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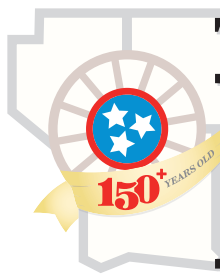
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## GOOD WEATHER, ATTENDANCE AT McKENZIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT



Above Left, A little girl feeds a goat in the petting zoo area at the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce's Easter Egg Drop on Saturday, April 12. Above Right, Hunting for Easter eggs on the 0-2 years old field. Photos by Brittany Martin/The Banner Below, Bethel University Sororities participated in the event by offering face painting and crafts for area children. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

## Egg Drop Draws Thousands

McKENZIE (March 23) — Record crowds filled McKenzie City Park as thousands of excited children from throughout West Tennessee gathered for the fourth annual McKenzie Chamber of Commerce's Easter Egg Drop.

The clear skies and warm temperatures brought out thousands of children and their families to participate in gathering/hunting some 50,000 eggs. The candy filled eggs were spread among open grounds and near the walking trails at the park, located on Como Street.

A helicopter from AeroLuxe Aviation dropped some 2,000 eggs for the event, creating excitement as plastic eggs were dropped on the hunting fields.

Hunting was divided into four age groups: 0-2; 3-4; 5-7; and 8-10 and separated at 20-minute intervals to better accommodate

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## Flood Mitigation Hot Topic for Council



South Main Street in McKenzie, in front of Block City Pizza, from the recent flooding. File Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

BY JASON R. MARTIN  
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McKENZIE (April 10) — Concerns over the continued flooding and sewer issues along South Main Street were addressed during the April meeting of the McKenzie City Council. Block City owner Matt Lane questioned the board for an update on future plans to ease the flooding low point in front of his business.

Mayor Ryan Griffin stated the City of McKenzie had

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## Area Rescue Squads to Get Grant Funding

NASHVILLE (April 10) — State Rep. Tandy Darby, R-Greenfield, announced on Thursday rescue squads in Carroll, Weakley and Henry counties have been selected for the Rescue Squad Grant Program, receiving a total of \$160,244.50 for life-saving equipment.

The Carroll County Rescue Squad will receive \$82,585, Paris Henry County Rescue Squad \$52,672 and Weakley County Rescue Squad \$24,987.50.

The grants are provided

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## Citizens Erupt At Trezevant Council Meeting

BY BRAD SAM  
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TREZEVANT (April 8) — A long-standing trend of little to no engagement by the citizenry of Trezevant in its municipal affairs seems to be over following a regular board meeting that can only be described as highly irregular.

The chaotic, nearly three-hour affair in a packed community center consisted mostly of citizens expressing outrage at the enforcement of codes regarding several separate properties.

Town attorney Charles Trotter absorbed the brunt of the fury, but there was more than enough to go around as Mayor Bobby Blaylock, the board of alderman and several town employees faced

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## USPS: Rates To Increase On July 13

WASHINGTON, DC (April 9) — The U.S. Postal Service today filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect July 13. The new rates include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 73 cents to 78 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service,

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Above Left, (L to R) Olivia Comeau, 2; Kylee Kinter, 3; Cadence Minton, 5; Kinslee Kinter, 5, and Kreed Tharpe, 4. Above Right, A little boy searches for eggs on the 0-2 year olds' hunting field. Below Left, Carli Kinter, 8. Below Center, Houston Horn of Lexington is happy with his egg haul. Below Right, Sutton Brown, 2. Photos by Brittany Martin/The Banner

# Egg ...From Front Page

traffic flow.

A golden egg was hidden on each of the four fields. Its contents were worth \$50.

Bethel University football and the ladies basketball teams along with individual Bethel students and sororities helped at the event. Face-painting, shaped balloons, photos with the Easter bunny and other balloon characters were available for the children.

Chamber Executive Director Monica Heath said, "We were so excited this year for our egg drop. In previous years, the weather has been cold and windy but Saturday's event was perfect. We had record breaking crowds in attendance. I wanted to thank all those who helped makes this event a success and we hope to see everyone again next year."

A small petting zoo was enjoyed with rabbits, turtles, a goat, and chickens. For those looking for food, the Chamber invited various food trucks to the event. The event was sponsored by Chamber members Centennial Bank and Allegion of McKenzie.

The Chamber appreciates its members and the many volunteers who help give back to the community.

For more information about the Chamber, phone 731-352-2004.



Left, The 8-10 year olds picked the field clean of eggs in minutes. Right, Harmony Jones helps her little brother, Tyson, collect his eggs after he accidentally dumps his basket. Photos by Brittany Martin/The Banner



The Jackson Classical Conversations Challenge B community was one of three teams of homeschool students to participate in mock trials at the Carroll County Courthouse. Pictured are (L to R): Avonlea Banks, Katheryn Burns (of McKenzie), Ezra Pond, Marie Hoover, Judge Brent Bradberry, Elyse Voorhis, Levi Dahl, Nora Reini and Jessica Burns (of McKenzie, director of the Jackson Challenge B community. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

## Mock Trials Held at Carroll County Courthouse

BY BRAD SAM  
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HUNTINGDON (April 11) — Eighth grade home school students from Classical Conversations Challenge B held a series of mock trials at the Carroll County Courthouse today with Judge Brent Bradberry presiding and educating the students about the legal process.

Jessica Burns of McKenzie is the director of the Jackson Challenge B community. The Jackson team, consisting of debate class members, includes Katheryn Burns of McKenzie.

Three teams from the Jackson, Medina and Henderson Challenge B communities took turns as the prosecution and defense in a round-robin format.

The fictional case saw a construction company owner facing third-degree murder charges following two deaths on a construction site.

Following each of the three runs of the trial, Judge Bradberry rendered a verdict and the "jury" of three representatives (one from each community) scored each student's performance during the mock trial.

## Local Guardsmen Assist in Flood Relief

NASHVILLE (April 9) — Soldiers from Trenton's 230th Engineer Battalion are supporting state, county, and local emergency responders as they assist Tennesseans and respond to flooding and damage caused by severe storms and tornadoes that recently tore through West and Middle Tennessee.

At the request of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, more than 40 Guardsmen are currently in Paris, Trenton, and Union City supporting local communities. Equipped with Light Medium Tactical Vehicles, which have high ground clearance able to traverse flooded areas, and various equipment like bull dozers,

bobcats, water buffalos, and dump trucks, they are helping those in need.

"We are always ready to support our state during an emergency," said Maj. Christian Yoder, Executive Officer for the 230th Engineer Battalion. "We have an amazing team of combat engineers, as well as truck drivers, ready to assist."

Yesterday, the 230th used LMTVs to deliver 240 cases of essential supplies to the Obion County Community Center to support recovery efforts. They also delivered sandbag filling machines to Bogota and the city of Obion. Today, 12 Soldiers went to Finley, to help fill over 1,000 sandbags that can be used

to build barriers and walls to protect areas during flooding and divert water.

"We have numerous assets, and trained personnel, that we can provide to emergency responders," said Yoder.

The engineers from the 230th are comprised of Soldiers from Union City's 913th Engineer Company, Paris' 212th Engineer Company, McKenzie's 190th Engineer Company, and Huntingdon's 890th Engineer Company.

"We are a force multiplier, and everyone is proud to be here," said Yoder. "We will stay for as long as we are needed."

## Rescue

...From Front Page

by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO).

"By providing these grants we invest in the safety and

well-being of our communities," Rep. Tandy Darby said. "This funding ensures our rescue squads have the resources they need to save lives and respond quickly in emergencies."

TDCI and SFMO have awarded a total of \$3 million in grants to 95 Tennessee rescue squads to purchase emergency response tools.

In 2022, Gov. Bill Lee and the General Assembly approved funding for this program to help Tennessee rescue squads acquire the necessary equipment to save lives.

State Rep. Tandy Darby represents District 76, which includes Weakley and part of Carroll and Henry Counties.

## TWRA Responds to Carroll Lake Concerns

BY BRAD SAM  
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MCKENZIE — The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, which owns and operates Carroll Lake, has provided some insight into concerns about the fish population following the extreme weather earlier this month and the pre-emptive drainage of the lake ahead of the flooding conditions.

Carroll Lake was partially drained on Wednesday, April 2 in anticipation of the predicted heavy rains over the following few days.

The Banner reached out to the TWRA and received the following response from Jason Harmon, Communications Manager for TWRA Public Relations:

"With the forecasted severe weather, the necessary actions were taken to ensure the operation of the dam and reduce risk of damage to the levee. We will know more about the impacts of the extreme condition of the storm on the fish population



Carroll Lake near the docks on Saturday, April 12. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

in Carroll Lake in coming months following our spring sampling period.

"Appropriate measures will be taken to manage the fish population as needed to provide continued fishing opportunity at Carroll Lake.

"Often, we are faced with environmental conditions that can complicate our management of fisheries across the state. TWRA staff use all the tools available to us to manage for quality fishing.

"At this time, we are not planning any restrictions. Results of spring sampling

will better inform any additional management required."

In June 2014, extreme heavy rains caused flooding at the lake, which left the flood gates heavily damaged. The lake had to be emptied, and it remained that way for 32 months until the gates were repaired.

The process of refilling began in January 2017. Once the water reached a certain level, the TWRA began stocking the lake with a variety of species. The lake reopened for fishing in May 2020.



(L to R): Teressia Tidwell, Brittany Smith, Virginia Douglas, Allison Hargrove, Cami Furr, Mayor Joseph Butler, Dr. Valerie Allen, Emily Rushing, Megan Webb, and Lindsey Box-Rotger.

## Carroll County Celebrates National Public Health Week with Dedication to Community Well-Being

In recognition of National Public Health Week, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler signed a proclamation celebrating the importance of public health and honoring those who work to improve the health and well-being of our communities. This proclamation will officially mark the first week of April as National Public Health Week in Carroll County. National Public Health Week provides an important opportunity

to highlight the positive impact that public health initiatives have on our community and to commit to building a healthier future for everyone.

Carroll County Health Department remains steadfast in its dedication to advancing public health through a variety of essential programs and services, including : Primary Care, Dental, Immunizations, GIFTS (Tennessee's pregnancy smoking cessation

program), Health Promotions, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, Vital Records (Birth and Death Certificates) and much more.

To learn about our programs and services, or to schedule an appointment-including telehealth appointments — please contact the Carroll County Health Department at 731-986-1990.





HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Ode (wed) to a School Long Past

Contrary to popular belief, I never attended a one room log cabin school house. As a matter of fact, my first school was huge. It was a two-story building with a gymnasium, music room, principal's office, and bathrooms on both floors.

It was pretty intimidating the first day I showed up there. And it hurt! They lined us up like cattle going through a slaughterhouse and gave everybody shots in both arms for protection against small pox, diphtheria, mumps, measles, whooping cough, rubella, diarrhea, heart worms.... OK, I might have made those last couple up. But the point is they stuck us a lot.

And remember, this was way before those skinny round needles they use today. Big nurses with names like Ratchet, Whoppamy-er, and Bertha Clodbuster would get a running start and hurdle that square shaped javelin into your little arms. Time has not diminished the sadistic glint in their eyes!

The one thing we didn't get a shot for was polio. We were given a small block of sugar to swallow to ward off that terrible disease. Buddy Wiggleton wondered through his tears why they couldn't just have one big sugar cube for all of the evil things....

My arms were hurting so badly I don't remember one thing Miss Carolyn said in her welcoming speech. I do remember the big white alphabet letters on the green paper background that hung above the chalkboards. I remember the big silver radiator that ran under the outside windows. And I distinctly remember the horror on Miss Carolyn's face as she paused when she got down to my name on that first day's roll call, "Please tell me you are not Leon's

little brother!"

Bobby Brewer broke the awkward silence for both of us by "accidentally" rolling a small steel ball bearing across the wooden floor. In the moment, it sounded like a runaway freight train on steroids. I had found a friend for life.

It always amazes me how quickly young people adapt. We didn't think about it. We took our shots. We endured the Blue Bird reading class. We lived with the cold mornings and very hot afternoons as the radiator dictated. We cut out presidents' heads in February. We lined up for spelling bees. We waited our turn at the pencil trimmer. We laid down our heads after lunch and pretended to rest.

We rolled (like a steel ball bearing) with the flow.

We did discover fairly quickly that recess, lunch, and the clay modeling table at the back of the room were the best part of being in the first grade. We made fun of the girls. Who, for some strange reason, pretended to be mad, but really weren't. Some days I'd swap my peanut butter and banana sandwich for Suzie Cozart's cornbread and stewed tomatoes. Ricky Hale used the outdated inkwell hole in the desk to mount his Wilson A1010 baseball. LaRenda Bradfield would give everyone in class a Valentine card. Pam Collins would tell you what to do....whether you wanted her to or not. Phil Cook tried to keep us all on the right path.

You know, I can't name the last five presidents of the United States. But I can, and do, remember every single student in that first-grade classroom. I'm not sure exactly what that means. You'd probably need Sigmund Freud or Madame Rue to explain it fully. But I believe it has something to do with

the people that have made the most lasting impact on your life.

Miss Dorothy Booth gave me a softball for not missing a day in the second grade. Miss Belle got us into cursive writing the next year. We moved upstairs for the fourth, fifth and six grades. It was almost like a graduation. Except the math problems got longer....

Vicki Fields would outrun me on the playground. We had swings that would take you almost to the sky. Every once in a while, a basketball game would break out during the fights we'd have in the gym. Charlotte Melton kissed me over by the monkey bars. I don't think it was an accident.

Miss Mary Ann Jackson made us memorize and "say out loud in front of the whole class" the poem "Little Boy Blue." I almost died a thousand deaths. It was about a little boy who kissed his toys. I told Daddy I would quit school before I'd say that poem. He made me an offer about staying in school that I COULD NOT refuse.

And almost 70 years later, "The little toy dog is covered with dust, But sturdy and staunch he stands; The little toy soldier is red with rust, And his musket molds in his hands...." still rolls off my tongue.

Pam Collins called several years back. "You're not going to believe this. They have torn down the elementary school. It is all gone. It's like we never were there. Just an empty lot. There is absolutely nothing left!"

Well, I don't make a habit of disagreeing with Pam. But there might be a bit more left.... than mere mortals could ever destroy.

Gratefully,  
Kes

Weakley County School Students Offered Portable Internet Access

Weakley County Schools is offering free portable high-speed internet access for its K-12 students through T-Mobile for Education's Project 10Million, helping bridge the digital divide and make learning even more accessible.

Through this program, families will receive a free mobile hotspot and 200GB of high-speed data per year

for five consecutive years with automatic data resets each year (up to 200GB annually) on the anniversary of activation.

A mobile hotspot is a simple device that lets you connect laptops, Chromebooks, tablets and other devices to the internet—perfect for homework, projects or learning on-the-go when Wi-Fi isn't available.

All Weakley County families qualify. Due to the district's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), every student is eligible regardless of household income.

Families will need their student's ID number and a copy of the CEP letter to apply. The letter can be found at <https://5il.co/3cue5>.

Families can apply at [t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million](https://t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million) and do not have to be a T-Mobile customer to take advantage of this offer.

Third Annual Celebration of the Arts a Success

HUNTINGDON (April 12) — Carroll Arts, Inc. held its third annual Celebration of the Arts at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center on Saturday.

Approximately 73 students from Huntingdon, McKenzie, Hollow Rock-Bruceton and West Carroll schools participated by displaying their work in the art gallery and performing musical numbers on The Dixie stage.

During the performance portion of the evening, Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School band students performed two pieces, "Aggressivo" by Standridge and "Dixieland Struttin'" by Osterling under the direction of Keith Breeden.

Isaac Stephen Walker sang two songs, "Luck Be A Lady" by Frank Sinatra and "Stars" from Les Miserables. Jay Mills performed "I Don't

Care Much for Cabaret."

McKenzie High School Freshman Sophie Cole sang, "The Commission" and "King of Kings." McKenzie Senior Aydin Neely performed "More Than Anything."

A Huntingdon High School band quintet then took to the stage to perform "A Taste of Honey," followed by a larger ensemble that performed "Jupiter."

The event was well attended with The Dixie reporting 207 attendees.

Carroll Arts, Inc. extends its heartfelt thanks to The Dixie Carter Performing Arts & Academic Enrichment Center for use of the beautiful venue, promoting the event, the refreshments provided, accommodating each artist's needs, sound check, and the overall professionalism of the whole staff. The Dixie is a class act.

Thank you to each school

that coordinated with Carroll Arts, Inc. to make this event possible. Thank you, teachers, who transported their students' artwork to and from the event.

Thank you for the great level of care each person took to make this event a success. Your dedication to the arts warms our hearts.

About Carroll Arts, Inc.

Carroll Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization in Carroll County, Tennessee, dedicated to promoting the arts through fundraising and events throughout the year. Some of the events include: Trivia Bowl, Hearts in Harmony, Celebration of the Arts, An Evening with Carroll Arts, Creativity Camp, Southern Fried Funnies, and Mistletoe Christmas. Please like and follow Carroll Arts, Inc. on Facebook for updates. For more information, e-mail [carrollartsinc@gmail.com](mailto:carrollartsinc@gmail.com).

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF DAVID JOHNSON

Nine Words That Can Change Your Life

The plot was planned carefully and carried out perfectly.

It involved deceit, lies, theft, and betrayal and sprang from a narcissistic, prideful, cold, insensitive heart.

The results were injury, devastation, anger, and bitterness. Some of the wounded died, carrying their broken heart to the grave with them.

Unexpectedly, though, the alluring prize the dark-hearted man coveted turned to wormwood, the sweet taste of victory becoming a mouthful of ashes.

Family members turned against each other with threats of murder. A vendetta cast its ugly, dark shadow over them all.

Even the most skilled of tuners wouldn't have been able to bring harmony to the discordant family.

Decades passed. The situation appeared hopeless. Until—

Until a miracle happened, and peace and harmony returned.

How in the world?

Where did the miracle come from?

Only by the hand of God. Only He could provide paths for people to travel that would result in self-revelation. Only He could hold a mirror to the faces of the parties so that they could see themselves in His light. Only His light could shine into the far recesses of their souls for them to see their mistakes.

The first step was the deceiver being given a taste of his own medicine. He ended up being betrayed and lied to and experienced the pain he had inflicted years before. Fitful dreams, with hidden meanings, plagued his nights.

Peace escaped him.

Constantly looking over his shoulder, he feared that the next bend in the road could bring him face to face with death itself.

"Is this the story of someone having an extra-marital affair?" you ask.

That's a good guess because all the elements of an affair and its aftermath are there.

This story, though, is applicable to everyone, not just those who are married. It's a lesson about getting along with anyone and everyone, a story about two brothers—twins. Jacob and Esau were their names.

Have you ever wondered what to do when things have gone wrong between you and someone you love? When you spoke harshly or acted rashly and caused a rift? How can you repair the damage?

You do it by saying these nine words: "I was wrong. I am sorry. I love you."

Like an ancient spell this combination of words works miracles. And here's why:

When you admit you were wrong, you're coming from a place of humility. Pride is the biggest roadblock to an admission of guilt. But when you start with "I was wrong," you make clear to the listener you accept responsibility for what you did, no rationalizing, no excuse making, no blaming.

The one you've hurt will never open their heart to you until they hear and see humility.

With the words "I am sorry," you show a genuine concern for how the other person feels and how they were affected by what you did. It demonstrates your empathy for the person you love, and the accompanying, unspoken overtone that

can be heard in your heart is, "Please forgive me."

Until they believe you care how much they've been hurt, they'll turn their back on any efforts at repairing the relationship.

The last three of the nine words, "I love you," sum up the foundational piece upon which you want to rebuild your relationship. You're saying, "The most important thing I want you to know and feel is my love for you."

You see, the wrong you've done them has made them believe you don't love them. They need to know how your heart feels about them.

In the story of Jacob and Esau, Jacob is the offender, Esau the wounded party. After years of separation and a severe rift, Jacob doesn't literally utter these nine words, but his behaviors are a demonstration of their intent.

When he meets his brother for the first time since wounding him years ago:

- He bows down to the ground seven times as he approaches his him.
- He presents gifts to Esau in order "to find favor in your eyes my lord."
- Jacob told Esau, "Seeing your face is like seeing the face of God."
- Then he says, "Just let me find favor in your eyes."

As a result, the brothers embraced in love and parted in peace.

Marriages and friendships could often be saved if someone would simply utter the nine life-changing words:

- "I was wrong."
- "I am sorry."
- "I love you."

*\* Taken from The Wit and Wisdom of David Johnson, Volume 11: The Hairy Catfish Caper.*

Inglenook Book Club Meets

The monthly meeting of the Inglenook Book Club met April 9 at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie, with 19 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Mack, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Club Aim, and the Club Motto. President Mack expressed gratitude to hostesses Carolyn Moore and Mary Newman for serving Oreo cookies, chocolates, and assorted beverages. A warm welcome was extended to our guest, Deb Laster, who attended the meeting and is considering becoming a member.

Roll call was taken, followed by the reading of the minutes from the March meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward presented the treasurer's report, which was also approved. Sunshine Chair Elaine Williams reported that cards had been sent out, and Tele-

phone Chair Carolyn Moore was thanked for calling each member to remind them of the meeting date, time, and what to bring for school donations. Membership Chair Suzanne Howell was absent, but our guest today is considering joining the club. We also celebrated our April birthday member, Pedie Pedersen.

There was no old business to discuss. In new business, letters and cards were sent to past members who recently left, thanking them for their contributions and dedication to the club.

President Gail Mack presented the program on Jill Conner Browne, a multiple #1 New York Times bestselling author of nine "Sweet Potato Queens" books. She has created a global phenomenon with over 6,400 chapter groups in 37 countries. The program was excellent and highlighted very uplifting books that members should read.

Book passing was com-

pleted by Book Chair Mary Newman, with the next book passing scheduled for April 23rd. Announcements were made for the next meeting, which will take place on May 14th at 3:00 PM at Lakeside. Hostesses for that meeting will be Joyce Hayes and Jenny Wilson, and Elaine Williams will present the program. Members are encouraged to bring individual snack items for school donations. The benediction was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were: Victoria Ard, Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Joyce Hayes, Jean Hollomon, Jean McKinnie, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Deb Simon, Donna Ward, Elaine Williams, and Jenny Wilson.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Beverly Mueller.

World's Biggest Fish Fry Starts April 19

PARIS — The World's Biggest Fish Fry festival starts Saturday April 19 with a 5K run, 8 a.m. at the Fairgrounds, Car and Bike Show at Henry County High School at 8 a.m.; and a Boxing Event at noon on the Court Square. The evening includes a Demolition Derby at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Monday is the Street Dance in downtown at 7

p.m.

The Carnival is April 22-27. Tuesday is a Country Dance at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

The Fish Tent opens April 23, 5-9 p.m. and April 24-26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A Christian Concert is April 23, 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

The Grand Parade, on Wood Street, is Friday, April 25, 10 a.m..

Championship Bulls and Barrels Showdown is April 25-26, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

The Small Fry Parade is April 26, 10 a.m. at Barton Field.

The Catfish Races is April 26, 11 a.m. on the Court Square.

The final event is the Junior Fishing Rodeo, April 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Williams Lake.



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# Obituaries

## NEAL HAYWOOD 1962 — 2025

MCKENZIE — Neal Martin Haywood arrived in the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 9, 2025.

Mr. Haywood, 63, was a member of McKenzie First Baptist Church, a retired grocery store manager and a member of the Muddy Duck Hunting Club. He was born in Huntingdon, on January 30, 1962, to Joseph Warren Haywood and Juanita Evelyn Laws McCord.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Cook Haywood; a son, Caleb (Hannah) Haywood of McKenzie; a daughter, Mary Katlin Haywood of Greenville, S.C.; his mother, Juanita McCord and step-mother, Nancy Haywood, both of Huntingdon; his siblings, Danny (Gail) Haywood of Huntingdon, Susan (Joe) Parker of Cedar Grove, Patrick (Sherry) Haywood of Huntingdon, step-brother, Richard Gilbert of McKenzie; and seven grandchildren Autumn Haywood, Lina Haywood, Hayes Haywood, Lennon Haywood, Brooks Haywood, Coy Haywood and Noah Haywood.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Haywood; stepfather Thomas McCord; sister, Lea Etta Stokes; and step-brother, Alan Gilbert.

In Lieu of Flowers, the family has asked for memorials to be made to the Hope Lodge, Nashville or the First Baptist Church Children Wing.

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## LINDA KING 1956 — 2025

HOLLOW ROCK — Mrs. Linda King, 68, of Hollow Rock, died Monday, April 7, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were Friday, April 11, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Bud Ricketts officiating. Entombment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. King was born September 17, 1956, in Hollywood, Fla., to the late Harlon Stanuel Thompson and Geraldine Ford.

She is survived by her

husband of 36 years, Larry King; one daughter, Jordan King of Hollow Rock; two sons, Logan King (Kristin) of Jackson, and Joshua Thompson of Martin; and five grandchildren.

## DOUG BARGER 1948 — 2025

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Doug Barger, 76, of Huntingdon, died Monday, April 7, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, April 14, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home, with Bro. Doug Sellers officiating. Burial with military funeral honors were at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

Mr. Barger was born July 28, 1948, to the late William Clayton Barger and Gracie Berlyn (Kelly) Barger. He was a plumber in construction, enjoyed billiards with family and friends weekly. He also enjoyed spending time with his fellow veterans as he served as an E5 Sergeant as a veteran of Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Andrew Barger Jones; a brother, William Kelly; and a sister, Peggy Ray Rich.

He is survived by his daughter, Keisha Barger Jones of Olive Branch, Tenn.; and a brother, Ricky Barger (Denise) of Huntingdon.

## JAMES H. FORD 1945 — 2025

HOLLOW ROCK — Mr. James H. Ford, 79, of Hollow Rock, died Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at his home.

Graveside Funeral services with military funeral honors were Friday, April 11, 2025, at the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads with Bro. Joey Simmons officiating.

Mr. Ford was born April 25, 1945, in Hollow Rock, to the late Murray Ford Sr. and Dorothy May (Herrin) Ford. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Dana Hawley and a sister, Betty Welsh.

He is survived by his wife of fifteen years, Susan Ford; three daughters, Regina McGuire of Bruceton, Jennifer Sutton (Bradley) Muscle Shoals, Ala., and Kimberly Agent (Josh Robbins) of McKenzie; two sons, Michael Pierce (Sarah) and Robert Bridges both of Jackson; a sister, Katie Arnold

of Paris; a brother, Eli Ford (Lois) of Bruceton; eleven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## RAYMOND 'RAY' G. CHAMPION 1946 — 2025

GLEASON — Funeral services for Raymond (Ray) G. Champion are Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11 a.m. at New Life Church, Gleason. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery.

Mr. Champion, 78, was a member of New Life Church and a retired gas tanker driver for Stewart Oil Co. He was born in Henry, on October 12, 1946, to William G. and Ruth Dell Dunn Champion.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Collins Champion; four daughters, Darlene Tracy of East Peoria, Ill., Barb (Mark) Brooks of Springville, Tenn., Leannette (Glen) Petty of Junction City, Kan., and Alicia (Dusty) Legens of Gleason; three sons, Brent (Carla) Champion of Dresden, Glen (Sandy) Collins of Dyer and Stacy (Tammy) Collins of Gleason; three sisters, Aggie Robbins of Bloomington, Ill., Wanda (Don) Lowe of McKenzie and Diane Coleman of Gleason; a brother Ed (Deb) Champion of Clinton, Ill.; eighteen grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia Champion; a great-grandson and great-granddaughter, Daniel and Tara Aldridge; and a sister, Sue Pinkley.

## ROBERT MITCHELL 'MITCH' CARTER 1940 — 2025

JACKSON — Robert Mitchell (Mitch) Carter died Tuesday, April 8 at his lake house in Decatur County.

He was born on December 8, 1940, in Rutherford County and was best known as the owner/operator of The Moore Studio in Jackson.

Through the years, Mr. Carter made photographs of thousands of events and individuals including wedding, seniors, family portraits, and was the official photographer for the Miss Tennessee Pageant for

decades.

Those who knew him are left with an abundance of cherished memories—moments filled with laughter, warmth, and happiness. Mitch was a proud father and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved son, Robert Carter, Jr.; daughter, Mitzi Michaelson (Rick); brothers, Ken, Don, and Cleve Carter; sister, Ann Miller; and granddaughter, Ellie Michaelson.

Mitch was preceded in death by his brother, Ray Carter; and his parents, Aubrey Carter and Mattie Louise Summers Carter.

The community mourns the loss of such an expansive presence. His life testament to happiness, kindness, and encouragement—will forever resonate in our hearts.

Services were at Arington Funeral Directors on Sunday, April 13, 2025, with burial in Ridgcrest Cemetery, Jackson.

## SUE E. CARY 1930 — 2025

YUMA — Mrs. Sue E. Cary, 95, of Yuma, Tenn., died Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 12, 2025, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Robert Simmons officiating. Burial was in Jamison Cemetery.

Mrs. Cary was born on January 18, 1930, in Yuma, Tenn., to the late Tolbert Williams and Theo Dosha (Grissom) Williams. She was a homemaker and a member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Cary; two sons, Larry Cary and Kenneth Harris; two brothers, J.T. Williams and George C. Williams; and four sisters: Minnie Webb, Irene Gatlin, Ruby Willis, and Betty Carey.

She is survived by a son, Ricky Cary of Yuma; her caretaker and granddaughter, Amanda McCracken of Camden; two daughters-in-law, Peggy Crawford of Westport, and Donna Harris of Washington, Ill.; a brother, Les Williams of Washington, Ill.; three grandchildren, Amanda McCracken (Christopher Jordan), Greg Harris (Fonda), Chad Harris (Zoe); six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.



## Pecan Turtle Bars

2 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup pecan halves  
1 cup milk chocolate chips

Mix flour, brown sugar and butter together; then firmly press into a 9x13 cake pan. Sprinkle pecans on top.

**Caramel Filling:**  
2/3 cup real butter  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

Bring butter and brown sugar to a boil over low heat and boil 1/2 to 1 minute, stirring constantly. Pour this mixture over the previous flour mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-22 minutes. As soon as bars come out of oven, sprinkle chocolate chips on top. Swirl over the chips with a knife, but leave most of them whole.

## Lemon Squares

1 stick margarine, melted  
1 cup all purpose flour  
1/2 cup powdered sugar

Mix and press into greased 8 inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

**Topping:**  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

2 eggs  
2 tablespoon flour  
3 tablespoon lemon juice

Mix topping ingredients together and pour over first mixture when taken from oven. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into squares while warm. Cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.

## Peanut Butter Banana Brownie Pizza

1 pkg brownie mix  
8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

3 large bananas, peeled and sliced  
1/4 cup coarsely chopped peanuts  
2 squares semi sweet chocolate  
2 teaspoon butter or margarine

Prepare brownie mix as directed on package. Spread butter evenly in greased 12 inch pizza pan. Bake 20 minutes; cool completely on wire rack. Mix cream cheese, sugar and peanut butter with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Spread over brownies. Arrange banana slices over cream cheese mixture; sprinkle with peanuts. Cook chocolate and butter in heavy saucepan on very low heat, stirring constantly, until just melted. Drizzle over bananas and peanuts.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GREENFIELD FIRST BAPTIST GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY

Greenfield First Baptist Church Choir & Musicians present a Good Friday Easter Passion Play on Friday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. A finger food fellowship will follow. Everyone is invited to attend! The church is located at 3127 N. Meridian Street Greenfield, TN. For more information, please call 731-235-3365.

McKENZIE SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Educations meets for a school board retreat Saturday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at the central office at 114 Bell Avenue. The meeting includes a walk-through of school buildings and discussion of strategies and goals. For more information, please contact the Director of Schools' office.

AN EVENING WITH CARROLL ARTS JUNE 21

Carroll Arts, Inc. presents An Evening with Carroll Arts on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. The event will feature artists from Carroll County and include an art exhibit at 6:30 p.m. and live performances at 7 p.m. For more information, please email carrollartsinc@gmail.com. Other upcoming events include: The Creativity Camp for Carroll County elementary and middle school students is July 7-11; Southern

Fried Funnies during McKenzie's Sweet Tea Festival in August; Storytelling during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival in September; A Mistletoe Christmas Program during McKenzie's Christmas Celebration in December; and the 15th Annual Trivia Bowl in January 2026.

FFA PLANT SALES AT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Local Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters are preparing for their annual plant sales, offering a wide selection of flowers, vegetables and hanging baskets just in time for spring planting. West Carroll FFA will hold its sale Friday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the greenhouse on Norris Robinson Loop, 760 Highway 77 in Atwood. More than 30 types of bedding plants will be offered, along with tomato and pepper starters, succulents, and large porch pots. Prices range from \$3 for vegetable 4-packs to \$30 for 14-inch fern baskets. A silent auction will conclude at 1 p.m., and food will be available on site. Proceeds support student agriculture projects and greenhouse operations.

McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Every Tuesday — Jam session with Steve Morris, 6 p.m. Open to the public.

MISS McKENZIE PAGEANTS

The Miss McKenzie Pageants are Saturday, April 19 in Bethel University's Bouldin Auditorium. General admission is \$10. Doors open at noon. Tentative start times for the six categories are: Mini Miss McKenzie (ages 4-5) - no sooner than 1 p.m.; Little Mr. McKenzie (4-9) - no sooner

than 2 p.m.; Little Miss McKenzie (6-9) - no sooner than 3 p.m.; Junior Miss McKenzie (10-12) - no sooner than 4 p.m.; Teen Miss McKenzie (13-15) - no sooner than 5 p.m.; Miss McKenzie (16-18) - no sooner than 6 p.m.

The entry fee is \$40 and must be turned in with the application (checks payable to McKenzie High School Band). Please return forms and fees to the offices of McKenzie Elementary, Middle or High School.

Contestants must: be a resident of McKenzie; be the minimum age and no more than the maximum by May 1, 2025 for their category; attend a mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Bouldin; and arrive no sooner than one hour before the start of your age group. For Mini Miss McKenzie, a pageant dress is not required. A "Sunday" dress is acceptable. For ages 6-9, floor-length gowns are encouraged. Each contestant will be allowed one guest in the dressing rooms.

All decisions are final. No score sheets will be released to contestants. School faculty and pageant staff will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS

The following list of events was provided by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Specific information about events may be available at a later date. May 1 — National Day of Prayer. May 3 — Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame and Bethel University Spring Commencement. May 17 — Bruceton in May. May 22 — Chamber Golf Tournament. May 22 — Last day of

school spring semester. May 26 — Huntingdon and McKenzie Memorial Day Celebrations. June 28 — Eastview Fireworks Celebration. July 4 — McKenzie and McMoresville July 4th Celebrations. August 5 — 2025-2026 school year begins. August 22-23 — McKenzie Sweet Tea Festival. September 27 — Huntingdon Heritage Festival. October 13-17 — Fall Break. October 27 — County Chamber Banquet. November 7-8 — Carroll County Christmas Market. November 24 — Ducks Unlimited Banquet. December 19 — Last day of fall semester.

McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL DECADES REUNION

McKenzie High School is hosting the annual football Homecoming on Friday, September 19, 2025. The Rebels will play Camden Lions at Rebel Stadium. In conjunction, the MHS Alumni Association will host its second annual Decades Reunion. Any MHS class hosting a reunion should contact the MHS Alumni Association to help promote the class reunion.

CARROLL COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Saturday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. The event will honor one male and one female senior from each high school, along with outstanding athletes who have graduated from the five local high schools. For ticket information, contact Lex Suite at 731-415-2834.

RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER BAKE AUCTION IS THIS WEEK

The annual Carroll County Relay for Life Cancer Bake Auction is April 14-18, 1-4 p.m. at McKenzie Church of Christ, 16300 Highland Drive, McKenzie. The auction is hosted live on radio station WHDM, 1440 AM and 98.9 FM. each day. Tune in to place your bids and support cancer research and care. The Church of Christ

opens daily at 7:30 a.m. for in-person activity and support. For more information, call 731-333-0194.

VFW 4939 AUXILIARY YARD SALE

The VFW 4939 Auxiliary, 9750 Cherrywood Road, McKenzie, hosts a yard sale, renting spaces and tables for the city-wide yard sale on May 2-3. On Saturday, May 3, there will be hamburgers and hot dogs with extras sold at the VFW. This is a fundraiser for Children's Christmas. Please come out and support. For more information, call 731-207-1024 or 731-415-7040.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

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**Dog Vouchers** Dog vouchers are available for \$60 each cash or card only. These must be purchased at the shelter during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments will be made at the time of purchase. The participating vet clinic is Huntingdon Animal Clinic. You'll be responsible for paying the clinic when you pick up your animal. We do recommend that you have your pet vaccinated due to exposure to other animals. Puppies must be a minimum of 4 months of age (older if small breed) at the time of surgery.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location — Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, 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.

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McKENZIE TOPS MEETS MONDAYS

The McKenzie Chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. The first meeting is free. For more information, call (731)- 352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

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

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in February and July.

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- A Fun Night of Numbers and Fun:** West Carroll Elementary hosted its first-ever Math Carnival Night with 60+ students and families. From interactive games to a live math magic show, it was a fun-filled night of learning and connection. Big thanks to Ms. Brianna Rice for coordinating this success.
- Literacy Night Brings Families Together:** West Carroll Primary's Literacy Night welcomed families to a cozy evening of snacks, stories, and shared reading. The event celebrated the joy of books and created meaningful moments between students, parents, and teachers.
- High Schoolers Earn OSHA Certification:** Thirty-three freshmen and sophomores at West Carroll High School earned their OSHA safety certification, with a 97% pass rate. This career-readiness milestone sets students apart and underscores our commitment to real-world learning.

## 2-Principal Quotes

*"The ACT is incredibly important—not just for students, but for our school. It impacts scholarships, college access, and state accountability. Let's rally together to support our students as they prepare."* — Dr. Adam Douglas, Principal, West Carroll High School

*"Our Math Carnival Night brought learning to life. Seeing students and families laughing, solving problems, and engaging together made it a night to remember."* — Dr. Jessica Williams, Principal, West Carroll Elementary

## 1-Community Challenge

State testing season is here—and our students need our support. Families, let's focus on the basics: plenty of sleep, healthy breakfasts, encouraging words, and a calm, positive start to each day. We also invite our entire community to cheer on our students. Let's lift up our learners and show them that all of the West Carroll community is behind them.

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# Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

**Possession of Sch. II** — On April 9, Deputy Alex Sherwood was dispatched to a home in Clarksburg in reference to a 911 hangup. He arrived at the residence and asked if he could come in to check things out. After entering he could smell burnt marijuana. The female advised she had just smoked a joint. While speaking with the defendant, Rodney Lee Bailey, 58, of Yuma, in plain view there were two glass meth

pipes and a baggy containing meth. The defendant claimed paraphernalia and was placed under arrest. **Public Intoxication** — On April 9, the Sheriff’s Office received a call for a welfare check on Scotty Foster, 46, of Huntingdon. The caller stated that Scotty was stuck on his side by side and is disabled. After learning how rough the trails were, they called the rescue squad to come assist in finding Scotty and getting him to safety.

Foster was located laying under the driver’s door, and unconscious in the middle of the woods. He was awoken and extracted from the side by side with no injuries; he was confused and thought he was still on his property which he was not. He was placed into custody for public intoxication and transported to Carroll County Jail. He was found in clear danger to himself and the public and very intoxicated according to the report.

# Property Transfers

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Linda L. Williams to Jodi Williams in district 16.  
Joseph Michael and Genevieve S. Tucker to Jennifer Micelle Curlin in district 11.  
David Wilbanks to Kenneth Lee and Margrette Ann Young. No district listed.

# McKenzie Police Reports

**Driving on a Revoked - Third Offense** — Christopher Ryan Howard, 29, Highway 54, Paris, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License Due to DUI - Third Offense, Simple Possession or Casual Exchange, and Resisting Arrest, Window Tint Violation, on April 10.  
Officer Dustin McClure observed a vehicle with dark window tint and initiated a traffic stop. Howard jumped from the vehicle and fled on foot. Other officers and a canine searched for him without success. The vehicle was impounded. Inside were illegal narcotics. Officer McClure said a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage was inside the vehicle as well as an open container of an alcoholic beverage. The vehicle was impounded.  
Later in the night, McKenzie stopped a Toyota RAV with dark window tint. The driver attempted to speed up during the attempted traffic stop. Once stopped, Officer McClure

observed a rear-seat passenger trying to partially hide his face. It was Christopher Howard, who had escaped apprehension earlier in the night. Howard was charged as noted above and transported to Carroll County Jail.  
**Theft of Merchandise** — Timothy G. Chappell, 58, Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon was charged with Theft of Merchandise and also arrested on an outstanding warrant on April 10.  
Officer Matthew Cunningham was dispatched to Pocket’s convenience store, where the manager said he observed a man take a bag of ice and a 12-pack of sodas from the front deck outside the business. The manager described the subject and vehicle license number. Officer Cunningham went to the subject’s residence, where Chappell admitted to the incident. Chappell was arrested on an active warrant for Failure to Appear.

**Vandalism/Theft** — A resident of Walnut Circle reported that someone had written on her patio on April 10. One time it was ‘boo’ and another time it was indistinguishable. The resident said in a previous week her son’s bicycle was stolen. On April 7, the resident reported her son’s mountain-style bicycle. It had been chained to a clothesline pole behind the residence.  
**Dog Running at Large** — Sean B. Beasley, 25, Morris Street, McKenzie, was charged with Dogs Running at Large on April 9.  
Officer Matthew Cunningham was dispatched to Barksdale Avenue, where a resident stated a black dog had attacked and killed four chickens. The officer found the dog and a carcass. Animal Control captured the dog and took it to the city pound. Mr. Beasley admitted it was his dog and was cited into General Sessions Court.



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## FINAL NOTICE OF CHANCERY COURT DELINQUENT TAX LAND SALE

**FOR 2022 CARROLL COUNTY, TOWN OF BRUCETON, TOWN OF HOLLOW ROCK, TOWN OF HUNTINGDON, CITY OF MCKENZIE, CITY OF MCLEMORESVILLE AND TOWN OF TREZEVANT DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

COUNTY OF CARROLL, TOWN OF BRUCETON, TOWN OF HOLLOW ROCK, TOWN OF HUNTINGDON, CITY OF MCKENZIE, AND TOWN OF TREZEVANT

VS. CIVIL ACTION NOS: 2024-CV-67, 2024-CV-96, 2024-CV-94, 2024-CV-81, 2024-CV-95 & 2024-CV-101

JOHNNY ABBOTT, ET. AL., 2022 DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Pursuant to a "Default Judgment and Order of Sale 2022 Tax Sale" of the Chancery Court of Carroll County, Tennessee, filed in these Cases on March 6, 2025, and entered of Record in Minute Book: 239, Page: 213, these being the Cases for the collection of the 2022 delinquent property taxes and directing the Clerk & Master to advertise as required by law and sell the land mentioned and described in the pleadings and in the exhibits to the "Default Judgment and Order of Sale 2022 Tax Sale" filed in said Cases to satisfy the respective Judgments for the County of Carroll, Town of Bruceton, Town of Hollow Rock, Town of Huntingdon, City of McKenzie and Town of Trezevant against said respective tracts; I will offer said lands for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Chancery Court Room (Room # 223) on the second floor of the Carroll County Courthouse (99 Court Square) in Huntingdon, Tennessee, on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:01 A.M., and sell same subject to the right of redemption as provided by statute.

Said respective lots or parcels of land are located, bounded, and described by Map, Group, Parcel Number, Deed Book, Page Number, and original base tax amount to which is to be added the costs, attorney's fees, interest and penalty, and other years of un-paid taxes, if applicable; as follows, to-wit:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE TAXES ARE PAID ON ANY OF THESE TRACTS OF PROPERTY, THOSE TRACTS WILL NOT BE SOLD ON APRIL 25, 2025.**  
**NOTICE - CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT OF 2022 TAXES!!!!**

CARROLL COUNTY DELINQUENT TAXES									
TAX YEARS SELECTED: 2022 TO 2022									
Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel	Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel
Allen Jody M Et Ux Laura L	83 Harts Mill Ln	02-056 - -056 -008.02- -000	379/140	\$521.70	Cole Margaret G	41 Cheryl St	22-012 M-H -012 M -031.00- -000	174/206	\$268.13
Becerra Jose Et Al Hugo & Prudencio Becerra	698 Stonewall St	04-012 L -C -012 L -004.00- -000	353/183	\$1,838.93	Davis Millie A Et Al J B D	112 Winchester St	22-012 L -J -012 L -003.00- -000	222/231	\$163.83
Bradley Terry Wayne	3005 Westport Rd	24-109 - -109 -052.00- -000	389/39	\$588.82	Elite Detailing	534 Main St	04-012 L -K -012 L -037.00-P-001	333/992	\$71.45
Bullen Steve C/O Joyce Bullen	15 Walnut Ave	04-012 L -K -012 L -025.00- -000	310/277	\$319.13	Expressions Tanning Salon	299 E Walnut Ave	22-012 L -L -012 L -004.00-P-002	227/381	\$89.33
Chaney Billy R	17475 Hwy 70	11-084 - -084 -069.01- -000	379/685	\$131.05	Frazier Brandy Edna	362 Forrest Ave	04-011 I -E -012 L -032.00- -000	375/54	\$235.35
Chaney Jamie Et Al Billy C	85 Jenkins Ln	11-084 - -084 -070.01- -000	312/436	\$181.71	Hall Danny Etux Doris	36 West End Ave	04-012 L -N -012 E -008.00- -000	223/542	\$456.21
Chappell Frankie Et Al Maggie C Mumford	5025 Green Allen Springs R	15-093 - -093 -005.00- -000	250/591	\$584.35	Howard Derrick A Et Al Tho	78 Haynes St	22-012 N -D -012 N -024.01- -000	377/250	\$466.64
Clemons Lera Mae C/O	322 Hale St	11-073 F -F -073 C -017.00- -000	0/0	\$283.37	Howard Derrick Antwon	Jackson St	22-012 M -G -012 M -019.00- -000	381/933	\$290.82
Debra Gadson					Howard Derrick Et Ux Tiffa	23 Caldwell St	22-012 M -G -012 M -020.00- -000	377/124	\$313.17
Cole Margaret G	41 Cheryl St	22-012 M-H -012 M -031.00- -000	174/206	\$789.97	Howard Jermaine	20 Caldwell St	22-012 M -G -012 M -003.00- -000	355/329	\$293.80
Crocker Todd Et Ux Denise	325 Mt Pleasant Church Rd	11-064 - -064 -010.04- -000	313/661	\$402.57	Howard Thomas Jermaine	Haynes St	22-012 N -D -012 N -023.00- -000	377/248	\$271.45
Crocker Todd Etux Denise	Mt Pleasant Church Rd	11-064 - -064 -010.03- -000	283/559	\$322.11	Howard Thomas Jermaine Et Jermaine Howard Jr King Ho	66 Haynes St	22-012 N -D -012 N -024.00- -000	384/691	\$287.84
Crocker Zachary Todd	Sydnor Rd	22-031 - -031 -049.00- -000	349/610	\$463.66	Hunley Harold Douglas Jr Et Al John Keith Adams	5717 Cole St	04-002 O -B -002 O -006.00- -000	374/540	\$460.68
Crocker Zachary Todd	167 Sydnor Rd	22-031 - -031 -049.00- -001	349/610	\$1,201.21	Jones Arnita	Booker St	22-012 N -D -012 N -015.00- -000	\$271.45	
Davis Millie A Et Al J B D C/O Helen Floyd	112 Winchester St	22-012 L -J -012 L -003.00- -000	222/231	\$518.79	Masimo Americas Inc C/O Marvin F Poer & Compan	161 Hospital Dr	04-011 - -011 -040.03-P-015	403/516	\$74.43
Dos Santos Adilson	Dollar Rd	18-115 - -115 -008.00- -000	383/10	\$919.60	Old West Steak House	15895 Highland Dr	04-011 I -E -012 L -018.02-P-001	397/804	\$367.96
Falls James E Et Ux Myrtle L	770 New Zion Rd	19-037 - -037 -023.00- -000	204/770	\$691.63	Pence Kustoms Llc	129 Oak St	22-012 M -C -012	402/398	\$99.76
Fermo John Jr	36 Third Ave	11-073 L -F -073 L -029.00- -000	372/106	\$971.75	Pentecostal Faith Church O	105 Nolen St	04-012 L -D -012 L -019.01- -000	276/499	\$280.39
Frazier Brandy Edna	362 Forrest Ave	04-011 I -E -012 L -032.00- -000	375/54	\$705.04	C/O Wade Allen Jr				
Green Jasper D	649 Holcomb St	22-066 A -C -066 A -014.00- -000	395/238	\$310.19	Revel Mary A	466 Forrest Ave	04-011 I -E -012 L -027.00- -000	303/575	\$271.11
Hampton Tommy D Et Al Bonnie L Hampton Life Est	1985 Roundhouse Rd	16-047 - -047 -074.03- -000	347/333	\$353.40	Sexton Julian L Et Ux Thelma I	18 Hazel Ave	04-001 M -B -001 M -011.00- -000	159/342	\$335.18
HANSBRO JOHN E	150 Melton St	02-058 N -B -058 N -022.00- -000	134/299	\$772.09	Steele James Gladstone III	43 West End Ave	04-012 L -A -012 L -006.00- -000	388/398	\$399.25
Hayes Mary	430 Jax Rd	21-100 - -100 -063.00- -000	349/816	\$389.16	Steele James Gladstone III	West End Ave	04-012 L -N -012 E -007.00- -000	388/398	\$78.90
Hester Linda Jo Et Al Andrea Denise Russell	13270 Paris St	11-073 F -C -073 F -017.00- -000	379/946	\$1,231.01	Superior Auto Body	223 Main St	22-012 M -J -012 M -016.00-P-002	338/588	\$137.01
Holmes Cody Et Ux Kassandr	Hwy 79	21-100 - -100 -055.01- -000	375/821	\$269.96	T N T Bbq	436 Elm St	04-012 F -F -012 F -003.02-P-003	387/488	\$66.98
Keen James A	151 Torpedo Ct	06-154 - -154 -009.44- -000	402/720	\$350.42	Tegethoff Alva Life Estate	145 Carroll St	04-011 H -A -011 H -018.01- -000	381/489	\$230.88
King Angeline C/O C A Adkinson	Hwy 79	02-054 - -054 -038.01- -000	143/236	\$334.03	Thompson Regina Brooks	151 McDonald Ave	22-012 N -D -012 N -019.01- -000	396/445	\$208.53
Koebel Sharon	3192 North St	16-048 - -048 -034.07- -000	354/587	\$1,718.17	Glover Justin Andrew Et Ux Lindsey M	116 Laurel St	16-047 N -F -047 N -006.00- -000	395/14	\$526.24
Mccaulley Eric D	Roundhouse Rd	16-047 - -047 -088.00- -000	299/209	\$302.28	Oatsvall Brent A Et Ux Lenita P	295 General Forrest Dr	16-066 K -C -066 K -012.04- -000	385/859	\$1,019.43
Pearson Wm D	Sixth Ave	11-073 E -H -073 E -017.01- -000	0/0	\$274.43	Stair Joel A	146 Carroll St	16-066 F -K -066 F -005.00- -000	402/609	\$181.71
Petering Johnnie D C/O Jose Becerra	Florida Court	04-012 F -F -012 F -004.00- -000	352/899	\$2,005.81	Green Jasper D	Holcomb St 649	16-066 A -C -066 A -014.00- -000	398/238	\$89.53
Revel Mary A	466 Forrest Ave	04-011 I -E -012 L -027.00- -000	303/575	\$795.93	Mccauley Eric D	Roundhouse Rd	16-047 - -047 -088.00- -000	299/209	\$74.55
Sexton Julian L Et Ux Thelma	118 Hazel Ave	04-001 M -B -001 M -011.00- -000	159/342	\$961.32	Sterling Eddie Et Ux Pam	Adell Ave 140	16-066 P -A -066 P -016.00- -000	332/274	\$316.18
Stair Joel A	146 Carroll St	16-066 F -K -066 F -005.00- -000	402/609	\$411.51	997 Trucking Llc	Woodlawn Ave 288	11-073 E -G -073 E -001.00-P-001	397/491	\$238.33
Steele James Gladstone III	43 West End Ave	04-012 L -A -012 L -006.00- -000	388/398	\$1,126.71	Avery Properties	Main St 22650	11-072 - -072 -041.00-P-003	398/85	\$74.43
Steele James Gladstone III	West End Ave	04-012 L -N -012 E -007.00- -000	388/398	\$302.74	Be Crowned	Main St 20314	11-073 L -G -073 L -004.01-P-022	402/175	\$68.47
Taylor Linda K	58 McClure St	22-012 N -D -012 N -028.00- -000	388/464	\$587.33	Carroll Hardwood Company	Industrial Dr	11-061 - -061 -012.02-P-001	379/805	\$1,336.46
Tegethoff Alva Life Estate	145 Carroll St	04-011 H -A -011 H -018.01- -000	381/489	\$693.12	Clemons Lera Mae C/O	Hale St 322	11-073 F -F -073 C -017.00- -000		\$72.94
Volner Timothy R	1928 Red Williams Rd	23-042 - -042 -016.03- -000	377/293	\$643.95	Cotton Seed Boutique The	E Main St 21310	11-072 G -A -072 G -011.00-P-001	403/121	\$68.47
Williams Billy Et Ux Peggy Life Estate	345 Mt Pleasant Church Rd	11-064 - -064 -010.01- -000	369/648	\$372.77	Expert Tech Center	E Main St 20322	11-073 K -G -073 L -011.01-P-015	402/175	\$65.49
Willis Wilma Louise	525 Cheatham St	16-066 C -A -066 C -006.00- -000	360/308	\$587.33	Heron Aerial Photography & Hester Linda Jo Et Al Andrea Denise Russell	Woodlawn Ave 325 Paris St 13270	11-073 D -B -073 D -004.00-P-001	364/626	\$69.96
Wilson Ricky Wayne Et Al Angie Michelle Heathcott A	3375 Old Stage Rd	11-083 - -083 -018.00- -0000	388/48	\$569.45	J & M Auto Care	Carter Dr 615	11-062 - -062 -060.00-P-002	404/433	\$202.57
Woods Charles Et Al Fred R C/O Ruthie Jordan	45 Tank Range Rd	11-062 - -062 -075.00- -000	224/91	\$399.59	Mcclure's Lawn & Landscapi	Forney Rd 139	11-072 A -A -072 A -004.00-P-001	371/589	\$72.94
7thirtyone Nutrition	16214 Highland Dr	04-011 I -E -011 I -007.00-P-007	380/33	\$107.21	McKenzie Nutrition	Highland Ave 16214	04-011 I -E -011 I -007.00-P-006		\$117.64
Abc Discount Grocery Llc	585 Main St	04-012 L -P -012 L -001.00-P-004	406/329	\$105.72	Pearson Wm D	Sixth Ave	11-073 E -H -073 E -017.01- -000		\$68.47
Bullen Steve C/O Joyce Bullen	15 Walnut Ave	04-012 L -K -012 L -025.00- -000	310/277	\$84.86	Spectrum Of Treasures	E Main St 20290	11-073 L -D -072 H -005.05-P-007	404/692	\$65.49
Clean Kutz	15750 Highland Dr	04-011 I -F -011 I -015.00-P-004	401/948	\$69.96	Woods Charles Et Al Fred R C/O Ruthie Jordan	Tank Range Rd 45	11-062 - -062 -075.00- -000	224/91	\$131.05
					Hansbro John E	150 Melton St	02-058 -B -058 N -022.00- -000		\$189.73

It is therefore, Ordered that this "Notice of Sale" be published in the "McKenzie Banner" (on April 16, 2025) and the "Carroll News - Leader" (on April 16, 2025), both weekly newspapers published in Carroll County, Tennessee, for one week each. This the 3rd day of April, 2025.

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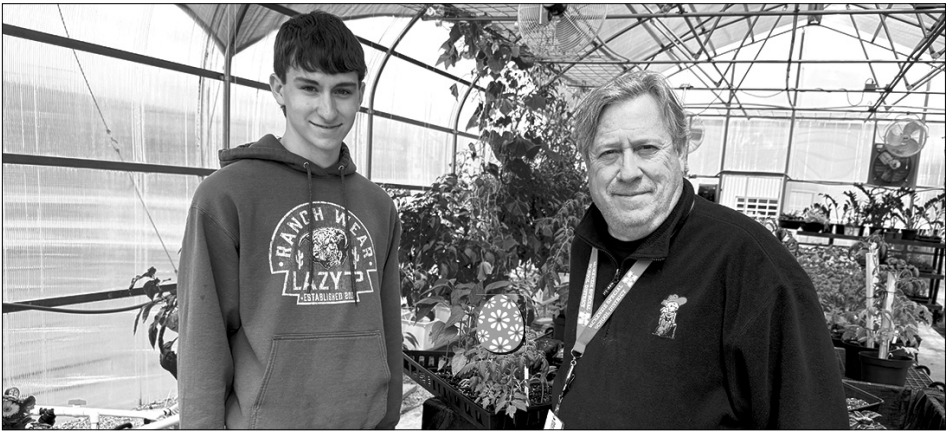


## Gränges Donates to McKenzie Schools



**McKENZIE (April 11)** — Gränges Americas Inc. made a donation to McKenzie Special School District Friday, part of a series of donations to area schools. Pictured are (L to R): Director of Schools Dr. Justin Barden, School Board Chairman LaShonda Williams, school board members Bobby Young and Misty Aird, Gränges Recruiter and Retention Specialist Rachel Carter, Gränges Senior HR Generalist Hannah Barger, MHS Baseball Coach Chris Wall, Gränges HR Manager Brooklyn Napier and MHS Principal Kelly Spivey. Napier told The Banner Gränges “is happy to help the community in any way we can.” *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

## McKenzie FFA Hosts Live Plant Sale



**Kellen Finley, a McKenzie High School FFA student, sells live plants to Kevan King, a computer tech at the school. McKenzie FFA, Hollow Rock-Bruceton, West Carroll and Huntingdon all held live plant sales at the related schools.**

## Carroll County General Sessions Report

**HUNTINGDON (APRIL 9)** — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on April 9.

Bryan Bradshaw, Farris Carter Street, Atwood, was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court on the charges of Possession or Casual Exchange, Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Cortnee LaFond, Main Street, Huntingdon, guilty, Disorderly Conduct, \$50 fine, probation.

Josie Latch, Forrest Avenue, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation, guilty, six months jail - suspended to time served, probation extended.

Daryl Ross, Winston Place, Paris, guilty, Simple Posses-

sion, \$750 fine, probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling.

The following cases were dismissed.

Emily Jeanne Hood, Walnut East, McKenzie, dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Maurice Lawrence, homeless, McKenzie, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Crystal Mealer, Spruce Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

## Marriage Licenses

Jayden Robert Morris, 19, of Lavinia to Breyana Isairis Patterson, 19, of Lavinia.

Jessica Anne Carveiro, 39, of McKenzie, to Bran-

don Thomas Tyler, 34, of McKenzie.

Timothy Lee Pickard, 21, of Trezevant, to Autumn Marie Faith Jackson, 18, of

Ridgely.

Madison Taylor Hughes, 23, of Lavinia, to Cole Morgan Edwards, 24, of Huntingdon.

Christopher Phillip Stephens, 44, of Yuma, to Quentin Lawrence Leach, 41, of Yuma.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



**Left, Tiger left fielder Braxton Howard runs down a deep fly ball for the out. Right, Rebel Maddox Shiell launches a three-run double in the first inning. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner**

## Rebels Sweep Home-Away Set with Tigers

**BY BRAD SAM**  
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**BRUCETON/McKENZIE (April 8-9)** — McKenzie High School traveled Tuesday and hosted Wednesday for two district baseball contests against Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central, earning a convincing sweep.

Tuesday, the Rebels took a 10-4 road win. The next day, at home, McKenzie brought out the big bats for a 17-1 victory that included grand slams by Tate Surber and Craegen Travis.

### McKenzie Rebels 10, Central Tigers 4

In Tuesday's road win, McKenzie struck first with a pair in the top of the first and pulled away with three more in the third and one in the fourth. The Tigers got on the board with three runs in the bottom of the fourth. The Rebels added four in the sixth, and Central tacked on a run in the seventh.

Rebel Tate Surber was 2-for-3 with two doubles, a walk, two RBIs and three runs scored. Fletcher Holt went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Avery Brown hit 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI. Cooper Davidson was 2-for-4. Craegen Travis was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Maddox Shiell was 1-for-3 with a double, a



**Rebel Tate Surber trots home on a grand slam, where his teammates wait with excitement. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner**

walk and an RBI. Xander Johnsey was 1-for-5 with a run scored. Cole Brown went 0-for-2 with three walks, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Tiger Braxton Howard was 1-for-3 with a walk, a run scored and a stolen base. Drake Hollingsworth went 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Braden Maness hit 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Parker Finley was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Cole Brown earned the win for McKenzie, allowing three earned runs on no hits while striking out seven and walking four over three and two-thirds innings. Avery Brown threw three innings of relief, allowing one earned run on four hits while striking out four and walking none. Xander Johnsey pitched the final third of an inning.

Braden Maness took the loss for Central, allowing five earned runs on four hits while striking out one and walking five in two innings. Drake Hollingsworth pitched five innings in relief, allowing five runs (three earned) on seven hits while striking out four and walking three.

### Rebels 17, Tigers 1

In Wednesday's home win, McKenzie set the tone with ten runs in the bottom of the first, adding a run in the second and five more in the third. Central scored a run in the top of the fourth,

and the Rebels responded with a final run in the home half.

Rebel Craegen Travis was 3-for-4 with a grand slam, a triple, a double, five RBIs and two runs scored. Tate Surber was 3-for-3 with a grand slam, five RBIs and three runs scored. Cole Brown went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and a stolen base. Maddox Shiell hit 1-for-2 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Xander Johnsey was 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Avery Brown was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Ripken Thompson batted 1-for-1 with a stolen base. Cooper Davidson was 0-for-1 with three walks, two RBIs and a run scored. Fletcher Holt went 0-for-1 with a walk and two runs scored.

Tiger Parker Finley was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Braden Maness went 1-for-2 with a walk. Tanner Walkers was 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Tate Surber earned the complete-game win for McKenzie, allowing one earned run on three hits while striking out ten and walking six in five innings.

Tanner Walters had the start for Central, allowing 16 runs (nine earned) on 12 hits while striking out two and walking two in two and a third innings. Parker Finley threw the final inning and two-thirds, allowing one earned run on two hits while striking out one and walking two.

## McKenzie Rebels Crush Five Homers to Top Red Devils

**BY BRAD SAM**  
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**BRADFORD (April 11)** — The McKenzie High School Rebels got the long ball working in a big road win Friday, 10-5, over the Bradford Red Devils. Five home runs, including two by Craegen Travis, highlighted two big innings that sealed the win for McKenzie.

Bradford struck first with a run in the bottom of the first, but McKenzie responded with six in the second and four in the fourth. The Red Devils plated two runs each in the fourth and fifth to round out the scoring.

Rebel Craegen Travis was 3-for-4 with two home runs, a double, three RBIs and two runs scored. Tate Surber went 2-for-5 with a home run, a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Lelan Gordon hit 1-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored. Maddox Shiell was 1-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and a run scored. Cole Brown went 1-for-3 with two walks and a run

scored. Fletcher Holt was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Ace Brown went 1-for-3 with a run scored. Cooper Davidson was 1-for-4 with a double.

Red Devil Brodie McDaniel was 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Carver Cates went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Gunner Skerrett was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Jax Richardson was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Landon Hagan went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Fletcher Holt earned the win for McKenzie, allowing five earned runs on six hits while striking out three and walking none in five innings. Cooper Davidson threw two innings of relief, allowing no runs or hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

Landon Hagan had the start for Bradford, allowing six earned runs on five hits while striking out three and walking none in an inning and a third. Austin Skerrett pitched five and two-thirds of relief, allowing four earned runs on six hits while striking out three and walking three.

## ACCEPTING BIDS

West Carroll Special School District is accepting bids for remodeling of a classroom at the West Carroll Jr. Sr. High School through April 25, 2025, at 3 p.m. The bid pack may be obtained only after a physical walk through of the property with Kristin Lindsey, CTE Director. To set up an appointment contact jennifer.lindsey@wcssd.org or call 731-662-7116.

A432/PO#29908/14-2

## BID NOTICE

### HVAC REPLACEMENT

McKenzie Housing Authority

The **McKenzie Housing Authority** invites sealed bids for **HVAC REPLACEMENT of Fourteen (14) Dwelling Units and One (1) Maintenance Building at Development No. TN0082-002**, located in McKenzie, Tennessee.

**Bids are subject to TN State Law.** Bids will be received until **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 13, 2025**, and publicly opened at McKenzie Housing Authority, **22 McDonald Avenue West, McKenzie, TN 38201**. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond that is not less than five (5%) of the base bid.

**Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents are available at the Memphis Reprographics' Plan Room [www.mrplanroom.com](http://www.mrplanroom.com)**

One (1) complete set of bidding documents, drawings, and specifications in electronic or paper format shall be obtained from Memphis Reprographics, 6178 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38134, telephone (901) 381-9811 for a fee. Bid documents are not refundable. However, bid documents may be viewed on-line prior to purchasing them.

All bidders must be licensed Contractors as required by the Contractors Licensing Act of 1976 (TCA Title 62, chapter 6). All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the PHA, as contained in the project manual and detailed within. Refer to the Project Manual Specifications Section 00012, Invitation for Bids; Section 00150, Instructions to Bidders; Section 00151 Additions to Instructions to Bidders; and 01302, Submittals and Substitutions for complete instructions to bidders.

For additional information, contact David Hays or Chad Reynolds at the office of Wilbanks Architecture and Associates, LLC at (901) 867-5220.

A **Prebid Conference** will be held for the purpose of answering questions Bidders may have at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday April 29, 2025**, at the Housing Authority office, followed by a walk-through at the job site. **All contractors are strongly recommended to attend this walk-through and Prebid Conference.**

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### PUBLICATION NOTICE

**TO: RHONDA RAE RUESS**

**PENDING IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**ROBERT THOMAS FRENCH,**  
Plaintiff,

**VS.**  
**RHONDA RAE RUESS,**  
Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Plaintiff's pleading, which is sworn to, that the residence of Rhonda Rae Ruess is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry or she is a nonresident of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law in the McKenzie Banner, a newspaper of general circulation published in Carroll County, Tennessee, notifying Rhonda Rae Ruess to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Steven L. West, **WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS**, 19765 E. Main Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, and the Clerk of this Court, an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce filed against him in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of last publication which will be April 30, 2025, or a judgment by default will be entered on June 5, 2025, and the action set for hearing ex parte as to him.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025,

Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master, Carroll County Chancery Court

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## INVITATION TO BID

### McKenzie Special School District — Custodial Services

The McKenzie Special School District is accepting bids for Custodial Services for the following locations: McKenzie High School, McKenzie Middle School, McKenzie Elementary School, and McKenzie Board of Education.

**Bids must be sealed and marked "Custodial Bids" and will be accepted until 1 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read publicly. Proposals may be delivered (hand delivered, express mail services, or mailed) to:**

**McKenzie Special School District, 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201**

Specifications are available at the Board of Education office, or [McKenzieSchools.org/About/Manuals](http://McKenzieSchools.org/About/Manuals), Plans, and RFPs/MSSD Custodial RFP April 2025, or by contacting Justin Barden, Director of Schools [bardenj@mckenziebannerschools.org](mailto:bardenj@mckenziebannerschools.org), 731-352-2246.

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, any or all portions of specific bids, and to select the best bid, which may or may not be the lowest bid.

*It is the policy of the McKenzie Special School District not to discriminate on the basis of gender, ethnicity, age, creed, marital status or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI and the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.*

**Late proposals will not be accepted.**

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# 17 Students Selected for Chamber’s ACT Wall of Honor

CARROLL COUNTY (April 14) — One of the roles of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is to recognize individuals, businesses, etc., for excellence. The Chamber recognized seventeen students for achieving a score of at least 29 on the national ACT exam. A perfect score on the ACT is 36.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors created the ACT Wall of Honor in 2013.

Including the Class of 2025, 168 students have been honored.

The seventeen students are: Briley Arnold, Lainey Bales, Elijah Carter, Rachel Essary, Nolan Foley, Samuel Freeman, Allyson Gibson, Brilynn Hampton, Tylan Johnson, Carter Kee, Anna Grace King, Hannah Lee, Nate Moore, Daniel Ou, Sawyer Sutton, Mary Williams, and Amelia Yeager.

“These students are in the top seven percent in the nation of all the students who took the ACT exam,” said Brad Hurley, Chamber President. “Their academic excellence is exemplary, and the expectations for these young women and men are extremely high.”

“The Chamber’s board and its membership are proud of these young women and men for striving to attain excellence,” said Cliff Sturdivant, board chairman of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

“These students have set high standards for themselves, and we know that,

by keeping their standards high, they will be successful in every endeavor they undertake.”

American College Testing (ACT) is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admission. This 65-year-old test consists of four concentrations: English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning, with an optional writing component.

The four main tests are scored individually on a scale of 1 to 36, and a composite score is provided, which is the whole number average of the four scores.

“By recognizing these outstanding students, the Chamber acknowledges the great



(L to R) Top ACT Scores were achieved by 17 high school seniors in Carroll County — Front Row: Nate Moore, Daniel Ou, Elijah Carter, Nolan Foley, Lainey Bales, Anna Grace King, Brilynn Hampton and Mary Williams. Back Row: Macon Bullock, Sawyer Sutton, Samuel Freeman, Amelia Yeager, Briley Arnold, Hannah Lee, Rachel Essary, Allyson Gibson, Carter Kee, Tylan Johnson, Chamber Executive Brad Hurley, County Mayor Joseph Butler and Chamber Boardmember David Duncan.

job our teachers, administration, and staff are doing every day in our schools,” said Hurley. “We know they are positively impacting the lives of our young people.”

The servers for the event were Bethel Coach Chris Nelson, Andrew Maddox, Jacob Smothers, and Brian Winston.

The meal was prepared by and served at Mallard’s Restaurant.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1981 for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial, civic and general interests of the County of Carroll and its trade area.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Left, Rebel Sklyer Fornera and Mustang goalkeeper Gage Foster collide making a play on the ball. Right, Rebel goalkeeper Nate Dameron makes a leaping save. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



# Rebels Edge Mustangs, 2-1

BY BRAD SAM  
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McKENZIE (April 11) — McKenzie High School hosted Huntingdon Friday for a district soccer

contest, with the Rebels defeating the Mustangs by a narrow 2-1.

Rebels Sklyer Fornera and Guillermo Hickman each scored a goal.

Mustang Jace Crossett

scored a goal, assisted by Charlie Logan.

McKenzie goalkeeper Nate Dameron recorded four saves, while goalkeeper Gage Foster racked up a dozen for Huntingdon.



West Carroll High School FCCLA members (L to R): Summer Spain, Jada Bradshaw, Linda Murphy, Brilye Mueller, Karma Wilkey and Sasa Lane. Photo courtesy WCSSD

# West Carroll FCCLA Students Earn Honors at State Conference

Six West Carroll High School students recently represented their school at the 79th Annual FCCLA State Leadership Conference held in Chattanooga, marking the first time this chapter has competed at the state level.

The event brought together Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members from across Tennessee to compete in various career-focused challenges. Each West Carroll student earned recognition in their respective category.

Karma Wilkey received a Silver medal in Leadership Level 3. Moriah Lane received a Bronze medal in Food Innovations Level 2. Summer Spain and Jada Bradshaw earned Bronze in Focus on Children Level 2. Brilye Mueller and Linda Murphy placed Bronze in Focus on Children Level 3.

The students were accompanied by Kristin Lindsey, Career & Technical Education Director and Culinary Arts Instructor,



Senior Karma Wilkey earned a Silver award in Leadership. Photo courtesy WCSSD

who serves as the chapter advisor.

“I was extremely proud of our students and their performance,” said Lind-

sey. “They represented West Carroll well. I know this is the first of many accomplishments for our chapter.”



## Rotarians Hear About ROTC

McKENZIE (April 8) — Colonel Bernard House, US Army, spoke about the ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) program based at the University of Tennessee at Martin during the April 8 meeting of the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

Colonel House said the ROTC was his ticket to a college education and is available for students at area colleges and universities through the program based at UTM.

Students can leave college debt free, have health

insurance and serve their country through military experience. There are currently two cadets attending Bethel University.

House served in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now he works with ROTC cadets at UTM.

Pictured are Rotary President Christy Williams, Colonel Bernard House, and Rotary VP Ricky Price.

## Overhaul of Public Notice, Newspaper Legislation

BY JOEL LANCASTER  
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NASHVILLE (April 12) — Lawmakers in Tennessee are actively debating a wave of bills that could significantly reshape the way public notices are delivered and the role of newspapers in government transparency. Several proposals currently moving through the General Assembly aim to modernize, consolidate or limit print publication requirements—raising questions about cost, access and digital equity.

Among the most consequential is HB 0773 / SB 0760, which would require websites hosting legal notices to remain fully accessible to the public without a paywall or subscription. The bill has advanced through key committees and is now scheduled for review by the House Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee on April 14.

Other legislation targets foreclosure proceedings. SB 0727 / HB 1127 proposes reducing the number of newspaper publications required in foreclosure cases from three to one, while introducing a mandatory 20-day online posting period. A related bill, HB 2430, would go further—requiring a single newspaper publication and a separate \$100 fee for listing on the Tennessee Secretary of State’s website. Supporters argue these changes streamline outdated processes, while critics warn they could reduce public access and local accountability.

A parallel measure, HB 2114 / SB 2317, takes a hybrid approach by mandating public notices appear both in print and on qualifying local news websites. These must be county-based outlets that regularly update news content. Advocates say the dual-posting requirement

maintains transparency while recognizing evolving media consumption habits.

Not all proposals have advanced. HB 0031, which would have allowed counties to bypass newspapers altogether by publishing notices solely on their official websites, was withdrawn on February 6.

Separate from public notices but still relevant to media regulation, HB 1891—the “Protecting Kids from Social Media Act”—took effect January 1, 2025. The law requires parental consent for minors to access social media platforms and has already drawn constitutional challenges from industry groups.

Together, these bills reflect a broader legislative trend toward digital-first communication, with direct implications for Tennessee’s newspaper industry and the future of public access to legal information.

## New Tennessee Law Reduces Licensing Requirements for Select Childcare Providers

BY JOEL LANCASTER  
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NASHVILLE (April 12) — Tennessee’s new childcare licensing law, now codified as Public Chapter 135, expands flexible childcare options while easing regulatory burdens. House Bill 106, passed unanimously and signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on April 3, takes effect July 1.

The law exempts programs caring for fewer than five unrelated children for under three hours per day from Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) licensure. Additional exemptions include “Parents’ Night Out” events, gym childcare, and care at religious services or professional sporting events.

“It’s just another tool in the toolbox for families and facilities to provide childcare options in Tennessee,” said Rep. Michael Hale (R-40th District), a sponsor of the bill. Hale also assured that the law offers “less government, but more transparency,” emphasizing that oversight would remain intact through registration requirements.

Callon Baggett, represent-

ing DHS, pointed to practical benefits for event-based care: “It allows players and staff to have a safe place for their children during home games.”

Under the law, most exempt programs must register with DHS. Those who fail to meet criteria or operate outside defined scopes must obtain licensure. Adjustments to definitions of casual care, camp programs, and educational care models reflect current childcare needs.

Despite unanimous legislative votes (House: 92-0-1; Senate: 32-0), several public voices raised concerns over reduced oversight. Parent Diane Barrett, quoted in regional media coverage, stated: “I think it’s great that we’re making child care more accessible, but I do hope safeguards are put in place to ensure safety.”

One parent expressed deeper concern: “This is your most prized possession in all the world, so why would you not want it to be the safest level of care possible?”

Although no lawmakers voted against the bill, some child welfare advocates and

organizations cautioned that deregulation, even partial, could undermine safety standards. Critics emphasized that even short-term or low-volume care environments require consistent monitoring.

A fiscal note issued by the Tennessee General Assembly’s Fiscal Review Committee on February 12 concluded the law would not significantly impact state expenditures or revenues. DHS is expected to manage additional oversight responsibilities with existing personnel and infrastructure.

With implementation pending, DHS will issue guidance to providers and clarify registration procedures. Supporters champion the law as a modernization effort that increases access to care, while opponents urge robust enforcement to ensure that deregulation does not compromise children’s safety.

As Tennessee adjusts its regulatory framework, all eyes remain on how the balance between accessibility and oversight will be maintained.



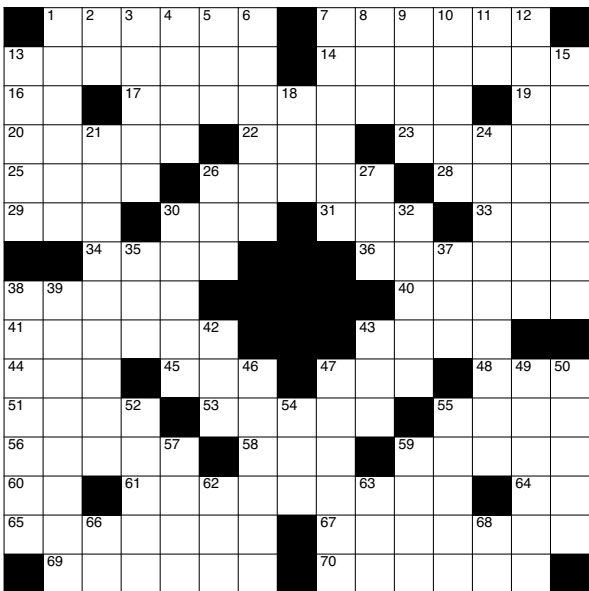
Color A Masterpiece



Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dark blacks
- 7. Construct a wall to confine
- 13. Most inappropriate
- 14. A type of board
- 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 17. Flatterer
- 19. The Granite State
- 20. Tears down
- 22. China's Chairman
- 23. Former Houston footballer
- 25. Periods of time
- 26. Expressed pleasure
- 28. World alliance
- 29. A Brit's mother
- 30. Television network
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. Type of spirit
- 34. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- 36. A medium oversees it
- 38. One time province of British India
- 40. Wrong
- 41. The highest parts of something
- 43. Insect
- 44. Baseball stat
- 45. A way to use up
- 47. Where wrestlers compete
- 48. It helps elect politicians
- 51. As fast as can be done
- 53. Genus of legumes
- 55. Samoa's capital
- 56. Monument in Jakarta
- 58. Former French coin
- 59. Exploiters
- 60. College sports official
- 61. Uninterrupted in time
- 64. Stephen King story
- 65. Marked by no sound
- 67. Weathers



- 69. Denouncements
- 70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Winged nut
- 2. It cools a home
- 3. Kisses (French)
- 4. Oxford political economist
- 5. Keyboard key
- 6. Leaf pores
- 7. Agrees with publicly
- 8. Not around
- 9. Czech city
- 10. Muscle cell protein
- 11. Greek letter
- 12. Movements
- 13. Ned \_\_\_, composer
- 15. Popular series Game of \_\_\_
- 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 21. Helper
- 24. Gift
- 26. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 27. Treat without respect
- 30. Trims
- 32. Slang for lovely
- 35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
- 37. Guitarists' tool
- 38. Island nation
- 39. Delivered in installments
- 42. A baglike structure
- 43. Cooking vessel
- 46. Gets in front of
- 47. Wounded by scratching
- 49. More breathable
- 50. Medical dressings
- 52. Indiana hoopster
- 54. Married Marilyn
- 55. An ancient Assyrian city
- 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
- 59. Approves food
- 62. Ventura's first name
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 66. Atomic #71
- 68. Email designation

Week 15

See solution in next week's edition.

Lot of Books Word Search

E G P E M R M U L T U A A R X E D N I K  
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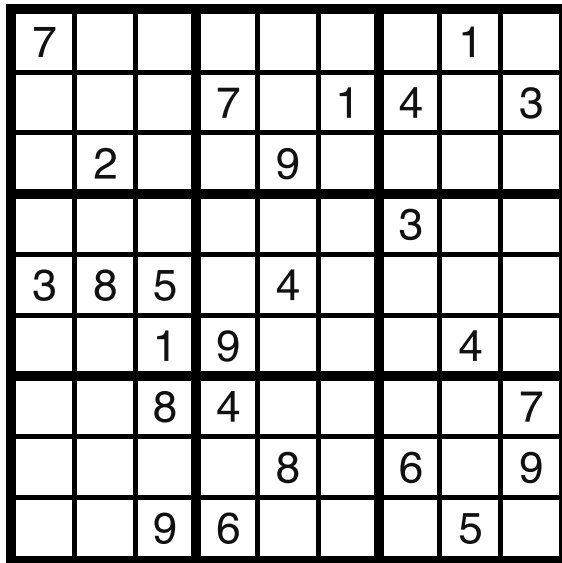
• 1534: JACQUES CARTIER STARTS HIS FIRST VOYAGE TO THE EAST COAST OF WHAT WOULD BECOME NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR.

• 1861: ROBERT E. LEE RESIGNS FROM THE U.S. ARMY TO COMMAND THE FORCES OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.

• 2008: DANICA PATRICK BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN TO WIN AN INDY CAR RACE.

SUDOKU

WEEK 15



Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

See solution in next week's edition.



Solve the code to discover words related to the library. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

A. 25 2 1 22 26

Clue: Peaceful

B. 23 5 5 16 19 13 22 6 4 22 19

Clue: Stores volumes

C. 6 22 18 8 1 18 21

Clue: Allowing to borrow

D. 6 1 23 10 24 10 1 24 18

Clue: Library worker

Answers: A. quiet B. bookshelves C. lending D. librarian

LETTER MIX-UP

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

BOOKSHELVES

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
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- 18. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_

Riddle Me This

Where do books sleep?

Answer: Under their covers.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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

NTIOIFC

Answer: Fiction

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 17, 1972. I spent much of my childhood practicing ballet after an initial lesson at age 3. I've appeared in many TV shows and in a string of romantic comedies. Most people know me as a CIA secret agent as well as a sai-wielding assassin.

Answer: Jennifer Garner

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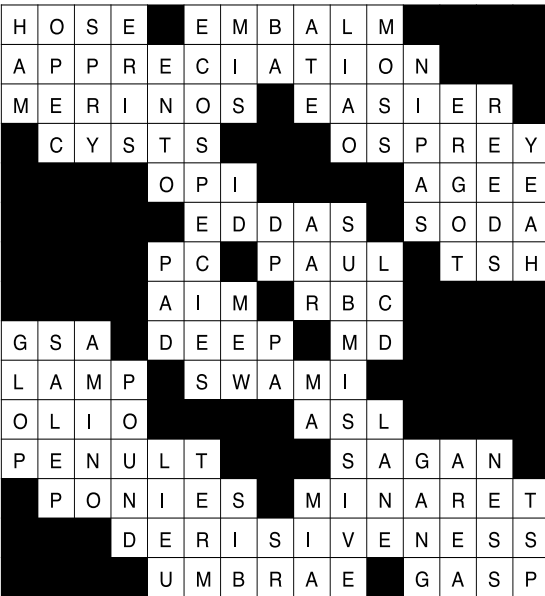
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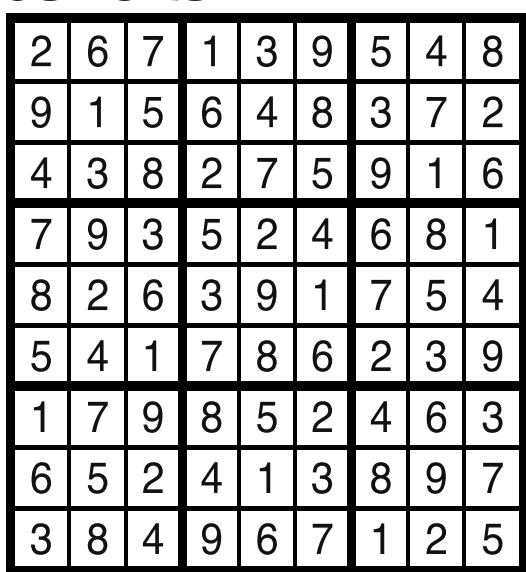
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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 14 Crossword Puzzle Solution



SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 14





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**West Carroll Primary School Cafeteria Manager**  
**Location:** 8725 Hwy 105, McLemoresville, TN 38235  
**Position:** Full-Time

We are looking for a dedicated and organized Cafeteria Manager to oversee our school cafeteria operations. An ideal candidate will have experience in food service management, strong leadership skills, and commitment to providing nutritious meals to students.

**Responsibilities:**

- Manage daily cafeteria operations, including food preparation, ordering, inventory, and production records.
- Supervise kitchen staff and efficient workflow.
- Ensure compliance with all health and safety regulations
- Maintain positive relationships with students, staff, and parents.

**Qualifications:**

- Previous experience in food service or cafeteria management
- Strong organizational and leadership skills
- Knowledge of nutrition and food safety standards

**Benefits:**

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**How to Apply:**

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- Applications can be found at [wcssd.org](http://wcssd.org)
- Contact Mandy Drewry for any questions, 731-662-4200
- If you would like to mail your application and resume or feel free to drop off at the following address:  
West Carroll Special School District  
1415 Hwy 77, Atwood, TN 38220

A432/PO#29920/15-2

# JOB OPENING

## City of McKenzie Seasonal Marketing

The City of McKenzie is looking for a summer worker who is studying marketing and who will have summer availability on a part time basis. This position is under development so the potential candidate could have some input as to the development, implementation and outcome of this project. Additionally, please see the following employment and personnel requirements:

Part time hours have not been assigned and may be available as morning or afternoon hours consistent with the business hours of the City of McKenzie and the availability of the person hired.

Administrative background, office training, computer skills- word/ excel etc., telephone and business etiquette – dealing with the public, skills and abilities (KSA's) to accomplish tasks and goals as assigned.

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The position will be housed on the Local Government side and will be supervised by the City Clerk.

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# Easter Art Gallery



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## Sophie Beasley is Miss Gleason 2025



Above Left, **GLEASON** (April 12) — Sophie Beasley is Miss Gleason 2025. She is the daughter of Mike and Jennifer Beasley of Gleason. The event was held at Gleason School and sponsored by the GHS Class of 2027. First Maid is Skylar Arnold, daughter of Tanya and Mike Jackson; Second Maid is Hayden Beasley, daughter of Danielle Beasley; and Third Maid is Ava Bennett, daughter of Paige and Ron Bennett. Above, Sophie Beasley is Miss Gleason 2025. Left, Brinkley McDowell is Junior Miss Gleason 2025. She is the daughter of Jonathan McDowell and Lindsay and Nicky Jackson; First Maid is Gabi Pinkston, daughter of Tyler and Gina Pinkston; Second Maid is Charlotte Bargery, daughter of Blake and Brittany Bargery; and Third Maid is Zoe Healy, daughter of Kim Healy. Below Left, Brentlee Legens is Little Miss Gleason 2025, daughter of Cruz and Erin Legens. First Maid is Adeline Johnson, daughter of Justin and Una Johnson; Second Maid is Maxwell Mitchell, daughter of Steven and Brittany Mitchell; and Third Maid is Breaysia Wright, daughter of Desaray Wright.



Above, Michael Avery and Tosha Gurley of Southland Safari Cabins and Guided Tours of Clarksburg with Kasey Muench, executive director of Northwest Tennessee Tourism Association. Southland earned Top Attraction. Avery also earned a separate award. Below, Drew Beeler of McKenzie was named as the recipient in the Emerging Excellence Award in the Individual Category. Beeler operates Hometown Hangout and McKenzie Nutrition, plus two other mobile businesses. He was presented the award by Kasey Muench. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



## Inaugural Cornerstone Tourism Awards Celebrate Excellence

HUNTINGDON — The Northwest Tennessee Tourism Association (NWTTA) hosted its first-ever Cornerstone Tourism Awards on April 3, 2025, at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center — an unforgettable evening celebrating the people, businesses, and organizations that make Northwest Tennessee a must-visit destination.

The evening began with The Green Room Social, an exclusive pre-event gathering in the basement of The Dixie. Guests mingled, networked, and enjoyed live music from Leslie & Brooke Cooper of 24 Seven, alongside delicious food from some of the region's favorite local spots — Hometown Hangout, Mo's on Main, Mallards Restaurant, and Local Street Cookie Co.

"This night was truly magical," said Kasey Muench, Executive Director of NWTTA. "We created these awards to celebrate the heart of Northwest Tennessee — our people. The individuals and businesses honored here tonight are the reason visitors fall in love with our region and keep coming back."

Throughout the evening, hosts Suzanne Harper and Courtney Echols of Extra Credit Team Solutions kept the crowd energized, reminding everyone that tourism is one big team effort — and when small towns and local businesses work together, everybody wins.

**2025 Cornerstone Tourism Award Winners**

**Experiences Category**

Cornerstone Champion – Attraction: Southland Safari Cabins & Guided Tours

Cornerstone Champion – Dining: Boyette's Dining

**Partner Category**

Star Cornerstone Legacy Award: Marty Marbry, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development

Star Cornerstone Champion – DMO: Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce, Visit Dyer County, Main Street Dyersburg

Star Cornerstone Champion – Partner: Caroline Partin

The evening also featured a surprise presentation of the Star Cornerstone Legacy Award to longtime tourism leader Marty Marbry of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, honoring her 20 years of service to West Tennessee tourism.

The NWTN Cornerstone Tourism Awards were made possible thanks to the generous support of VRL Hotels 2 LLC, Hampton Inn Paris Tenn., L.I. Smith & Associates, Discovery Park of America, and the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development Industry. Special thanks also to King Print & Design Co. for creating beautiful, custom awards for each winner to treasure.

**About NWTTA**

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