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"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

— Calvin Coolidge

LOCAL HEROES MAKE SPIRITS BRIGHTER AT CHRISTMASTIME



First responders from various emergency and public service departments assisted children as they shopped for Christmas. The second annual event is coordinated by McKenzie Fire and McKenzie Police departments. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Left, McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White and THP Trooper Joseph Roth assist Bra'shelle Strayhorn with her shopping. Right, MPD Officer Jason "Officer Art" Artymovich with Jaylee Montgomery. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Shopping with a First Responder

Thirty-six children from the McKenzie area now have a brighter Christmas, thanks to the collective efforts of the McKenzie Police Department, McKenzie Fire

Department, and many individuals who contributed to the second annual Christmas event for the children of the city. Spearheaded by two public safety first responders in the city, approximately \$20,000 was raised to purchase Christmas gifts for

children, whose families were identified as those who could use some assistance at Christmas. McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White and McKenzie Fire Chief Brian Tucker said the people of the community were very generous this year. Each child had a budget

of \$300 to purchase gifts for themselves. A portion of the receipts was donated to the McKenzie Beta Sigma Phi in their annual Angel Tree program. In total, the Police, Fire, and Beta Sigma Phi are assisting

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Coach Jasper Leaving Bethel



Coach Michael Jasper

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McKENZIE (December 20) — After six seasons as head coach of the Bethel University Football program, Coach Michael Jasper (44-20) has announced he is departing the university to become the head coach at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. The Hatters are a NCAA Division I program competing in the Pioneer League. The Wildcats had 11-win seasons in 2022 and 2023. Jasper was Mid-South Conference Coach of the Year in

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McKENZIE PLANNING COMMISSION

Taco Bell Plan Approved



Business Signage, Ordinance Discussed

McKENZIE (December 18) — McKenzie has moved one step closer to having a Taco Bell franchise. On Wednesday, the McKenzie Regional Planning Commission approved the site plan presented by Excel Engineer for Kari Keller of Pacific Bells, LLC. Regional planner Donny Bunton stated there were five minor issues with the site plan but they were quickly corrected by Keller's staff.

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Electric Department Grants Pay Raises, Leases Radios

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (December 19) — The 45 employees of Carroll County Electric Department will receive a four-percent increase in base pay effective January 1, 2025. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the increase during its December 19 meeting.

Ryan Drewry said the company generally increases the rate according to the Consumer Price Index each year. However, pay must be competitive with surrounding utility companies and area contractors performing similar work. Two of CCED's employees recently left the company to work with contractors. Drewry said the CPIW, a federal index was 3.7 percent. Employees also are compensated with 100 percent of the employee's and dependent's health insurance paid and a 12 percent match on their base pay that applies to retirement.

All mobile and handheld radios used by lineman will soon be replaced with digital radios that operate on the Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN). The network will provide through coverage

within the county, regardless of location.

Drewry said the current radios were installed in 2008 when the company converted from analog to digital. At that time, the antenna was mounted on Charter Communications tower. In 2016, Charter abandoned use of the tower and asked CCED, the county fire department and county sheriff's department to relocate their transmission antenna to a lower elevation tower behind Carroll County Jail. The new location was problematic for the digital radios to send and receive in many areas of the county.

Mark Simpson and Danny Toombs, supervisors CCED said the lack of radio communications is danger for lineman, who must know if the electrical lines are energized or if another problem occurs when crews are working, especially in storms.

The 60-month contract is for 22 mobile units and eight handheld at \$117 monthly per unit. That includes all repairs, maintenance, or replacement as needed for a total of \$3,510 each.

The communication network, TACN, is operated by Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Se-

curity. The state maintains all towers and antennas, relieving CCED of the cost to maintain an in-house network. Also, CCED can contact other agencies, such as sheriff or fire, to respond to a location.

CCED recently implemented a new outage reporting system, which electric customers can check CCED's website to see the geographic location of outages. The report updates each 11 minutes to provide the most accurate report of outage areas.

A new after-hours dispatch company was contracted to dispatch. The Missouri-based Daupler provides the service. Lineman can receive text messages of the location of a problem. Customers can also upload photos of the damage so CCED will be informed of the extent of damage prior to arriving at the scene.

Silicon Ranch is constructing its 6.5 megawatt solar array in Trezevant. The project was started in September and should be operational by May, 2025. Located at Power Station Road, Trezevant, the array will connect with CCED and provide lower-cost electricity to CCED.

County Fire Allocated Additional Funds

HUNTINGDON (December 19) — The Carroll County Budget Committee recommended allocating \$111,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to the Carroll County Rural Fire Department. The allocation, once approved by the Carroll County Commission, can be applied toward the construction of a training center or can be used for other training-related expenses.

Briefly, Committee members discussed the possibility of constructing a training facility that could be used by other departments within Carroll County and

surrounding areas. It was noted the Town of Huntingdon had some funding that might be able to be used in conjunction with the county on such a project.

Auditors and officials from the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) agreed the county was okay to apply the funds to the Fire Department for those ends. Earlier in December, the Commission released \$250,000 allocated through ARPA funds to the Fire Department.

The Sheriff's Office received a grant from the State of Tennessee for \$14,777. The grant goes

towards training.

In other business, the Carroll County Highway Department was allowed to move \$11,610 from its equipment budget to be applied to salary for a part-time clerical position. Road Supervisors Ronnie Wade and Ricky Scott said it is a possibility the position could be permanent as they felt there is a need for additional help in the office.

The next meeting of the Carroll County Budget Committee is at 9 a.m. on January 23, 2025, at the Carroll County Government Complex.



Pictured at the Candyland event are (L to R) Front Row: Lillian Barnes, Emily Krammer, Delayne Bennett, Madelyn Cooper, Teddy Zamecnik and Balean J. Innes. Back Row: Jonah McGowan, Ally Baker, Tracy Hughes, Kinsley Newsome, The Grinch, Jacob Barber, Ian Pearson, Owen Nelson and Cooper Latch. Photo courtesy WCSDD

West Carroll Elementary Hosts Festive Candyland Christmas Event

West Carroll Elementary School recently celebrated a "Candyland Christmas" to reward students who demonstrated exemplary behavior during the second nine weeks of the school year. The event was packed with exciting activities, fostering both fun and community spirit.

Students rotated through a variety of stations, each offering a unique experience. The day included fire truck tours and demonstrations led by the Trezevant, Atwood, and McLemoresville fire departments. Mr. Van Blacketter, a firefighter, captivated students with stories of his work and answered their questions.

The cafeteria transformed into a gaming hub with card and board games, while the library and nearby classroom offered cozy holiday charm with pictures with Santa and the Grinch, accompanied by hot chocolate and marshmallows. A Christmas edition of "Name That Tune" provided lively entertainment, showcasing students' enthusiasm for holiday music.

In the gymnasium, Mrs. Leslie Chappell, the school's PE teacher, energized students with Christmas dodgeball and games like "capture the present". Meanwhile, classrooms became centers of creativity with holiday crafts, and students



Paisley Keymon with Santa at the Candyland event. Photo courtesy WCSDD

tackled a winter-themed escape room challenge.

A highlight of the day was the school's new inflatable projector screen, purchased through book fair funds raised by Mrs. Pat Hudgins. Students enjoyed a festive movie and popcorn, taking a well-deserved break from their bustling activities.

Hooker Farms added a special touch to the event with a delightful petting zoo, where students interacted

with animals like llamas, goats, rabbits, and sheep.

The staff also joined in the festivities with a hallway decorating competition, adding to the holiday cheer throughout the school.

West Carroll Elementary's Candyland Christmas was a joyful celebration that left students smiling, a testament to the school's commitment to fostering good behavior and creating memorable experiences for its students.



TCAT-Henry/Carroll at McKenzie fall graduates. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

TCAT-Henry/Carroll at McKenzie Holds 2024 Fall Graduation

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (December 18) — The Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Henry/Carroll at McKenzie held its fall graduation Wednesday afternoon at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where 18 graduates received diplomas in their respective fields.

The commencement began with the traditional processional to "Pomp and Circumstance", followed by an invocation by HVAC instructor Darrell Pittman.

Next, graduate Brantley Nanney, the TCAT-Henry/Carroll Skills USA president, welcomed all and gave a summary of students' accomplishments for the year, including the first election of SkillsUSA officers in McKenzie since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nanney said, "Even though this is our first time in these roles, we've been successful in what we have accomplished. Whether it is in school, out of school, or in collaboration with our counterparts in Paris, we've worked together to make TCAT-McKenzie something more than just school."

He listed numerous events, activities and projects benefiting the community and promoting TCAT.

Nanney concluded, "Personally, SkillsUSA changed my life and has led me to meet great people and have great opportunities." On behalf of his fellow McKenzie Skills Officers, he thanked advisors Brittany Twilbeck, Zak Crider and Dr. Jan Latimer.

John Penn Ridgeway, president of TCAT-Henry/Carroll, introduced the keynote speaker, Leslie Henegar, graduate of SkillsUSA. Henegar is the executive director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and a TCAT



Speakers at the fall graduation included (L to R): keynote speaker Leslie Henegar, graduate and TCAT-Henry/Carroll Skills USA President Brantley Nanney and TCAT-Henry/Carroll President John Penn Ridgeway. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

alum.

She advised the graduates to recognize the investment of many other people to get them to where they are. She also reminded them that they are "a walking resume" and that "people will remember how you made them feel. She recommended conducting everyday and treating every person you meet "as though you were interviewing for your next job." She emphasized kindness and gratitude as well as investing in community.

She concluded, "And don't forget to tell folks about your wonderful experiences here at TCAT and the way this program has blessed your life. The foundational business skills that I learned at TCAT have been used throughout my entire professional career, and I firmly believe I'm a stronger leader and employee because of my time at TCAT."

The graduates were then presented by Brittany Twilbeck, student services counselor, and diplomas were conferred by President Ridgeway and the program instructors.

The 20 graduates (with two not present) were:

Administrative Office Technology - Felicia Hilliard (Huntingdon).

Automotive Technology - Jonathan Fuentes (Union City).

HVAC/Refrigeration - Braylon Tharpe (Greenfield), Darrin Kimmons (Gleason) and John Weaver (McLemoresville).

Industrial Maintenance Integrated Automation - Mason Arant (Dresden), Kylan Borneman (Gleason), Devyn Kerney (Martin) and Brennen Willis (Milan).

Information Technology Systems Management - Cameron Mason (Jackson) and Clissa Williams (Greenfield).

Machine Tool Technology - Dusty Griffin (Milan).

Welding Technology (McKenzie Campus) - Dalton Hatley (McKenzie), Jack Johnston (McKenzie), Brantley Nanney (Lexington) and Jacob Welch (Huntingdon).

Welding Technology (Dresden Campus) - Ashton Dick (Dresden), Remington Sheffield (Sharon), Jamison Simmons (Martin) and Dayton Todd (Martin).

Hospital Wing Now Has Home at Airport

MCKENZIE (December 23) — Hospital Wing medical helicopter service is officially headquartered at Carroll County Airport in McKenzie.

Construction began at the Carroll County Airport for the air medical base service known as Hospital Wing in September. During the August 2024 meeting of the Carroll County Commission, a lease between Carroll County and Med-Trans Corporation was ratified with Med-Trans.

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

In July 2023, the Med-Trans/Hospital Wing held a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of



Hospital Wing helicopter at Carroll County Airport. Photo by Hospital Wing

what was to be their county home base at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Carroll County. At the time, the Baptist Hospital base would have served as a daytime-only base. Due to the lack of a hangar, each day, weather permitting, crews started the morning at the Selmer base and flew to Huntingdon.

A pilot, flight nurse and flight paramedic man the Airbus EC130 helicopter. Each aircraft is equipped with blood, plasma, IVs, ultrasound, and other medical equipment.

With the new hangar and base at the airport in McKenzie, Carroll County is now provided with around-the-clock air ambulance service.

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

Town of Huntingdon Christmas Parade Winners



Float — 1st Place: Darty Trailer Sales; 2nd Place: Watson Lumber. Antique Vehicle — 1st Place: Scotty Rhodes; 2nd Place: Jerry Milam farms. Motorized Vehicle — 1st Place: Trevor Davis; 2nd Place: J Kee Auto Sales & Towing. Horse and Rider — 1st Place: Gaugh Family; 2nd Place: Gaugh Family. Miscellaneous — 1st Place: Sayla Reign Boutique; 2nd Place: Hunter Britt. Far Left, Board members of the Carroll County Inclusion Park served as the parade’s grand marshals. Left, The Huntingdon High School band makes their way downtown during the night time parade. Bottom Left, Horse riders in western attire make their way downtown. Bottom Center, Town officials take the train as part of the parade festivities. Bottom Right, It looks like a winter wonderland on the float provided by Lavender Kiss Farm.

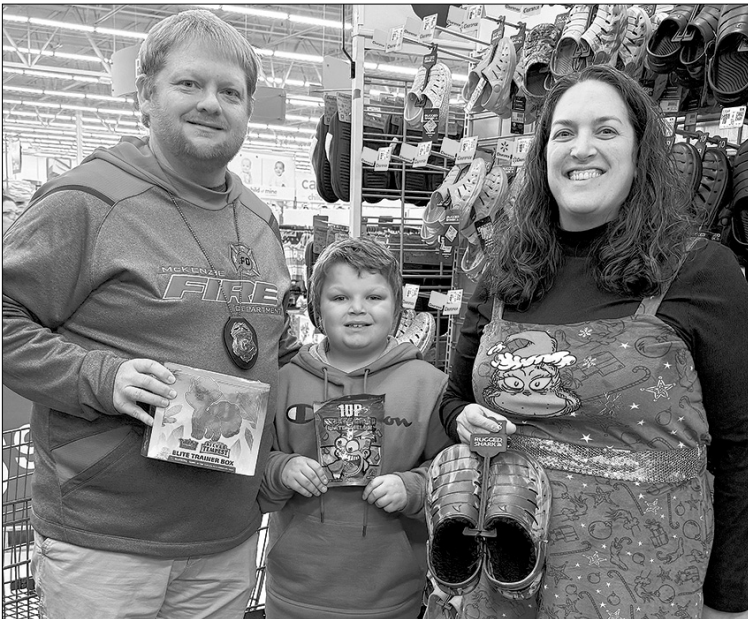


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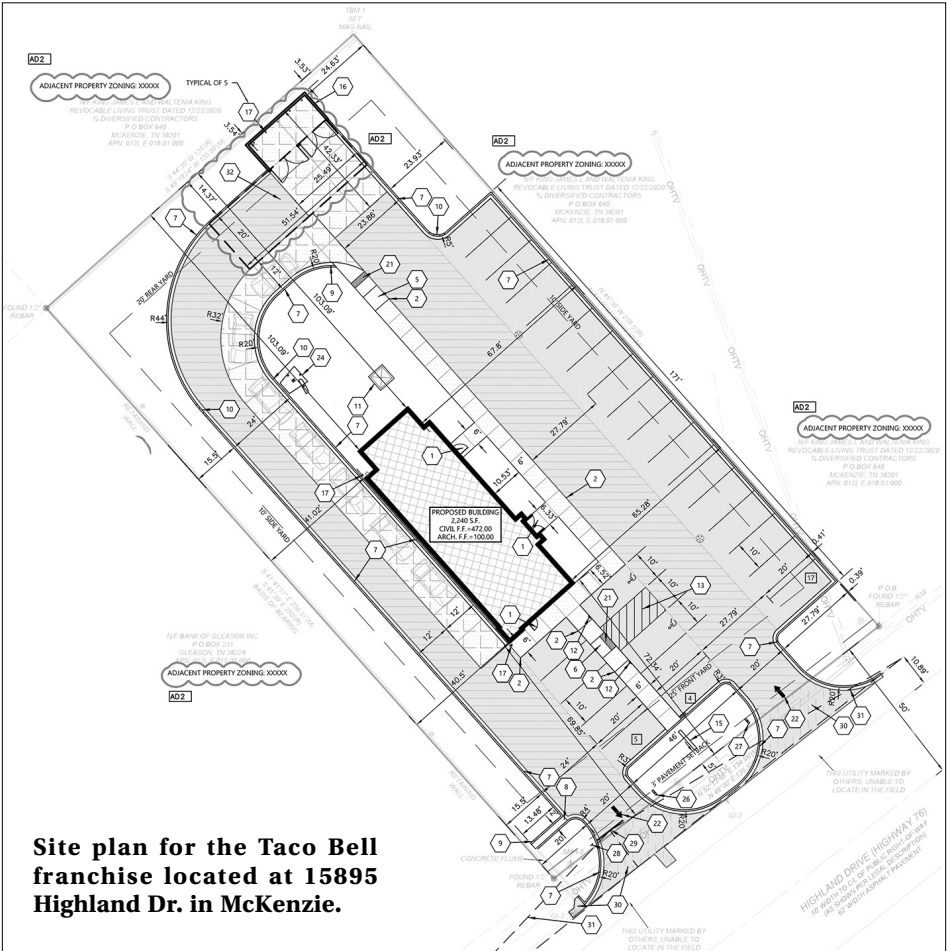
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132 children at Christmas. The Thursday, December 19 shopping event began at Long Heights Baptist Church, where children were assigned a police officer, firefighter, Huntingdon PD officer, Carroll County Sheriff deputy, THP officer, EMT or paramedic, or TWRA officer with whom to shop at Walmart-Huntingdon. A caravan of emergency vehicles, with both blue and red emergency lights activated, traveled from McKenzie to Huntingdon Walmart.

The children were encouraged to select clothes and gifts for themselves. Cell phones and gift cards could not be purchased with the donated funds. Santa was in the store and greeted the children as they shopped. At the checkout counter, Walmart associates marked through the product barcode to prevent the item from being returned for cash or exchange. Mayor Ryan Griffin and Police Chief Ryan White paid for each purchase with the donated money. A receipt was provided for each purchase. Also in attendance were a host of family members of first responders.



Above Left, McKenzie Police Assistant Chief Trey Boucher with Jaydin Belk. Above Right, Carroll County Sheriff Deputy Roger White with Nathan Coraloini. Left, McKenzie Fire Department’s Jason Arnold and wife, Holly, with Kason Knight. Right, Huntingdon Police officers Angie Barker (right) and Dexter Richardson assist Caroline Fuzzell as she shops. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Taco

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Keller will construct the Taco Bell franchise at 15895 Highland Dr., the current location of Old West Steakhouse. No date was given on Keller’s plan to begin construction. Also during the meeting, discussions on roadside business signage within the city limits were discussed.

Members of the Commission were made aware of the difficulty in interpreting sign ordinances when charts/graphics were involved. He added it was in the city’s best interest to remove the charts and follow the verbiage of the provisions. Bunton said he would review the text closely to see if there were areas where the language needed to be more clear. The Commission agreed not to revisit off-premises signage (billboards). Currently, the City of McKenzie does

not allow billboards within the city limits. The two billboards in town are either on property used by a business or are grandfathered in following the prohibition. Lastly, the Commission agreed to a plat division located adjacent to the TCAT-McKenzie. The property is to be developed by Patrick Little. It was referenced in the meeting that technically the Planning Commission does not have to sign off on simple plat divisions.

Jasper

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2022. After leading Bethel to a conference title, the program’s first 11-0 regular season and a No. 4 ranking in the NAIA national poll in 2022, he was NAIA Region 1 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association. Bethel qualified for the NAIA playoffs twice under Jasper’s guidance, in 2022 and 2023. “I am deeply grateful for the memories we’ve made, the lessons we’ve learned, and the victories on and off the field. Thank you for your support, trust, and incredible journey,” stated Coach Jasper. “McKenzie, Tennessee will forever hold a special place in our hearts as it has provided so many ‘firsts’ for my family. The love and support we have felt in the best-kept-secret kind of town has been immeasurable.” Jasper was the 2022-23 Mid-South Conference Male Coach for Significance. Bethel Interim Director of Athletics Dave McCulley said, “Today is a bittersweet day for the program and school. We

are happy for Coach Jasper and this opportunity for him and we appreciate all he has done to elevate Bethel University’s football program. He did a marvelous job, and the team was exciting to follow. The excitement around the program these past few years has been phenomenal. We wish him and his family the very best.” Before serving as head coach, Jasper was the assistant head coach and coached the defensive line. He previously served as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator and also oversaw the strength and conditioning program. Jasper also served as the associate athletic director of internal operations, a post he had held since 2022. Before Bethel, Jasper was the offensive and defensive line assistant at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo, N.Y. He spent three years in the National Football League with the Buffalo Bills, New York Giants and Carolina Panthers. Coach Jasper played for the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2005 and 2006 and was a starter on their 2006 Ohio Valley Conference championship team. After redshirting at

Middle Tennessee State University, Jasper joined the Bethel Wildcats and was an offensive and defensive lineman from 2008 to 2010. He was the first-ever Wildcat drafted to the NFL in 2011 with his selection by the Buffalo Bills. He is a graduate of Bethel University with an MBA along with his bachelor’s in university studies. Assistant Coach Chris Springer will serve as the interim head coach. Springer enters his eighth season on the Bethel football staff in 2024-25. He is the defensive coordinator and serves as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator. Springer played at Bethel University and Lindenwood University where he was a four-year letterman and served as captain as a defensive back. Springer graduated from Lindenwood in 2013 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and earned a master’s degree in sports recreation and administration from Western Kentucky University in 2017. Springer is a native of Bartlett, Tenn., and resides in Lexington with his wife Megan and daughters Chandler and Sydney.

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Ten Historical Tidbits About The Christmas Traditions

• Charles Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol in 1843 to raise awareness about the plight of the poor and to encourage charitable giving during the Christmas season. He was inspired by his own experiences with poverty and social injustice, and he wanted to use his writing to make a difference in the world. The novella was an immediate success, and it has since become one of the most beloved and enduring Christmas stories of all time.

• In 1843, Sir Henry Cole commissioned artist John Callcott Horsley to create the first commercially produced Christmas card. This card, featuring a family enjoying Christmas dinner with wine and gifts, was intended to be shared with friends and family. Its release marked the beginning of the popular tradition of exchanging Christmas cards.

• “Twas the Night Before Christmas,” also known as “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” was first published anonymously in 1823 in a Troy, New York newspaper. Clement Clarke Moore, a prominent scholar, later claimed authorship in 1837, though some scholars believe Henry Livingston Jr. may have written it earlier. The poem has become a beloved Christmas classic, popularizing many of the familiar images of Santa Claus, such as his eight reindeer, his sleigh, and his jolly demeanor.

• The tradition of hanging Christmas stockings stems from a heartwarming legend about St. Nicholas from the early 19th Century. It’s said that he secretly tossed bags of gold through the window of a poor man whose daughters couldn’t afford dowries.

One of the bags landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry. This act of kindness inspired the custom of children hanging stockings on Christmas Eve, hoping for a visit from St. Nicholas, who would fill them with small gifts.

• The candy cane’s origins are a bit unclear, but it’s believed to have started in 17th-century Germany. A choirmaster, wanting to keep children quiet during church services, may have commissioned candy sticks with a crook at the end to resemble shepherd’s crooks. These early candy canes were likely plain white. The red and white stripes and peppermint flavor were introduced later, potentially inspired by barber poles.

• The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe has roots in ancient cultures. The Druids considered mistletoe sacred, believing it had magical powers. Norse mythology tells of the goddess Frigg, whose son was killed by an arrow made of mistletoe. Overcome with grief, she blessed the plant, promising a kiss to anyone who passed beneath it. Over time, this evolved into a Christmas custom, symbolizing peace, love, and good fortune.

• Eggnog has its roots in the medieval British drink called “posset,” a warm mixture of milk curdled with wine or ale and spiced with flavors like cinnamon and nutmeg. By the 13th century, some monks even began adding eggs and figs to their possets. When this drink made its way to the American colonies in the 1700s, it evolved into eggnog, often incorporating rum or other spirits.

• The Christmas tree tradition originated in Germany during the 16th century. German Lutherans are credited with popularizing the custom of bringing decorated trees into their homes. Legend has it that Martin Luther, inspired by the twinkling stars among the evergreen branches, added candles to his Christmas tree. This practice, along with the use of decorations like apples, nuts, and later, ornaments, helped spread the Christmas tree tradition throughout Europe and eventually to North America.

• The tradition of making gingerbread houses is believed to have originated in Germany in the early 1800s, inspired by the Grimm’s fairy tale “Hansel and Gretel.” German bakers began creating edible houses made of lebkuchen (gingerbread) to resemble the story. These gingerbread houses became popular during Christmas, and the tradition eventually spread to other parts of Europe and North America. Today, decorating gingerbread houses is a beloved Christmas activity for families, often involving creative designs and colorful candies.

• The tradition of leaving milk and cookies for Santa Claus likely originated in the 1930s during the Great Depression. As families struggled financially, parents encouraged their children to leave out treats for Santa as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation for the gifts they received. This heartwarming practice has since become a beloved Christmas tradition, symbolizing the spirit of generosity and the magic of the holiday season.

Carroll Arts Elects Officers

MCKENZIE (December 17) — Carroll Arts, Inc. met on Tuesday, December 17 for its monthly meeting and annual Christmas party at President Glynda Rich’s house.

The meeting consisted of a light agenda and included the reading and approval of the minutes, financial report, Mistletoe Christmas event report, discussion of upcoming events: Trivia Bowl and Hearts in Harmony, nominating committee report and election of new officers for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

In attendance were: Glynda Rich, Denise Sam, Scott and Carol Armpriest, Shirley Martin, Donna Ward,

Anna Moore, Veronica Davis, Steve Morris, Bill and Geneva Johnson, Jason and Brittany Martin and Eric and Bonnie Teas.

During the November meeting, Glynda Rich, president and founder of Carroll Arts, appointed a nominating committee to select a new president for Carroll Arts. Rich said she will hold the position of vice president and help train the incoming president. Carol Armpriest (chairperson), Shirley Martin and Allison Cummings were selected as the nominating committee.

On Tuesday, Carol delivered the nominating committee’s decision to name Glynda Rich as vice president, Donna Ward as sec-

retary, Denise Sam as treasurer and Brittany Martin as president.

The Christmas party immediately followed the meeting adjournment where each member brought their favorite snack.

Carroll Arts’ next event is the annual Trivia Bowl on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie, located at 16835 Highland Drive. If you are interested in participating, please contact Brittany Martin at brittany@mckenziebanner.com.

The next meeting will be January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Senior Center located at 172 S. Main Street.

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

We Should’ve Never Met

We should’ve never met. I grew up in the South in a Christian family with good parents.

She grew up in the North in a home where she was unwanted, and the stepfather was abusive.

I grew up thinking about all the things I could become: a firefighter, a soldier, a teacher.

She grew up trying to survive each day, just wanting to escape.

I never met a stranger; she never knew who she could trust.

Opposites in nearly every way imaginable we were.

God scooped her up and placed her in a tiny junior college.

I was there because my sister and brother had gone there before me. (My younger brother would be the fourth Johnson to attend.) Music brought us together. I loved to sing and joined the college chorus because I knew the director.

She joined the chorus because she wanted to prove to the younger boys and girls at the orphanage they could achieve their dreams, too.

She had the voice of an angel—pure, unwavering, on pitch—a voice that drew me like a sailor to the sirens’ call.

We had little in common besides singing, so the odds were against us.

Yet here we are fifty years later, completely different

from who we were when we met. I’ve changed because I wanted to and because she needed me to. Same for her.

It’s been easy, and it’s been hard. Happy and sad.

God’s been good to us. Satan has tried to destroy us.

Hills and valleys, that’s what it’s been.

Joined heart to heart, with smiles on our faces and songs in our hearts, we’re writing the last chapters of our life together.

“Life, serve us up another hill. We’re ready to climb.”

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



MCKENZIE CHRISTMAS PARADE, early 1960s featured this entry by Southern Star Lumber Co. Driver: Eck Orr, Standing: Secretaries Evelyn Merrick and Ruth Harris Bucy. File photo published in “A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee,” by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Left, Rebel Carter Kee leans to shoot around an outstretched defender. Right, Rebel Tate Surber gets isolation in the paint for two points. Surber led McKenzie with 16 points. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Rebels Fall to Chargers

BY BRAD SAM
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MARTIN (December 16) — The McKenzie High School Rebels traveled Monday to face Westview in a boys-only night of basketball. The Chargers jumped out to a big lead early and extended it in the third quarter en route to a 73-47 win.

Westview had a 21-5 lead after the opening frame, led by Tayshun Walker with eleven points, including a trio of three-pointers. Miles Brown scored six, and Asa Barnes had four points. Rebels Cole Brown and Tate Surber each had a pair, and Carter Kee hit a free throw.

The Chargers had a 14-13 edge in the second quarter. Walker and Graham Simpson each hit a three, and M. Brown, Don-teze Joy, Messiah Ward and Tyler Belew each had a pair. Avery Brown led McKenzie with five points, including a three. Surber scored four, and Kee and Craegen Travis each had a pair. At the half, the Chargers led 35-18.

Westview enjoyed a 23-11 advantage in the third, led by Walker and James Turner with five points each, Walker with a three. M. Brown and Alex Evans each scored four, Simpson hit a three, and Ward added a pair. Surber led the Rebels with seven points, including a three. Kee also hit a three, and Landon

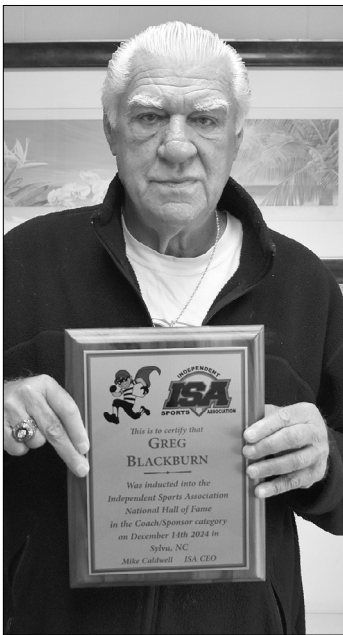
Brown hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, Westview led 58-29.

McKenzie trimmed the final deficit with an 18-15 rally in the fourth, led by A. Brown with six points on a pair of threes. Surber also hit a three-pointer. Travis, Nolan Fawcett, Kason Brown and Cooper Davidson each had a pair, and C. Brown hit a freebie. Charger Caleb Campbell had four points. Jashun Ward hit a three, and M. Ward, Turner, Belew and Moses Lyell each had a pair.

Westview’s Tayshun Walker led all scorers with 19 points, including five three-pointers. Miles Brown scored a dozen.

Tate Surber led McKenzie with 16 points, including a pair of threes. Avery Brown scored eleven with a trio of three-pointers.

Blackburn Inducted into Independent Sports Association National Hall of Fame



Greg Blackburn, newly-inducted member of the Independent Sports Association (ISA) National Hall of Fame. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

BY BRAD SAM
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SYLVA, N.C. (December 14) — Greg Blackburn of McKenzie was recently inducted into the Independent Sports Association (ISA) National Hall of Fame as a coach/sponsor.

Blackburn was the coach of the Jean Shoppe men’s slow pitch softball team for 35 years.

In that time the team won ten world tournaments and 30 state tournaments.

Blackburn spoke to The Banner about the team’s success over the years.

“I traveled all over the United States to play. I found the toughest tournaments we could play in and we played tough

competition, and that’s what made us a better team.”

He said, “I want to thank all of my players and everybody that was involved for me to get an award like this, especially my parents and my wife. The only reason that I played and coached softball is because I enjoyed the challenge of becoming a winner. I want all my players to know that I’m really thankful for what they’ve done for me to get these accolades. I couldn’t have done it without them.”

Blackburn has previously been inducted into the National Softball Association (NSA) and United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Halls of Fame.



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Obituaries

SHARON DAVIS
1949 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Graveside funeral services for Sharon Davis were Thursday, December 18, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Ms. Davis, 75, died Sunday, December 15, 2024, at Milan General Hospital. She was a cashier for Rural King. She was born on October 28, 1949, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Earl and Billie Houston Davis.

She is survived by her daughter, Amber (Dan) Mueller of Trezevant, and two grandchildren, Bri-lye Mueller and Marissa Mueller.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Sally Sullivan and Diana Snowden.

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SCOTTY CANNON
1960 – 2024

CLARKSBURG — Mr. Scotty Cannon, 64, of Clarksburg, died Sunday, December 15, 2024, at his home.

Graveside funeral services were Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at Seller's Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Cannon was born on August 2, 1960, in Huntingdon, to the late Jerry and Dianne (Scott) Cannon. He worked as a welder for Leroy Somer. His grandparents, Curtis and Lula Nell Scott, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-eight years, Debbie Cannon, and two sons, Josh Umstead of Huntingdon, Coty Cannon of Clarksburg, two sisters, Sherry Berry (Allen) and Carol Spivey,

and four grandchildren, Gavin Umstead, Shylo Umstead, Bentley Cannon, Knox Cannon.

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BRENDA KELLEY
BEADLES
1946 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Brenda Kelley Beadles were Saturday, December 21, 2024, at McKenzie Church of Christ. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Beadles, 78, died Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Mt. Juliet Health Care.

She was born on June 22, 1946, to Buck and Elizabeth "Cricket" Kelley in the Jarrell Switch Community of McKenize. She graduated from Trezevant High School in 1964 and married Morris Beadles in the same year. She owned and operated

Beadles Family Daycare for over 40 years. She was a member of McKenzie Church of Christ since her childhood.


Throughout the years she was a teacher for the nursery and helped in various other areas of the church. She was a wonderful, Christian woman who showed her love and kindness to all. She will be greatly missed by her family.

She is survived by two children, her son, Rickey Beadles, and daughter-in-law, Julie; daughter, Meredith Bostian; and son-in-law, Roger; two grandchildren, Kelley Bostian and Jacob Bostian; and brother-in-law, Arvin Morris.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Faye Morris.

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Jerry Haynes Hamlin

The family of Jerry Haynes Hamlin would like to express their sincere gratitude for the outpouring of support, condolences and love during the loss of our Mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We are forever grateful to Gentiva Hospice and the wonderful sitters who were there for Mom. Many thanks to Ridgeway Funeral Home for the services they provided. We appreciate Mom's friends who were there for her and have reached out during this difficult time for our family.

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E: recipes@mckenziebanner.com
By Teresa Washburn

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2 tablespoons cocoa
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1 lb pasteurized processed cheese
1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes with green chilies
Melt cheese in double boiler. Stir in tomatoes and green chilies. Serve warm as a dip with tortilla chips.

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2 pkgs beef Ramen Noodles
16 oz. pkg cole slaw mix
1 cup sliced almonds
1 cup sunflower seeds
1 bunch green onions, sliced
¾ cup oil
2/3 cup white vinegar
¾ cup sugar
2 pkg flavoring from noodles
Crush noodles in bottom of large bowl. Add slaw mix and onions. Toss together. Mix oil, vinegar, sugar and 2 flavor packets together and pour over slaw mixture. Chill for 24 hours. Just before serving, stir and add almonds and sunflower seeds.

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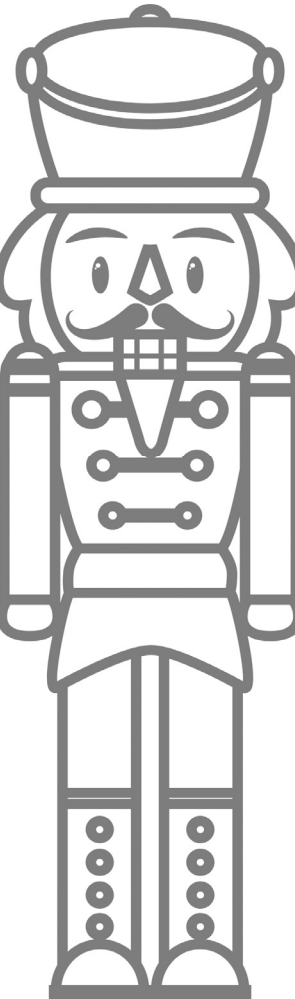
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Top, First-year Director of Bands Daniel Capua introduces the high school concert band and recounts their many accolades so far this year. Above, The color guard performs an original routine. Below, The seventh-eighth grade intermediate band performs. Bottom, The sixth grade beginning band performs. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Bands Present
‘The Sounds of the Season’

BY BRAD SAM
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McKENZIE (December 17) — The McKenzie band program presented its annual Christmas concert “The Sounds of the Season” Tuesday evening in the McKenzie High School gymnasium.

This year, the concert included performances by the middle school's sixth grade beginning band and seventh-eighth grade intermediate band as well as the usual high school concert band and color guard.

The home bleachers were filled to capacity with proud families and supporters excited to see the fruits of the budding musicians' labor.

First-year Director of Bands Daniel Capua introduced each of the bands, speaking highly of their hard work, progress and accolades for the year.

The beginning band performed “Hot Cross Buns” and “Jingle Bells.”

The intermediate band performed “Go Tell It on

the Mountain” and “Deck the Halls.”

The high school concert band performed “A Christmas Flourish,” “Continental Christmas” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” (with soloist Lola Barton).

The color guard performed an original routine (choreographed by Guard Captain Savannah Lewis) to music from “Wicked.”

The show closed with the high school band and color guard, under the direction of Drum Major Katelynn Essary, performing their parade music, “’Twas the Parade Before Christmas.”

The beginning band includes Brooklyn Andrews, Alice Gallimore, Brooke Harris, Callie Sevic, Malcolm Evans, Allie Ochoa, Kiya Priddy, Genevieve Phipps, Gavin Scott, Annabelle Bobb, Miranda Hood, Xander Morgan, Evelyn Villanueva, Fenix Walker, Aiden Blackwell, Daniel Carroll, Case Holcomb, Cecil Lessenberry, Bryson

Poore, Jason Crocker, Eli Davis, Sonny Fuller, Thomas Howard, Hayden Nolan and Leonardo Ochoa.

The intermediate band includes Nevaeh Hennis, Caitlin Umstead, Katelyn Martin, Lily Baker, Jazmin Johnson, Sebastian Sass, Charles Scott, Finnian Evans, Hayli McSwain, Zatiya Jade Milton, Aurora Nix, Brycen Galicia, Rangleigh Adams, Meghan Cowan and Billy Tabor.

The MHS concert band includes Kaylee Dalzell, Lucy Reynolds, Rachel Essary, Katelynn Essary, Janyla Piro, Athena Chapat, Ethan High, Sebastian Sass, Lola Barton, Miley Pruitt, Ramon Vazquez, Dylan Bomar, Ozzy Lessenberry, Brycen Galicia, Caleb Burns, Nathan Lease, Aydin Neely and Connor Summers.

The color guard includes Savannah Lewis, Molly Drewry, Chloe Garduno, Sadie Goff, Jordyn Leslie, Caylee McClerkin, Jaylee Montgomery, Danie Parker and Kaelyn Stebbins.

Huntingdon High, Middle Schools Hosting
Basketball Tournaments This Weekend

Huntingdon High School and Huntingdon Middle School are each hosting basketball tournaments this weekend, beginning Friday, December 27.

The 2024 Point Guard Coca-Cola Christmas Tournament at HHS includes six girls teams and eight boys teams from the area.

The boys play a bracket-style tournament, with the first round on Friday: Gibson County vs. USJ (10:30 a.m.); Clarksburg vs. Greenfield (1:30 p.m.); Riverside vs. Lake County

(4:30 p.m.); Huntingdon vs. West Carroll (7:30 p.m.).

The second round is Saturday. Games to determine final standings are Monday, December 30.

The girls play a round-robin slate over the three days. First round games on Friday include Greenfield vs. Camden (12 p.m.); Gibson County vs. Clarksburg (3 p.m.); Huntingdon vs. West Carroll (6 p.m.).

The Huntingdon Middle School Christmas Tournament includes four boys teams in a bracket and

three girls teams playing round-robin over two days.

The boys first round is Friday. Huntingdon faces Beaver at 11:30 a.m. Northeast and Henry play at 1 p.m. The consolation game is Saturday at 11 a.m., followed by the championship at 2 p.m.

The girls play three games on Saturday: Beaver vs. Huntingdon at 9:30 a.m.; Beaver vs. Lakewood at 12:30 p.m.; Lakewood vs. Huntingdon at 3:30 p.m.

All times for all games are approximate.

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Sheriff’s Reports

Domestic Assault — According to a report made on December 16 by Deputy Alex Sherwood, the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office was dispatched to Vale McKenzie Road in Hollow Rock in reference to a physical disturbance. The caller advised after separating after a dispute with her boyfriend, she returned to the residence with her young son to get her work uniform for the next day. The victim advised Gerald Lee Luther, of Hollow Rock, approached the car and removed their young son from the backseat. Gerald then came around the driver’s door and grabbed her out of the car forcefully causing

her to land on the ground, striking her face. The victim was able to get her son back and left and drove to a church to call for help. The deputies then went to the residence Gerald was at and arrested him for domestic assault.

DUI and Simple Possession — According to a report made on December 14 by Deputy Daniel Thomas, he observed a vehicle stopped on East Main St. and Second Avenue even though there was no stop sign there. He followed the car and noticed the vehicle failed to maintain lane. He initiated a traffic stop, and when he approached the driver’s side, he could smell

an odor coming from the vehicle which was a deodorizer spray commonly used to mask the stench of weed or alcohol. The driver was heavy-eyed and holding a cup of coffee and claimed to be tired. The driver, Chrissy Lee Simpson, of Union City, was questioned and given sobriety tests on which she performed poorly. Upon searching through the vehicle, deputies found a grinder with a green leafy substance in it, a scale, and rolling tray with green residue on it. Chrissy claimed she didn’t have any drugs on her; but when she got to jail before the body scanner, she gave up a bag out of her bra with about 12 grams of weed. She was arrested for DUI and Simple Possession.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Leaving the Scene of an Accident — On December 15, Sgt. Davis responded to a hit-and-run call at Dollar General located on Highway 22 in McKenzie. Upon arriving on scene a witness described a white male wearing a hat, black hoodie, and shorts, stating the male got into a gold pickup truck and backed into a black Honda Civic that was sitting in a parking spot near the front of the store. The witness said the driver never stopped and left the scene heading toward Gleason on Hwy 22.

The vehicle that was struck was a black 2009 Honda Civic. The vehicle had damage on the driver’s side. The owner said she found out what happened by the witness at which point she called the police. The store does not have cameras outside but did capture the male described checking out and leaving the store right before the accident occurred.

On December 16, the male later identified as Thomas Ballew came to the police department and wanted to speak to an officer. Ballew advised he was the driver involved in a hit-and-run the night before at Dollar General. Ballew stated he wasn’t sure he hit anything. Upon inspection, some damage on the truck could have been caused by him backing into the parked Civic during the original accident. Ballew did eventually admit he told Emily Hammett he did it. Ballew stated he left the scene because he was scared. Ballew was issued a citation for leaving the scene. He was advised his court date would be on Thursday, January 16, 2025, in Henry County General Sessions Court.

Failure to Appear — On December 16, Kimberly Hamilton arrived at the McKenzie Police Department to pick up her vehicle from the city’s impound lot. Patrolman Dalton Raspberry advised Hamilton that she had an active arrest warrant issued by the Carroll County General Session Court for failure to appear with

a \$2,500 bond. She was taken into custody and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspend/Financial Responsibility/Light-Motor Vehicles — On Thursday, December 16, Patrolman Dustin McClure observed a 2012 Dodge Avenger traveling south along Highland Dr. A stop was initiated due to the brake lights not functioning properly. Dispatch informed the officer that the driver, Fred Spiker of Paris, had a suspended license. Spiker was informed he would be cited in Carroll County General Sessions and was advised to book himself into Carroll County jail within the next 10 days.

Driving on Suspend/Revoked License — On December 19, Officer Matthew Cunningham performed a traffic stop for a light law violation on a 2015 Hyundai Sonata. Dispatch informed the officer that the driver, Jennifer Owenby, had a suspended license out of Weakley County General Sessions. She was cited for light law violation, financial responsibility and driving on a suspended license. Ownby was advised to report to the Carroll County jail within the next 10 days.

Contempt of Court — On December 19, Patrolman Dustin McClure observed a 2000 Nissan Altima driving west on Cedar St. The officer initiated a traffic stop due to a headline not functioning. Dispatch advised that the driver, identified as Terin Harris, had an active warrant for her arrest in Benton County for Contempt of Court. Harris was arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — On Thursday, December 19, Officer Bryan Batchelder observed Athena Stafford walking on the sidewalk of Walnut Lane. The officer notified dispatch who in turn advised that Stafford had an active capias warrant (a court order that authorizes law enforcement to arrest and detain a person to ensure they appear in

court) for criminal trespass. Stafford was placed under arrest and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — On Thursday, December 19, Maurice Lawrence was observed on the property of Pockets Gas Station. Sgt. Davis was informed of Davis’s ban dating back to December 21, 2013. Lawrence was arrested for criminal trespassing and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Possession of Methamphetamines/Drug Paraphernalia — On December 18, officers were notified by Investigator Steven Scott, who was off duty, that Michael Gilbert was observed at Casey’s Convenience Store. Inv. Scott proceeded to follow Gilbert and updated on-duty officers.

Sgt. Beauchamp initiated a traffic stop on Elm Street. Upon exiting the vehicle, officers found what appeared to be methamphetamines in Gilbert’s pocket. A glass pipe was recovered. Gilbert was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Burglary — On December 20, the McKenzie Police Department was dispatched to Walnut Ave for a vehicle break-in. Officers were advised by dispatch that two subjects were running down Booker Street.

Patrolman Dillon made contact with the caller who stated she had heard the sound of a car door shutting. When she and others inside the home went to check the vehicles, they observed a black Ford F-150 had its tailgate down and the driver and passenger doors were open. Then they observed the two unidentified suspects running down Booker Street.

The caller was given the Sgt. Jackson’s card and was advised to contact the Police Department if anything was noted as missing in the truck.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (December 18) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on December 18.

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

Derontra Byrd, Cherry Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Theft of Firearm; Driving on Suspended License - Second or Subsequent Offense.

Christopher Lee Mancell, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon, bound over, Driving While Suspended, Reckless Endangerment-Vehicle, Reckless Driving.

Marion Keith Nanney, Alabama Street, McKenzie, bound over, Schedule VI Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Gina Marie Pierce, Butler Speedway, Bruceton,, bound over, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess with Intent; Schedule VI Drugs; Schedule IV; Possession of a Firearm with Intent to Go Armed-Dangerous Felony; Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Maribelle Ayala-Suarez, Woodside Street, Camden, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation; dismissed, Driving Without a License; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due care.

Shayna Casey, Highway 105, Trezevant, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 30 days jail concurrent with another sentence; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Timothy Gene Chappel,

Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, guilty, Driving Without a License, probation, time served.

Kenneth Cook, Jr., Creswell Street, Milan, pre-trial diversion, Accessory After The Fact-Attempt, probation.

Peggy English, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, time served, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Peggy D. English, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$150 fine, time served, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

Thomas Harris, Haynes Street, McKenzie, guilty, Drivers License Must Be Carried at all times; dismissed, Registration Expired; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

Robert High, III, Lexington Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Community Supervision Violation, no sentence listed.

Amber Jacobs, Birdsong Road, Holladay, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350, 48 hours jail, probation, not to drive for one year, DUI School, Alcohol and Drug Evaluation.

Malik L. Lee, Farris Carter Street, Atwood, guilty, Probation Violation, no sentence listed.

Garland D. Moore, II, Highway 22, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, guilty, Probation Violation, \$350 fine, 120 days jail, probation; dismissed, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Implied Consent; dismissed, Driving While Revoked.-Second or Subsequent.

Crystal Owens, Union

Central Road, Milan, pre-trial diversion, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, time served, probation.

Toni Gail Pearson, Highway 219, Huntingdon, guilty, Allowing Dog to Run at Large, \$50 fine, surrender dogs and no longer possess dogs.

Kristen Brooke Plunkett, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, guilty, Probation Violation, time served, probation.

Billy David Roberts, Hawley Street, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation, no sentence listed; dismissed, Failure to Appear; dismissed, Probation Violation.

Shawn Roy, Birmingham Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation.

Edward Sparks, Weathery Road, Camden, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation; dismissed, Implied Consent; dismissed, Seat Belt Violation; dismissed, Improper Lane Change; dismissed, Display of Registration Plate Violation.

James Fred Warmath, Highway 105, Trezevant, guilty, Meth-Possess or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 30 days jail, probation; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Maurice Williams, Connie Road, McKenzie, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

The following defendants’ cases were dismissed.

Gregory Allen Harvey, Jr., Highway 424, Yuma, dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Must Stop at Stop Sign.

Dawn Michitsch, Blueberry Dr., Brookins Oregon, dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — According to a report made by Officer Kristen Lee on December 7, she observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, so she conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in which the driver, Travis W. Winston, 34, was driving. Dispatch confirmed that Winston’s license was suspended.

DUI — According to a report made by Officer Dexter Richardson on December 13, he was running radar and witnessed a Dodge Ram in which the driver looked intoxicated. He followed the Ram and then the driver pulled the truck over to the emergency lane and made an

abrupt stop in the pitch black, so Officer Richardson initiated his blue lights for safety reasons. Officer Richardson approached the pickup truck for a welfare check and could smell alcohol and the driver had slurred speech. The driver, Jimmy Street, 48, refused to perform a sobriety test but did agree to give blood. He was arrested for DUI, First Offense.

Theft — According to a report made by Officer Brad Allen on December 9, he was dispatched to Walmart to speak to loss prevention. On two different occasions a white male entered and stole over \$1,700 worth of merchandise from the Huntingdon

Walmart location. After investigation, Covington Walmart had caught the man responsible also stealing in that store. Clifford Clark, 48. Clark had been arrested and taken to Tipton County Jail then transported to Carroll County Jail for Theft over \$1,000.

Shoplifting — According to a report made by Officer Jonathan McDowell on December 12, he was dispatched to Walmart in Huntingdon by security officer Joe Lowe. He stated Adren Simmons, 48, attempted to steal gloves. Adren did admit to sticking the gloves inside his pocket without paying.

Marriage Licenses

Dorie Eden Cook, 28, of Huntingdon, to Marco Jonathan Taaffe, 28, of Huntingdon.

Marcus Terry Mauldin, 72, of Huntingdon, to Hazel Louise Qualls Junkin, 77, of Huntingdon.

PUBLICATION NOTICE
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JOANNA ALLEN STILES,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES,
DEFENDANT,

DOCKET NO. 2024DR214

TO: JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint which is sworn to, that the whereabouts of the Defendant, JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES, is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the diligent search and inquiry made to that end. JOSHUA MICHAEL STILES is therefore, hereby, required to appear and Answer the Complaint filed in this Cause against him/her in the CHANCERY Court of CARROLL County, Tennessee, within thirty days of the last publication of this Notice and served a copy of Answer on Howard F. Douglass, P.O. Box 39, Lexington, TN, 38351, Attorney for Plaintiff, within said time. If you fail to do so judgement by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint at hearing of the cause without further notice.

It is further Ordered that this Notice be published for four consecutive weeks in *THE MCKENZIE BANNER*.

This the 17th day of December, 2024.

Kenneth Todd, Clerk & Master

A851/R24939/52-4

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE CASE NO: **2024PE220**

ESTATE OF: PATRICIA ANN BARGER RICH, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the **18TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **PATRICIA ANN BARGER RICH** deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
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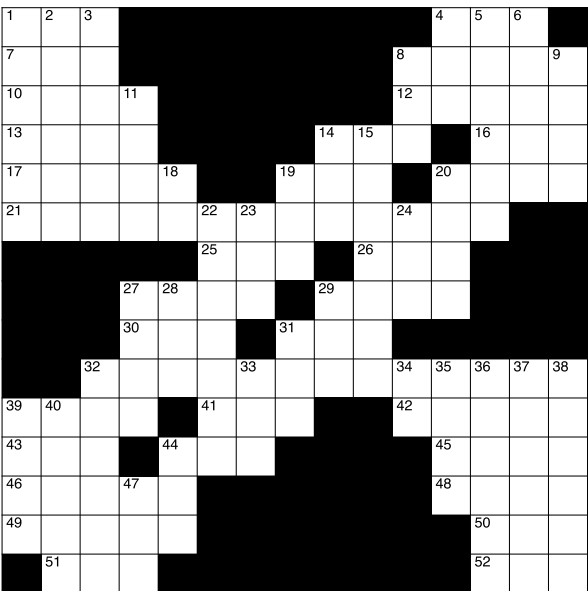
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Central processing unit
- 4. Taxi
- 7. Body part
- 8. Papal court
- 10. Young women making their public debuts
- 12. Metal shackles
- 13. Joseph's wife
- 14. Licensed professional
- 16. Partner to cheese
- 17. Mild fruits
- 19. File format
- 20. Province of Indonesia
- 21. Beloved grilled foods
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Don't know when yet
- 27. Whale ship captain
- 29. Touches softly
- 30. Mock
- 31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
- 32. Summer entertainment options
- 39. Protective crust
- 41. Cool!
- 42. Behave in a way that belittles
- 43. Denial
- 44. A place to sleep
- 45. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 46. Intestinal pouches
- 48. SE Asia family of languages
- 49. Sound
- 50. Select



- 51. Give the impression of dishonesty
- 52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Of cadmium
- 2. Deliver a sermon
- 3. Inner regions of a shadow
- 4. Aggressive dog
- 5. Smells
- 6. Twofold
- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Computer language
- 11. Indian groom
- 14. Automobile
- 15. Hairstyle
- 18. Atomic #76
- 19. Guy (slang)
- 20. Ladies' undergarments
- 22. Furniture with open shelves
- 23. Back-arc basin
- 24. Partner to flow
- 27. A type of horse
- 28. Possesses
- 29. Split pulses
- 31. Small amount
- 32. Flat-bottomed riverboat
- 33. Not good
- 34. Atomic #31
- 35. Assist in committing a crime
- 36. Chauvinists
- 37. Get away
- 38. One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
- 39. Civil rights college organization
- 40. Combustible dark rocks
- 44. Grocery container
- 47. Central nervous system

Week 52

See solution in next week's edition.

Merry Christmas Word Search

P E I K R U U S R S H T A E R W M H E T
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R D T R M A M I I A E L C D A K F A R F
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Angel
Birth
Carols
Christmas
Church
Company

December
Dining
Evergreen
Friends
Garland
Gifts

Greeting Card
Holly
Magical
Manger
Merriment
Mistletoe

Reminisce
Roast
Star
Travel
Tree Skirt
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1795: Construction of Yonge Street begins in York, Upper Canada.

1846: Iowa is admitted as the 29th U.S. state.

1944: Maurice Richard becomes the first player to score 8 points in an NHL game.

SUDOKU

WEEK 52

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

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See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to Christmas. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = E)

A. 15 22 5 5 8

Clue: Happy

B. 23 22 5 20 9 12 8

Clue: Special occasion

C. 9 16 11 16 18 7 16 26

Clue: Twelfth month

D. 1 26 16 24 16 19 3 24

Clue: Gifts

Answers: A. jolly B. holiday C. December D. presents

LETTER MIX-UP

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

CHRISTMAS

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

Riddle Me This

What do elves learn in school?

Answer: The elf-abet.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

ERTE

Answer: Tree

GUESS WHO ?

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 51 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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I	R	A		L	A	S	S	O		E	R	O	S	E
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I	G	L	O	O		S	N	O	O	T	I	E	S	T
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B	A	N	K	S		R	O	S	A	S		B	A	
R	B	E		E	M	A	N	A	T	E		M	E	M
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A	T	A	R				T	D		E	B	N		
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		A	V	I	L	A			M	A	N	I	L	A
D	E	L	I	B	E	R	A	T	E	D		S	A	D
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H	O	G	G	S		Y	A	R	D	S		S	E	E

SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 51

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

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Shining a light on people and businesses in the Carroll County area.



Above, The staff of C & S Outdoor (L to R): Scott Marshall, parts manager; Danny Marrel, mechanic; Shane Mallard, sales; Jacob Colvett, mechanic; Andrea Biggart, office manager; Kelly Colvett, owner; and Tim Weathers, pick-up/delivery/setup. Below, C & S Outdoor owner Kelly Colvett (right) and son Jacob with a popular Grasshopper mower. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



C & S Outdoor Power Equipment

Three Generations of Service

BY BRAD SAM
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HUNTINGDON — C & S Outdoor Power Equipment, 16267 Highway 22 N, has provided equipment, accessories, service and repairs for everything lawn and garden for 71 years.

Founded in 1953 as The Fix-It Shop (later Colvett Fix-It Shop) by the late Onnie Lee Colvett on Colvett Road, about six miles west of Huntingdon, the business was handed down to his son, Kelly Colvett (the current owner), in the 80s. Kelly has worked at the shop from around age eleven, setting up mowers.

The operation moved to its current location on Highway 22 in 1997 and became C & S Outdoor Power Equipment in 2001. Onnie Lee remained active in

the business into the early 2000s.

A third generation of Colvett, Kelly's youngest son Jacob, now works for C & S as a mechanic. Kelly's sister, Andrea Biggart, is the office manager.

The owner told The Banner the three-generation business has third-generation customers, a sign of earned loyalty over the years. "You're not going to have a good business without good customers," he said. "We're not the biggest, but we're consistent. We've always tried to sell quality equipment. It's not an accident. We do our research. We've got machines out in the field that I sold 25, 30 years ago still running."

And Colvett and his staff have adjusted and learned as technology has advanced and equipment offerings

have changed to ensure they remain a full-service shop. "We're big on that. We take care of everything right here. We may not know every answer right then, but we know how to figure it out."

C & S is an authorized dealer for Grasshopper, RedMax, Worldlawn, Maki and Husqvarna Equipment. They sell, repair and service mowers, weed-eaters, chainsaws, blowers and other residential and commercial lawn and garden equipment.

Colvett is pleased that he has many customers who are military members or veterans. "All those guys, what they gave up, none of us would be where we are today without the men and women who served. That's probably the biggest blessing, the broad range of people I've been around and gotten to know. I've been able to listen to them, do business with them and just know them."

Colvett also expressed his pride in the business's service in the aftermath of significant weather events over the years. He mentioned the tornado in 1971, the freeze in 1994, the hailstorm in 1997 and straightline winds in 2002. "All of those people, some of them were in a bad way. We were there, all those times," he said. "The biggest thing with all of those was keeping chainsaws running. Some people had trees through their houses, some had no electricity for as long as four weeks. Some people literally had to cut their way out to go get food."

C & S Outdoor is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.



The Closet by Cachengo® Helping Those in Need

Closet by Cachengo® is a perfect example of how technology and philanthropy play a key role in helping those in need. It is a store that provides free clothing and household items and has helped thousands of people in the community. Guests come in, choose what they need, and it's all free of charge.

Coupled with video security surveillance designed by Cachengo®, to protect the store's assets, patrons, and employees, further demonstrates how Cachengo® has become an integral part of the community, and beyond.

Most recently, from December 11 through December 13, Closet by Cachengo held its annual "Christmas at the Closet" event, where 143 local families benefited from the clothing and other household items the store offers to those in need.



Pictured are Police Chief Ryan White and Fire Chief Brian Tucker accepting the donation from Ed Perkins, chairman of the trustees for the Fanny Baxter Moore Trust Fund.

Rotary's Moore Fund Donates To Children's Christmas Fund

MCKENZIE (December 17) — The Fanny Baxter Moore Trust Fund, administered by the Rotary Club of McKenzie, donated \$1,000 to the McKenzie Fire Department/McKenzie Police Department Children's Christmas Fund during the weekly Rotary meeting held at Bethel University.

Ed Perkins, chairman of the trustees, said the trustees voted to donate the funds to assist 'worthy, needy' children of McKenzie. The trust requires trustees to provide funding for worthy, needy residents of McKenzie.

Police Chief Ryan White and Fire Chief Brian Tucker accepted the check. The city's second annual event raised approximately \$20,000. A portion of the funds were redistributed to Beta Sigma Phi's annual Angel Tree fund to help needy families. The two projects assisted 132 children at Christmas.

McKenzie's Drewry Graduates UT Martin



MARTIN (December 14) — Ashlyn Drewry (center) of McKenzie graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin on Saturday with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. Joining Drewry at the commencement ceremony were her parents, David (left) and Mandy Drewry (right). A total of 366 graduates crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the two fall 2024 commencement ceremonies.

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