

## Huntingdon Council Approves First Step in Public Safety Overhaul

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Editor

The Huntingdon Town Council took steps toward restructuring its public safety leadership at their meeting January 28.

They passed the first reading of two ordinances that would eliminate the current Public Safety Director position and establish separate roles for a Police Chief (Ordinance 634) and Fire Chief (Ordinance 635).

There was some discussion regarding qualifications for Fire Chief.

Ordinance 635 originally required a prospective Fire Chief to have the Firefighter I certification, and said that Firefighter II was preferred.

Council member Chad Barnhart noted that there may be some difficulties finding a qualified candidate.

“We probably have less than five people in the county who even have [Firefighter I],” he said. “Unless we’re looking to spend money like the County to recruit somebody outside who has these higher qualifications, I would like to see it all say ‘preferred’.”

He made a motion to change the wording so that both ‘Firefighter I

and ‘Firefighter II’ are preferred and the council approved it unanimously.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing \$150,000 in capital outlay notes to fund the purchase of three 2025 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles, priced at approximately \$52,101 each.

“[That price] is for everything ready to go,” said Mayor Chad Edwards. “These will be SRO vehicles with intentions to roll out into the fleet after three years.”

He also explained that the Police Department’s SRO grant will be used to help pay for the purchase.

Historical Museum

The council discussed options regarding the Huntingdon Historical Museum building, which is situated at 938 Walnut Street, across from City Hall.

“It has come to my attention that we’ve got a note [on the building] that we’ve been renewing at a sum of about \$300,000,” Mayor Edwards said. “We’ve been paying only the interest on it.”

He raised the idea of relocating the museum displays from the current

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**SOLAR FARM** – Located just outside Trezevant on East Main St, Silicon Ranch is making progress on the solar farm.

## Carroll County Electric Board Approves Lineworker Training Program

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The Carroll County Electric Board approved an agreement to participate in the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) Education & Training Services at their meeting last Thursday.

The agreement established a structured Lineworker Apprenticeship Program.

TVPPA’s Caleb Hall, Director of Education

& Training, presented the program’s benefits, highlighting its ability to supplement on-the-job training with technical coursework and safety instruction.

Training labs will be offered in Jackson.

The program has been in place for over four decades, and is designed to ensure the safety and competency of the next generation of lineworkers.

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**VOICES AT THE CAPITOL** – Protestors gathered outside the House and Senate Chambers at the Tennessee State Capitol. Some held signs to express their opposition to Governor Bill Lee’s Education Freedom Act. Pictured are individuals making their voices heard and seen) as lawmakers passed through the rotunda. *Photos by Jesse Joseph*

## Education Freedom Act Becomes Law Amid Fierce Debate

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The Tennessee State House and Senate passed the Education Freedom Scholarship Act on Thursday, a landmark decision that will provide up to \$7,075 per student in scholarships for private education.

The measure, known colloquially as the “voucher act,” passed the House by a 55-44 margin and the Senate by a vote of 20-13, sparking both celebration and outrage across the state.

**Supporters Hail the Bill as a Win for School Choice**

For proponents, the legislation represents a victory for parental choice in education.



**CROWDED ROTUNDA** – A large crowd filled the rotunda at the Tennessee State Capitol as lawmakers voted on Governor Bill Lee’s Education Freedom Act. *Photo by Jesse Joseph*

Mike Lotfi, Deputy Director of the Tennessee Chapter of Americans for Prosperity, was blunt in his support.

“I really appreciate state

lawmakers like Representative [Brock] Martin for taking a stand and voting for parents’ rights and supporting the Trump agenda on school choice, as well

as Senator [John] Stevens,” Lotfi said.

He then elaborated on the opposing stance taken by

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**INSIDE THE CAPITOL** – Dr. Myles Hebrard, Director of Schools at Hollow Rock-Bruceton, spoke with several legislators throughout the day, including Justin Jones of Nashville (top left), Brock Martin (bottom left), and Senator John Stevens (bottom right). At top right, lobbyists shake hands after the bill passed the House. *Photos by Jesse Joseph*



## Fire Protection Set for Upgrades

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**RURAL FIRE DISCUSSION** – Carroll County Fire Chief Jonathan Gaskins (left) and EMA Director Trevor Foster discuss equipment needs.

Newly-appointed Carroll County Fire Chief Jonathan Gaskins attended his first Rural Fire Committee meeting in his new position on Friday, and requested vari-

ous equipment, educational, and safety needs for the Fire Department.

The meeting also focused on budget updates, emergency response improvements, and future plans for the county’s fire services.

Finance Director Stacy

McCaleb provided an overview of the department’s financial standing, reporting that \$75,000 remains available for equipment and vehicle purchases.

Additionally, ARPA

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Charlie Hayden  
Frank Hartman  
Sonya M. Coleman  
Lottye R. Choate  
Michael D. Ridgely



## TRAUMA KITS FOR SCHOOLS

Carroll County’s order of 300 trauma backpack kits has arrived and will be distributed among all school districts in the county. Funded through a ThreeStar grant, the kits will provide essential emergency resources for schools. “It’s one of those things we hope to never have to use, but thankful to have them,” said Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. Pictured from left are Amber Parham, Carroll County Grants Administrator who wrote the grant funding the purchase; Heather Adams, Sales and Customer Relations with JC Educational and Office Supply, where the backpacks were purchased; Dr. Justin Barden, Director of Schools for McKenzie Special School District; Preston Caldwell, Director of Schools for West Carroll Special School District; Renee Sutton, Director of Carroll Academy; Dr. Lisa Norris, Director of Schools for South Carroll Special School District; Dr. Myles Hebrard, Director of Schools at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District; Dr. Jonathan Kee, Director of Schools at Huntingdon Special School District; Johnny McAdams, Director of Carroll County Schools; Brad Hurley, President of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and Joseph Butler, Carroll County Mayor. Photo By Jesse Joseph





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Local Band Students Participated in UTM Honor Band

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Students from Huntingdon, Central, McKenzie, and West Carroll took part in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s 46th Honor Band, held Jan. 23-25.

The event brought together 380 top musicians from 75 schools across three states. Participants auditioned for chair placements, rehearsed under university faculty, and performed in a concert on Jan. 25 at the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.

Honor Band provided students an opportunity to refine their skills, collaborate with peers, and bring new techniques back to their home bands.

Students who participated include:

Huntingdon  
Briana Gilbert  
Ben Kee  
Robyn Rogers  
Kayla Cabanas  
Audrey Mummert  
Addie Chasse  
Sydney Woods  
Kevin Perez  
Eoin Reindl  
TJ Brea  
Mary-Claire Kolwyck  
Tyler Allen  
Amelia Yeager  
Hollow Rock-Bruceton  
Central

Leah Coleman  
Christian Gilbert  
Brilynn Hampton  
Kalani Joyner  
McKenzie  
Lola Barton  
Dylan Bomar  
Rachel Essary  
Janyla Piro  
Nathan Lease  
Lucy Reynolds  
Kaylee Dalzell  
West Carroll  
Sasa Lane  
Brylan Wilbanks  
Layna Church  
Kalee Coleman



McKenzie High School Band



Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Band

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building across the street to City Hall, arguing that it would make the artifacts more accessible to the public.

“There’s no way I want to hide that stuff,” Edwards said. “I would love it in this historical building right here.”

He mentioned that moving the museum could open that building up to either be sold or utilized for other needs.

Council Member Barnhart voiced support for the move, noting that accessibility has been an issue at the current location.

“I would like to see the accessibility [of the museum] to be better for our citizens and for the people that come in from out of town,” he said. “I think it’s something we can really promote.”

The council did not vote on the proposal but plans to revisit the discussion at February’s meeting.

Storybook Trail

The council approved a

proposal from Huntingdon High School’s JAG and Mustang Mentors Sponsor Ginger Taylor to create a Storybook Trail at Kelley Complex.

The project will feature signs displaying pages from a children’s book along the walking path, encouraging early literacy and outdoor activity.

It will be funded in part by a Leaders Credit Union grant, and JAG students will maintain the trail, with books being rotated periodically.

Strategic Planning

Dana Deem from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) led a discussion on strategic planning for the town.

He emphasized the importance of having a long-term vision and aligning municipal priorities with budgetary decisions.

“I like to facilitate cities and strategic planning to decide as a group what is the desired reality [for the city],” Deem said.

He offered his services to the Council to aid them in conducting an analysis of Huntingdon’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT).

Other Business

The Council passed the second and final reading of Ordinance 632 to update business sign regulations, allowing a maximum of two signs per business with a combined area of up to 150 square feet per side.

Additionally, they approved Ordinance 633 on the first reading, which revised regulations governing mobile homes, permitting them only in Fringe Residential (F-R) districts and prohibiting the expansion of non-conforming mobile home parks.

The Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 636, which repealed the Director of Public Works position.

A separate Water/Sewer Manager position will be created, and according to Town Recorder, Kim Carter,

it will be an appointed position.

An amendment to the post-closure agreement for the Huntingdon landfill was also approved.

The Town of Huntingdon used to operate a landfill on Firetower Road that was closed in 1995.

As part of the closure, the town entered into a contract to be financially accountable for environmental monitoring for 30 years.

With the 30-year monitoring period set to conclude, the town’s financial liability has been reduced to \$14,638.66.

As part of the contract, the town has to monitor the ground water in the area, and testing for that will conclude this year, as well.

Huntingdon’s next Council meeting is set for Tuesday, February 25, and they plan to continue the discussion on the Historical Museum building as well as discuss the Parks Master Plan.



**STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION** – Dana Deem of the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) presents a proposal to the Huntingdon Town Council on implementing a strategic planning process to guide future town development. *Photo by Jesse Joseph*



**MUSEUM RELOCATION CONSIDERED** – Council Member Chad Barnhart shares his thoughts on improving accessibility for the Huntingdon Historical Museum. *Photo by Jesse Joseph*



**STORYBOOK TRAIL APPROVED** – Councilmembers Kelly Eubanks (left) and Chad Barnhart (right) listen as Lori Dillahunt (center) explains the plan for a Storybook Trail at Kelley Complex, a project aimed at promoting literacy and outdoor activity. *Photo by Jesse Joseph*

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH STRIKE TEAM

Battalion Chief Jason Arnold was recently selected as a member of the Disaster Mental Health Strike Team. From Jan. 27-31, 2025, he attended the Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy, completing 40 hours of training in preparation for his new role.



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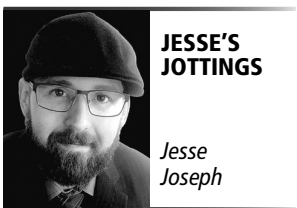
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A Seat to the Legislative Process



JESSE'S JOTTINGS

Jesse Joseph

Last Thursday, I had the opportunity to visit the Tennessee State Capitol for the first time. One very surprising aspect was the level of access the public has to legislators. As long as you pass through security, and you don't have any weapons, you can stand right outside the House and Senate Chambers during proceedings.

Lawmakers must walk through the rotunda with everyone else, which means you might get a chance to visit with your Senator or Representative. The only way for legislators to avoid direct contact with the public - or face scrutiny after casting a controversial vote - is to quickly slip down the stairs or into an elevator without being noticed. But even if they manage to avoid the crowd in those moments, they have to face the people sooner or later. That reality was especially relevant as lawmakers voted on Governor Bill Lee's Education Freedom

Act, a bill that many Tennesseans strongly opposed. In Senate District 24 and House District 79, where Senator John Stevens and Representative Brock Martin serve, local voices seemed to take a backseat to the governor's agenda. Both voted in favor of the bill, despite significant concerns and outpouring of opposition from their districts. The will of the people in Carroll and surrounding Counties was not entirely represented inside those Chambers last Thursday. The Education Freedom Act could be the greatest piece of legislation ever

crafted in the history of our State, but if the people don't want it, the people don't want it. I also enjoyed getting to experience fellow journalists and news organizations at work. WSMV, Fox 17, Univision and more were also at the Capitol Thursday. I want to thank Dr. Myles Hebrard for giving me a tour of the Capitol. If anyone has ever thought about visiting - especially on a day when the legislators are in session - I highly encourage it.

The Real Machine Gun Kelly

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Special Contributor

Throughout my education career, parents always lament that they've become alienated from their teenage children. It's a normal phase where teens view their once infallible parents as idiots. I always tell them not to despair. When these youngsters become real adults, they normally circle back to the sage comfort and wisdom of Mom and Dad. As an example, last week my daughter, Ally, was telling me of a kidnapping incident in Jackson. Of course, as the reigning master of useless information, I asked if my daughter, the attorney, knew that "Machine Gun" Kelly was the first person tried after and convicted under the "Lindberg Law" which made kidnapping a federal crime? I thought young Ally and I were about to have a very intelligent conversation. To my surprise, she responded with, "Isn't that the rapper?" To set the record straight, I bring to you this true tale of the legend of George Kelly Barnes, a.k.a. "Machine Gun Kelly". He was one of the most famous gangsters of the Prohibition Era. This relatively unknown icon from yesteryear lived in nearby Memphis, Tennessee. But he made it all the way.... to Alcatraz! Barnes came from a respectable family and enrolled at Mississippi A & M (Now Mississippi State University) but poor grades and even less favorable behavior led to him leaving college in January 1918. Kelly later lamented, "My family are good people. Only I turned out to be a heel."

He married a girl that he had met in college and fathered two children. But his wife divorced him "because he was running in bad company". Perhaps this young lady had good instincts. George soon became a small time bootlegger and "moonshiner" and spent a quite a bit of time in jail. Not seeing the error of his ways, Barnes met, and later married, the attractive Kathryn Horne. The two allegedly ran off together in Kathryn's former boyfriend's Cadillac. Kathryn was described as a "tough" girl who could "drink liquor like water". She bought her new boyfriend, George, a Thompson sub-machine gun. The legend spread that he became so proficient he "could write his name in lead and knock walnuts off a tree at 25 paces." Kathryn built this image and reputation. She even gave away shell casings as souvenirs. She created this new persona: Machine Gun Kelly. "Machine Gun" became a bank robber. He soon rose to F.B.I.'s "Public Enemy Number One". During this era, the crime de jure was kidnapping an individual and holding them for ransom. Old Machine Gun could do that too! In 1933, carrying his trademark Tommy Gun, Kelly entered the home of a wealthy Oklahoma oil man and nabbed him. Kelly later exchanged him for a \$200,000 ransom, all in twenty dollar bills. (Right now I'm thinking, I would have asked for a lot more!) Using the best technology of the time, authorities

tried to determine Machine Gun's location by tracking the serial numbers of the dollar bills. Kelly and his associates were quickly putting them back into circulation! George and Kathryn went on the lam, dyed their hair and landed in Chicago. For a while they and lived a lavish lifestyle. In September, the F.B.I. later caught up with Kelly at his "hideout" at 1408 Rayner Street in Memphis, Tennessee. You can still visit this site today. In the interest of public safety, here is where this tale takes a turn. My other daughter, Danielle, and I have been on a number of historical trips. We get most of our adventurous ideas from watching CBS Sunday Morning. Often it's more of a detour. Sometimes it's a historical site. Sometimes it's the unique food from an area. On a perfect caper, it's both! Keeping in tradition of our wild exploits, I asked her if we could take a tour 1408 Rayner Street. Despite her love of a great quest for fun, she only offered to drive me by the site at a somewhat high rate of speed. The area is described by most as .... not safe. In 1933, It proved dangerous for the gangster. Agents quietly descended to the residence. You are probably thinking Machine Gun Kelly had a memorable gun fight with FBI agents. You'd be sadly mistaken. Kelly was discovered badly hung over and still in his pajamas. As the agents forced entry, Machine Gun allegedly may, or may not, have responded with the famous



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phrase, "G-Men, please don't shoot!". He was transported to Alcatraz in California where he became a model prisoner and was sarcastically renamed "Pop Gun" Kelly by his fellow inmates. George eventually made it back farther east to Leavenworth Prison to spend the rest of his days. He died a day before his 60th birthday in 1954. He never returned to Memphis Tennessee. He is resting in a plot owned by Kathryn's stepfather in Cottdonale, Texas. He has only a small headstone that simply reads "George B. Kelly". Thinking back to when I toured Alcatraz a few years back, I felt the spirit of old George lamenting his life of bad decisions and crime. But I do thank him for giving me and my daughters a few things to talk about. Kids stay in school. Make good grades. Aim upward and onward. Like George, you probably come from good families. Parents, don't despair. Treat your children well. One day they will return to you. And like a blast from a past Tennessee Thompson Machine Gun, you can revel them with tales of fame, fortune, adventure, and good people.

Local Residents Receive Degrees From UT Martin

Several Carroll County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 14, 2024,

with approximately 300 students participating. Undergraduate Degrees Bruceton - Chloe S. Hoskins-Ward. Huntingdon - Craig Ray Powell Anderson, Pa-

tience Samone Goodlow, Jace Clayton Lowe, Karle Meggs, Krista Danae Noble, Alli G. Reeves, Logan Michael Walsh. McKenzie - Ashlyn Nicole Drewry, Nathan Jones,

Johni Rae LeClaire. Graduate Degree McKenzie - Jeremy Scott Allen.

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It includes extensive field training, skills testing, and certification programs in areas such as pole climbing, electrical safety, and underground system operations. The Board also approved a Municipal Advisory Agreement with Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., as well as a resolution recommending that

the Carroll County's full Commission adopts a Reimbursement Resolution. These measures ensure financial oversight and stability for the utility's upcoming projects. Additionally, Board Chair Lori Nolen was authorized to sign an attestation required under Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) Section 4-1-422, in compliance with state regulations. Radio Communications Update Electric Department General Manager Ryan Drewry gave the Board updates on the Tennessee Advanced Communication Network (TACN) participation contract, which al-

lows access to the state's radio network. The contract was signed and returned on January 16, and took effect on February 1. Radio installation is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The Board also reviewed a 60-month lease agreement with Integrated Communications Inc. (ICI) for TACN-capable radios. This lease, which was selected in December due to its lower monthly cost compared to a Motorola contract, is expected to save the Department \$1,387 per month. Silicon Ranch Solar Project

Construction at the Silicon Ranch Trezevant Solar Project and the Trezevant Substation is progressing steadily. December developments included the completion of pile installation and site access roads, and January saw continued racking installation, the start of electrical material deliveries, and the beginning of module and panel installations. Looking ahead, February's goals include completing mechanical scope work, pouring transformer pads, and finalizing electrical deliveries.

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the bill’s detractors.

“None of the opposition’s talking points are rooted in reality,” he said. “The truth of the matter is the only thing this bill does is give parents, students, and even teachers more choice on how they’re educated and how they’re teaching.”

Lotfi dismissed concerns that the bill would drain funding from public schools.

“At the end of the day, there’s a hold harmless in this bill that specifically states public schools cannot be harmed and lose any funding,” he said. “The opposition—mostly school board associations—are just crying wolf.”

**Opponents Call It an Attack on Public Schools**

But for opponents, the bill is a direct assault on public education.

State Representative Justin Jones (D-52) of Nashville called the process a sham.

“This was a waste,” Jones said. “Decisions were made in a predetermined way. Many members pleaded with leadership for more time to debate, but questions were shut down preemptively in the education committee. If this was such a good bill, why did they have to rush it through?”

Dr. Myles Hebrard, Director of Schools for Hol-low Rock-Bruceton Special School District, was among those who traveled to Nashville to speak with legislators before the vote.

He described the mood inside the Capitol.

“You could feel defeat in the foyer area at the same time you could feel hope, even before the vote,” Hebrard said. “Defeat in knowing that legislators were censored from making public statements on the floor because leadership stacked the speaking deck with those they wanted to drive the point home. But hope, because those who voted against the vouchers still had passion and appreciation for the thousands of public educators and the work they do each day.”

**Brock Martin Faces Backlash**

Representative Brock Martin, who voted in favor of the bill despite previously expressing skepticism, acknowledged the concerns of rural educators but defended his decision.

“This bill has returned the last three continuous years that I have been serving,” Martin said in a statement. “Each time it has included fewer wins for our rural school systems, and this trend would have continued next year. This past year, I spent time traveling House District 79, speaking to directors of schools, teachers, parents, citizens, and students to find solutions that could be added to this bill to make sure that if it was going to pass, our rural districts would also be protected.”

Still, Martin’s shift in position ignited backlash among constituents who had previously taken him at his word.

Just months earlier, he told South Carroll’s School Board he was a “no” due to concerns over the bill’s funding mechanism.

Among his angered constituents was Tonya Stafford, a former supporter who publicly expressed her disappointment.

“You are a disappointment,” Stafford wrote to Martin. “I supported and campaigned for you, and now I truly regret that.”

Her frustration echoed the sentiments of many District 79 voters, who had expected Martin to stand firm against the bill.

**Stevens: Funding Already Allocated**

Senator John Stevens, who has long been a supporter of the bill, sought to clarify funding concerns.

He noted that much of the funding had already been allocated in previous budgets.

“Last year, \$144 million was in the budget to fund this program. When the bill did not pass, the funding remained unallocated and therefore was available to appropriate if the bill passed,” Stevens explained. “This is not ‘new money’ in that it is not general fund money but diverted from Online Sports Wagering revenue.”

**Concerns Over Rural Schools and the Legislative Process**

While proponents of the Education Freedom Act framed it as a victory for school choice, critics argue that rural communities stand to gain little while shouldering much of the cost.

Representative Jones called the bill a “voucher scam” that would disproportionately harm rural counties, particularly those without private school options, such as Carroll County.

“A lot of our rural members voted for this, even though it will really hurt their districts,” He said. “They’ve been intimidated by lobbyists and by Republican leadership to support this.”

Beyond policy concerns, Jones denounced the rushed process, claiming that Republican lawmakers who opposed the bill weren’t allowed to speak.

Among them was Representative Jody Barrett (R-69), who later issued a scathing statement condemning the bill’s passage and the influence of out-of-state special interests.

“History will likely look back on January 30, 2025, as a [turning point] for rural Tennessee,” Barrett said. “An army of out-of-state lobbyists, backed by shadowy billionaires, drowned out the voices of conservative rural voters who adamantly opposed this scheme.”

He also warned of the financial risk posed by the legislation, arguing that committing nearly half a billion dollars to launch the program while maintaining existing funding for public schools is unsustainable.

“The bottomless money pit this program will create will quickly prove impossible to fill,” he said.

Even some Republican lawmakers from rural districts rejected the bill, arguing that it failed to serve their communities.

District 5 Representative David B. Hawk (R-5) explained his opposition bluntly on the House floor.

“I’m not opposed to the bill because of anything I’ve heard today or this week,” Hawk said. “I oppose this bill because the people in my district asked me to.”

Hawk pointed out a key

flaw in the legislation: his district has no private schools, meaning vouchers offer no real choice for families in his community.

Some education leaders question whether the bill truly expands choice at all.

Dr. Lee Carter, Vice President of the Tennessee School Boards Association, noted that private schools have the final say on who gets enrolled—not families or the state.

“I’m not so sure this actually increases choice much, if at all,” Carter said. “Ultimately, private schools get to decide who attends.”

Critics also point out a key distinction between public and private schools under the new law.

Public schools are required to accept all students, regardless of background, learning ability, or behavioral history.

Private schools, however, can deny admission for any reason—including academic performance, disabilities, or even discipline records.

Opponents argue that this effectively allows private schools to “cherry-pick” students, leaving public schools with the most challenging populations while diverting state funds away from them.

Additionally, while public schools must meet state-mandated performance metrics to receive funding, private institutions will face no such requirements under the new law.

This disparity, critics say, raises serious concerns about accountability and fairness in funding.

**Teacher Bonus Provision**

An amendment added by the House requires school boards to pass a resolution opting in before their district’s teachers can receive a \$2,000 bonus.

While proponents argue that this gives local districts control, some see it as political retaliation.

Representative Jones was blunt in his criticism, calling it “extortion.”

“They are telling schools that in order for their teachers to get the \$2,000 bonus, they have to pass a resolution in their county supporting vouchers,” Jones said. “That is not fair. That is not democracy.”

Senator Stevens acknowledged that the provision could be seen as a message to school boards that had previously passed resolutions opposing the bill.

He explained the mechanics of the provision.

\$198 million in non-recurring funds was allocated for teacher bonuses, and the total amount each teacher receives will depend on how many school boards opt in.

“If a board does not adopt the resolution, the pool of money will be divided among the LEAs that do, which could increase the per-teacher bonus,” Stevens said.

The measure has sparked backlash among educators, with some seeing the resolution requirement as a way to pressure school boards into submission.

Others remain uncertain about how the bonus will be implemented.

**Other Concerns**

More broadly, other concerns about funding persist.

Dr. Carter cautioned that

the long-term effects remain unknown.

“We’re going to have to take a wait-and-see attitude,” Carter said. “The passage of the budget in upcoming years will determine how this plays out.”

Dr. Carter noted an interesting statistic that was released in a state report the same week as the General Assembly’s Special Session.

“Tennessee was named in the top 25 for the first time ever in fourth and eighth-grade progress,” said Dr. Carter. “[Huntingdon Special School District] is above the state average in everything. We just have to keep working.”

For Hebrard, the fight over the bill highlighted broader concerns about the state’s leadership.

“One person who has been noticeably absent throughout this whole process has been the Commissioner of Education, Liz-zette Reynolds,” Hebrard said. “The Governor spoke the truth when he brought her on board and said her only mission was to get this ‘voucher bill’ pushed through. She accomplished that, but in turn, she continues to gain zero respect in the education field.”

**At the Capitol**

As celebrations and protests continued in the rotunda after the vote, Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton made his way through a crowd chanting “Shame on Sexton!”

Throughout the day, activists held signs opposing the voucher bill, their messages calling out lawmakers they saw as betraying public education.

As Senators and Representatives made their way through the rotunda, spontaneous protests erupted, with citizens confronting lawmakers directly.

Among the victorious, lobbyists from groups like

Americans for Prosperity reveled in the passage of the bill, exchanging smiles and handshakes.

Nearby, Charles Uffel-man of Clarksville, who had spent the day handing out fake bills labeled “\$7,075” in protest, held up a fresh stack and turned toward the celebrating lobbyists.

“Look at them!” he shouted, waving the bills in the air. “\$7,000 handshakes right here! They paid for this—going straight to the bank. That’s right, big smiles! Taking taxpayer dollars and putting them in their own pockets! Big smiles—big dollar bills! That’s what Tennessee’s paying for!”

Uffelman paused, then shouted again, “They’re going to take these millions of dollars and line their own pockets! That’s what was just voted on!”

The lobbyists didn’t flinch. They didn’t respond. Instead, they basked in their victory, unfazed by the accusations swirling around them.

Others simply stared in silence.

Hebrard hopes the public will stay engaged in future legislative battles.

“I’ve used my voice and personal platforms to encourage others to reach out to their local representatives,” he said. “Although the communication may not be reciprocal, or the vote may go against where one stood on the issue, I feel it is important to ensure we did our due diligence in expressing our thoughts.”

As the dust settles, one question remains unanswered: Will this bill deliver the educational freedom its supporters promise, or will it reshape Tennessee’s public education system in ways yet unforeseen?

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# OBITUARIES/HAPPENINGS/RECORDS



**Charlie Hayden**  
1944 – 2025

Charles “Charlie” Hayden, 80, of Huntingdon, passed away on Thursday, January 30, at Huntingdon Health and Rehab. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 3, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial followed in New Crossroads Cemetery.

Mr. Hayden was born May 2, 1944, in New Town, Conn., to the late David and Mary Elizabeth Hayden. He was a truck driver for Arrow Carrier, a member of Huntingdon First United Methodist Church, and served in the United States Navy during Vietnam.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Hayden.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Judy Hayden, a sister-in-law Bonnie (Steve) Barocsi, of Huntingdon; brothers-in-law Gene Penney, of Huntingdon, Bob (Debbie) Penney of Torrington, Conn., a niece, Donna Hayden-Pratt, of New Milford, Conn., a great-nephew Christopher Pratt, of Denver Colo., as well as several other nieces and nephews, and his beloved fur child, Molly Ann “Baby Girl”.





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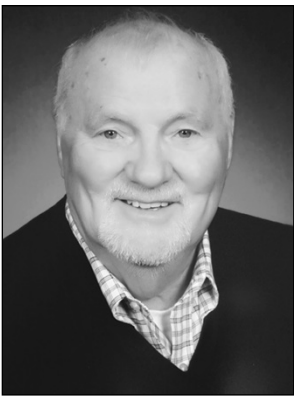
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**Frank Hartman**  
1946 – 2025

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Frank Hartman, 78, of Clarksburg, passed away peacefully January 26, 2025 with his wife, Debbie, by his side into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Frank will forever be remembered as strong, witty, self-less provider and a proud husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Frank was born on October 5, 1946, in Nashville. When he was young, his family moved to a farm in Shackle Island, Tenn., where he grew up with his brothers and sisters. He attended Hendersonville High School, class of 1964, where it is rumored, he was voted class clown. In 1967, he married Pamela Kizer and had their daughter Heather and son Patrick. Frank would tell others that it was his privilege to have served over 30 years with the US AirForce and defend this great country. In 1966, he enlisted as an aircraft electrician with his first duty assignment being in The Netherlands. While he truly loved working on aircrafts, he decided to leave the Air Force and enroll in Middle Tennessee State University where he received his bachelor's degree in animal science.

While he had dreams of becoming a veterinarian, the allure of the military life and flying was too much for him. In 1973, he returned to the US Air Force as a newly commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and became qualified as an Electronic Warfare Officer in AC-130 Spectre Gunships. Throughout his time in the military, he would move on to the F-105G “Thud”, the EF-111 “SparkVark”, and finally the MC-130H Combat Talon II where he culminated his Air Force

career as a Lieutenant Colonel. Throughout his career he supported military combat operations throughout the world, to include Libya, Iraq, and Bosnia. Frank received his graduate degree in Education Systems Management from Chapman University in 1982.

In 2004, he lost his wife, Pam, to cancer.

Following his military retirement, he went to work as the Foreign Materiel Command Officer for CACI at Eglin AFB, FL where he eventually met his wife, Debbie. Shortly after they married, they moved to Ramstein AB Germany where he worked as a tour guide. He took many tour groups to France, The Netherlands, Germany, Russia, Egypt, Czech Republic, and Romania. Never one to sit idle at home and desiring to help others in need, he served his church, Huntingdon First United Methodist, in multiple roles, and volunteered at the Dixie. His most rewarding role, though, was in leading the Tennessee River Disaster Response Team for the United Methodist Conference. While his muscles would ache after days of cutting trees and hauling debris, he was truly thankful he was able to help in the relief efforts in Adamsville, Stantonville, Waverly, and Dresden. He felt that this was the least he could do for those so greatly impacted by Mother Nature.

Frank had two outdoor passions - golfing and fishing. He looked forward to playing a round of golf with his church buddies at the different golf courses. Twice a year he would load his backpack with the bare necessities and meet up with his son, son-in-law, brothers-in-law, and nephews and fish for reds and trout in the brackish waters of Louisiana. It was not uncommon for them to have to use bungee cords to keep the coolers closed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Crockett Hartman and Virginia Elna Ewer Hartman; brothers, Major Benjamin Crockett “Pat” Hartman, Jr. and Fred Arthur Hartman; and his late wife, Pamela Gail Kizer.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Hartman; his children, Heather (Todd) Welsh of Woodbridge, VA; Pat (Jen) Hartman of Clovis, NM; step-children, Jacqueline Clinger of Shalimar, FL; Brad (Kristin) Clinger of O’Fallon, IL; and grandchildren, Kailee Welsh, Carli and Sam Hartman, Ella Grace Clinger, Nathan and Ava Clinger; siblings, Dianne (Gaylon) Crawford of Somerville; Debra (Bob) Schamberg of Joelton; and Mike (Cindy) Hartman of Hendersonville; and numerous cousins and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 31, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, with Tim Atkins officiating. Burial followed at Old Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, in Hendersonville, at 2:30 p.m.

Donations in Mr. Hartman’s memory may be made to Wounded Warriors, Tunnel to Towers or Hospice of West Tennessee.

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## AREA HAPPENINGS

**Blood Drive; Thursday, February 6th**  
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**Clarksburg Sweetheart Breakfast Fundraiser; Saturday, February 8th**  
Clarksburg City Park Sweetheart Breakfast Fundraiser for Clarksburg City Park will be held on February 8, 2025, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Clarksburg City Hall. Contact Leigh Bolen for questions at 731-986-5547.  
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### ONGOING

**Caring Hearts Food Pantry**  
Food distribution the second Saturday of each month, 9-11 a.m. at Mt. Zion, 120 Mt Zion Road, Huntingdon.  
**The Shepherd’s Table**  
The community kitchen serves meals on the third Tuesday of the month at First Presbyterian Church, 19835 E. Main St. Served restaurant style, drive through available after 6 p.m. Free/open to the public. To volunteer: 731-415-9199 and leave a message, fpcshepherdstable@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 651 in Huntingdon.  
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**Prayer on the Square**  
Held the second Saturday monthly at 9 a.m. and lasts about one hour. Meet in the building called The Network at 109 Court Square. Hosted by First Baptist Church of Huntingdon. All denominations welcome. Coordinator: Retired Colonel James Harding, 731-415-0427 or jimhobo1@aol.com.

**Veterans Honor Guard**  
Veterans Honor Guard of Parkers Crossroads is seeking new members. Meetings and training: Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. at 2150 Wildersville Rd. in Wildersville. Any honorably discharged veteran may stop by to speak to members, ask questions, or offer suggestions. Ceremonies, programs, and presentations are given on a volunteer basis. For info: Jimmy McGill - 731-307-0882 president. James Weber - 731-616-0036 commander.

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
Held at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Baptist Memorial Hospital Community Room. For anyone struggling with food addiction or an eating disorder.

**Carroll County Adult Education Classes Set**  
Huntingdon location: Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris St. Office hours: Mon/Tues/Thu, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Classes offered or one-on-one instruction on Mondays from 1-4 p.m. Classes also offered Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For more info: 731- 364-5481. It’s never too late to learn!

**Carroll County Senior Choir**  
Attention Senior Citizens: The Carroll County Senior Choir is looking for new members. If you enjoy singing and bringing joy to others, please consider joining. The choir sings Mondays at one of the retirement homes in Carroll County. Call 986-1985 if interested.

**Bruceton American Legion**  
The Bruceton American Legion Post 180 for veterans, meets on the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at Bruceton Fire Department. Veterans are invited to visit. For more info: 731-586-7443 or 731-586-7556.

## MCKENZIE POLICE REPORTS

**Domestic Assault**  
**Darren D. Washington, 24, Main Street, McKenzie**, was charged with Domestic Assault and Aggravated Assault on January 29.

Officer Matthew Cunningham took a report from a female victim, who said she was Washington’s girlfriend. After an argument, she left the premises and then returned to retrieve some items. She stated Washington came down the house’s steps toward her car with what appeared to be a gun and beat on the top of the vehicle. She immediately left the residence and drove to the police station. Washington was arrested. He was already on probation for a previous domestic assault conviction.

**Driving on Suspended License**  
**James T. Baker, 46, Webb Street, Whiteville**, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility and

Violation of Window Tint Law on January 30.

Officer Dustin McClure observed Baker’s vehicle with the excessive window tint and made a traffic stop. A check of Baker’s license revealed the suspended status. He was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

**Stolen Firearm, Expired Registration**  
**Kenya Cliff, 21, Trenton Highway, Humboldt**, was arrested on January 27 for Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Display of Plates, Expired Registration, and Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Cliff’s vehicle for inoperable lights on the registration plate. The officer smelled marijuana and conducted a search when he found a stolen handgun. Cliff was transported to Carroll County Jail.

**Failure to Appear, Violation of Probation**  
**Stacy Mann, 42, White Street, McKenzie**, was stopped on January 31 after the officer observed her driving and knew of the outstanding warrant.

Officer Dalton Raspberry made the traffic stop and was taken into custody on the charges of Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear. A family member was allowed to retrieve the automobile.

**Driving on Suspended License**

**Jennifer L. Thompson, 41, Porter Street, Paris**, was charged with Driving on Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Display of Registration Plate on January 29.

Officer Dustin McClure stopped Thompson because of a green light was illuminating the license plate. A check of her license indicated those were suspended for failure to pay fine. She was charged as noted and cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

**Dogs Running at Large**  
**Stephanie E. Harris, 41, Cherry Street, McKenzie**, was charged for allowing Dogs to Run At Large on January 29.

Officer Dustin McClure responded to a residence in which a dog killed 10 chickens. Animal Control captured the dog and transported it to the city pound. Harris was cited into General Sessions Court.

**Harassment**  
**Erik Schieman, 42, Field Street, McKenzie**, was charged with Harassment on January 29.

Schieman’s ex-wife notified Officer Justin Brister that Mr. Schieman continued to text her and follow her despite her request for him not to do so.

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•Sam and Anna Mast to Sam Mast in district 3.  
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•Christopher Michael Laws to Shawn Tyler Cox in District 16.  
•Polly Sue Brown to Robert Bradley in District 12.  
•Janet M. Pierce to Mark Damon and Tracey D. Fielder in District 11.  
•Linda Elaine Sayle to Priscilla Jane Sellers in District 15.  
•Justin Ray Bolen to Thomas and Jennifer Breedon in District 14.  
•Rusty A. and Amy M. Thompson to Olivia and Noah McEwen in District 4.  
•Peggy Rogers to Sherri L. Marzario.  
•Ricky Fussell to Sherri L. Marzario.  
•William D. and Patricia Scarbrough to William Chad and Terri C. McDaniel in District 3.

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Adonijah was King David's son born to Haggith. He was next in line after Absalom. King David was old and well advanced in years so Adonijah put himself forward to be king. He gained the support Joab, David's military commander and Abiathar the priest. Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, Shimei and Rei and David's special guard refused to follow Adonijah.

Adonijah sacrificed sheep and cattle and calves, inviting all of his brothers except Solomon. He also did not invite the men of Judah who were royal officials, Nathan, Benaiah or the special guard.

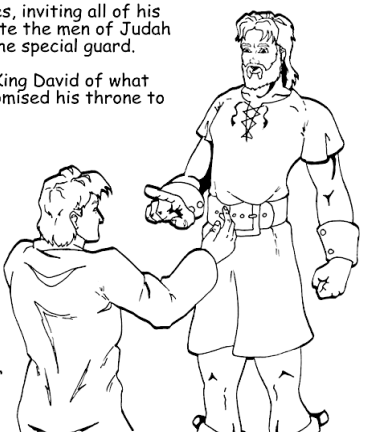
Nathan asked Bathsheba to inform the ailing King David of what was happening and to ask him if he had not promised his throne to her son, Solomon.

Their plan was that Nathan would come in immediately after Bathsheba had spoken to David and confirm what she had said.

When Nathan had completed his report to King David, David called for Bathsheba and affirmed that Solomon would succeed him as king, as he had sworn to the Lord, and that they would do it that day.

When Adonijah heard that David had made Solomon king, he was afraid and so were his guests and the guests scattered. Adonijah went and caught hold of the horns of the altar and begged that Solomon not kill him with a sword. Solomon granted his request and spared his life.

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S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**FAITH BAPTIST**  
125 Wall St., Hollow Rock, 586-2590  
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
260 E. Broad St., Bruceton, 586-4212  
S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 10:55 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
108 Church St., Huntingdon, 986-4782  
Bible Study 9 a.m. | Worship 10 a.m.

**GALILEE GENERAL BAPTIST**  
Rogers Lane  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**GRACE BAPTIST**  
Magnolia Ave., McKenzie  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**HOLLOW ROCK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST**  
Broad St., Bruceton  
First & Second Sunday

**HUMBLES CHAPEL MISSIONARY**  
2995 Buena Vista Rd., Huntingdon  
S.S. 10 a.m.

**HUNTINGDON MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
11110 Lexington St., 986-4192  
S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**McLEMORESVILLE BAPTIST**  
216 North Main St., McMoresville  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., W.S. 6:30 p.m.

**MARLBORO BAPTIST**  
Hollow Rock-Vale Rd.  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**MIXIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
25860 Hwy. 77  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**MT. ARARAT MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
West Main St., Trezevant, 669-9453  
W.S. 9:30 a.m.; S.S. 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**MT. NEBO BAPTIST**  
Buena Vista  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

**MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST**  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**MUD CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST**  
Concord Community off SR 22 South of Huntingdon  
W.S. 10:30 a.m. every 2nd & 3rd Sun.

**NEW CROSSROADS MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
Cross Roads Church Rd., Huntingdon  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST**  
Hwy. 114, Yuma  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**NEW REEDY CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
1115 Terry Rd., McMoresville, 986-8168  
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m.

**NEW SPRING HILL BAPTIST**  
Spring Hill Church Rd.  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

**PARKER CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Clarksburg  
S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m.; Wed. Bible Class 6:30

**OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
Buena Vista  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**PLEASANT GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST**  
Shiloh Rd., McKenzie  
W.S. 2 p.m.

**PROSPECT BAPTIST**  
Broad St., Hollow Rock  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**REEDY CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
Hale St., McMoresville  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**TWIN OAKS BAPTIST**  
1565 Hwy. 104 N., Cedar Grove, 967-1615  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**WESTPORT MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**WINGO MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
79 West, Trezevant, 669-1241  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**GREATER MT NEBO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
325 Holcomb St., Hollow Rock, TN  
S.S. 9 a.m. ; W.S. 10 a.m., Bible Class 6 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC**  
265 Cotham Dr., Huntingdon  
Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**BEASLEY STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
148 Beasley St., Huntingdon, 986-5886  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**BRUCETON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Hwy. 70 West of Leach, 986-5828  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**CLARKSBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 9:50 a.m.; & 5 p.m.

**HOLLADAY CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Hwy. 22 South  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**HUNTINGDON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
18900 West Main, 986-3886  
S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**MARLBORO CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
25025 Hwy. 114, North of Hollow Rock, 586-4411  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**OBION CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**ROAN'S CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
215 Roan Creek Church Rd.  
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**SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**TWIN OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

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S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

**A NEW WALK OF FAITH CHURCH OF GOD**  
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S.S. 10:10 a.m.; Bible Class 6 p.m.

**COVENANT MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD**  
20310 Main Street, Huntingdon  
W.S. 2:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
268 High St., Huntingdon  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

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**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
103 So. Poplar St., Paris  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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**DAVIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
8076 Hwy. 22 S., Huntingdon  
S.S. 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sun.; 11 a.m. 2nd Sun.  
W.S. 8 a.m. 4th Sun.; 9 a.m. 1st Sun.; 10 a.m. 2nd Sun.; 11 a.m. 3rd Sun.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
148 Pine St. N., Bruceton, 586-4247  
S.S. 9:00 a.m.; W.S. 10:10 a.m.

**HUNTINGDON FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
201 Asbury Circle, Huntingdon, 986-2251  
S.S. 9:00 a.m.; W.S. 10:10 a.m.

**LIBERTY ALL UNITED METHODIST**  
2415 Old Stage Rd., Huntingdon  
S.S. 10:30 a.m.; W.S. 9:30 a.m.

**PLEASANT HILL UNITED METHODIST**  
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S.S. 9:45 a.m. & 5 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
11 a.m. & 5 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sun.

**LIBERTY UNITED METHODIST**  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**PALMER SHELTER UMC**  
3360 Purdy Rd., Huntingdon  
S.S. 1st & 3rd Sun. 10 a.m., 2nd & 4th Sun. 9 a.m., W.S. 1st Sun. 11 a.m., 2nd Sun. 8 a.m., 3rd Sun. 9 a.m., 4th Sun. 10 a.m.

**PENTECOSTAL**

**FIRST PENTECOSTAL**  
East Main St., Huntingdon  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., Wed. 6 p.m.

**FULL GOSPEL PENTECOSTAL**  
143 N. Carroll St., Bruceton  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

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S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**CEDAR GROVE PRESBYTERIAN**  
Hwy. 70 W., Cedar Grove  
W.S. 9:45 a.m.

**COOL SPRINGS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**  
240 Little Grove Rd., Lavinia, 987-9652  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**  
16835 Highland Dr, McKenzie  
S.S. 10:10 a.m.; W.S. 9 & 11 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
19835 E Main Street, Huntingdon  
S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. , Wed. Choir 7 p.m.

**PLEASANT GREEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**  
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN U.S.A.**  
591 N. Stonewall, McKenzie  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

**TREZEVANT CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**  
98 Church St., Trezevant  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 9 a.m.

**SHILOH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2880 Hwy. 423, McKenzie  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

**LEACH SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
9575 Hwy. 70 W., Cedar Grove, 987-3778  
Sat. S.S. 10:30 a.m.; Sat. W.S. 9:15 a.m.  
Tues. 6:30 p.m.

**OTHER**

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
215 Holcomb St.  
Hollow Rock  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**EVANGELISTIC MESSENGER'S ASSOCIATION**  
500 Faith Lane, Huntingdon, 986-4450

**EMANUEL CHURCH OF HUNTINGDON**  
SR 22 N.  
W.S. 10 a.m., Tues. 7 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
107 Lexington St., Bruceton, 586-7611  
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Tues. 7:30 p.m.

**HUNTINGDON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Hwy. 70 S.  
W.S. 4 p.m. - Wed. 7 p.m.

**LIFE SPRINGS**  
4475 Hwy. 70, Cedar Grove  
W.S. 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
20310 E. Main St.  
W.S. 10 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

**TWIN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28105 Broad St., Bruceton  
S.S. 10:30a.; W.S. 10:30a. Wed. Youth 6:30p

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
125 3rd Street E, Huntingdon, TN 38344  
Worship: 10:45 AM Sunday

**FAITH IN CHRIST MINISTRY FULL GOSPEL**  
14170 Paris St.  
S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATER-DAY SAINTS**  
1921 Lone Oak Rd., Paris  
Sacrament - Sunday 10 a.m.

**MINISTRY OF CHRIST**  
6680 Terry Rd., Lavinia TN, Sun 1:30 Thur 6:30  
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*~Deuteronomy 31:6*

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA 30-2-306 PROBATE CASE NO: 2025PA6

ESTATE OF: SANDRA JEAN BAKER, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 23<sup>RD</sup> day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of SANDRA JEAN BAKER deceased, who died JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk and Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the notice less than

- sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.
- All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.
- This 23<sup>RD</sup> day of JANUARY, 2025
- This notice will run two consecutive weeks.

File claims in triplicate with:  
Kenneth Todd-Clerk & Master  
99 Court Square, Suite 105  
Huntingdon, TN 38344

JENNIFER WILLIAMS  
Executor/Administrator  
DWAYNE D. MADDOX  
III  
Attorney  
KENNETH TODD  
Clerk & Master

02/05, 12

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

WHEREAS, James R. Bell, a single person, his heirs and assigns, by Deed of Trust (the “Deed of Trust”), dated October 21, 2005, and recorded on November 7, 2005, in Trust Deed Book 541, Pages 1050, or as Instrument Number 111052 in the Register of Deeds Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed to Robert M. Wilson, Jr., Trustee, the hereinafter

described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the “Note”) described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to, Countrywide Bank, N.A., which the aforementioned Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to RRA CP Opportunity Trust 1, dated 12/09/2024 and recorded on 12/18/2024 in Trust Deed Book 748, Page 437 or as Instrument Number 206452, and;

WHEREAS, McPhail Sanchez, LLC has been duly appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by instrument recorded in Trust Deed Book 748, Page 768 or as Instrument Number 206570, Carroll County, Tennessee

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of the Note has demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of McPhail Sanchez, LLC, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and conferred by the Deed of Trust, on 02/19/2025 at 2pm at the East Court House Door of the Carroll County Courthouse located at 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344 will be sold to the highest

call bidder for cash free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Carrol County, Tennessee, described as follows:

The following described real estate situated in the 21st Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, and better described as follows, to-wit:

Map 79J, Group C, Parcel 19.00

Beginning on a 1” pipe found in the East Margin of Harts Mill Road (17” from centerline), said point being the Southwest Corner of Sam Inman (DB 137 Pg 207); Thence with Inman, and then Samuel Tolley North 88 degrees 22 minutes 59 seconds East 229.64’ to a 1” pipe found; Thence continuing with Tolley, closed

Smith St., and J. H. Pegram, South 02 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 105.27 to 1” square iron stake, said point being the Northeast Corner of Donna Burton; Thence with the North Line of Burton South 84 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds West 233.57 to a 1” pipe found at a power pole in the East Margin of Harts Mill Street; Thence with said margin North 00 degrees 28 minutes 17 seconds West 119.73’ to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.60 acre. description taken from survey made by Terry W. Smith Land Surveying, TN RLS # 1688, dated October 28, 2003.

Being the same parcel conveyed to James R. Bell from Mike Tolley and Barbara Tolley by virtue of a Deed dated October 31, 2003 recorded November 4, 2003 in Instrument No. 98525 in Deed Book 319, Page 29 in Carroll County, Tennessee.

With the appurtenances thereto.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 130 Harts Mill Rd, Atwood, TN 38220but if such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Owner of Property:

James R. Bell, a single person, his heirs and assigns

Property ID: 009 079J C 019.00 000

This sale is subject

to any unpaid taxes, if any, any prior liens or encumbrances, leases, easements and all other matters which take priority over the deed of trust under which this foreclosure sale is conducted, including but not limited to the priority of any fixture filing. If the U.S. Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development are listed as interested parties in the advertisement, then the notice of this foreclosure is being given to them, and the sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities right to redeem the property, all as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 67-1-1433. The notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 et seq. have been met.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. The trustee/ substitute trustee reserves the right to rescind the sale.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Publication Dates: January 22, 2025, January 29, 2025 & February 5, 2025.

McPhail Sanchez, LLC,  
Substitute Trustee  
126 Government Street  
Mobile, AL 36602  
251-438-2333

01/22, 29-02/05

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, CARROLL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lacey Dawn Prater executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FirstBank, Lender and Wilburn J. Evans, Trustee(s), which was dated February 18, 2022, and recorded on February 22, 2022, in Book 715, at Page 662 in Carroll County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, (the “Holder”), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

Located in the Town of Huntingdon and beginning on a stake in the West margin of Spring Street, the same being Ben Cockrill’s Southeast corner, and runs South with the West margin of Spring Street 85 feet to a ditch; thence West with the ditch 130 feet to a post; thence in a Northern direction 73 feet to a stake and Cockrill’s Southwest corner; thence East with Cockrill’s South line 131 feet to the point of beginning. Being that property known as 185 Spring Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The above description is the same as in the previous deed of record. For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 402, page 971, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Map 73-E, Group P, Parcel 8.00, Assessor of Property’s Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 11-073-E-073-E-P-008.00  
Address/Description: 185 SPRING ST, Huntingdon, TN 38344  
Current Owner(s):

See PUBLIC NOTICES, Page 8A

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The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:  
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L.I. Smith and Associates, 302 N. Caldwell Street, Paris, TN 38242, www.lismith.com  
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Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

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(Date) \_02/05/2025\_

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Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

(Date) \_02/05/2025\_

Michael Cary, Chairman

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 16175  
**The Industrial Development Board of the Town of Huntingdon** (Owner)  
Separate sealed bids for **Huntingdon Industrial Park Pad Ready Site - Site Preparation** will be received by the **The Industrial Development Board of the Town of Huntingdon** at the office of **Town of Huntingdon, 19810 East Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344 until 10:30 o’clock A.M. February 21, 2025**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:  
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Lacey Dawn Prater  
Other Interested Party(ies):

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC,  
Substitute Trustee  
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department  
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Suite 310  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
PH: 404-789-2661 FX:  
404-294-0919  
**File No.: 24-15547 FC02**

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NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, by Commercial Deed of Trust dated January 3, 2023, of record in Trust Deed Book 726, page 1188, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, GLORIA P. McKINLEY and ROBERT PARKER, married to each other, did convey unto Art Whaley, as Trustee, a certain tract of real estate hereinafter described, to secure a certain indebtedness set out in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA, FLCA, is the owner and holder of the note secured by said Deed of Trust hereinabove referred to; and

WHEREAS, W. ANDREW BOBO was appointed Substitute Trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record in Trust Deed Book 749, page 9, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the said real estate described in said Deed of Trust is as follows:

Lying and being in the Fifteenth Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the centerline of Green Allen Springs Road, which point is the Southwest corner of Henry Pilcher as recorded in Deed Book 393, page 198, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence with lines of Pilcher, the following seven calls S.81°49’50” E., a distance of 48.32 feet to an iron pipe found; thence S.62°22’01” E., a distance of 341.35 feet; thence S.67°07’29”E., a distance of 615.26 feet to an iron pin found; thence S.74°39’17”E., a distance of 102.23 feet; thence S.79°45’17”E., a distance of 112.91 feet; thence S.83°51’11”E., a distance of 216.28 feet; thence S.81°04’50”E., a distance of 201.19 feet to an iron pin found on the West line of David Williams as recorded in Deed Book 268, page 004 Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; thence with the West line of Williams S.08°52’52” W., a distance of 1,161.10 feet to a metal post found on the North line of Joe

Yarbrough as recorded in Deed Book 225, page 351, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; thence with the North line of Joe Yarbrough N.74°20’50”W., a distance of 671.57 feet to an iron pipe found at the Northeast corner of Vincent Yarbrough as recorded in Deed Book 396, page 486, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; thence with the North line of Vincent Yarbrough, the following two calls N.82°33’40” W., a distance of 640.54 feet to an iron pin found; thence N.19°39’40”W., a distance of 65.21 feet to a point in the centerline of Green Allen Springs Road; thence with the centerline of Green Allen Springs Road, the following sixteen calls N.01°22’47”W., a distance of 4.97 feet; thence N.12°24’15”W., a distance of 159.54 feet; thence N.10°56’26”W., a distance of 164.52 feet; thence N.08°43’11”W., a distance of 160.43 feet; thence N.06°21’09”W., a distance of 127.23 feet; thence N.08°49’51”W., a distance of 88.19 feet; thence N.19°30’20”W., a distance of 102.91 feet; thence N.39°07’43”W., a distance of 119.58 feet; thence N.45°21’44”W., a distance of 68.13 feet; thence N.32°20’13”W., a distance of 67.41 feet; thence N.05°26’16”W., a distance of 63.26 feet; thence N.18°39’09”E., a distance of 57.02 feet; thence N.37°17’15”E., a distance of 76.77 feet; thence N.46°58’23”E., a distance of 100.94 feet; thence N.52°23’58”E., a distance of 79.96 feet; thence N.53°56’45”E., a distance of 72.45 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 42.49 acres.

Being the property conveyed to Gloria P. McKinley and Robert Parker by deed of record in Deed Book 408, page 94, Register’s Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was made to secure the payment of a note therein set out and contained the power to sell in the case of default in the payment of said note and interest at maturity; and

WHEREAS, the makers of said note have defaulted in the payment thereof, and the owner and holder of said note has declared the entire amount due and payable and has requested the undersigned to foreclose said Deed of Trust according to its terms in order to collect said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned, W. ANDREW BOBO, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will, in accordance with the terms set out in the Deed of Trust above referred to, on February 21, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., at the door of the Carroll County Courthouse, offer for sale and sell the above-described real estate at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in bar of equity of redemption and free from homestead and dower, all in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust and the laws of Tennessee controlling such sales, subject, however, to all outstanding real estate taxes; any applicable easements and restrictions; and prior liens or mortgages, if any

Other interested parties: N/A

Said property may be sold as a whole or by individual lots or tracts or groups of lots or tracts at the discretion of the Substitute Trustee.

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to adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time certain without further publication and in accordance with law upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close the sale shall, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is ready, willing, and able to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds derived from the sale of the property will be applied as provided for in said Deed of Trust. Said Deed of Trust is made a part hereof as if copied verbatim herein.

This sale of the Property shall be subject to any and all taxes, easements, restrictions, building lines, and assessments (plus penalty and interest, if any), and any redemptive rights of any governmental agency, State or Federal (including redemptive rights of any taxing authority by reason of any tax liens), plus any and all other matters and encumbrances superior in right to the lien of the Deed of Trust, as well as any priority created by fixture filing, and any applicable City and/or County zoning ordinances as now affect or as may later affect the parcel.

If the U. S. Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Work Force Development are listed as interested parties in the advertisement, then the notice of this foreclosure is being given to them, and the sale will be subject to the applicable governmental right to redeem the property, all as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 67-1-1433.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

The address of the property is unknown, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This property is further identified as being Map 93, Parcel 14.00 on the records of the Tax Assessor of Carroll County, Tennessee.

**THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

W. Andrew Bobo,  
Substitute Trustee  
BOBO, HUNT & WHITE  
111 W. Side Square  
Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160  
(931) 684-3327  
ATTORNEYS FOR  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Stephanie Bolin – Past Due -Unit 5 and U10 is set to be cleaned out 2.25.25, Kay Bradley- Past Due – Unit 18 is set to be cleaned out 2.25.25, MaryAnn Johnson – Past Due Units 6 and 7, and Bldg. at 1672 is set to be cleaned out on 2.25.25

All remaining units set to be cleaned out 2.25.25

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Town of Huntingdon**

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town Council on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Huntingdon Town Hall.

The hearing is to receive public input on a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to clarify regulations governing mobile homes / mobile home parks. Full copies of the proposed amendment may be viewed in Huntingdon Town Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

02/05

**INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID TOWN OF HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE**

The Town of Huntingdon will accept sealed bids from qualified dealers for the purchase of a LED Video Wall Panels, Processor, and Hardware for The Dixie Carter Performing Arts & Academic Enrichment Center. A copy of the specifications is available at City Hall, 19810 Main Street East, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344. All bids must be signed, sealed, plainly marked with the phrase “LED VIDEO WALL”, and delivered to the town recorder’s office not later than 10:30 A.M. (CST), Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Room of the Huntingdon City Hall. All bids received will be examined and submitted for approval to the Town Council at the regular meeting at 5:15 P.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

The town reserves the right to reject any bid for cause; to reject all bids and invite new bids and/or to accept what is in their opinion the lowest and best bid. The town council is the final arbiter of all questions concerning the bids.

It is the policy of the Town of Huntingdon not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability in its hiring and employment practices, or in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services and activities.

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**INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TOWN OF HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE**

The Town of Huntingdon seeks bids from qualified, licensed contractors for the installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems at the Public Safety Department building located at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, TN. The work includes but is not necessarily limited to the installation of a seven and half ton rooftop unit. The bid shall include all expenses associated with the installation of the unit required to make it operational. All bids must be signed, sealed, plainly marked with the phrase “Public Safety – HVAC Unit”, and delivered to the town recorder’s office not later than 10:00 A.M. (CST), February 19, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Room of the Huntingdon Municipal Building at 19810 Main Street East, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Sealed bid envelopes shall indicate contractor’s name, license information, number and date of expiration. Specifications and bid documents are available at City Hall.

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Kim Carter  
Recorder

02/05

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS BY THE TOWN OF HUNTINGDON**

Pursuant to Section 2.08(d) of the town’s charter, public notice is hereby given of the adoption of the following ordinances and resolutions:

**Ordinance No. 632**, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the

Town of Huntingdon to revise size standards for business identification signs.

**Resolution No. 025-01**, a resolution of the Town of Huntingdon, Tennessee, authorizing the issuance of interest bearing Police Department Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and providing for the payment of said notes.

Copies of these documents are on file in the Office of the Town Recorder in the Huntingdon Municipal Building where they are available for public inspection during office hours. Copies can be obtained for a nominal sum.

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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING TOWN OF HUNTINGDON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

The Huntingdon Municipal Board of Zoning Appeals does hereby give public notice of a called meeting to be held at Huntingdon Town Hall, Monday, the 10th day of February, 2025 at 11:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to consider two variance requests. One request is for a rear yard setback variance for property located at 101 Dillahunt Lane (owned by the Carroll County Emergency Communications District). The next request is for a maximum allowable size variance for a sign proposed on property located at 11110 Lexington Street (owned by Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church).

Copies of the requests may be viewed at the office of the Town Recorder, during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of The West Tennessee Public Utility District of Weakley, Carroll and Benton Counties, Tennessee will meet in open and public session at the District’s office 14055 Paris St., Huntingdon, TN, Thursday February 13, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

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INVITATION TO BID  
Three LED Message Boards

January 20, 2025

The Huntingdon Special School District is requesting sealed bids for three (3) LED Message Boards to be located at each school within the school district. Bids must be sealed and marked “LED Message Board” and delivered to:

Huntingdon Board of Education  
Attn: LED Message Board  
585 High Street, Huntingdon, TN, 38344

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 A.M on Monday, February 10, 2025, at which time they will be opened and read publicly.

Instructions for Bidders and Specifications must be secured from the Central Office located at 585 High Street.

For more information, please contact Jonathan Kee at 731-986-2222 or jkee@huntingdonschools.net.

The Huntingdon 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 Huntingdon Special School District not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.



CLASSIFIEDS/RECORDS

HUNTINGDON  
POLICE REPORTS

**Theft of Vehicle**  
On 01-17-25, Police officer Jonathan McDowell spoke to Matthew Stuckey about his 2021 Chevy Tahoe grey in color being stolen from his driveway somewhere between 1:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The owners had the keys inside so the vehicle must have been towed somehow. At the time this report was made the vehicle was considered stolen until proven otherwise.

**33, of Huntingdon,** and asked her what was going on and if she was okay. She stated that her tooth was hurting but officers observed two empty bottles of Jack Daniels in the cup holder. Stephanie admitted to being drunk and refused to perform a sobriety test because she would fail. She was placed under arrest for DUI and transported to Carroll County Jail.

**Aggravated Burglary**  
On 01-14-25, Patrolman Jonathan McDowell along with Officer Daniel Inman responded to Sonic Drive-In of Huntingdon in reference to money missing from the office. Deposit \$1354.22, \$1282.55, and \$1480.84 was missing from the bank bag. Manager Krista Campbell stated estimated \$100 was missing and \$600 from the lock box. The business was

See **HUNTINGDON**,  
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PROPERTY FROM PAGE 5A

- Wanda F. Smith to Alyson N. and Mitchell R. Stemberge.
- Keith Taylor Traywick to Hugo Becerra and Jose Becerra Hernandez in District 4.
- Dillon Brent and Savannah R. Drewry to R & R Farms in District 22.
- Willie Lee Willis to Ella Milam in District 15.
- Willie Lee Willis to Georgia Willis Cooksey in District 15.
- Samuel K. and Dora D. Mast to Nelson Yoder in District 16.



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**For more information, call or come by**  
**The Huntingdon Housing Authority**  
**433 Hillcourt Circle | Huntingdon, TN 38344**  
**731.986.4442**

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING  
TOWN OF HUNTINGDON

The Town of Huntingdon is accepting applications from qualified persons for a full-time dispatcher position for the Huntingdon Police Department. Application forms may be obtained at the Department of Finance and Administration at Huntingdon City Hall, 19810 Main Street East. Interviews for the position will begin on or about February 13, 2025.

Basic qualifications for this position include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (2) Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- (3) Possess a valid Tennessee drivers license.
- (4) Be in good physical condition and pass a physical examination and substance abuse screening test prior to regular employment.
- (5) Be free of mental deficiencies and pass a psychiatric evaluation prior to regular employment.
- (6) Have no convictions for a felony or a misdemeanor involving a charge of "Moral Turpitude".
- (7) Be of good moral character and be willing to have fingerprints filed with the TBI and pass a background investigation prior to regular employment.
- (8) Be willing to work shift work.
- (9) Attend formal training as required by the department.
- (10) Preference will be given to applicants currently certified in TIES-NCIC operations, have prior training and experience for law enforcement dispatching and clerical experience.
- (11) Prior experience with computer operations desirable.
- (12) Preference will also be given to applicants that can work flexible schedules as required by the department.

The Town of Huntingdon is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applicants will be considered on the basis of qualifications and suitability regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or non-limiting physical handicap. All employees are initially hired on a 90 day probationary period.

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CARROLL COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS

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

**Davin Tyler Watkins, Como Street, McKenzie,** was bound over the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court on charges of DUI-First Offense, Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence, Implied Consent, Light Law Violation, Simple Possession, and Tampering With Evidence.

*The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.*

**Jerrell Baker, Walnut Circle, McKenzie,** Driving While Revoked, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Registration Violation;

**Sean Bradley Beasley, Morris Street, McKenzie,** guilty, Theft of Merchandise,

48 hours jail, probation, no contact with convenience store, pay \$7.54 for stolen merchandise.

**Braden Canaan, Morstead Dr., Clarksville,** pre-trial diversion, Using False Identification, \$50 fine, time served.

**Monetevaius D. Finch, Caledonia Street, Paris,** guilty, Probation Violation; guilty, Driving While Canceled - Second or Subsequent Offense, \$250 fine, 10 days jail, probation extended.

**Carla Gonzalez-Padilla, Mockingbird Avenue, Henry,** pre-trial diversion, Driving Without a License, time served, probation.; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

**Brooklyn R. McCartney, Emma Smith Road, Camden,** guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$100 fine, two days jail, must obtain license.

**Joel M. Oyebi, Dardey Road, McKenzie,** guilty, Driving While Canceled, probation, must seek a valid license.

**Lamon Matrell Robinson, Park Circle, McKenzie,** guilty, Driving While Canceled; guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$350 fine; dismissed, Window Tint Violation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

**Chrissy Simpson, Ford Street, Union City,** guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail; dismissed, Simple Possession.

**Laurence Utley, College Street, Bruceton,** guilty, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, time served, forfeit weapon; dismissed, Domestic Assault.

*The following cases were dismissed:*

**Amanda Cook, Goose**

**Foot Road, Bradford,** dismissed, Violation of Vehicle Interlock Ignition Device.

**Brian Garrett, Highway 105, Trezevant,** dismissed, Violation of Sexual Offender Registry.

**Lisa Mathis, Wiley Allen Road, Atwood,** dismissed, Domestic Assault.

**Contrevie Merriweather, Rich Street, Jackson,** dismissed, Failure to Appear.

**Candice Reyes, Murdock Cove, Ridgely, Tenn.,** dismissed, Theft of Property; dismissed, Hindering Secured Creditor.

**Jeremy True, Macon Road, Memphis,** dismissed, Criminal Impersonation; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Display of Registration Plate; dismissed, Light Law Violation.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

**Domestic Assault/ Interference with Emergency Calls**  
According to a report made by Deputy Jeremy Smith on 01-25-2025, Deputy Smith had received two 911 calls from **Emily Cruz, 42, of Atwood.** The first call was to report that her son accidentally called 911. The second was to confirm the accidental nature of the first call. Dispatch informed Deputy Smith about the history of domestic violence in the home. Upon arrival, Deputy Smith contacted Marco Cruz, Emily's husband, and their two teen children. The children

reported that Emily had been drinking and arguing with their father and during the altercation Emily began banging on walls and hitting her own leg and asking for a knife. Marco reported that during the argument, he attempted to dial 911 for help, but Emily grabbed the phone from his hands preventing the call. He also stated that Emily grabbed and squeezed his stomach causing slight redness. After asking Emily for her statement she alleged that her husband had hit and kicked her which he denied. Emily eventually changed her story and admitted to making false statements. Emily Cruz was transferred to Carroll County Jail.

**Drug/Narcotic Violations**  
According to a report made by Deputy Chance Townes on 01-27-2025, he had initiated a traffic stop on a maroon dodge ram for window tint. The driver, Christian James Elmore-Manning, stated that he knew his tint was at 5%.

He also did not have a valid license. He advised Christian he would be deploying K9 on the vehicle and advised his passengers. The female passenger, **Kimberly Brown, 47, of Jackson,** advised she didn't have to exit the vehicle and that she was taking her bags with her, and Deputy Townes told her to leave the bags in the truck. She advised there would be illegal items in her bag, which confirmed to be methamphetamine. She also had an active warrant out of the state of Georgia, and she would be extradited there.

**Simple Assault**  
According to a report made by Deputy Jason Walker on 01-27-2025, an employee at Dollar General in Cedar Grove called the Sheriff's office to report and unknown black male entering the store being very belligerent and yelling and cussing at the employees and threatening to kill them. On 01-29-25, Investigator Sawyers did receive information that

the individual was Adrian Yarbrough from Savannah. He does have active warrants from Hardin County and one for Assault will be warranted out of Carroll County.

**Burglary**  
According to a report made by Deputy Sean Bongiovanni on 01-28-25, Carroll County Deputies were dispatched to Lavinia to make a report on a possible burglary. Ms. Betty Leach explained that she owns an empty home across the street from her and that when she went to the home, she noticed the bedroom window was open and a total of three doors were also open. The bedroom door, back door, and the back storm door which were both locked from the inside before. After investigating, it was found that an antique clock was stolen from the home that was worth 200\$. There is nothing else to report currently.

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SPORTS/RECORDS

Vols win over Florida encouraging



FROM THE PRESSBOX

Jim Steele

Many folks who visit this corner of the paper each week and who are Tennessee fans are familiar with General Robert Neyland's game maxims that are repeated in the locker room before each football game. There's an unspoken tenet when it comes to Tennessee athletics: Those who stay, play. Loosely translated, that means next man up. This doesn't just pertain to football. Vol fans found that out Saturday when UT took on visiting Florida, who beat Tennessee 73-43 in Gainesville Jan. 7. Tennessee was down two players, Zakai Ziegler (knee injury) and Igor Milicic (illness), and coming off tough losses to top-ranked Auburn and No. 12 Kentucky. The UK loss was in

Knoxville. With No. 5 Florida coming to Thompson-Boling Arena, Tennessee was facing a daunting task. What happened? The Vols attacked the basket, limited Florida's looks and were dead-eye from the perimeter again. When the horn sounded, Tennessee had won convincingly 64-44. Keep in mind that Florida is a team averaging 85 points per game. Saturday, Tennessee took a blowtorch to the Gators. Tennessee's Chaz Lanier hit five triples en route to a 19-point effort to lead the Vols. Florida was out of its element from the start of the second half where Tennessee outscored the Gators 40-23. Florida made a few mini surges in the second half, but they were quickly stymied by the Volunteer defense. For whatever reason, Tennessee was on and Florida was out to lunch Saturday. There's no explaining it. Some days, players and

teams can find that next gear and other days they can't. That said, there's no denying that, when it all comes together, Tennessee could be a Final Four team. Unfortunately for the Big Orange faithful, so are half-a-dozen (or more) SEC teams. Auburn is ranked No. 1 with one loss, Alabama is fourth ranked and Florida was ranked fifth. Let's not forget other squads like Duke, Iowa State, Houston and Michigan State, all ranked ahead of the Vols. Even more troubling, potentially, is the fact that the Vols are sixth in the SEC standings. Tennessee is going to have to climb over a bunch of folks to get a high seed in The Dance. But the fact that the conference is so competitive bodes well for the Vols. But it bodes well for everyone else getting battle scarred by the league schedule, too. If Ziegler can return with his 12 points and seven assists per game, and the

Vols make smart decisions in the final two minutes of close games, and that goes for players and coaches, the sky's the limit for this team. Tennessee can go as far as it wants to go. The components are there, even though few people thought the Big Orange could achieve this kind of success this season. Missouri is next for Tennessee. The Tigers are 17-4 overall and 6-2 in the SEC and visit Knoxville Wednesday night. Then, the Vols head to Oklahoma Saturday. Tennessee needs to experience success on the road and Norman will be a great place to start. It's all there for the taking. Is Tennessee's reach long enough to get it done? Jim Steele is a correspondent for Richardson Media Group and may be reached on X @steelesports or via email at pressbox1@gmail.com.

Championship Drive



BEATING AROUND THE BUSH

Russell Bush

Huntingdon Middle School sits on the spot that I attended high school 51 years ago. The structure sits almost were the football field was located in that day and time and currently the oval drive that enters where the bell tower sits and exits at the basketball arena. I have a proposal for anyone who will listen to my ramblings, is that we name that stretch of pavement, "Championship Drive." The reason I suggest that, and I am certain that stretch doesn't have a name, since it is not technically a street is because of the events of the last three years. Three years ago, a Macon Bullock led Middle School Mustang basketball team to their first state championship since 2004 and was only the second time that feat was accomplished. Last year, saw the Middle Mustangs repeat as state champs losing only one game for the season. This past Saturday, after almost winning the state last year, The Middle School Fillies won their first ever state championship and gave HMS a run of three state titles in basketball. The Fillies were 24-1 last season and finished Saturday with a record of 22-1 with their 72-39 win over Rickman. The Fillies only loss last season was in the second game of the state verses Watertown. The only loss the Fillies suffered this year was against TCA on November

5 in a game that they led in the fourth quarter. A record of 46-2 for the last two seasons is outstanding and it might be hard to find another program that has accomplished that much in a two-year period. I think the credit for that success goes to two different coaches, David Wilkins and Monica Ezell. Monica was the coach for these girls that just won a state championship for their middle school career until this year. She decided to step away from coaching for family reasons but deserves a lot of credit for developing these players for the last few years. Coach Wilkins decided to coach the middle school girls after coach Ezell's decision and just simply keep the train moving down the tracks. I love what David is doing with this program, he is building it from the ground up. Not only is he coaching both the middle and high school girls, but he is also coaching some travels teams and has daughters that someday will be Fillies. Coach now has his fingerprints all over the basketball program at Huntingdon and that will pay dividends in the future. Coach has already taken two teams to the state tournament, and it is possible that this year could be a third trip. The main thing is he is developing players, and the future could not be any brighter for Fillies basketball and there is now a Gold Ball to prove it. In the mean time, I will be waiting for that sign in front of the Middle School that reads, "Championship Drive,"

Rebels hitting rough patch, Lady Rebs split action

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McKenzie boys' basketball has hit a bit of a skid lately. The Rebels have suffered three straight losses to even their record a 11-11. One of the most frustrating efforts was McKenzie's 74-55 setback at McEwen.

On the surface, one could assume that McEwen possesses a quality basketball team, and it may very well. But there were discrepant foul issues in Friday night's loss. McEwen was 25-37 from the free throw line while McKenzie was just 5-9. McKenzie was whistled

23 times while the Warriors committed a measley 13. Needless to say, it was a frustrating night for the Rebels. McKenzie's Tate Surber led the Rebels with 17 points. Carter Kee fouled out with 12 points. Cole Brown (seven) and Landon Brown (six points), normally

pretty consistent scorers for the Rebels, were under their averages. The Rebels got off to a rough start, only scoring four points in the opening frame. McEwen erupted for 21 points. McKenzie played catch-up the rest of the way.

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locked, and the office door was locked. Ms. Campbell stated the door had to have a thumbprint to access and nothing appeared out of place. This was still under investigation at the time of the report. Speeding, Violation of Registration Expired Tags On 01-12-2025, Sgt. Tony King witnessed a vehicle approaching at a high rate of speed and radar confirmed the vehicle was moving 72 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Upon conducting the traffic stop it was discovered that the driver **Gwendela Hampton, 51**, had a suspended license and she also had a failure to appear in Henry County. She was cited and given a 10-day notice to book in Carroll County jail.

Driving on Revoked License On 01-05-25, Officer Kristen Lee observed a vehicle traveling down Paris Street with one headlight. After getting behind the vehicle there was one working taillight and no tag lights. The driver, **Edwina Parker, 43**, was shown to have a revoked license. Parker received a verbal warning for head light, taillight, and tag light. She was cited into General Session Court for Driving on Suspended license 1st offense.

Harassment On 01-07-25, Officer Dexter Richardson was dispatched to Holmes Mill Rd located inside the city limits of Huntingdon. Richardson arrived on scene and made contact with the victim. She had a voicemail from **Michael Walker, 64, Huntingdon**, cussing and stating he was going to stab her in the face with a knife. After hearing the voicemail, the victim stated he lived in the same apartment complex and was right next door at the time. Walker was arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail for Harassment.

Vandalism On 01-09-25, Patrolman Jonathna McDowell along with Patrolman Daniel Inman receive a call about a possible shoplifter at Walmart. When they arrived on scene Security officer Joe Lowe advised that **Matthew Howard, 36**, didn't steal but destroyed merchandise and made it to where it was no longer able to be sold. The defendant placed 2 cups of popcorn chicken in a backpack that had not been purchased and placed it back in the clothing section and exited the store. The defendant re entered the store because he had left his car keys inside of the backpack, he recently damaged. He was cited into Carroll County jail to be booked and given a court date.

Driving on Revoked License On 01-03-25, Officer Kristen Lee conducted a traffic stop on court square on a vehicle that failed to yield. Dispatched informed that the tag on the vehicle did not come back on file. The driver of the vehicle,

Paul Buckland, 20, had an ID only and a revoked license for DUI. Buckland stated that he had took the tag from another vehicle and placed it on his and he had not registered the ford focus or have any financial responsibility. Buckland was cited for Driving or Moving unregistered vehicle, misuse of registration, and financial responsibility.

Criminal Trespass On 01-01-25, Officer Kristen Lee observed **Rebecca Evans, 48**, on Hunter Ridge property. She had prior knowledge of Evans being banned from there. She was committed for Criminal Trespass by entering the property.

Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia Uses and Activities On 12-30-2024, Officer Jonathan McDowell and Daniel Inman were on patrol when Investigator Joey Hedge advised he had a white SUV pulling off from Walmart involved in a shoplifting incident. Walmart staff was attempting to stop **Tonya Gibson,**

**44**, as she was pushing a shopping cart full of merchandise valued at \$378.87. Gibson left the shopping cart in the parking lot and got into a Nissan Rogue driven by Lashunda Isable. She pulled over at Murphy where Joey Hedge stopped the vehicle. Both females admitted to being at Walmart. Isabel advised that Gibson did attempt to steal items from Walmart, and she just pulled over to get gas. Isabel did not have a driver's license and was advised of the booking process for driving on revoked. During the traffic stop consent to search was given and a meth pipe with residue was discovered. Gibson admitted that meth was used and smoked in the pipe.

Fraudulent Use of Credit/ATM card On 12-27-2024, Ms. Andrea Cresse came to the Huntingdon Police Department to make a report. While talking to her, she stated that she had asked Christopher Medlock, 36, of Huntingdon, to take her debit card and go pay her

electric bill. Medlock paid the bill so then she locked her card so he couldn't use it for anything else. Medlock then went to Carroll Bank and Trust and attempted to get money from the ATM but was unsuccessful due to the card being locked. He tried three different times. Officer Brad Allen went and watched the camera at the ATM and did confirm this accusation, so he then issued a warrant for fraudulent use of a debit card.

Shoplifting On 01-09-25, Officer Jonathan McDowell and Daniel Inman responded to a call at Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Security officer Joe Low said the defendant stole a heater and exited the store without paying. **Tina Christman, 49**, admitted to taking the product valued at \$49.03 and was issued a citation for booking.

Domestic Assault On 01-11-25, Officer Brad Allen was dispatched to Barnett Street on a man threatening his wife with a gun. Upon his arrival he spoke to a female victim at the residence. She said that her and her husband, **Jacob Sledge, 29, of Huntingdon**, had been arguing all morning and that he pulled out a shotgun and threatened to shoot a hole in the place. Jacob Sledge stated to officer Allen that him and his wife had been arguing because he was mad the house was a mess. He stated that he pulled a gun out and said he was going to shoot a hole in the ceiling. Officer Allen retrieved the shotgun from the house, a heritage rough rider .22 caliber pistol, and 55 .22 long rifle rounds and box of 5 12-gauge shotgun shells. Sledge was taken to the Carroll County Jail and charged with domestic and aggravated assault.

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SPORTS

Tigers Claw Past Rebels in Historic Upset

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Central’s Tigers pulled off a last-second win at home against McKenzie’s Rebels last Tuesday, January 28.

The visiting Rebels controlled much of the game, and held up to a nine point lead on two separate occasions.

At the end of the third quarter, however, the Tigers found a weak spot in the Rebels’ offense and began chipping away at the lead.

The game came down to the final seconds.

With the Tigers ahead 61-60, Brody Huff was fouled and sent to the free-throw line.

He sank the first shot to extend the lead to 62-60 but missed the second.



UP FOR TWO – Brody Huff goes for a layup with McKenzie’s KD Cunningham attempting to stop him. Photo by Jesse Joseph



STORMING THE COURT – After the final buzzer sounded, Central’s fans and cheerleaders flooded the court to celebrate the victory. Photo by Jesse Joseph

McKenzie’s Landon Brown grabbed the rebound with just under five seconds remaining and quickly

passed to Tate Surber, who had a chance to win the game with a three-pointer.

As the final buzzer sounded, his shot sailed past the basket, and the

home crowd erupted in celebration.

The student section, cheerleaders, parents, and fans stormed the court to revel in the Tigers’ thrilling

victory.

Leading the way for Central, Parker Finley scored 15 points, followed by Brody Huff with 11 and Caden Dean with 10.

McKenzie’s Tate Surber led all scorers with a dominant 27-point performance, while Landon Brown added 15 and Carter Kee contributed nine.

Huntingdon Middle School Fillies win state championship

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sports writer

The Huntingdon Middle School Fillies completed a trifecta for Huntingdon Middle School Saturday in Murfreesboro at Middle Tennessee Christian School as the Fillies defeated Rickman 72-39 to win their first ever state championship. The Fillies win follows the HMS Mustangs winning the state championship the last two years, giving HMS wins in the state championship for three consecutive years.

The Fillies complete a season that saw them win their last 17 games in a row, including three in a row at

the state tournament and finished the season with a 22-1 record. It was a remarkable two year run for the Fillies as last season they finished 24-1 with the loss coming in the state tournament.

The Fillies defeated the Lady Bulldogs of Rickman with an 11-0 run to start the first quarter, a 9-0 run to start the third quarter, and an 8-0 run to start the fourth. The Fillies outscored the Lady Bulldogs 16-2 in the final frame.

HMS	20	20	16	16
Rickman	11	13	13	2

Scoring HMS: Wylie Kee 21, Krystin Moore



STATE CHAMPS – The Huntingdon Middle School Fillies pose with the Gold Ball after winning the state championship.

14, Kaylee Eatmon 11, Lakeitha Cason 9, Millie Luther 8, Madeline Anderson 5, Courtlyn Brewer 2, and Anderson Pearson 2. Rickman; Allie Beason 9

and Kami Gaw 8.

The Fillies started the two-week tournament with a 59-19 win over Allons as Kee scored 16, Brewer 9, Cason 6, Moore 5, Emma

Smith 5, Anderson 5, Pearson 5, Luther 4, June Dilla-hunt 3, and Eatmon 1.

In the semi-finals the Fillies defeated Merrol Hyde 64-32 to advance to the

championship game. They were led in scoring by Kee with 14, Luther 14, Moore 10, Anderson 8, Brewer 6, Pearson 4, Eatmon 2, and Vivian Singleton 2.

FIRE

(American Rescue Plan Act) funds totaling \$358,278 had been allocated for fire department use, with \$111,000 set aside for a potential CDBG grant match.

Carroll County EMA Director Trevor Foster read off a list of equipment purchases made prior to Gaskins becoming chief and noted a few issues regarding duplicate purchases and discrepancies in what had been ordered versus what had actually been received.

He pointed out that while some departments had received multiple sets of the same equipment, others were still missing essential items.

“We’ve got some stations with more than they need and others still waiting on things they requested months ago,” Foster said. “It’s just a matter of getting a better handle on what’s where and making sure we’re filling gaps instead of doubling up unnecessarily.”

Gaskins acknowledged that some prior purchases

had been made before his appointment, but he assured the committee that inventory controls and accountability would be improved moving forward.

“We’re going to start working on getting a spreadsheet of every station and every piece of equipment they have, so we’re not just throwing money at things that aren’t needed,” Gaskins said. “We need to make sure the purchases we make are the right ones and that we’re tracking where everything goes.”

**Funding Requests**

Gaskins outlined several immediate needs, requesting \$5,500 for training materials, \$5,000 to equip a brush truck with emergency lights and tools, and \$50,000 to replace aging turnout gear.

He emphasized that many firefighters are using gear well beyond the 10-year NFPA safety limit, which could put them at risk.

“Some of these guys have been wearing gear that’s 20 years old. That’s just not

safe,” Gaskins told the committee. “If we have guys responding to a fire, they need to be wearing equipment that will actually protect them.”

The committee unanimously approved the \$50,000 expenditure from ARPA funds for this purpose.

Another issue was the lack of proper emergency lighting and sirens on Macedonia’s brush truck.

Gaskins requested \$5,000 to install proper emergency lights and sirens on the truck.

“I went to a grass fire the other day, and the only lights they had were flashers. That’s just not going to cut it,” he said. “We have to make sure these trucks are properly outfitted so we can safely do our jobs.”

Gaskins also proposed reallocating \$20,000 originally set aside for purchasing a second brush truck chassis. Instead of acquiring a chassis, he suggested investing in a forestry-grade skid

unit, which includes a tank, pump, and hose reel that can be transferred between vehicles as needed.

“A skid unit is something we can move from truck to truck, meaning it’s going to last longer and give us more flexibility,” he said.

**New Position Request**

To improve both operational efficiency and response capability, Gaskins recommended hiring a full-time administrative firefighter who would manage department records, track inventory, and assist with emergency calls when needed.

“We need someone who is 64-hour and live-burn certified but also able to handle administrative duties,” he explained. “That way, we have someone in the office who can keep up with our records and also respond to calls when needed.”

Committee member Dan Willman agreed that hiring someone with both administrative and firefighting skills was a step in the right direction but believed a long-term focus on training would be beneficial.

“The better we train these

guys, the better our ISO rating will be, and that helps everyone in the county,” Willman noted. “If we can eventually bring on a training officer, that’s something we should look at.”

The discussion was tabled to be discussed later in the year during budget talks.

**911 Enhancement**

Another concern that was raised during the meeting was the 911 dispatch system, which pages out multiple fire department tones for emergency calls depending on the station being dispatched.

Gaskins proposed reducing these tones to four district-wide alerts, which would speed up response times and improve coordination between departments.

“Right now, we have 14 different tones, and that just slows everything down,” Gaskins said. “If we group these departments into districts and use four tones instead, we’ll have a much more efficient system.”

Gaskins also announced that he is working with Baptist Hospital, Priority Ambulance Service, and Hospital Wing to develop a monthly

emergency medical training program for county firefighters.

“Having these partnerships means we can improve our medical response and ensure our firefighters have the training they need to assist EMS when necessary,”

**Next Steps**

The committee plans to meet again in three to four weeks to review progress on equipment purchases, staffing, and grant applications.

Gaskins will also continue working on finalizing the job description for the administrative firefighter position and implementing an inventory management system.

Committee members praised Gaskins for his leadership and thorough approach in his first meeting as Fire Chief.

“We’re already on the right track,” Suite said. “We want to support you, not micromanage you. And we know this is going to take time, but we will do whatever we can to help you succeed.”

The Committee’s next meeting has not been announced at this time.

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REBELS

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Caleb Coales led the Warriors with 26 points, Case Greene with 17 and Ty Green 10.

In girls’ action, McEwen scored 32 points in the opening canto and cruised to a 73-32 victory over the visiting Lady Rebels.

Jaycee Stafford led McKenzie with 14 points. Molly French added 10. Only four players scored for McKenzie.

Shana Bohannon and Laila Downs-Darden each led McEwen with 18 points, Ellie Littleton had 17 and Lay-lun Dodd scored 15.

In Wednesday night action:

McKENZIE GIRLS 37, HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON CENTRAL BOYS 62, McKENZIE 60 at Hollow Rock-Bruceton

– McKenzie’s Jaycee Stafford scored 16 points in a low-scoring affair on the road.

There were no double-digit Central scorers on the night. Keely Williams scored seven, McKinley Garrison, Ady Olds and Makala Bass each had six points.

McKenzie led the Lady Tigers 27-25 going into the final stanza, but the Lady Rebels limited their opponents to just three points in the fourth.

Central falls to 9-11 overall, 0-4 in District 12A action.

HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON CENTRAL BOYS 62, McKENZIE 60 at Hollow Rock-Bruceton – McKenzie’s Tate Surber scored

24 and Landon Brown scored 18, but it wasn’t enough as the host Tigers eaked out a close victory.

McKenzie led 36-27 at the break, but the Tigers roared back in the third, outscoring McKenzie 19-10. Central hung on at the end for the victory.

Parker Finley led the Tigers with 15 points, Brady Huff scored 11 and Nic King pitched in 10 for the Tigers, 5-13 overall, 1-3 in district play.

McKenzie’s boys are 11-11, 2-3 in District 12A while the Lady Rebels are 8-13 overall and 3-2 in the district. MHS played at West Carroll Monday night and visited Huntingdon Tuesday. McKenzie will host Milan Tuesday, Feb. 11.

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