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QUOTE

"The right to vote is fundamental to citizenship, and Election Day is the most important day of the year to our democracy."
— Dean Phillips

Election Day is Thursday

CARROLL COUNTY (August 3) — Thursday, August 6 is the local general elections and the political party primaries in the state and federal elections. Thursday, the local precincts open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
Voters can visit <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup> to check the voter registration record and where to vote.

Early voting closed Saturday, August 1. In total, 2,386 individuals in Carroll County placed their votes during the early voting period. Of those, 1,904 voted Republican and 408 voted Democratic.

The City of Clarksburg municipal election is also August 6, 2026.

The big elections are the primaries for Governor and Congress.

Other offices on the August 6

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BITTERSWEET FAREWELL



Susan Breeden (center) is pictured with Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County's new Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Redd (left) and Chief Executive Officer Skipper Bondurant (right) during her retirement ceremony. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Longtime CEO Retires from Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON — After a fulfilling 34 years, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Susan Breeden is saying goodbye to Baptist Memorial

Hospital-Carroll County and hello to retirement. The Huntingdon hospital held a retirement reception for Breeden on Friday, July 31, honoring her decades of leadership.

Breeden, a Waverly native, looks back at her years with Baptist with

a lot of love for the people she has encountered — and many reasons to feel bittersweet as she leaves.

"I have had the best team," Breeden said, "and I love just walking

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Mayor Edwards Swears in Huntingdon Firefighters

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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HUNTINGDON (July 28) — The Huntingdon Fire Department reached a historic milestone Tuesday night as five of the town's six full-time firefighters were sworn into service during the Town of Huntingdon's July meeting.

Huntingdon Mayor Chad Edwards administered the oath to firefighters Tim Walton, Brad Hampton, Brett Hampton, Noah Maxwell and Brian McDowell.

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McKENZIE Council Meeting August 13, May Amend Budget

The McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meets Thursday, August 13 at 6 p.m. to vote on several items, including a resolution to amend the 2026-27 budget.

In new business, the council will discuss and vote on the following items:

- Resolution 26-006 to declare surplus property auction
- Resolution 26-007 for loan approval of communication equipment
- Resolution 26-008 to Amend Budget on Comptroller's Recommendation.

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Open House Set for Solar Farm in Trezevant

HUNTINGDON (July 30) — After one year of operation, the public will get an in-person look at Silicon Ranch's large solar farm in Trezevant.

During the July 30 meeting of the Carroll County Electric Board, Ryan Drewry, general manager of Carroll County Electric Department,

announced the public open house event is September 10, 10 a.m. He noted the date was set to offer an educational opportunity for area schools to participate in the event.

Silicon Ranch constructed a 6.5

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The pickup truck came to rest just short of a large ditch.

Single Vehicle Accident Barely Misses Commercial Buildings

HUNTINGDON (August 2) — A single-vehicle accident involving a pickup truck exited Main Street in Huntingdon, destroyed part of the decorative fencing at Thomas Park and

proceeded past Joe's Barbecue sign, scattering rocks along the business' parking lot and

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The McKenzie Elementary School gym floor has been removed and awaits the new flooring to be installed soon. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Abatement Complete on MES Gymnasium Floor, Installation Begins Wednesday

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (July 29) — The first stage of a project to replace the gymnasium floor at McKenzie Elementary School was completed Wednesday. The meticulous process of asbestos abatement was carried out over three days by SEG, Inc.

Removal of the existing floor required extensive safety precautions and special equipment to prevent contamination, including monitoring the air throughout the building during and after the process.

The next stage, installation of the new flooring, begins Wednesday, August 5, and is expected to be completed within two weeks. The floor will be resurfaced by Covington Flooring Company with a

rubber base mat covered by a poured urethane topcoat. Principal Tonya Brown spoke to The Banner about the challenges of beginning the new school year on Tuesday with the project ongoing.

Normally, the kids would gather in the gym for afternoon dismissal and car riders would be called out as their guardians arrive.

Brown said, “Now dismissal’s going to be in the hall, but we already have that procedure in place and have already gone over it with teachers. So we’re gonna make it work, we’ve done it before.

Another hurdle will be compliance with physical activity requirements while the gym is unavailable, especially with the August heat affecting outdoor activities. “For P.E., we’ve des-

ignated them to go in one of our empty bigger classrooms. Depending on the heat, they can go out to the track and walk for a little bit and then go back in where it’s cooler and they can do other activities.”

Overall, Principal Brown was excited for the update. “It’s gonna be great. In the end, we’re going to have a new floor that looks awesome; we’re gonna have new curtains. We’re going to have some new technology going in there, and that’s going to have an impact when we have our Veterans Day programs or any awards programs, our Kindergarten program. Our Rebel Singers perform there for the parents. It’s just going to be a whole different atmosphere, and it’s gonna look beautiful. It’s been a long time coming.”

Man Arrested After Henry County Drug Search

PARIS (July 26) — The Henry County Sheriff’s Office arrested Kenneth Nance on Sunday after Deputy Lucas Riddick observed him throwing three syringes away in a garbage can near a business on East Wood Street.

The Henry County Sheriff’s Office searched Nance’s vehicle after a positive K-9 alert by K-9 Lisa and found approximately two ounces of methamphetamine, a small amount of marijuana,



Kenneth Nance

na, a prohibited weapon and other drug parapher-

nalina in his possession.

Nance was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a prohibited weapon. He was booked into the Henry County Jail and placed on a \$250,000 bond.

The Henry County Sheriff’s Office was assisted on the scene by the Paris Police Department.

Budget

...From Front Page

- Enter into a three (3) year lease with Tennessee Tractor for lawn equipment for Public Works

and lawn equipment/utility carts for Parks & Recreation.

- Bids for 2026 Paving Project.

The following old business items are on the agenda:

- Discussion/Approval

for Public Works Roofing Bids

- Update from Councilperson McBride on Rotary Food Pantry

The council follows Robert’s Rules of Order when conducting a council meeting.



Above, Carroll Lake Golf Clubhouse. Left, Ten new golf carts appeared on the greenway several weeks before Hicks announced his purchase of Carroll Lake Golf Club. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Carroll Lake Golf Club Has New Owner

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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Carroll Lake Golf Club has a new owner, and he’s ready to take a swing at improving the course.

Huntingdon entrepreneur Josh J. Hicks, owner of J. Hicks Appliances, officially took over the 18-hole public golf course on Saturday, August 1.

Hicks announced the purchase online on closing day, Friday, July 31, with

help from YouTube creator Robby Berger, also known as Bobby Fairways, from Bob Does Sports.

Some local golfers had already begun noticing changes to the course earlier in the summer, when 10 shiny, light blue golf carts appeared on the greenway.

In a video, Berger teased that Hicks would get sand back in the course’s bunkers and bring the golf brand “Breezy” to the pro shop.

“Carroll Lake Golf Club

will never be the same,” Berger said.

Hicks asked for the community’s patience as he takes over the course.

“I hope to make everyone proud, and I’ll do my best to make everything the best I can,” Hicks said. “Might look worse at first but better golf is coming.”

Carroll Lake Golf Club is located at 1305 Carroll Lake Road in McKenzie. For tee times, call 731-352-5998.

Carroll Commission to Honor Retirees

Moratorium to Be Considered On Data Centers

The Carroll County Commission meets on Monday, August 10, at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. Items on the agenda include recognizing retiring county officials Rita Jones, Ricky Scott, Andy Dickson, along with multiple county commissioners.

Resolution 8-01-2026 authorizes the retention of a service weapon of choice upon the retirement of Sheriff Andy Dickson. Resolution 8-02-2026 appoints Mary Ryan Bond and Rene Dickens to the Carroll County Library Board. Resolution 8-03-2026 appoints Willie Huffman and Dr. Walter Butler to the Carroll County Electric Department Board.

Resolution 8-04-2026, if approved, extends the hours of operation for establishments selling beer in Carroll County on Sunday in unincorporated districts. Sales could be conducted between the hours of twelve o’clock noon and twelve o’clock midnight on Sunday.

Resolution 8-05-2026 amends the rules for the

government of the county legislative body. Verbiage would be changed under Rule VII about the citizens forum by deleting the phrase “on a subject on the agenda” and replacing it with “on both matters germane to items on the agenda and matters germane to the jurisdiction of the Body.” Secondly, under Rule X, the “Budget Committee” will be called the “Finance, Ways, and Means.”

Resolution 8-06-2026 would authorize and approve a moratorium on data centers in Carroll County. The Carroll County Mayor’s Office, Carroll County Lake Planning Commission and Carroll County Legislative Body are investigating the health and environmental impact of current and emerging technologies, including but not limited to businesses commonly referred to as “data processing” or “data mining” centers or “crypto-currency mining” businesses. One of the main concerns about the Data Center businesses and/or operations are ordinarily characterized by the peak electric demands of the business.

Resolution 8-07-2026 ap-

proves a second amendment to the Waste Disposal Services Agreement with Republic Services for Rural Trash Collection and Disposal for Carroll County. This agreement creates a five-year contract between Carroll County and Republic Services.

Resolution 8-08-2026, if approved, would establish a Hazardous Duty Supplemental Benefit Pursuant to Chapter 919 of the 2024 Public Acts, Codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 8-36-212, to Authorize the Payment of the Hazardous Duty Supplemental Benefit Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-212. This is a hazardous duty supplemental benefit for all its eligible public safety officers meeting certain requirements.

Resolution 8-09-2026 amends the General Fund Budget for Animal Control by \$19,200. Resolution 8-10-2026 amends the Drug Fund Budget for Vehicles by \$240,000. Resolution 8-11-2026 amends the ARPA Fund Budget for Civic Center Grant in the amount of \$116,054. Resolution 8-12-2026 amends the Grant Fund Budget for various departments.

McKenzie Sets Date for Safe Haven Baby Box Unveiling

MCKENZIE — The City of McKenzie’s first Safe Haven Baby Box, located at the McKenzie Fire Department, is set to be unveiled and blessed on Thursday, August 6 at 10 a.m. Thursday’s unveiling ceremony marks the 460th Safe Haven Baby Box in the nation and the 32nd in Tennessee, expanding access to safe, anonymous surrender options for mothers in crisis.

In a press release, Safe Haven Baby Boxes thanked the citizens of McKenzie and surrounding areas, First Baptist Church, Cumberland Presbyterian, Blooming Grove Methodist Church, the Knights of Columbus Gorman-Brown Council #7086, Midway Materials, Overflow Church and Integrity Construction for their work, heart and dedication into bringing a Baby Box to the community.

“Your commitment to protecting the most vulnerable and ensuring families have safe options has made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for your efforts in making this



life-saving resource a reality,” the nonprofit shared.

In the state of Tennessee, mothers can legally surrender their babies up until 45 days of age. Surrenders can take place at hospitals, fire stations/EMS providers, police stations or baby boxes.

Safe Haven Baby Boxes founder, Monica Kelsey, said, “We are the only organization providing complete anonymity, and we

want these mothers to know we are there for them and their infant before and following a surrender.”

The public is encouraged to attend this community event and learn more about how Safe Haven Baby Boxes help protect vulnerable infants and support parents who choose a safe, legal alternative in moments of crisis.

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Accident

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neighboring parking lots before going down a ravine, stopping short of a stream.

Huntingdon Police and Fire departments, Carroll County Rescue Squad and Baptist EMS arrived on the scene during this Sunday morning accident.

The driver was safely removed from the truck and moved to an ambulance and then transported to Baptist Hospital-Carroll County.

Pictured Right, The truck exited Main Street in Huntingdon, partially damaging the decorative fencing at Thomas Park, and proceeded across the parking lot of Joe's Barbecue.



Solar

...From Front Page

megawatt solar array in Trezevant. The project was started in September 2024 and was operational in July 2025.

Located at Power Station Road, Trezevant, the array connects with Carroll County Electric Department's substation at Trezevant and provides lower-cost electric-

ity to CCED.

In other business, the Board approved the general liability insurance coverage premium of \$304,761 for a one-year term. That is an increase of three percent over last year's premium. It also includes an updated inventory of equipment and the new substation under construction in the Leach community.

The cyber insurance coverage was also approved at an annual premium of \$9,252.

The Board approved a \$1,000 donation to the Battle of the Badge held at the Carroll County Shooting Sports Park. The profits go to Tennessee Public Safety Network and the Shooting Sports Park. Drewry said the Tennessee Public Safety Network provided free counseling to the CCED staff following the death of one of the system's lineman. In the coming months, the Board will discuss a grid modernization project.

Election

...From Front Page

primary midterm election ballot are David Kustoff's U.S. Congressional District 8 seat, Bill Hagerty's U.S. Senate seat, Bill Lee's Tennessee Governor seat, Tandy Darby's Tennessee House of Representatives District 76 seat and Brock Martin's District 79 House of Representatives seat.

In the Republican Primary are:

Governor - Marsha Blackburn, Monty Fritts, and John Rose; United States Senate - Bill Hagerty; U.S. Congress District 8 - David Kustoff; Tn. House District 76 - Tandy Darby; Tn. House District 79 - Brock Martin; State Executive Committeeman District 79 - Ryan Anthony Ellegood; State Executive Committeewoman District 24 - Tess Robbins.

In the Democratic Primary are:

Governor - Carnita Atwater, Tim Cyr, Jerri Green, Adam Kurtz, and Kevin Lee McCants; U.S. Senate - Marquita Bradshaw, Maria Brewer, Kevin Lee McCants, Civil Miller-Watkins, and Diana Onyejiaka. U.S. House of Representatives District 8 - Dewery Gordon Bryan, Jordan D. Hinders, Heidi Kuhn, Leonard Perkins. State Executive Committeewoman District 24 - Tammy Floyd-Wade.

Circuit Court Clerk (four-year term):

Incumbent Sarah Bradberry (R)

County Mayor (four-year term):

Incumbent Joseph G. Butler (R)

Property Assessor (four-year term):

John Austin (R)

County Clerk (four-year term):

Incumbent Darlene Kirk (I)

Trustee (four-year term):

Incumbent Paula Bolen (I)

Register of Deeds (four-year term):

Incumbent Natalie McCullough Porter (D)

County Sheriff (four-year term):

Eric Sawyers (R)

Michael A. Smith (I)

Road Supervisor (four-year term):

The county has reduced the number of road supervisors from two to one, effective September 1, 2026.

Incumbent Ronnie Wade (I)

The following county

commission seats have four-year terms.

District 1 (Atwood, Cedar Grove, Lavinia) - 3 seats:

Incumbent Darrell Ridgely (R)

Incumbent Jimmy Halford (I)

Incumbent Randy Long (I)

District 2 (McLemoresville, Trezevant) - 2 seats:

Incumbent Daniel Lee Willman (R)

Incumbent Lana Y. Suite (I)

District 3 (Bruceton, Buena Vista, Sp. Grove, Vale) - 2 seats:

Brandy Boyd (R)

Will McMackin (I)

Amon Miller (I)

Dwayne Tordsen (I)

District 4 (Cannon, Hollow Rock, Macedonia) - 2 seats:

Incumbent Morris Rogers (R)

District 5 (Civic Center) - 3 seats:

Incumbent Cyril Ostiguy (R)

Incumbent Barry Mac Murphy (I)

Jimmy Crossett (R)

Paul D. Hugueley (I)

Rakaya Humphreys (I)

Anna Wheat (I)

Curt Taylor (I)

District 6 (Clarksburg, Concord, New Liberty, Westport) - 2 seats:

Incumbent Jimmy D. McClure (I)

Incumbent Philip E. Moore (I)

Madison Boyd Endres (R)

Kurt Hunley (I)

District 7 (Huntingdon Police Station) - 2 seats:

Incumbent Lori Dillahunt (R)

Incumbent Walter Smothers (I)

Jimmie Sue Staten (D)

Lynn Grice (I)

District 8 (McKenzie Senior Citizens Center) - 2 seats:

Incumbent Jay Phipps (R)

Incumbent Willie Huffman (I)

District 9 (McKenzie Church of Christ, City Hall) - 3 seats:

Incumbent Jason R. Martin (I)

Incumbent Spiridon L. Roditis (I)

Ricky Price (I)

Carroll County School Board - 3 seats (four-year terms):

District 1 (Lavinia, Cedar Grove, Atwood, McLemoresville, Trezevant, McKenzie Senior Citizens Center):

Incumbent Mike Foster (I)

District 2 (Bruceton, Recycling Center, Hollow Rock, McKenzie Church of Christ, McKenzie City Hall):

Incumbent Deborah

Broadbent (I)

District 3 (Civic Center, Clarksburg, Concord/Westport, Huntingdon Police Station):

Incumbent Charlotte Tucker (I)

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District School Board - 4 seats

District 16 Hollow Rock City - 1 seat (2-year unexpired):

Incumbent Johnathan Tedford (I)

District 16 Bruceton City - 1 seat (four-year term):

Incumbent Brandy Boyd (R)

District 16 at-large - 1 seat (four-year term):

Incumbent April Hampton (I)

Eric Daniel Gonzalez (R)

District 15 Buena Vista - 1 seat (four-year term):

Incumbent Michael Graves (I)

Huntingdon Special School District School Board - 2 at-large seats (six-year term):

Incumbent Morgan Butler (I)

Incumbent Shawna Smith (I)

McKenzie Special School District School Board - 4 at-large seats (four-year term):

Candidates must live in Carroll County.

Incumbent Spiridon L. Roditis (I)

Brian Keith Stafford (I)

Brian Winston (I)

Renee Hobson (I)

Matthew Lane (I)

South Carroll Special School District School Board - 2 at-large seats (four-year term):

Keith E. Hollowell (R)

Sam Melton (I)

Brian Crum (I)

West Carroll Special School District School Board - 3 seats (four-year term):

Old County - 1 seat:

Linda Black (I)

Old Atwood - 1 seat: No candidates.

Old Trezevant - 1 seat (2-year unexpired):

Incumbent Kelly M. Weaver (I)

Paul Mueller (I)

The City of Clarksburg will hold an election for mayor and two alderman positions on August 6.

City of Clarksburg Mayor:

Incumbent Howell W. Todd

City of Clarksburg alderman - 2 positions:

Incumbent Barbara A. McClure

Incumbent Judy Grant Smith



Mayor Chad Edwards swears Tim Walton, Brad Hampton, Brett Hampton, Noah Maxwell and Brian McDowell into service. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Mayor

...From Front Page

"The men standing before us have demonstrated dedication and accepted a call that few are willing to answer," Mayor Edwards said of the men.

Tuesday marked the first time any firefighter for the Town of Huntingdon had been officially sworn into service, an initiative led by Huntingdon Fire Chief John Fordon. Following the ceremony, Chief Fordon presented each firefighter with a badge.

That night, the Huntingdon Town Council also voted on second reading to replace a section of the Huntingdon Municipal Code relating to Fire Protection and Fireworks, at the recommendation of Chief Fordon.

There were several gray areas in the previous section that required updating, Fordon said. In the new section, the town clarifies that fireworks can be stored, used and expended within town limits for personal use from June 20-July 5 and from December 10-January 2 of each year and can only be used

during the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The updated code in its entirety is available for viewing at Huntingdon City Hall.

The council also agreed to amend sections from the Huntingdon Municipal Code's Beautification Committee regarding membership, terms and administration. They appointed the following Huntingdon Beautification Members (three-year terms): Lori Dillahunt, Starr Rawls, Trudy Able, Jess Moss, Kristen Dillahunt, Dixie Atkinson, Peggy Allen, Hilda Wallace, Mary Glenys Espey and Josh Todd. Councilperson Kelly Eubanks was appointed to the board as a non-voting liaison.

Donna Butler was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals as Huntingdon's municipal planning commission representative for a three-year term. Butler replaces Carl Nolen, who recently resigned from Huntingdon's planning commission.

After receiving notification that the town's Oak Hill & Clark Cemetery Trust at First Bank would soon be managed by a company in Middle Tennessee, the board authorized Mayor Edwards and Town Recorder Kim

Carter to open a new trust account at Carroll Bank & Trust and transfer funds from the old trust into it.

In the council's last order of business, it was voted to amend the definition of "concessions" in the town's memorandum of understanding with The Friends of The Dixie Inc.

The amendment defines concessions as food and non-alcoholic drinks that are not regulated by the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The town and The Friends of The Dixie split profits from concession sales.

The change follows a survey released by The Dixie, which asked if the community was interested in purchasing alcoholic beverages at shows.

The Huntingdon Beer Board convened after the regular council meeting. Following a public hearing that yielded no response, the board voted to grant a permit to sell beer at retail for off-premise consumption to Martin & Bayley Inc., doing business as Huck's #385, at 23 Veterans Drive N.

The council's next meeting is at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 25 at Huntingdon City Hall.



Susan Breeden is pictured with her family during her retirement ceremony in the Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County cafeteria. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Baptist

...From Front Page

down the hallway and talking to patients and their families. Carroll County is really a special place."

Breeden joined Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County in 1988 as a business office manager. She ultimately left the hospital in 1989 — a move she said she regretted almost as soon as she'd left.

She returned to Baptist in 1993 as the hospital's chief financial officer, and in 1997, she was promoted to chief executive officer (CEO), a position she held for 29 years. During this time, Breeden has commuted from Waverly to Huntingdon nearly every day.

As CEO, Breeden was responsible for the operations of the hospital facility, from safety to clinical responsibilities, but she credited her team with ensuring everything went smoothly.

"I've got great leaders here," Breeden said, "and it takes a team effort. Everybody knows their responsibility, and everybody works so well together to make sure that we look at things concurrently every day, that we're doing the very best that we can do."

There were many factors that made Breeden come

to love Baptist Memorial Hospital, with the hospital's faith-based service being paramount.

"Working for a faith-based organization is really important to me," Breeden said. "We begin every morning with prayer in our safety huddles, and we begin all of our meetings with prayer. I think that adds a dimension to being able to care for people, that you're trying to do it in a Christlike manner"

Leaving Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County was a difficult decision for Breeden, though it had been in the back of her mind since 2020. She officially announced her retirement in early 2026, feeling like it was time to move into her next phase of life.

"I still have a reasonable amount of good health," Breeden said. "I have grandkids, and I just feel like it's time that I do some things for myself and for my family. I'm leaving this facility in really great hands, which gives me some peace."

Skipper Bondurant, administrator and CEO at Baptist Memorial Hospital's Union City campus, is the new CEO of the Carroll County campus and will begin splitting his time evenly between the two hospitals. The Carroll County campus also recently hired Kevin Redd as chief administrative officer.

During the retirement

ceremony, several Baptist Memorial Hospital employees were heard admiring that it takes two positions to fill Breeden's one.

"It is nearly impossible to put into words what Susan has meant to us," Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County shared on Friday, "not only as our CEO but as someone who has left a permanent mark on the hearts of so many. Susan has been so much more than a leader. She has been a mother figure, a friend, a trusted sounding board, a source of comfort and a steady voice of wisdom when it was needed most. She has led with grace, strength, compassion and humility, and her kindness and generosity have touched more lives than she will ever know."

The legacy Susan leaves behind is one of love, service, courage and unwavering dedication. We are better because of her, and this place will forever carry the imprint of her heart. While we are so happy for her as she begins her well-deserved next chapter, we will miss her more than words can say."

Friday was Breeden's last day with Baptist, though she said it won't be the hospital's last time seeing her. Monday was the start of Breeden's retirement, which she said will be filled with river life and time with her three grandchildren.

Things In My Head with Charles Manfredi



THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Over The River and Through the Woods

“Over the river and through the woods” — it’s a phrase that makes me sing the song, a song that reminds me of the coming holidays.

But it’s also a phrase full of dramatic symbolism.

Have you ever been on the other side of the river and lost in the woods? A river so wide it seemed impossible to cross, and woods so thick no light could penetrate it?

Are you there at this moment?

Don’t feel bad. It’s easy to get lost.

Divorce, death of a loved one, drugs, alcohol, betrayal, cancer, losing a job, financial crisis, family trouble, trau-

ma. I could go on, but you get my point—there are lots of circumstances that cause us to lose our way. The funny thing about that is you don’t realize you’re getting lost until you are lost.

So, how are you supposed to get un-lost? Simply put, you must travel “over the river and through the woods.”

Easy to say.

Hard to do.

In the song the thing that makes it worth the effort to travel “over the river and through the woods” is the destination: “to grandmother’s house we go.” For you the “grandmother’s house” might literally be re-joining your grandmother, or it might be other loved

ones who are waiting and looking for you. Maybe your destination is a life of sobriety and wholeness, or a better job, or a healthy, loving relationship with someone. Or perhaps your focus is on an other-worldly destination—heaven.

Whatever it is, keeping focused on the destination reminds you that whatever it takes to get there will be worth it in the end. Instead of despairing about how hard the journey is, be thankful for the destination that’s awaiting you.

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

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Raised On Milk Duds and Goo Goo’s

People ask me how did we have the energy to do all the things I write about in those black and white bygone years of the 1950’s. The answer here is simple. We grew up on Hostess SnoBalls. Listen, you could eat a two-pack of that treat, and you wouldn’t blink your eyes for the next ten hours!

You could fight one of William McCaleb’s billy goats. You could do a standing broad jump over the gate into Mr. Archie Moore’s south pasture. You could run to town and back without stopping. You could throw a crabapple from our back steps into the pond down behind the swimming pool.

I could take two bites of one pink Hostess SnoBall and attack Leon from his blind side. My brother was a foot and a half taller, forty pounds heavier, and five years older. But the sugar high and the sneak attack let me “hold my own” with him for about 17 seconds.

He’d recover and whip me something awful. But I felt like the “king of the hill” there for a brief moment.

I was six or seven, but plenty old enough to know a SnoBall was 99 per cent straight sugar, with just a dash of toasted coconut sprinkled on top to give us some nutrition. Of course, I’m kidding here about the nutrition.

That was the last thing on earth we were thinking about when trying to choose between a Baby Ruth and Hershey’s Chocolate Bar. We just went with our taste buds. It was like the Mounds and Almond Joy folks proclaimed several years later, “Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don’t.”

We hear a lot today about an “RC Cola and a MoonPie” being the ultimate working-man and school-kid’s lunch combo

of the Deep South. That is partly myth. Maybe, back during the Great Depression, factory workers and coal miners could buy an RC Cola and a MoonPie for a nickel each, making a ten-cent meal that kept laborers full.

But my parents would have fought a Cole Bros. Circus wagon full of Bengal tigers before they would send us to school with any kind of cola or candy for lunch. They did think nutrition. So, we went to “further our education” each day armed with a ham filled biscuit, or stewed tomatoes, or if we were lucky, a peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Now, after school, if we could scare up some change, nothing kept us from hustling over to Pat Houston’s Grocery and buying Milk Duds and a Goo Goo Cluster. We didn’t think Southern tradition. We never ever read the ingredient list. And we really didn’t ponder on any energy burst we might be obtaining.

We did, however, run over to the empty lot beside Betty Scates’ house and rip and roar nonstop through several football games, a round robin wrestling match, a tag game that lasted until everyone had been “it,” and then played “kick the can” until the sun dropped behind the trees signaling it was past supper time. We sprinted the mile to the house fully aware of the penalty for being late to the evening repast.

I can tell you one thing that kept our energy level on high octane. Pat Houston’s wasn’t our only charging station in our very small town. Drey’s Food Center kept the Hostess SnoBalls up close to the front counter. If we were over on Lee Street, Pinson’s Grocery and Market carried everything we needed. Woodrow Kennon’s Store

was down at the end of Broadway.

Leon would consume a Tootsie Roll from S & D (that was Sarah and Dee) Market on Cedar Street. And get on his bike and race alongside passing cars as they sped through the traffic light beside the Park Theatre.

Right after finishing off a couple of Three Musketeers and splitting a Zagnut, me and Bobby Brewer jumped a freight train and rode it down to Milan. It was an adventure and a half getting back home! Right before Daddy whipped me, I blamed it (partly) on the sugar.

We were walking out of Crutchfield’s Grocery when Leon introduced me to the art of pouring a pack of Tom’s toasted peanuts down the neck of a cold Coca-Cola. It was “larrupin” good. I challenged him to an arm-wrestling contest on the spot. I think I could have taken him, but he had consumed just as much Coke and peanuts as I had!

Mom worried about our eating habits, what it was doing to our teeth, complexion, and long-term health. She pushed milk, turnip greens, and carrots on us. She often sounded like a broken record on the subject!

And then she would serve her signature dessert to top off many of our evening meals, Chess Pie. It bypassed fruit completely. It was whipped together with massive amounts of sugar, eggs, and butter. It was so sweet the dogs wouldn’t eat it.

Me, Leon, and David Mark would have a pillow fight afterwards in our small bedroom that lasted till three in the morning...

Respectfully,
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Editor's
VIEW

BY BRITTANY
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Scrap

Editor's Note: The following is a detailed account of a traffic accident that occurred on Monday, July 27, 2026. If you think reading specific details about the accident will trigger you, please use caution before reading.

Monday, July 27 started like most days; the first challenge was getting two kids dressed and out the door on time.

My biggest concerns were the decisions I knew the day would bring.

In the back of my mind, I knew at some point we would be going to the bank and the attorney’s office to sign documents.

Since school let out for the summer, there has been a constant background noise of laughter, squeals, and screams coming from different parts of the building. Our two children have been living their best lives this summer tearing through the office, keeping everyone on their toes until about 2 or 3 p.m. when Granddaddy

takes them to the Splash Pad (weather permitting).

When Granddaddy, Granny, Mommy and Daddy all work in the same place (plus a handful of other work associates to pester), it’s a kid’s paradise.

I will forever be thankful that Jason and I made the decision that morning to send the kids to grandma’s house instead of the office.

The day unfolded relatively normally until about noon.

I had to get a few things in order with the newspaper before we could leave to sign documents.

For weeks we have been discussing buying the property that we call our work home at 3 Banner Row in downtown McKenzie, Tennessee.

Jason and I signed documents in 2023 to buy the business, Tri-County Publishing, Inc. dba The McKenzie Banner and TCP Print Shop (TCP), but the buildings were still owned by Joel and Teresa Washburn, my parents, the publisher emeritus and bookkeeper, respectively.

Looking at old maps, I estimate that the buildings at 3 Banner Row are at least 90-100 years old.

There’s so much history within these walls. I feel nostalgic and protective of every downtown historic building, but this one bears



On July 27, 2026 a semi-truck overloaded with scrap metal snagged fiber optic lines on Main Street, the resistance from the line pulled a scrap vehicle out of the truck’s storage container, flinging it against The McKenzie Banner building. Photo by Brittany Martin/The Banner

the marks on its shelving of when I learned to write and holds the memories of three generations of the Washburn family.

The familiar creak of the wood floors and the smell of newsprint and ink are imprinted on my childhood memories. It’s your newspaper, but it’s felt like home to me for longer than I can

remember.

I say all this to say the purchasing of this property feels like a major milestone and a full-circle, homecoming moment.

Monday, around noon, I was in the back of the building sorting news to go on pages in the newspaper, feeling satisfied with my choices, when the lights started

flickering repeatedly and then everything went black. I felt around in the dark for my cell phone to use the flashlight.

TCP associate Billy Fuzzell found his first and helped me. I went around checking on employees but was surprised to learn a few were missing. Janna Pratt and my mom were up front.

I asked Mom and she said, “Oh, you don’t know?...”

“Something hit our building and knocked the power out. There was a loud POP,” she relayed, visibly shaken.

“Wh..what?” I felt the color leave my face and my heart rate spike as I ran outside.

TCP associates Jason Martin, Brad Sam and Lyndsey Summers were already outside. I followed the path of their gaze and stared horrified at the scene.

I immediately thought a car had collided with the side of the building and somehow traveled... UP? HOW?!

“Where is the driver — wait, that’s too much rust and there are no pieces of the vehicle — or blood,” I thought.

That realization only made the scene more confusing.

McKenzie Police Department arrived on scene less than a minute after I came outside and, almost simultaneously, several Carroll County Electric trucks and

crew as well.

I just stared at the scene for a moment, my mind racing from the adrenaline, “That’s the fiber out of our building. We don’t have internet. This is our lives now. Guess this building is reverting back to the 1900s. We’re definitely missing deadline today. How are we going to publish a newspaper? I can’t go back to hot lead type. How are we ever going to fix this? I don’t even know where to start. Do we have to start over? How much is this going to cost? I’m about to buy this building! Guess that’s canceled for right now. Where’s Dad? Is he ok? He’s still the current owner; he has to give a statement.”

What do you do when the purchase date is the same as your first insurance claim?

I’ve never purchased a commercial property before and this initiation is the worst.

I sent a photo of the scene to a friend who thought it was AI.

“No. This is our building,” I responded.

“On the way,” he replied.

I was still spiraling in my head as the first police officer on scene began to ask questions.

The linemen wanted to know if I had video of the incident. I struggled to control

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Scrap

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my shaking hands as I fumbled to look for the footage. “Keep it together,” I thought.

My heart was beating out of my chest.

The officer asked for my driver’s license. I told him that I am the business owner and Joel Washburn is the building owner and went back inside to retrieve the license.

When I returned more officers were on scene.

I handed the officer my license and told him, “I was supposed to become the building owner today. We were about to go to the bank to sign papers.”

At some point during all of this I learned that my dad was not in his office at the time of the accident. He was at the bank signing documents.

I called him and told him, “You have to come back to the office right now. The police need to speak with you.”

“You won’t be able to get in via Banner Row,” I continued.

I don’t remember if I told him that something had hit the building.

One of my employees (Lyndsey, I think) was talking to a bystander that was in Veterans Park when the incident happened.

Luckily for us, he witnessed the entire event and was able to give his account. (Which was later corroborated separately by a second eye witness.)

A semi truck over-packed with scrap metal and mangled vehicles (in an open shipping container) was turning from Cedar Street onto South Main Street (traveling towards the railroad crossing), when a scrap vehicle’s wheel caught the overhead telephone lines and tangled up in them. The resistance from the line pulled the scrap vehicle out of the semi’s storage container, flinging the mangled vehicle against the Banner building’s metal siding.

According to eyewitnesses, the driver briefly stopped after his truck struck the power lines, but then LEFT the scene.

The driver was looking for a place to turn around.

From Cedar Street to Bruce Street, it seemed as though all the emergency vehicles were here. I knew that wasn’t true. No ambulances or fire vehicles that I saw. (Those would come later.)

“So many emergency lights and our building is at the epicenter. So this is what it feels like to be the emergency,” I thought, horrified.

It was oddly the most comforting and protected feeling. We were standing in the middle of a very busy street with (presumably) live wires on the ground; but in the midst of the damage and uncertainty was the knowledge that we would be ok because they’ve got us.

Carroll County Electric restored the power quickly and McKenzie Police officers were there keeping us all safe.

But before anyone could attempt to remove the scrap from the side of the building, THP had to arrive and assess the situation.

It was HOT. A heat warning was in effect for the area and it felt like at least 115 outside.

Standing on the hot pavement with the sun beating down, it started to become

clear that even for people used to working in the heat, it was starting to wear on them.

I went back inside to get the cases of bottled water I’d bought two weeks ago to give to heat-weary customers.

Billy helped me and we walked from the Cedar Street intersection to Bruce Street and back, giving out water.

I was trying to conceal my own issues, but I knew my face was blood red. Jason told me so a moment later.

“I know,” I replied.

I didn’t tell him my heart was pounding so bad it was scaring me and that I could feel myself getting closer to losing consciousness.

Ever since I passed out years ago, I can’t tolerate the heat anymore.

I concentrated on climbing the stairs to the office and sat down in the air conditioning. I was having trouble communicating. Billy brought me water and a cool rag. Heart still racing, the symptoms started to subside.

My mother told me not to go back outside.

Billy continued to check on the workers throughout the day, offering them water.

When THP arrived, Carroll County Electric used multiple boom trucks to lift the scrap vehicle off of the building and then drag it across the street.

I went outside to video the process.

The twisted metal of the former automobile etched a reminder into the pavement as CCED laid the scrap to rest on the other side of the street. Fiber optic cables were still horribly twisted around the metal.

THP briefed my dad on the incident and gave him a card with a link to find the report online.

As repairs continued for almost six hours in the sweltering heat on Monday, the number of crew members on scene dwindled to AT&T personnel and McKenzie Police.

The incident pulled down telephone trunk lines and destroyed fiber optic cables, resulting in the area losing AT&T service for hours. Repairing fiber optic cables is a tedious process.

The blackout experienced inside the building was from Carroll County Electric momentarily cutting power to the section to complete repairs.

The incident did not damage electrical lines, but the impact jarred the utility poles so badly that the electrical lines touched and “arced” creating the loud “POP” that was heard.

That may have been what fried an industrial surge protector for one of the production printers, the technician who services our machines advised.

I ended up scrapping the front page plan. What started with mostly good news, became a soon-to-be historic photo and story on the front page. Two stories were bumped from page 1.

Janna and I worked until 10 p.m. to get the newspaper to press.

And what started as making jokes with people online about installing a drive through and saying, “you can’t park there,” lost its luster as the shock wore off and reality set in.

Multiple linemen and officers were quick to notice how lucky we were that the vehicle missed the windows.

If the scrap vehicle had hit the window right next to where it landed, it would have hit my dad’s office.

Normally, my dad would be sitting there typing. The only reason he wasn’t was because we were buying the building — he was at the bank.

If it had hit a few feet more to the right, it would have hit my mother and husband.

My two children are normally right next to Granny or Granddaddy playing on their tablets.

I held it together through all the demands of the day, but when Jason shared that revelation with me on Monday at about 11 p.m., I broke down. I hadn’t realized until that moment how close this incident came to being a tragedy.

On Tuesday, multiple emergency crews arrived on scene again. This time it was McKenzie Fire/Rescue and Police.

The emergency was for an AT&T employee who was overcome by the heat.

McKenzie Fire/Rescue medical personnel were quick to arrive and render aid as an ambulance was en route. The employee was transported to Baptist-Carroll County.

“This nightmare just keeps on giving,” I thought.

On Wednesday morning, I noticed an AT&T truck was again in its now-usual spot next to our building.

It was noticeably cooler outside as I went to check on the worker and ask how his co-worker was doing.

He said the employee was discharged and on the way here to work on the lines.

I told him to please come inside if they needed anything.

AT&T was on scene repairing the fiber from Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31 (For limited time periods on some days).

Thankfully, the remainder of the week passed without incident.

I am eternally grateful for everyone who has reached out to us to see if we are ok. Knowing you care means so much.

Sometimes the hate gets so loud online that we forget about the silent majority who do care.

Thank you for being invested in our wellbeing. We feel the same way about you. We want you to be safe and happy — living to the ripe old age of 125.

To all the personnel on scene this week, I don’t have words. Thank you for existing. Thank you for everything you did for us when we needed you. Thank you for all the times you are there for others, sacrificing so much.

You sacrificed your comfort and risked your lives to help us and we won’t forget it.

Jason and I finally went to the bank and attorney’s office on Tuesday; and, as of July 28, 2026, we officially own the business and buildings we call home in downtown McKenzie.

Still considering printing a sign that reads, “No parking on building... ever.”

Maybe later.

This was definitely a memorable real estate investment.

Thank you for reading.

Obituaries

TRACY UMSTEAD 1966 – 2026

McKENZIE — Mr. Tracy Umstead, 59, of McKenzie, died Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Baptist Hospital Huntingdon.

A memorial visitation was held in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Thursday.

Mr. Umstead was born September 14, 1966, in Huntingdon, to the late Franklin Umstead and Betty Holladay Umstead. He was preceded in death by a brother, Tony Umstead.

He is survived by two sons, Cody Umstead (Madeline) of Brownsville, and Sam Umstead (Abby) of Benton, Ky.; and a brother, Toby Umstead (Martha) of Perdido Key, Fla.

Chase Funeral Home.

MELVIN SCOTT 1925 – 2026

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Melvin Scott were Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Grace Baptist Church. Interment was at Union Academy Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Scott, 100, died at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab, Senatobia, Miss., on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

He was born in McKenzie on September 9, 1925, to Hollis Cannon and Josie Mae Craft Scott.

He is survived by his brother, James Scott of McKenzie, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Hollis Scott, Jr; and sister, Thelma Sawyers.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

JoANN HOUSTON 1940 – 2026

GLEASON — Services for JoAnn Houston, 86, of Dresden, were Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in the Stafford Store Community. Visitation was Wednesday at 12 p.m. until time of her funeral service at 2 p.m.

Ms. Houston is survived by three sisters, Betty Stafford of Dresden, Sarah Tackett of Sharon, and Brenda Lovaas of Lansing, Mich.

Ms. Houston was preceded in death by her parents, Horace and Naoma Houston; three sisters, Judy Moore, Sandra Towns and Patricia Houston; and five brothers, Gene, Billy, Harold, “Shorty” and Stanley Houston.

Mama T's

WHAT'S COOKIN'

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By Teresa Washburn



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Enchilada Surprise

1 lb ground beef, browned
1 package taco seasoning
1 small onion, chopped
1 small box Velveeta cheese, shredded
1 package corn tortillas
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can chopped green chilies

Brown ground beef. Add taco seasoning. Take a small amount of the beef mixture, some chopped onions and some of the cheese and put in the middle of the tortilla. Roll and place in a 9x13 baking dish. Repeat process until all the beef mixture is used. In a separate saucepan, cook both soups and green chilies until it bubbles. Pour over tortillas. Put remaining cheese and onions on top and cook at 300 degrees until cheese melts.

Oven Fried Chicken

4 small chicken breasts
1 cup crushed corn flakes
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
4 teaspoons skim milk
Remove skin from chicken. Combine corn

flakes, paprika and powders. Roll chicken in milk. Then roll chicken in corn flake mixture. Place chicken in small non-stick baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes until golden brown.

Banana Pudding

3 cups milk
1 large package instant

vanilla pudding
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1 large cool whip, divided
1 box vanilla wafers
4 large bananas
Mix milk and instant pudding until thick. Add 1/2 cool whip and eagle brand milk; mix well. Layer vanilla wafers, bananas and pudding mixture. Top with cool whip.

Granny's Slaw

Small head of cabbage
2 carrots
1/2 pod green pepper
Small onion
Chop all ingredients
Mix and bring to boil: 1 cup vinegar 1 cup sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon turmeric.
Pour over cabbage mixture. Cover tightly. Will keep in refrigerator one week.



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Thank you to McKenzie Police, McKenzie Fire/Rescue, Carroll County Electric, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and AT&T for your service and dedication last week to keeping everyone safe and repairing the damage inflicted by the scrap semi-truck on Monday, July 27. You risked your lives in the sweltering heat to complete repairs.

We are so thankful for all of you.

Sincerely,
The McKenzie Banner Staff
Brittany, Jason, Joel, Teresa, Janna, Brad,
Lyndsey, Billy and Debbie.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

McKENZIE REBELS MEET AND GREET

August 8, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. is the Meet and Greet for the McKenzie Rebels including the MHS and MMS Football teams, MHS and MMS Cheerleaders, and the youth football league. There will be a dunking booth, concessions, vintage jerseys on display, and a kick-punt tournament. The admission price is \$5.

OVERFLOW CHURCH DRIVE-THRU PRAYER

Overflow Church, 14800 Highland Dr, McKenzie, hosts a drive-thru prayer on Friday, August 7 from 5-7 p.m.

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL SERVICES

Enon Baptist Church, 13025 Highway 79, McK- enzie, revival services are Sunday, August 9-Wednes- day, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. (Sunday at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

Special guest speaker is Pastor Michael Norton, a Trezevant native, and cur- rent pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Martin. Everyone is welcome.

ONE-WEEKEND ESTATE SALE

An estate sale is Friday and Saturday, August 7-8 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 6565 Highway 190, McKenzie.

A wide variety of quality household items, includ- ing furniture, home décor, stove, kitchenware, small appliances, plastic storage bowls, table lamps and oil lamps, books, glassware, deep freezer, set of encyclo- pedias, Bible study materi- al, vintage Arcopal dishes, washer/dryer, women’s beaded necklaces and clip- on earrings, bedroom suite,

trinkets, toys, living room suite, recliner, TVs, women’s plus-size clothing, China dishes, pots and pans, lin- ens, towels, knickknacks and much more! Everything Must Go – One Weekend Only!

No early birds, please. Cash only; all sales final. Buyers are responsible for loading large items, so please bring help.

EAGLE WING MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION RIDE-IN

The Eagle Wing Mo- torcycle Association will have a ride-in to Ace’s Piz- za at 1516 E. Wood Street in Paris on Saturday, Au- gust 15 at 1 p.m. All types of motorcycles are invited. For more information, text 731-336-4407.

McKENZIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DECADES REUNION

Plans are underway for the third annual MHSAA Decades Reunion week- end on September 25-26. All MHS alumni are invit- ed to return to McKenzie to reconnect with friends, classmates, and former teachers through many re- unions and other planned events. Updates on the up- coming weekend will be on the alumni association’s Facebook site and in The McKenzie Banner. For more information, email mcken- ziehsalumni.tn@gmail.com.

MONTHLY GENEALOGY GROUP AT GORDON BROWNING MUSEUM

A Genealogy Group meets at the Gordon Browning Museum, 640 North Main Street, McKen- zie, the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOMETOWN HEALTH CLINIC

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

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS, NEWS

Cat Vouchers
Cat spay/neuter vouchers are always available for \$60. To purchase by phone for use at Paris Vet Clinic, call 731-514-0878 and leave a message. These are avail- able to anyone regardless of

residency. We now offer cat vouchers to Carroll Coun- ty residents for \$60 at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic. These must be purchased in person at the shelter with cash or card, and proof of residency is required. How- ever, Carroll Co. residents can still use Paris Vet Clinic if preferred.

McKENZIE FARMER’S MARKET

The McKenzie Farmer’s Market, across from City Hall on Cedar Street, is open each Saturday until the end of October from 8 a.m. until noon.

MHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

McKenzie High School Class of 1976 is holding a 50-year class reunion on September 26, 1 p.m. at Chandler Farms in McK- enzie. The event is in con- junction with the MHS Alumni Association annual reunion. For more infor- mation, e-mail Amy Rich Carter at amycarter58@gmail.com or Marsha Spain Smith at smithmarsha99@yahoo.com. Deadline for registration is August 14.

McKENZIE TOPS MEETS WEEKLY

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commis- sion meets the second Mon- day of each month at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Of- fice Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. No meetings in February and July.

CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS MONTHLY

The Carroll County Dem- ocratic Party meets the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Car- roll County Complex at 625 High Street, Huntingdon.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

Carroll County Fair Begins Saturday

HUNTINGDON — The 2026 Carroll County Fair begins Saturday, August 8. This year’s fair appears to be bigger and better than ever, with two days of pageants, four carnival days, two days of Predator Monster Truck rides, a Lawn Mower Rodeo, Hub City Wrestling and more.

Schedule

Saturday, August 8: Pag- eants from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Little Miss Carroll County (4-6), Little Miss Fairest of the Fair (7-9), Junior Fair-

est of the Fair (10-12), Miss Teen Fairest of the Fair (13-15) and Miss Fairest of the Fair (16-20). \$5 spectator admission.

Sunday, August 9: Pag- eants from 2:30-4:30 p.m. — Fair Friends Baby Show (0-23 months) and Tiny Mr. and Miss Carroll County (2-3). \$5 spectator admission.

Wednesday, August 12: Family Night — Carnival, Petting Zoo, Predator Mon- ster Truck Rides (free gate admission).

Thursday, August 13: Lawn Mower Rodeo, Car-

nival, Petting Zoo, Predator Monster Truck Rides (\$2 gate admission).

Friday, August 14: Hub City Wrestling (\$10 admis- sion), Carnival and Petting Zoo (\$2 gate admission).

Saturday, August 15: Dog Show at 8 a.m. (\$5 spec- tator admission), Tractor Pull, Carnival and Petting Zoo (\$15 gate admission). Gates open at 5 p.m. on August 12-15

Armbands are available for \$25 on August 12-13 and for \$30 on August 14-15.

LIFELINE Issues Critical Appeal for Blood Donations

Lifeline Blood Services issued a critical and imme- diate appeal for all blood types on July 28 after med- ical emergencies signifi- cantly depleted the region’s blood supply.

Two local patients re- quired massive, lifesaving blood transfusions over the prior weekend. One patient was treated for a dissected abdominal aortic aneurysm, while another suffered a punctured heart during surgery.

“Our community’s blood supply can change in an instant. These emergencies are a powerful reminder that blood cannot be man- ufactured- it can only come from generous volunteer donors. We need our com- munity to respond now so we are prepared for the next patient whose life will depend on having blood avail- able immediately. Without immediate donors, patient care will be directly im- pacted,” said Melinda Reid,

marketing manager with Lifeline Blood Services.

Blood must be available before an emergency oc- curs. Trauma victims, sur- gical patients, cancer pa- tients, and individuals with chronic illnesses depend on a ready and reliable blood supply every day.

Lifeline Blood Services asks all eligible donors, re- gardless of blood type, to donate as soon as possible. No appointment is neces- sary to donate on a blood- mobile or at one of Lifeline’s donation centers in Jackson, Dyersburg or Paris. It only requires about 30 to 45 min- utes of your time.

Lifeline Blood Services, located at 183 Sterling Farms Drive, is open Mon- day through Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The Dyers- burg Center (1130 Hwy 51 Bypass, Ste. 19 & 20) and Paris Center (211 Tyson Ave.) have the following operating hours: Sunday through Tuesday 10 a.m.-6

p.m., Wednesday and Sat- ursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Thursday and Friday.

August Blood Drives:

HUNTINGDON — Cash Savers, August 6, 1–6 p.m.

PARIS — First United Methodist Church, August 6, 12–6 p.m.

McKENZIE — E.W. James & Sons, August 18, 12–5 p.m.

PARIS — West TN Healthcare, Henry Coun- ty Hospital, August 20, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

TREZEVANT — Centen- nial Bank, August 21, 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

DRESDEN — E.W. James & Sons, August 21, 12–5:30 p.m.

HUNTINGDON — Walmart, August 28, 12:30–5:30 p.m.

August is the last full month of Lifeline Blood Services’ Eighth Annual Car Giveaway. Enter for your chance to win a 2024 Ford Maverick XLT truck donated by Joe Mahan Ford / no donation or purchase required. This promotion ends Sunday, September 6. Learn more at Lifelinebloodserv.org.

Living at Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS
Lakeside Senior Living

McKENZIE (July 31) — Nine residents celebrat- ed birthdays in July, right alongside America cele- brating her 250th birth- day. Those residents were Charles Garner, Betty Grim- ble, Anne Isom, Lonnelle McMillen, Peggy Luther, Thomas Crawford, Elbert Hatley, Phyllis Maddox and Marjorie Evans — who is our oldest resident, turning 99 this year. We wish them all many more years. Sadly, we bid farewell to Mr. Jim- my Wright and Mrs. Imo- gene Brasfield. May they rest in peace.

We visited the McKenzie Church of Christ for dinner and a firework show, and it didn’t disappoint. There was a huge array of food and a show that rivaled any surrounding towns. The members of the church were so accommodating, making sure we had every- thing we needed and even setting up a sitting area for perfect viewing. We appre- ciate Bro. Chance Steen and his church for including us in this event each year.

We had a few other out- ings along with our usual weekly visit to the Home- town Clinic Breakfast Club and our Errand Day stops. We visited the Weakley County Health Fair and Luncheon hosted by the Dresden Senior Center. We gathered information about resources for seniors, were given loads of free good- ies, had a wonderful lunch and had two lucky raffle winners: Mary Ann Melton won a beautiful glass hum- mingbird feeder and a bot- tle of nectar food, and Julie Garner won a mug filled with sweet candies. We had an enjoyable evening in the park as we attended the Nights on Broadway per- formance, and on National Fortune Cookie Day, we had lunch at the local Chinese restaurant. At the end we all opened our cookies and read our fortunes aloud.

We were blessed to have visits from some local reps who came with games and prizes for our residents. Becky Yates with Cherry-



Lakeside residents celebrated Christmas in July with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Joey and Tena Gooch. Submitted photo

wood Post Acute played the America’s Birthday Cake Candle game, and Carrie Christian did a variety of trivia with a live auction with coins won from correct answers. Sarah and Catlyn from Baptist Hospital came and did an exercise program as a follow-up to their talk last month regarding heart health. A sweet lady who had just recently moved to McKenzie stopped by to donate a lap quilt she had made celebrating the Fourth of July and the 250th year of America. We played some patriotic games on the fourth and gave the quilt away to Carol French, a winner of a right-left story. We also had two visits from Overflow Church.

A group came on their community service day. The youth did chalk art on our walkway and then came in and did music with res- idents. A Sunday School group came on a beauti- ful Sunday afternoon and handed out fresh flowers for the residents to enjoy.

We had a very special vol- unteer to visit us for our Christmas in July party that was actually a surprise party for our wonderful direc- tor, Cris Stafford. Santa and Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Joey and Tena Gooch, came in with Santa’s red bag contain- ing birthday gifts and Mrs. Claus pushing a cake. It was a fun surprise. Santa also brought his Naughty/Nice Meter, and let’s just say we have a few that need to do some work. HAHA. We then played a game of Christmas Family Feud. The winning team was Sue Smith, Eloise Bumgardner, Carol French

and Robbie Adams. Each lady won some cold hard cash. Santa was the host; Cris Stafford our judge; and Grace Stafford and Sheila Willis worked production. We finished this fun day with photos by our summer Christmas-themed tree.

Each year, the residents have a community service project. From this event, we buy school supplies and donate them to the local el- ementary school. This year we held a Pop-Up Farmers Market. We had a variety of fruits and vegetables and some country-themed home décor items for sale. Within just a couple of hours, we were all sold out and had raised a little over \$300. We took our mon- ey and bought a variety of items from the school sup- ply list. Tonya Brown, prin- cipal at McKenzie Elemen- tary, came by and picked the items up saying she was sure all the items would be put to good use and would be very helpful.

We ended the month with an afternoon of games we called the Jellybean Challenge, as it was Nation- al Jellybean Day. A bag of jellybeans is full of sweet and tart flavors, all different colors and a slight varying of shapes. Our Lakeside home is like that as well: a group of wonderful seniors who have come from different locations all with varying careers and professions, each with personalities and traits that make them spe- cial and unique, and we get to celebrate them each and every day.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Joyriding — Lindsey Damesworth, Reynolds Street, McKenzie, was charged with Joyriding on August 1.

Officer Michael Cunningham report indicates Damesworth was driving a vehicle of someone who resided at her home address. The owner of the vehicle stated Damesworth previously had permission to drive the vehicle, but did not have permission at the time of the incident.

Driving on Suspended License — Travion D. Lisenbee, Shelton Circle, Clarksville, Tenn., was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on July 29.

Officer Matthew Cunningham was investigating a two-car accident on Highland Drive involving Lisenbee. When the officers checked Lisenbee's license status, it revealed it was suspended. Lisenbee could not provide proof of liability

insurance, either. Lisenbee was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Storage Locker Entered — A storage locker on Kencindot was illegally entered. The perpetrator entered the locker, unplugged the surveillance video camera and ripped it from the wall, and moved some items belonging to the business that rented the locker. Nothing was determined to be missing at the time of the incident.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest, Driving Without a License — On July 26, Deputy Dustin McClure responded to a report of a possible intoxicated driver traveling on Highway 70 toward Huntingdon. Deputy McClure observed a black 2016 Chevrolet Malibu traveling approximately 25 mph in a posted 55 mph zone and failing to maintain its lane multiple times. Based on his training and experience, Deputy McClure believed the driver could be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

After activating his emergency lights and siren, the driver accelerated by approximately 10 mph and continued driving without yielding. In an effort to stop the vehicle before it entered downtown Huntingdon traffic, Deputy McClure positioned his patrol vehicle in front of the suspect's vehicle, forcing it to stop.

The driver, Octavio Guzman Garcia, 39, of out of county, refused repeated commands to exit the vehicle and pushed the deputy's arm away as deputies

attempted to remove him. Deputies removed Garcia from the vehicle after discovering he had failed to place it in park. While placing Garcia into a patrol vehicle, deputies observed he was slurring his words.

Garcia was transported to the Carroll County Jail and charged with felony evading arrest, resisting arrest and driving without a license.

Driving on Suspended License — On July 25, Deputy Dustin McClure observed Angela Lane, 44, of McKenzie, driving on Main Street in McKenzie.

Having prior knowledge that Lane's driver's license was suspended, Deputy McClure conducted a traffic stop near Linden and Maple streets.

Dispatch confirmed Lane's Tennessee driver's license had been suspended through Gleason City Court with an indefinite suspension. Deputy McClure advised Lane of her license status and explained the 10-day booking procedure at the Carroll County Jail.

Lane was cited for driving on a suspended license (first offense).

Animal Cruelty — On July 28, Deputy Bradley Hardin responded to Wingo Circle in Trezevant after receiving a report of a deceased dog tied to a pole. Upon arrival, deputies found the dog deceased after becoming wrapped around the pole.

The dog had been dead for an extended period.

Deputies made contact with Kenon Hutcherson, 28, of Trezevant, who stated he had only learned the previous night that the dog had died and claimed he had not been home for several days. When asked why the dog had not been buried, Hutcherson stated his grandfather was bringing him a shovel. Although Hutcherson denied his actions caused the dog's death, Deputy Hardin determined the conditions in which the dog had been left were not conducive to its well-being, especially during the extreme heat.

Hutcherson was cited for animal cruelty and ordered to report to the Carroll County Jail for booking by Aug. 8.

Puryear Man Arrested Following Online Exploitation Investigation

COURTESY HENRY CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PARIS (July 28) — The Henry County Sheriff's Office (ICAC) investigators, in coordination with FBI Child Exploitation Task Force and Puryear Police Department, has announced the arrest of Joseph Lee Parsons, 9540 Hwy 641 N., Puryear, Tenn., following an investigation into online offenses involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

The investigation began in April 2026 after ICAC investigators were notified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children through a Cyber Tip, that a suspect was using a Google account and was downloading images of child sex abuse material. Investigators conducted a comprehensive digital investigation which resulted in the execution of Judicial Subpoenas and search war-



Joseph Lee Parsons

rants that linked Parsons to the account.

Henry County Sheriff's Office (ICAC) investigators with FBI Child Exploitation Task Force agents, Henry County Sheriff's Office Patrol officers and Puryear PD executed an arrest warrant and search warrant at 9540 Hwy 641 N., Puryear, Tenn., on July 27 and arrested Parsons without incident. Parson's phone was seized and will be sent for a forensic examination.

The suspect was booked into Henry County Corrections and charged with Sexual Exploitation of Minor with a bond set by Judge Bruce Griffey at \$50,000. Court proceedings are pending. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

No further details will be released at this time to protect the integrity of the investigation and the privacy of victims.

Anyone with information related to crimes against children is encouraged to contact 731-642-1672 Option #7 or submit tips to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children CyberTipline at 1-800-THE-LOST or www.cybertipline.org.

Assisting was Henry County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, Puryear PD and FBI Child Exploitation Task Force

Gasoline Prices Decrease During Week

TENNESSEE (August 3) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee decreased 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.64/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 27.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 91.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 7.1 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.326 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$3.14/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.89/g, a difference of \$1.75/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.14/g while the highest was \$4.89/g, a difference of \$1.75/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.05/g today. The national

average is up 28.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 93.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back five years:

August 3, 2025: \$2.73/g (U.S. Average: \$3.11/g)

August 3, 2024: \$3.06/g (U.S. Average: \$3.46/g)

August 3, 2023: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.82/g)

August 3, 2022: \$3.68/g (U.S. Average: \$4.12/g)

August 3, 2021: \$2.87/g (U.S. Average: \$3.19/g)

"Average gasoline prices were a mixed bag across the country last week as oil markets went on a wild ride, surging on geopolitical tensions before pulling back Sunday night after President Trump signaled a potential deal may be

in the works," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, even as oil prices ease on deal optimism, continued Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil infrastructure are driving refined product prices higher as output plummets, keeping upward pressure on what Americans pay at the pump. By later this week, the national average could reach its highest level ever recorded for this point in the calendar year, a sobering milestone even as prices remain well below the all-time record set in 2022. Motorists should keep a close eye on developments both in the Middle East and in Ukraine, as either front could quickly shift the outlook."

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Stacie Freeman, director of Bethel University Global Studies, was the speaker at the July 28 meeting of the McKenzie Rotary Club. She was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor a local Rotary club can bestow. Pictured left to right are Dr. Perry Moulds, president of Bethel University and a Rotary member, Mrs. Freeman, Armand Hebert, president of McKenzie Rotary, and Ricky Price, immediate past president of McKenzie Rotary.

Bethel Global Studies Marks 16 Years of Worldwide Impact

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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MCKENZIE (July 28) — Stacie Freeman, professor of sociology and director of Global Studies at Bethel University, addressed the Rotary Club of McKenzie on July 28, 2026, to detail the evolution and future expansion of the university's global travel program.

During the Rotary meeting, Stacie was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow recognition by an anonymous donor in honor of her continued global mission. This recognition is Rotary's highest honor and reflects a heart for service that reaches far beyond our local community.

Marking her 16th year as the program's leader, Freeman recounted the program's origins, which began with walking dogs at the Carroll County Humane Society and expanded to domestic service in post-Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts in New Orleans. Other early endeavors include the 2011 launch of a sea turtle conservation project in Costa Rica, and the initiation of travel to Cuba in 2016.

The university has also pioneered dual-enrollment opportunities, allowing high school students to earn college credit while participating in study abroad experiences. Since those early days, the program has grown into a significant international portfolio spanning 21 countries, 66 programs, and 889 travelers.

The program, which focuses on sustainable service learning rather than traditional "voluntourism," has achieved substantial measurable impact. To date, participants have completed over 55,000 hours of service, an investment val-

ued at nearly \$1.9 million. Freeman emphasized that beyond these metrics, the program aims to foster empathy, cross-cultural understanding, and professional development in students.

Bethel University is expanding its Global Studies programming.

The new program aligns with Bethel's new mission statement focused on preparing graduates to transform the world with character, compassion, and perspective.

It supports Bethel's Vision 2030 and student success by embedding global learning within the university's strategic objectives.

Looking ahead, Bethel is launching a "Study Abroad for All" initiative, aimed at expanding access to students, alumni, and community members regardless of their stage in life.

The Global Service Learning and Citizenship model includes pre-departure online coursework covering the destination's history, culture, current issues, and health and safety. Please note that since many are first-time travelers, the coursework includes packing, air travel etiquette, ticketing, navigating TSA at the airport, reading departure boards, and wayfinding to gates—emphasizing life skills and experiential preparation.

A recent service-learning trip to Costa Rica was an example of how high school students can serve.

Girl Scouts Heart of the South partnered with Bethel Global Studies in Costa Rica. Tasks included working in the animal kitchen and working with injured but recuperating exotic animals at an animal rescue center. The in-country partner establishes the services

needed.

The U.S. Girl Scouts visited the Girl Scouts of Costa Rica headquarters in San José for badge exchanges with Costa Rican scouts, highlighting relationship-building beyond service tasks.

Faculty-led study abroad model: The program usually includes pre-departure academic preparation, online classes on the country's history and culture, and culminates in travel to the country.

The recent trip to Japan included 13 participants - students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, friends - who spent 10 days in Tokyo, visited Mount Fuji, toured the Toyota Museum in Nagoya, experienced Nara's protected deer, and visited Kyoto and Osaka.

The trip to Japan provided an opportunity to develop an institutional partnership with Bethel's sister university in Osaka (Osaka Jo Gakuin University). The visit to the school was an initial personal contact to work toward an exchange in which Bethel students study in Japan for a semester and Osaka students study in McKenzie; constraints include the school being all-girls and offering about four majors, which requires significant schedule alignment.

Upcoming travel opportunities include:

Italy: March 20-27 (a dual-enrollment Europe trip).

France: Beginning May 27 (an inaugural Maymester program).

The university also plans to continue its long-term partnerships in Costa Rica; Cali, Colombia - at a high school founded by missionaries from Bethel College; and iconic European destinations.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (July 29) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on July 29.

Miguel Baltazar, Reelfoot Avenue, Union City, dismissed, Failure to Stop at All Stop Signs; dismissed, Driving Without a License.

Hunter Canada, Timberlake Road, Wildersville, pre-trial diversion, Evading Arrest, \$350 fine, probation, cognitive behavior training course, jail time - unspecified; dismissed, Reckless Driving; dismissed, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign.

Jennifer Freshour, Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, guilty, Driving on a Revoked License due to a prior DUI conviction, six months jail, probation, install ignition interlock device in automobile.

Casi Garrett, Richards Lane, Estill Springs, Tenn., bound over to Grand Jury, Meth - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, Possession with Intent.

Ginger Garrison, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, guilty, Probation Violation, 11 months jail, supervised probation.

Tytus Jeremiah Guajardo,

Railroad Drive, Camden, guilty, Reckless Driving, six months jail, supervised probation, must provide proof of insurance.

Casey Robert Hardy, Hamilton Road, Nashville, bound over to the Grand Jury, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Stacy Lynn Hinson, Ruth Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation.

Michael Leming, Duke Road, Humboldt, guilty, Probation Violation, jail, supervised probation.

Bethany Malone, Hurt Street, Trezevant, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine; guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail.

Crystal Ogle, Baker Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, probation.

Lurissa Marie Perry, Woodlawn Avenue, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While License Revoked.

Thomas Reaves, Rollins Avenue, Huntingdon, dismissed, Driving While License Revoked.

Tiwon Scates, Simmons Road, Atwood, bound over

to Grand Jury, Schedule II and Schedule VI drug possession, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Firearm with Intent to go Armed.

Blake Speer, State Route 114, Hollow Rock, guilty, Unlawful Possession of Weapon, cognitive behavioral training course, forfeit firearm.

Robert Spicer, Reynoldsburg, Paris, guilty, Drive on Canceled License, \$500 fine, six months probation, cognitive behavioral training course.

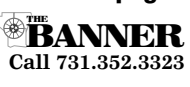
Traci Wallace, Buck Road, Trezevant, bound over, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess, Tampering with Evidence, Possession of Firearm with Intent to Go Armed.

Rebecca J. Williams, Hurt Street, Trezevant, guilty, Simple Possession, \$500 fine, alcohol and drug evaluation, dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Cedric Dwayne Worles, Fort Hill, Humboldt, dismissed Vandalism.

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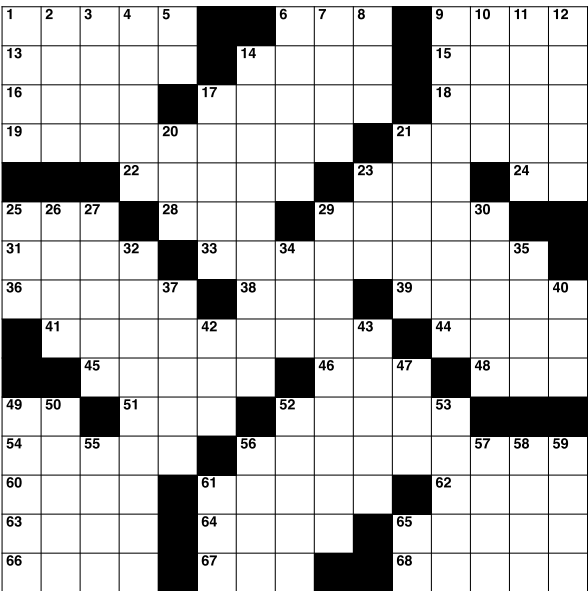
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 - 6. Snake-like fish
 - 9. Database management system
 - 13. Social evolution anthropologist Service
 - 14. American rocker Grohl
 - 15. Greek personification of compassion
 - 16. Negatives
 - 17. Rescued
 - 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 19. Assigns tasks
 - 21. Popular type of cigar
 - 22. Discounts
 - 23. The whole quantity
 - 24. New York Giants legend
 - 25. Indicates before
 - 28. Lentils
 - 29. Extremely angry
 - 31. Body part
 - 33. 'North Star State'
 - 36. David ___, US playwright
 - 38. Lower and raise one's head
 - 39. Private rendezvous
 - 41. In a way, improved
 - 44. A place to play
 - 45. Astronomical period of 18 years
 - 46. Automobile
 - 48. Something you can take
 - 49. A radio band
 - 51. Jaws of a voracious animal
 - 52. Short-billed rails
 - 54. Chinese province
 - 56. Shameless
 - 60. Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
 - 61. Indian respectful titles
 - 62. Fail to entertain
 - 63. Dried-up
 - 64. Central Utah city
 - 65. Southern U.S.
 - 66. German river
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Curved segment
 - 2. Wings
 - 3. Yellowish volatile liquid
 - 4. Makes less severe
 - 5. Debit note
 - 6. Overhang
 - 7. The nights before
 - 8. Type of light
 - 9. Lacking enthusiasm
 - 10. Tattle
 - 11. Some is 'heavy'
 - 12. One who is canonized
 - 14. Indicates date and place of writing
 - 17. 'Peace' in Arabic
 - 20. 'Olaf' actor Josh
 - 21. Fragmented rock
 - 23. They ___
 - 25. Advanced degree
 - 26. Backside
 - 27. Influential architect and



- 67. Necessary for breathing
- 68. Put into play
- design couple
- 29. An act of undue intimacy
- 30. Words from which later words are derived
- 32. 10 meters
- 34. Neither
- 35. Fungal sacs
- 37. The law of God revealed to Moses
- 40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 42. A promise
- 43. Challenges
- 47. British Air Aces
- 49. Large bank
- 50. Served as an omen
- 52. Cavalry sword
- 53. Vaccine developer
- 55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules
- 56. Italian Seaport
- 57. Hip joint
- 58. ___ Clapton, musician
- 59. Insect repellent
- 61. Constrictor snake
- 65 'The First State' (abbr.)

Week 31

See solution in next week's edition.

Fair Days Word Search

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SUDOKU

WEEK 31

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Level: Intermediate

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to fairs.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = R)

A. 10 3 14 15

Clue: Fun outdoor gathering

B. 5 3 15 23 14 22 3 8

Clue: Event with rides and attractions

C. 15 14 17 7

Clue: Amusement

D. 22 7 23 17 1 15

Clue: Sells something

Answers: A. fair B. carnival C. ride D. vendor

LETTER MIX-UP

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

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- 1. _____
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- 3. _____
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- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Riddle Me This

What do you call pigs that write letters to each other?

Answer: Pen Pals

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

EKCITT

Answer: Ticket

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 30 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 30

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Local Student Attends UT Martin SOAR Event



Qumarian Patterson, a graduate of West Carroll High School, attended the July 10 Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) event at the University of Tennessee at Martin with his mother, April Patterson of Atwood. Joining them is Captain Skyhawk, the mascot for UT Martin. SOAR provides students who have been accepted to UT Martin the opportunity to tour the campus, meet their instructors and register for fall classes. More information about UT Martin SOAR events can be found at www.utm.edu/soar. For more information about UT Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861). Submitted photo

Vintage Baseball Teams to Play at Parkers Crossroads

Second Home Game Played by 1864 Rules

PARKERS CROSSROADS — The Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park hosts the second home game of the Resolute of Jackson Vintage Base Ball Club at noon on Saturday, August 8. The game will be played on the southeast corner of the battlefield at the intersection of Wildersville Road and Highway 22. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Join the Resolute of Jack-

son as they continue their inaugural season on the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield, looking for their first win as a member of the Tennessee Association of Vintage Base Ball. The Resolute will face the Quicksteps of Spring Hill in an exciting contest played under authentic Civil War-era rules.

Experience baseball as it was played in the 1860s—wooden bats only, no gloves, no spittin', no cusins' and no slidin'! Players compete using the customs and sportsmanship of the era, providing an entertaining and educational look at America's pastime.

Spectators and prospective future ball-ists are warmly welcomed. The Resolute is always looking for new players interested in learning and participating in vintage base ball.

Limited shade and seating will be available. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and portable shade for use in designated spectator areas.

Come experience West Tennessee's first Vintage Base Ball Club as it plays on the hallowed grounds of the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield, where history comes alive both on the battlefield and on the ball field.

REGION 7-2A FOOTBALL

Will Huntingdon Make a Run at a Second Straight State Championship?

BY MICHAEL ODOM
Mirror-Exchange

After Milan's Class 2A runner-up finish in 2024, the Bulldogs' biggest rival, Huntingdon, made the run and won the Class 2A state championship last season.

Milan dominated the regular season meeting, but the Mustangs won by one point in the state semifinals.

Region 7-2A was the most competitive region in the state last season, and the same could be true this season.

Huntingdon is the favorite to make another run to Chattanooga, but Milan has the personnel to compete with the Mustangs, while Jackson Central-Merry, Peabody and Union City are right there with them.

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Huntingdon
2. Milan
3. JCM
4. Union City
5. Peabody
6. Halls
7. Gibson County

Top Region Games

Milan at Huntingdon (Week 3; Sept. 4) — The Dog and Pony Show is the first region Friday of the season, so both teams will need to be playing well after their first two non-region games. Milan won that first meeting with a dominant second half, but it was the Mustangs that won the gold ball.

Huntingdon at JCM (Week 5; Sept. 18) — The Cougars are expecting to be back in the hunt for the region championship. They get to host the defending Class 2A state champions. Huntingdon will be strong on the offensive line, which could make the difference in this game.

Milan at JCM (Week 6; Sept. 25) — These two have had some battles, and depending on how the games against Huntingdon went,

this game could have big playoff implications for both teams.

15 Players to Watch

Jackson Booker (Halls, Sr., QB)
Amyre Bond (JCM, Sr., ATH/DB)
Taeshon Curry (JCM, Jr., RB/LB)
Jayland Eckford (JCM, Sr., DL)
Hayes Eubanks (Huntingdon, Jr., RB/LB)
Ty Hollingsworth (Milan, Jr., ATH/DB)
Luke Johnson (Peabody, Sr., OL/LB)
Carson Kelley (Milan, Sr., RB/LB)
Iziah Rice (Gibson County, Sr., WR/DB)
Rylan Robinson (Union City, Sr., ATH)
Alijah Simpson (Union City, Sr., OL/DL)
Caleb Sims (Peabody, Jr., QB)
Kenton Smith (Huntingdon, Sr., ATH/DB)
Taylin Strayhorn (Huntingdon, Sr., DL/OL)
Zak Summers (Milan, Sr., QB/ATH)

Team Tidbits

Huntingdon Mustangs
2025 record: 14-1 (5-1)
Coach: Eric Swenson (19th season: 175-52)
What to know: The Mustangs were underestimated going into the season (especially by me), and they proved lots of people wrong by winning the Class 2A state championship with a 20-7 victory over Marion County. Senior Kenton Smith returns at quarterback after being named MVP of the Class 2A state championship game. He threw for 595 yards with 11 touchdowns and two interceptions, while rushing for 801 yards and 16 touchdowns. The Mustangs did graduate two 1,000-yard rushers in Tyreke Hutch and Braylin Dearmon. The key is that Huntingdon does return four of the five starters on the offensive line from

last season. But it might be the defense that carries the Mustangs this season, led by players like senior Taylin Strayhorn on the defensive line and juniors Gavin Gray and Hayes Eubanks at linebacker.

Milan Bulldogs

2025 record: 12-1 (6-0)
Coach: Wade Comer (2nd season: 25-3)

What to know: Replacing Jaydon Peete will be the toughest part of getting ready for the 2026 season. Peete was a finalist for the Tennessee Titans Class 2A Mr. Football award in 2025 after winning the award in 2024. The UT Martin signee recorded 90 tackles with 16 tackles for loss, one sack and one interception, while he also rushed for 1,697 yards and 30 touchdowns on 187 carries. Senior Carson Kelley along with junior Mason Taylor, who transferred in from West Carroll, and junior Ty Hollingsworth will get most of the carries for the Bulldogs. Senior Zak Summers has a year in Comer's system under his belt. He completed 80-of-121 passes for 1,318 yards with 15 touchdowns, while also rushing for 323 yards and one touchdown last season. Hollingsworth and junior Jay Donaldson will try to fill the shoes left by Cordarius Johnson and Terrence Moses at receiver. The key will be the development of the line as Brian Dixon has the most experience coming back.

The full version of this story can be read at mckenziebanner.com or milanmirror-exchange.com

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Local Students Offered Austin Peay State University Scholarships

CLARKSVILLE (August 3) — Multiple local students were offered scholarships from Austin Peay State University for the fall semester of the 2026-27 academic year. The Dean's Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship and Governor's Excellence Scholarship award first-year students based on their previous academic efforts.

Bennie Cockerham of Greenfield and Alexandra Wilson of Paris each received the Dean's Scholarship for having a 3.85-3.99 GPA entering their freshman year. More than 260 incoming first-year students were offered the scholarship this semester.

Bridget Sixberry of Paris and Malaysia Phelps of Martin each received the Governor's

Merit Scholarship for having a 3.5-3.69 GPA entering their freshman year. More than 230 incoming first-year students were offered the scholarship this semester.

Jaxon Blaski of Paris, Sanaah Dennie of Huntingdon, Raychel Oliver of McKenzie and James Grimm of Lavinia each received the Governor's Excellence Scholarship for having a 3.0-3.49 GPA entering their freshman year. More than 230 incoming first-year students were offered the scholarship this semester.

Austin Peay State University (APSU), located in Clarksville, Tenn., is a leading institution of higher education in the Southeast. The university offers over 50 graduate and 125 undergraduate

degree paths, including the country's first registered apprenticeship for teaching, a fast-growing Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, and the state's only accredited Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in counseling psychology program.

Named after Clarksville native and former Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay, the university's Clarksville campus spans 195 acres downtown and is home to the state-of-the-art Health Professions Building. APSU also operates a campus at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and is Tennessee's leading higher education provider for military-affiliated students, who represent approximately 32% of the student body.

Jackson State Community College Announces Spring Semester Honor Roll, Dean's List

JACKSON (July 30) — The Office of Admissions and Records at Jackson State Community College released the Honor Roll and Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Through rigorous coursework conducted by JSCC faculty, these students exemplified academic excellence, and the college administration congratulates these students from the Spring 2026 semester for their hard work to achieve Honors and Dean's list status.

Honor Roll is reserved for students enrolled for 12 or more hours of college-level work and complete a semester's work with a quality point average between 3.00 and 3.49.

Dean's List is reserved for students enrolled for 12 or more hours of college-level work and complete a semester's work with a quality point average between 3.50 and 4.00.

Honorees include students from Carroll, Henry

and Weakley counties.

JSCC Dean's List

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Henry County: Claire Burns, Samantha Glisson, Kayleigh Hernandez, Dreyvan Justice, Karlie King, Colby Landrum, Jordan Miles, Libbuth Morris, Isabella Robbins, Tina Turner.

Weakley County: Rebecca Frazier, Jaiden Mangiaracina, Kaylin Pham, Candace Porter, Braden Pounds, Tori Roark, Cooper Spaulding, Alise Stafford, Keisha Stafford, Maegan Williams.

JSCC Honor Roll

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Patrick Willis Named NFL Alumni Northern California Man of the Year

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tiger turned San Francisco 49er Patrick Willis was recently the proud recipient of the NFL Alumni Northern California Chapter Man of the Year Award. The NFL alum shared news of his award online on Tuesday, July 28.

“Still taking it all in,” Willis said of the achievement. “Receiving the NFL Alumni Northern California Chapter Man of the Year Award is truly an honor.

“I’m incredibly grateful to everyone who has been part of this journey - my family, teammates, coaches, mentors, friends, and the entire 49ers organization. None of this happens alone.

“To the legends who came before us, thank you for setting the standard and showing us what it means to represent this organization with pride, both on and off the field.

“Awards are special, but the relationships, memories, and impact we leave on others will always mean



Patrick Willis

the most.”

2026 is a big year of achievements for Willis, as he was inducted into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame in late June.

Willis is also a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2024 and the College Football Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Willis retired from the NFL in early 2015 after a seven-year career with the San Francisco 49ers.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

McKenzie Dominates Obion County in Friday Scrimmage

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (July 31) — McKenzie High School hosted Obion County Central Friday evening for an all-Rebel scrimmage at the MHS practice field. The host Rebels looked strong on both sides of the ball, especially during the varsity portion of the contest.

McKenzie’s varsity scored on all four of its possessions and held Obion County scoreless on all four of theirs. The offenses started drives on the 30 yard line and were guaranteed four plays before normal four-down rules applied. Play was untimed.

Obion County’s first possession ended after the minimum eight plays. McKenzie’s defense made a strong opening statement, including a sack by Cayden Gordon.

McKenzie scored on six plays in its first drive, led by Jayden Callis with two strong runs, including a long touchdown. Lelan Gordon also had a solid carry, and quarterback Cole Brown had a completion to Avery Brown. Jony Hernandez kicked the PAT.

Obion County came up empty again, with losses during the four “free” plays and few yards gained on the next three. A host of McKenzie Rebels sacked the visiting quarterback on fourth down to punctuate the stop.

McKenzie needed eight plays to score again. Callis had another solid pair of runs, and C. Brown connected with A. Brown twice, the latter for an 18-yard touchdown. Hernandez hit the PAT.

The host Rebels smothered their visiting counterparts again. Callis, C. Gordon and Aiden Carrington each had a sack.

The next McKenzie drive started with a keep by C. Brown for 12 yards. The offense stumbled briefly before L. Gordon and Callis got the run game back on track. C. Brown had two more throws to A. Brown, including another touchdown. Hernandez added a third-straight extra point.

Obion County again failed to gain any traction on offense.

McKenzie’s varsity capped their night with a final scoring drive, highlighted by tosses from C. Brown to Kason Brown and Jacobi Melton to set up a first-and-goal. Carrington carried twice to put it in the end zone. Hernandez completed a



Top, Rebel Jayden Callis scores on a long run to get McKenzie on the board. Above, Rebel Lelan Gordon finds a gap for a good gain. Below, Rebel Kason Brown dives for a deep catch in the red zone. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



perfect night of PATs.

Obion County’s junior varsity offense fared no better on their first possession. McKenzie’s Jacion Townes made a great tackle for a loss, and Ashli Winston recovered a fumble.

McKenzie sophomore Parker Ross and freshman Seth Stafford both took snaps at quarterback. Bryson Smith, Leighem Broyles and Hudson Garrett also had touches, but the JV failed to score on first attempt.

The host Rebels got the ball back quickly and scored on a good run by Smith and two passes from

Stafford to Garrett.

Obion County’s final possession was stifled by a sack by McKenzie’s Dierks Gyhers and a tackle for a loss by Stafford.

Stafford scored on a long keeper to end the scrimmage.

McKenzie completes its home preseason schedule Friday, August 7 with a scrimmage against Lexington at Bethel University at 6 p.m.

The Rebels travel to the Henry County High School Football Jamboree on Friday, August 14. They face McCracken County at 7 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Top Left, Rebel Kendon Coleman scores the first touchdown of the night. Top Right, Gleason’s Liam Williams turns the corner for a first down. Above Left, Rebels Mason Davidson (10) and Reed Gaskins (50) tackle a Greenfield ball carrier. Above Right, War Eagle Ayden Taylor makes an off-balance catch for a touchdown. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Middle School Hosts Annual Jamboree

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (August 1) — McKenzie Middle School hosted its annual football jamboree Saturday evening with 12 teams participating in eight scrimmages, played two at a time on a split field.

McKenzie Rebels 28, Greenfield Yellowjackets 0

The host Rebels were dominant on both sides of the ball against Greenfield.

The Yellowjackets went four-and-out on their first possession.

The Rebels made a strong opening statement with a quick scoring drive. Navadius Owens had a long carry, followed up by a 23-yard touchdown by quarterback Kendon Coleman on a keeper. Payton Cox kicked the PAT, and McKenzie led 7-0.

The McKenzie defense forced another four-and-out on Greenfield’s second drive.

The Rebel offense wasted no time, scoring quickly on a 38-yard run by Mahkyn Gilbert. Cox added the extra point for a 14-0 MMS lead.

The Yellowjackets failed to gain momentum again and quickly turned the ball over.

Owens got McKenzie on the board again with a 39-yard touchdown. Cox kicked, and the Rebels led 21-0.

Greenfield managed a first down on the ensuing drive, but Owens came down with an interception to end the possession.

Gilbert had a couple of solid runs for McKenzie, including a 20-yard touchdown. Cox made it 4-for-4 on PATs, and the Rebels led 28-0.

Another Yellowjacket possession ended with an interception, this time by Rebel Thomas Howard.

McKenzie fumbled on the ensuing possession, but time expired soon after Greenfield took over.

Inman Minutemen 12, Lexington Bulldogs 12

Lexington and Inman proved evenly-matched with a back-and-forth scrimmage.

A Minutemen fumble ended a promising first drive, and the Bulldogs scored quickly in response. The two-point conversion attempt failed, and Inman led 6-0.

Both teams stumbled on their second possessions, then Lexington scored. A failed two-point try left the score tied at 6-6.

Inman scored on the first play of the ensuing drive to regain the lead, but again failed to convert for two points.

The Minutemen scored on a lengthy drive to tie

the game at 12-12, but a penalty doomed the go-ahead two-point try.

Inman managed a first down before time expired.

JV: Greenfield Yellowjackets 20, McKenzie Rebels 16

The host Rebels’s junior varsity squad started strong and took a two-score lead, but the Yellowjackets stormed back late to claim the win.

Greenfield managed two first downs on the opening possession, but stalled.

Rebel James Barnhart had several strong carries and scored a five-yard touchdown. Quarterback Cord Wall threw to Howard for two points and an 8-0 lead.

McKenzie got the ball back and scored again quickly on multiple carries by Cash Edmonson, who also ran in for two points. The Rebels led 16-0.

Greenfield got on the board with a quick touchdown. The two-point try failed, and McKenzie led, 16-6.

A couple of wayward snaps and a fumble doomed the Rebels’ drive to a four-and-out.

The Yellowjackets scored another quick touchdown and added two points to cut the deficit to 16-14, then got the ball back again with time running out and scored the go-ahead touchdown as time expired.

JV: Milan Bulldogs 14, Lexington Minutemen 6

Defense ruled the first few possessions, but eventually Milan broke through for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, and the Bulldogs led 6-0.

The Bulldogs followed with another score, this time converting for two points and a 14-0 lead.

In the waning minutes, Lexington mustered a touchdown, but no two-point conversion.

Milan Bulldogs 14, Henderson North Cadets 6

Milan’s varsity squad overcame several turnovers to claim victory over the Cadets.

The Bulldogs struck first, but couldn’t convert for two and led 6-0.

Back-to-back turnovers, an interception and a fumble opened the door for a Cadet touchdown. A failed point-after kept the score tied at 6-6.

Milan regained the lead with time running low and converted for two points for the 14-6 win.

Waverly Tigers 22, Gibson County Pioneers 8

Waverly stormed back from an early deficit with 22 unanswered points for the victory.

Gibson County struck first on a fourth-and-goal

and converted for two points and an 8-0 lead.

The Tigers answered quickly to tie the contest at 8-8.

A Pioneer turnover gave Waverly a window to pull ahead 14-8 with a touchdown and two-point conversion.

Gibson County earned a pair of first downs, but stalled and turned the ball over on downs.

The Tigers added to their lead with a late touchdown and two-point conversion.

West Carroll War Eagles 24, Gleason Bulldogs 14

West Carroll was in control early, but Gleason gained some late momentum and made it a contest.

War Eagle Isaiah Lott scored on the opening drive. The two-point try failed, but West Carroll led 6-0.

Gleason earned a first down on the ensuing possession, but a fumble doomed the drive.

A pass from Ryker Cherry to Ayden Taylor set up another Lott touchdown run. The conversion was unsuccessful, and the War Eagles led 12-0.

Bulldog Landon Aeschbacher had a solid carry to set up a first-and-goal, but a penalty and another fumble ended the drive.

Two possessions later, Gleason got on the board with a Jase Dilday touchdown. With the two-point conversion, the deficit was cut to 12-8.

West Carroll’s Kevin Pryor scored on a long run to extend the lead, but the two-point try failed again. The War Eagles led 18-8.

After a third Gleason fumble, Cherry threw to Taylor again for another West Carroll touchdown and a 24-8 lead.

Dilday scored again for the Bulldogs as time expired for the 24-14 final.

Dresden Lions 30, Camden Lions 6

Dresden dominated Camden throughout the scrimmage, but Camden managed a late touchdown to avoid the shutout.

Dresden scored on the opening drive but failed to convert for two.

After a Camden four-and-out, Dresden added another score. A successful two-point try made it 14-0.

Two possessions later, Dresden added another TD and two-point conversion for a 22-0 lead.

Camden went four-and-out again, and Dresden answered with another touchdown and conversion to push the lead to 30-0.

With time running low, Camden put together a scoring drive. The two-point try failed, but the shutout was avoided.



Left, Italian Ice and Froyo Co. owner Shane Yarbrough cuts the bright red ribbon provided by the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, kicking off the dessert shop's grand opening celebration. Not pictured Mayor Ryan Griffin. Photo by Mayor Ryan Griffin/City of McKenzie Right, (L to R) Jayden Kendall, McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin and his son Isaac, Sylar Yarbrough, Bobbie Lipscomb, Shanley Yarbrough, Shane Yarbrough and Addyson Littleton from Italian Ice & Froyo Co. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



Italian Ice & Froyo Co: Inside McKenzie's Coolest New Dessert Destination

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McKENZIE — What started with buying an Italian ice machine for his tiny home has turned into what might be Shane Yarbrough's biggest business venture yet. Yarbrough, a Gleason native, held a grand opening celebration for Italian Ice & Froyo Co. on Saturday, August 1 — but to the people of McKenzie, the dessert shop had already become a part of the city's allure.

When Yarbrough held a soft opening for Italian Ice & Froyo Co. in early July, he never could have expected how quickly his business would take off. In less than a month, the dessert shop has become a huge financial asset to the city of McKen-

zie, with shoppers coming from as far as Nashville to try Yarbrough's Italian ice and frozen yogurt.

Yarbrough began making Italian ice in 2022, selling it from his food trailer business, The Snack Shack. In addition to Italian ice, he also sold funnel cakes, fried Oreos, fried Twinkies, cotton candy, hot dogs and the like before eventually closing the food trailer.

Acknowledging his personal dairy allergy, Yarbrough said he wanted to be able to accommodate other people's dietary restrictions.

Yarbrough bought an Italian ice machine for his tiny home at the beginning of the year, wanting to begin making the dessert again. He then moved into the suite at 16214 Highland Drive, McKenzie,

wanting to begin selling Italian ice in his free time.

At the recommendation of a friend, he began toying with frozen yogurt recipes.

"I didn't even know what frozen yogurt was a month before we opened," Yarbrough said. "A friend of mine — her name is Anna — brought it up to me, and I was like, 'What is froyo?' She helped me, in the beginning, get the recipe and master it."

Still new to the frozen yogurt scene, Yarbrough said he has made some tweaks to his original recipe, swapping from a Greek yogurt base to a vanilla yogurt base for some of the froyo options. Due to his dairy allergy, Yarbrough is unable to do more than taste test the frozen yogurt flavors he sells. However, he said his employees do enough tasting

to ensure they are of good quality.

Italian Ice & Froyo Co. has put McKenzie on the map as one of two destinations within a 30-mile radius to sell frozen yogurt, joining Daydream Yogurt in Martin.

Wanting his store to be an interactive, personal experience, Yarbrough encourages his customers to write their names on a wall to let everyone know that they visited. In less than a month, over a third of the wall is already filled with names.

"I'm just speechless as far as how that wall filled up," Yarbrough said. "And everybody has noticed. When I post pictures on Facebook, people are looking at the background, at the wall."

He has had visitors from Nashville and from out-of-state come in to try his Italian ice and frozen yogurt. Several business owners have even contacted him, he said, asking if he was interested in franchising his business out.

For now, Yarbrough is staying focused on building Italian Ice & Froyo Co. in McKenzie, imagining what it could become in the coming months. He teased adding homemade lemonade and, in the winter, adding hot drinks like coffee and hot chocolate. He also mentioned potentially changing his hours, wanting to stay open a bit later.

During the grand opening



Italian Ice & Froyo Co. owner Shane Yarbrough is pictured in front of his store at 16214 Highland Drive. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

celebration, McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin spoke of how big of an asset Italian Ice & Froyo Co. has become to the city.

"We're already having an economic impact from other counties," Griffin said. "Yarbrough's had folks that drove from Bells and Nashville just to visit him...This is a great asset for a family to just come and enjoy a time in McKenzie."

Italian Ice & Froyo Co. is the latest of Yarbrough's businesses ventures — and the first business he has registered in Tennessee. He also owns FunTimez Rentals, Nex Rentals in Atlanta, Elevare Enterprises, Inc. and Nex Level Financial. He is the Herbalife distributor to eight nutrition stores, and he also works as executive director

of Legal Shield in McKenzie. He is also the former owner of two nutrition stores in Paducah.

"It seems like I've opened businesses everywhere else but home," Yarbrough said. "Now, I can give back to the community where I came from. I wish I would have done it sooner."

Saturday's celebration began with a ribbon cutting with the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and continued until 5 p.m., with inflatable games, face painting and a petting zoo drawing in new customers.

Italian Ice & Froyo Co. is located at 16214 Highland Drive and is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Jimenez Awarded \$8,500 Phi Kappa Fellowship

BATON ROUGE, La. (July 28) — The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently awarded Xavier Jimenez of McKenzie with a fellowship worth \$8,500. Jimenez is one of 40 individuals nationwide to receive a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Jimenez holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Tennessee at Martin. As a Phi Kappa Phi Fellow, Jimenez will pursue a Doctor of Medicine at East Tennessee State University's Quillen College of Medicine.

Since its creation in 1932, the Fellowship Program has become one of the society's most visible and financially



well-supported endeavors. This year's program awarded the 1897 Fellowship and the Sherrill Carlson Fellowship at \$35,000 each; six \$15,000 Marcus L. Urann Fellowships, named for the Society's founder; and 40 fellowships of \$8,500 each.

The selection process for a fellowship is based on the applicant's evidence of

graduate potential, undergraduate academic achievement, service and leadership experience, letters of recommendation, personal statement of educational perspective and career goals, and acceptance in an approved graduate or professional program.

Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships are part of the society's robust portfolio of award and grant programs, which gives more than \$1 million each year to outstanding members and students on chapter campuses through study abroad grants, graduate fellowships, funding for post-baccalaureate development, member and chapter awards, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

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- ★ **FASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** Implement Strategic County Zoning to ensure rural areas receive the same fast response as towns.
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- ★ **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Save taxpayers money through grants while implementing new programs.
- ★ **AGGRESSIVE DRUG ENFORCEMENT:** Leveraging years of experience as a narcotics investigator working with and alongside local, state and federal agencies.
- ★ **JAIL REFORM:** Reduce recidivism by implementing "Second Chance" life-skills programs for inmates and utilizing mental health services.
- ★ **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT:** Launch a county-wide Shop with a First Responder program.

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P.O.S.T. Approved Total	1,996

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