington for 22 and another first down, then Ross went 18 to make it first-and-goal at the 2. Davis punched it in, and T. Gill kicked to tie it at 7-7 halfway through the opening quarter.

Norden returned the ensuing kick to the Rebel 33. A couple of penalties backed McKenzie to the 22, but Arline went the whole 78 yards to give the Rebels the lead for good. Fornera kicked, and McKenzie led 14-7 with 5:45 to play in the first.

McEwen went three-and-out as Davis was sacked on second down by KD Cunningham and Landon Brown for a 13-yard loss. On fourth down from the 25, T. Gill’s punt was blocked by Gilbert, who dove on the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Fornera’s PAT gave the Rebels a 21-7 lead with three minutes remaining in the first.

After a touchback by Hickman, Cunningham sacked



Rebel Timmy Arline makes a Superman dive over a defender for extra yards. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Davis on first down, leading to another three-and-out and another punt, this time received by Rebel Jacobi Melton and returned to the Warrior 41.

Surber threw to Cole Brown for 24 yards, then kept twice for 12 yards and a five-yard touchdown. Fornera kicked for a 28-7 McKenzie lead with 15 seconds still to go in the first quarter.

McEwen managed a first down on their next possession but then turned the ball over to the Rebels at the Warrior 39 early in the second quarter.

Surber’s throw on first down was tipped and intercepted by McEwen’s Tylon Carter.

The Warriors again managed a first down but stalled and punted near midfield.

McKenzie took over at their own 25, and C. Brown took the first handoff 75 yards to paydirt. The point-after was good, and the Rebel lead was 35-7 halfway through the second frame.

McEwen seemed to be gaining momentum with a ground attack earning two first downs, but a fumble was recovered by Cunningham at the Warrior 38.

Surber threw to C. Brown 38 yards in the air for another quick score. The kick was true, and McKenzie led 42-7 two minutes before the break.

Hickman kicked another touchback, and a false start put the Warriors at their 15. They moved the chains

once, but a 13-yard sack by L. Brown negated the gains and time ran out after one more play. At the half, the Rebels led 42-7.

McKenzie received the second-half kick with a running clock, Melton making a 25-yard return to the 39. Arline ran twice to move the chains, then C. Brown had a 51-yard touchdown run called back for a penalty. Two plays later Arline ran for a 40-yard touchdown. Fornera finished a perfect night of PATs, and the Rebel lead was 49-7 with eight minutes to play in the third.

The Warriors ran out the rest of the third and much of the fourth before punting.

The Rebels substituted heavily and went three-and-out. A punt by C. Brown pinned McEwen deep with six minutes to play.

The Warriors managed a pair of first downs, the second coming as time expired.

Rebel quarterback Tate Surber was 4-for-8 passing for 154 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He rushed twice for 17 yards and a touchdown.

Timmy Arline had six carries for 135 yards and three touchdowns.

Cole Brown had three catches for 137 yards and two touchdowns.

Landon Brown led the defense with four tackles, including three sacks.

McKenzie is at home again Friday, hosting Scotts Hill. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Gray Eubanks punches in the Mustang touchdown through a scrum of offensive and defensive linemen. Photo Courtesy Huntingdon Sports Pics

Mustangs Corral Bulldogs, 42-20

HUNTINGDON (September 13) — On Friday night, the Huntingdon Mustangs picked up their second win of the season as they played host to the Columbia Academy Bulldogs. It was a game of pending rain showers with the perpetual lightning of yellow flags. The first quarter was a tight back-and-forth but like a diesel engine, the Mustang offense and defense heated up to roar away with the 42-20 win.

In the first quarter, Columbia Academy received the opening kick and proceeded to operate a hurry-up offense. Running back Montae Baldwin kept the Mustangs on their heels in the opening drive. Baldwin moved the ball from the 30 yard line of the Bulldogs’ across mid-field to the Mustangs’ 43 yard line. On third-and-ten, Quarterback Stephen Nieves got the Huntingdon defense to commit to the run as he hit Wyatt Ayers for the first down.

With a fresh set of downs, Columbia Academy and Baldwin moved the ball inside the red zone to the 14 yard line. On third down, Nieves caught Harrison Brownlee in stride for the touchdown. After an unsuccessful two-point conversion, the Bulldogs led the Mustangs 6-0 at the 8:12 mark.

Huntingdon rebounded on the kickoff. Tyreke Hutch received the kickoff and returned the kick nearly untouched for a 96-yard touchdown. Greyson Anderson added the extra point as the Mustangs took a 7-6 lead with 7:57 to play in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs were able to move the ball on the second offensive series. Moving up to the Mustang 47 yard line, Columbia Academy picked up a charity first down as Huntingdon was called for a 15-yard defensive chop block. The drive stalled on the 32 yard line, and on fourth-and-eleven, Nieves’ pass was knocked down by Hutch turning the ball over on downs.

The Mustangs moved the ball 68 yards in two plays on the next drive for their second touchdown of the night. Gray Eubanks ran the first play up the gut for three yards. Then Brady Warbritton bounced it outside for the 65-yard touchdown. Anderson tacked on the PAT as



Brady Warbritton takes the edge for a Huntingdon touchdown. Photo Courtesy Huntingdon Sports Pics

Huntingdon led 14-6.

Columbia Academy quickly responded to answer the touchdown. In three plays moving the ball 70 yards, Nieves’ pass to Brownlee was good for the TD with 3:56 to play in the opening quarter. Jackson Usherwood added the extra point as the Bulldogs trailed the Mustangs 14-13.

On the next drive, the one-two punch of Eubanks and Warbritton marched the ball from the 20 yard line to near mid-field. A late hit by Columbia Academy moved the ball inside the red zone. A holding call on Huntingdon negated a Warbritton touchdown. Then a fumbled snap put the Mustangs on the 40 yard line.

Starting the second quarter, on fourth-and-long, Huntingdon attempted to pick up the first down on the pass but it was ruled incomplete.

The Bulldogs went three-and-out on the next drive, and the Mustangs started the drive from the 31 yard line. Three plays into the drive, flags littered the field with a holding call on Columbia Academy and a facemask call on Huntingdon. The Mustangs still chipped away at the yardage picking up a first down. Then as the Mustangs were about to pick up major yardage, they were flagged with another holding penalty.

A solid run by Warbritton regained the field possession and put Huntingdon in scoring position. From the one yard line, Eubanks drove across the goal line for the TD. Anderson boot-ed his third PAT of the night as the Mustangs increased their lead 21-13 with 3:45 remaining in the half.

On the kickoff, starting the second half, Columbia Academy tried an unevent-

ful onside kick. Beginning at the opposing 48 yard line, the Mustangs moved the ball down field with ease. On first-and-goal from the one, Eubanks had his second touchdown of the night. Anderson added the extra point as Huntingdon went up 28-13 at the 7:57 mark of the third quarter.

Columbia Academy had a little bad luck on the next series. Looking to get into four down territory, Nieves threw the ball behind his receiver forcing a lateral turnover that was recovered by Huntingdon’s Broox Bennett.

Starting from the Mustang 45 yard line, Warbritton crossed mid-field. On second-and-three from the 48 yard line, Eubanks busted up the middle for the touchdown. Anderson responded with the PAT as Huntingdon was up 35-13 with 5:14 to play in the third.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs scored their final points of the night. On second-and-one from the 16 yard line, Warbritton was in for the touchdown. Anderson hit his sixth consecutive PAT of the night.

As Huntingdon made a series of substitutions on defense, Columbia Academy who had a limited roster kept in the starters. With 3:13 remaining in the game, Brownlee scored a touchdown and Usherwood tacked on the PAT bringing the final score to 42-20.

Huntingdon (2-1) takes to the road Friday night traveling to Alamo to take on the 4A Crockett County Cavaliers (4-0). This will be a series test for the Mustangs as the Cavaliers are not only two class sizes larger but have wins against Jackson North Side, Jackson South Side, Ripley and Lexington. Game time is 7 p.m.

McKenzie Ranked in First Place in TSWA Poll

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association announced football rankings after Week 4 on Monday, with the poll presented by CoachT.com. Top 10 teams in each of the six Division I classifications and Top 5 in three Division II classes were selected by TSWA members with first-place votes in parentheses and total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote.

- Class A**
1. McKenzie (4-0) – 169 (16)
 2. Gordonsville (4-0) – 150 (1)
 3. Whitwell (4-0) – 130
 4. Coalfield (4-0) – 121
 5. Oliver Springs (3-1) – 79
 6. South Fulton (4-0) – 74
 7. Chattanooga Prep (3-1) – 54

8. Halls (4-0) – 51
 9. South Pittsburg (2-2) – 34
 10. Union City (2-2) – 28
- Others receiving votes: Clay Co. 21, MASE 10, Middle College 6, Moore County 2, Oakdale 2, Harriman 1, Richland 1, Houston Co. 1, Cloudland 1.

- Class 2A**
1. East Robertson (4-0) – 162 (11)
 2. Marion Co. (4-0) – 142 (5)
 3. Milan (4-0) – 138 (1)
 4. Decatur Co. Riverside (3-1) – 118
 5. Fairley (3-0) – 96
 6. Forrest (4-0) – 77
 7. Huntingdon (2-1) – 74
 8. Mt. Pleasant (4-0) – 44
 9. Bledsoe Co. (3-1) – 22
 10. Jackson Central-Merry (3-1) – 12
- Others receiving votes: Westmoreland 12, East

- Hickman 8, Summertown 7, Memphis Business 5, York Institute 5, Mitchell 3, Oneida 3, Tellico Plains 2, Lewis Co. 2, Peabody 1, Fayetteville 1, Happy Valley 1.

- Class 3A**
1. Alcoa (2-1) – 168 (15)
 2. East Nashville (4-0) – 142
 3. Covington (3-0) – 138 (1)
 - t4. Westview (4-0) – 114
 - t4. Meigs Co. (3-0) – 114 (1)
 6. Unicoi Co. (3-0) – 69
 7. Sequatchie Co. (3-1) – 59
 8. Johnson Co. (4-0) – 48
 9. Gatlinburg-Pittman (3-1) – 22
 10. Bolton (4-0) – 19
- Others receiving votes: Pigeon Forge 18, Giles Co. 13, McMinn Central 4, Dyersburg 4, McNairy Central 3.

Correction

In the story “Rebels Survive Soggy First Half to Clip Eagles, 20-13” in the September 10, 2024 edition of The Banner, McKenzie High School senior football player Landon Brown was mistak-

enly referred to as “Lane” Brown. The Banner regrets the error.

An additional clarification: The story states, “Surber threw to L. Brown, who made the catch. As he turned up-field, Eagle Jaylen Edgeston stripped the ball and ran it back for a touchdown.” This

was the ruling on the field as conveyed by a coach on the sideline to The Banner immediately after the play. However, the team’s official statistics, presented to The Banner after the game, refer to the play as an interception of Surber’s pass by Edgeston resulting in the touchdown.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Milton Runs for 406 as War Eagles Pick Up Region Victory

COURTESY MICHAEL ODOM
Mirror-Exchange

LINDEN (September 13) — In one of the wildest games of the season, the West Carroll football team picked up an opening Region 6-1A victory with a win over Perry County.

After taking an early 20-0 lead, the War Eagles had to hold on late for the 50-43 victory to open region play.

West Carroll (3-1, 1-0 6-1A) hosts Houston County in a key Region 6-1A game on Friday.

West Carroll senior running back Jayden Milton rushed for 406 yards and five touchdowns on 20 carries, which increased his season total to 1,252 yards and 17 touchdowns.

After the first quarter, West Carroll had jumped out to a 20-0 lead. Milton had a 60- and seven-yard

touchdown run, while Ben Pruitt rushed for a 20-yard touchdown.

Perry County answered with a touchdown run early in the second quarter, but Milton scored his third touchdown on a 49-yard run, and Pruitt hit Jace Hammett with the two-point conversion for the 28-7 lead with 6:46 until halftime.

The problem is that West Carroll wouldn’t score again until the fourth quarter, and in the meantime, Perry County scored three straight touchdowns to take a 29-28 lead.

But with 11:02 remaining, Milton scored from 55 yards out and got the two-point conversion to put West Carroll up 36-29.

Perry County had the answer to cut the lead to 36-35. But Milton wasn’t going to

be denied as he scored from 52 yards out with 7:50 to play to put the War Eagles up 42-35.

With 1:57 to play Perry County scored a touchdown and got the two-point conversion as the Vikings took the 43-42 lead.

West Carroll wanted to finish it off, and the team did have one more touchdown up its sleeve. With 32 seconds on the clock, Pruitt hit Quamarion Patterson with a 55-yard touchdown pass, and Milton scored the two-point conversion as the War Eagles took a 50-43 lead.

The game had 904 yards of total offense with West Carroll accounting for 537 yards.

Pruitt completed 2-of-5 passes for 64 yards, and he ran for 46 yards on five carries.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Left, Lady Tiger Abby Baker earned the win for Central, allowing one unearned run on two hits, striking out seven and walking two in five innings. Right, Lady Rebel Willow Stenberg makes a catch in left field. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Tigers Top Lady Rebels

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (September 10) — McKenzie Middle School Lady Rebel softball hosted Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tuesday. The Lady Tigers scored in each inning for an 11-1 road win. Lady Rebel Ruthie Adkins was 2-for-2. Ridley Holt reached on an error to drive in McKenzie's lone run. Sami Mathis had a walk and a run scored. Abby Baker led the Lady Tiger offense, going 4-for-4 with a double and five RBIs. Amelia Bennett was 2-for-2 with a walk and three runs scored. Belle Blankenship was 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Kylie Craig was 1-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Seiley Parish was 1-or-1 with a walk and an RBI. Molly Moore was 1-for-3. Lexi Moore was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk and a run scored. Deaven Whit-



Lady Rebel Ruthie Adkins took the loss for McKenzie, but struck out seven in five innings. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

tenburg was 1-for-3 with a double. Baker earned the win in the circle for Central, allowing one unearned run on two hits, striking out seven and walking two in five

Bethel Football Moves to 3-0 With Victory in Georgia

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The No. 7 Bethel Wildcats remained undefeated with a 35-0 road win at Thomas University Saturday. The Cats moved to 3-0 while the Night Hawks dropped to 0-2. It was just the second meeting between the two programs. Bethel beat the Night Hawks 48-14 last season in McKenzie. The Wildcats are 147-185 in overall play in the modern-day era. Wet conditions and rain played factors in the game for both squads, but Bethel's running attack sparked by outstanding offensive line play was a huge factor enabling the Cats to pick up the win. Bethel's defense did their part as well frustrating the Thomas offense the entire game. The Cats scored two touchdowns in the first quarter. C J Campbell Jr. had a 28-yard run for a score. Jordan Cason scored on a 62-yard run. Oziel Hernandez knocked in both point after attempts. Neither team scored in the second stanza with the Wild-

cats leading 14-0 at the break. The Wildcats took a 21-0 margin at the 8:44 mark of the third quarter. Kade Hewitt scooted into the endzone from 14 yards out. With eight seconds left in the quarter, Hewitt scored again from a yard out and Bethel led 28-0. Jarvis Stockton scored the final points with 24 seconds left in the game as he rushed in untouched from 11 yards out. Bethel dominated in yards rushing with a 403-48 advantage. The Cats only attempted three passes with all being incomplete. The Wildcat defense held Thomas to just 118 yards in total offense. Bethel's defense is allowing just 5.3 points per outing which is fourth best in the nation. The Cats had a 22-6 margin in first downs in the game. Hewitt had a game high 125 yards in rushing yards. Campbell rushed for 97 yards while Cason finished with 93 yards on the ground. Gregg Edwards led Bethel's defense with eight total

tackles, a sack and 3.5 TFL's. Markel Crawford had four total tackles. Duston Chavis had a sack.

Game Stats:
https://bethel.prestosports.com/sports/football/2024-25/box-scores/20240914_fs7y.xml
Coach Mike Jasper shared his thoughts about the game and his team. "Proud doesn't begin to express how I feel about this program today. The conditions were far from favorable, but our guys were determined. We wanted to come out and put a complete game together and outside of a few hiccups, I feel like we did that. I'm excited to get home and dive into this bye week headfirst. Once we complete our self-scout we will begin to prep for another good opponent in Bluefield." The Cats are off next week and then travel to Bluefield on the 28th. Bethel returns home on October 5th to face the University of the Cumberlands. With another off week, the Wildcats play only one home game in the month of October.

Record-Setting Day for Lady Wildcats

KENNETH, Mo. — The Bethel Lady Wildcats Golf Team dominated play in the Williams Baptist Fall Invitational being played at the Kenneth Country Club in Kenneth, Missouri Monday and Tuesday. Every Lady Wildcat finished in the top ten of the field. Bethel shot 34 over par to win by a whopping total of 115 strokes. The margin of victory is the largest in program history. Five teams competed in the event. The 297 score in the final round was a program record. The two-day total of 610 is a program record. **Bethel Scores:** Durbin Chacon 74-72 146 Medalist. Annabelle Cziezerski 79-73 2nd. Adeline Edwards 79-75 Tied 4th. Merle Chacon 81-77. Martina Gonzalez 82-80. Tessa Myers Ind. 81-78. Allijah Griffith Ind 78-83. For complete details and other scores, visit: <https://scoreboard.clippd.com/tournament-leaderboard/233274/scoring/player>.

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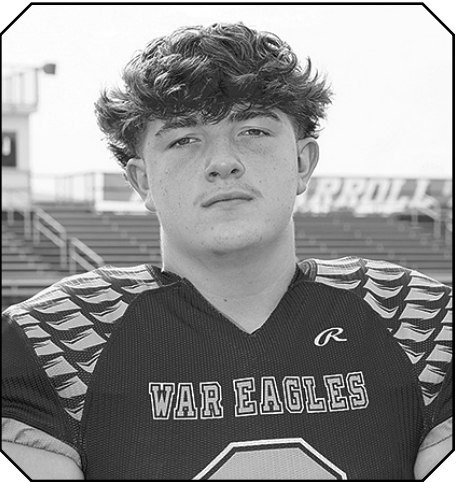
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Cash Express Honors First Responders



McKENZIE (September 11) — Cash Express maintained a long tradition Wednesday by honoring first responders on the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Members of McKenzie’s police and fire departments and of Carroll County EMS met at city hall to receive cupcakes and handmade posters of appreciation. Pictured are (L to R): Lt. Robert Ross, Chief Brian Tucker and Battalion Chief Jason Arnold of MFD; Assistant Manager Amanda Thatcher, Cash Express; Sgt. Austin Jones, Chief Ryan White and Assistant Chief Trey Boucher of MPD; and paramedic Colton Higdon and Advanced EMT Robert Shell of Carroll County EMS. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

CHEERING FOR THE FUTURE



West Carroll sixth grade football players and cheerleaders participated in the pep rally at the junior-senior high. Pictured (L to R): Kinsley Newsome, Teddy Zamecnik, Drake Herndon, Ian Pearson, Isaiah Lott, Brayden Newman, Cooper Latch and Khloe Foster. Photo courtesy WCSSD

West Carroll Elementary Supports Junior High Homecoming

TREZEVANT (September 12) — Students at West Carroll Elementary School rallied behind the Junior High War Eagles in preparation for the Junior High Football Homecoming. Students in third through sixth grade participated in West Carroll Junior High dress-up days, competed in school spirit contests, and created posters. Dress-up themes included Disco Inferno — 70’s, Twinnem — twin day, Party in the USA — USA Day, and Maroon — Extreme Spirit Day. Winners were chosen daily for the best themed outfits.

Monday’s winners all decked out in 1970’s attire for Disco Inferno were William McAlpin (fourth grade) and Norah Reynolds (fifth grade).

Tuesday’s winners for Twinnem Day were fifth graders Norah Reynolds and Nora Anderson who wore their matching blue jeans and shirts.

Fifth grader Ayden Taylor and fourth grader William McAlpin won for Party in the USA with their patriotic-themed outfits.

On Thursday, WCES fifth graders were the winners with the most students dressed in West Carroll apparel, maroon clothing, face paint, ribbons, and hats.



WCES 70’s dress up day winners (L to R): William McAlpin and Norah Reynolds. Photo courtesy WCSSD

“Our elementary students are truly embodying the spirit of our school,” said Dr. Jessica Williams, principal of West Carroll Elementary. “It’s wonderful to see them so engaged and excited about supporting their older classmates. This kind of enthusiasm not only strengthens our school spirit but also builds lasting memories.”

West Carroll Elementary sixth graders were invited

to travel to West Carroll Junior Senior High School on Thursday afternoon to participate in their very first pep rally. Football players and cheerleaders were recognized with introductions in front of the student body.

The junior high pep rally was led by West Carroll Jr Sr High School Student Council. WCES students are extremely grateful for the administrators, faculty, and staff who made this experience possible.



Refined Ultimate Nutrition Opens in McKenzie

McKENZIE (September 10) — Refined Ultimate Nutrition held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, September 10, hosted by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce.

The business is owned by Josh and Alisha Crawford and Mark Anderson, II and

wife, Heather. Bryan Catala is the manager of the store.

Anderson said the store, located at 2109 Cedar Street, and adjacent to the Refinery Fitness Center, provides quality supplements, vitamins, and ready-made meals, and individual nutrition bars and snacks. The

open house featured samples of nutritious smoothies and snacks.

Anderson said they wanted to provide an outlet for quality supplements.

Refined Ultimate Nutrition is located in the former Roger Reed Real Estate building.



A new sign commemorating the 70th anniversary of Rebel Stadium was presented at halftime of Friday’s game. Pictured (L to R): School board members Chad Brown, Spiros Roditis and George Cassidy; MHS Principal Kelly Spivey; Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden; and school board members Bobby Young, Misty Aird, Karen Fowler and Lashonda Williams. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Sign Commemorates 70 Years of Rebel Stadium

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McKENZIE (September 13) — During McKenzie’s rainy win Friday night, a new sign was presented commemorating the 70th anniversary of Rebel Stadium.

The sign reads:

“Rebel Stadium, constructed in 1954, saw its first Rebel Football home game played the same year. While the first home game was a loss, it was the beginning of a community centerpiece that has seen thousands of players and coaches, and tens of thousands of cheering Rebel fans in its storied history. The 1973 season produced the first 10-win regular season (10-1) for the Rebel Football team. In the 1980 season, the Rebels won their first TSSAA State Playoff game, defeating Old Hickory Academy, 33-6. In 1985, the district reversed the home and visitor bleachers and expanded seating,

renovated the field house, and added a new press box. Rebel Football had the first undefeated regular season in 2001, going 13-1. The 2007 season saw several significant achievements.

“Rebel Football had their first-ever TSSAA Semi-Final win over Mt. Pleasant, 35-32, and finished the season as Runner-up in the TSSAA Class 1A State Championship. Also in 2007, several major Rebel Stadium renovations took place—the home and visitor bleachers were reversed back to their original configuration, new dressing rooms were added for players, coaches, and officials, as well as a new press box and home-side concession stand. Recently, Rebel Football has continued the gridiron success.

“The 2021 season was momentous, with Rebel Football finishing the season with a 14-1 record, and Runner-Up in the TSSAA Class 1A State Championship. The 2022 season re-

sulted in McKenzie High School Rebel Football’s first-ever State Championship, as the Rebels defeated Clay County, 34-14, for the TSSAA Class 1A Title.

“The 2022 Rebels also finished the season perfectly with a 15-0 final record. The Rebels made another tremendous run in 2023, finishing the season as the TSSAA Class 1A State Runner-Up (13-2 record).

“In addition to McKenzie High School football games, hundreds of McKenzie Middle School football games, and just as many community-league games have been played at Rebel Stadium, positively impacting generations and thousands of student-athletes. McKenzie Special School District and the community of McKenzie are excited to see what the next 70 years hold for Rebel Stadium and our Rebel Football programs! Go Rebels!”

The sign was produced by Tri-County Publishing.

‘MEET THE PAST’

Living History Bus Tour of Shiloh Battlefield

SHILOH, Tenn. — Would you like to meet six people who participated in the Battle of Shiloh? Join us for a special living history event!

“On Saturday, September 21, Shiloh National Military Park will host a living history bus tour for the first time,” said Acting Park Superintendent Stacy Allen. “The tour will take visitors to historic sites on the battlefield where they will meet people who experienced the Battle of Shiloh and hear their stories,” he continued.

Before becoming a world renown writer, journalist, and poet, Ambrose Bierce

survived the bloody battle of Shiloh and wrote his memoir What I Saw of Shiloh describing his terrifying experience in the battle. Today, Bierce is considered one of America’s most important writers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries on the same level as Edgar Allan Poe and H.P. Lovecraft. Bierce is one of six characters to be portrayed by living historians you will meet on the bus tour.

Other Shiloh veterans bus riders will meet include explorer Henry Morton Stanley, nurse and soldier’s advocate “Mother” Bickerdike, Tennessee soldier

Sam Watkins, naval officer William Gwin, and war widow Ann Wallace.

The bus tour is free, but seats are limited. Bus tours will depart from the park’s visitor center at 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:40 p.m., and 5:10 p.m. and last about an hour. Please call 731-689-5696 to reserve your seats today.

For more information on all events at both the Shiloh and Corinth battlefields please call 731- 689-5696 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/shil, on Twitter at /ShilohNPS, and Facebook page at facebook.com/ShilohNMP.

West Carroll Beta Initiates School Cleanup

West Carroll Junior Senior Beta Club has implemented a new initiative focused on keeping the school and its surrounding grounds clean. As part of the program, students will have the opportunity to earn service hours while contributing to the cleanliness of the campus. This initiative not only aligns with the core values of the Beta Club but also fosters a spirit of service and responsibility among the students.

Principal Dr. Adam Douglas expressed his gratitude for the Beta Club’s efforts. “It takes a village, and our Beta Club always steps up where needed. They truly embody the pillars of Beta and are a positive force within our school,” Dr. Douglas said. He also extended thanks to the sponsors and community



From left, West Carroll Beta members Brylie Sacks, Grace Newsome, Kadi Martin, Hannah Fowler, Hannah Pinson, Britni Sheperd, Braden Joyner and Amarie Kelley. Photo courtesy WCSSD

stakeholders who continually support the Beta Club’s mission and projects.

The new program reflects the school’s commitment to both academic excellence and character development, allowing students to make a tangible difference in their immediate environment. Beta Club members are expected to lead by example, showing their peers the im-

portance of community service and stewardship. The initiative is part of an ongoing effort to involve students in hands-on activities that not only benefit the school but also instill a sense of pride and ownership.

For more information about West Carroll Junior Senior High School and the Beta Club’s projects, visit their website at wcscsd.org.

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