





# Obituaries

**Heath Alan Watts**  
Heath Alan Watts, 56, of Delight, died Friday, June 14, 2024.  
He was born Jan. 2, 1968, in Prescott, the son of Mark and Margaret Smith Watts. He was a carpenter.  
He was preceded in death by a stepson, Cody Hoover.  
Survivors include: his wife, Janet Watts of Murfreesboro; his parents; a daughter, Aspen Fitzhugh of Little Rock; a brother, Brent Watts of Delight; a sister,

Markee Watts of Delight; also a grandchild.  
A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Welch Funeral Home in Arkadelphia with Leon McKinnon officiating.  
**Virgil Lloyd Turner**  
Virgil Lloyd Turner, 79, of Ashdown died July 2, 2024.  
He was born Dec. 7, 1944, the son of the late Thirissa McCoy Turner and Rev. Leon Turner, Sr.  
He was preceded in death

by brothers, Leon Jr. and Wilbur; sisters, Norvell, Jewelene, and Birdie Faye  
Survivors include: his wife, Thelma Jean Vaughn Turner; a brother, Walter Earl Turner of Ashdown; a sister Laverne Turner Allen.  
Visitation will be at Freeman Chapel Christian Methodist Church on July 12 from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. July 13 at the church. Burial will follow at Rhodes Cemetery in Ashdown.

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

### How strong is your emergency fund?

You can't predict financial emergencies — but you can prepare for them.  
To do that, you can build an emergency fund to pay for unexpected expenses, some of which may be sizable. Without one, you might be forced to dip into your investments, possibly including your retirement accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k). If this happens, you might have to pay taxes and penalties, and you'd be withdrawing dollars that could otherwise be growing over time to help pay for your retirement.  
In thinking about such a fund, consider these questions:

- How much should I save? The size of your emergency fund should be based on several factors, including your income, your spouse's income and your cost of living. However, for most people in their working years, three to six months of total expenses is adequate. Once you're retired, though, you may want to keep up to a year's worth of expenses in your emergency fund — because you don't want to be forced to cash out investments when their price may be down, and you may not be replenishing these accounts any longer.
- How can I build an emergency fund? Given all your normal expenses — mortgage, utilities, food, transportation and others — you might find it challenging to set aside some

extra money in an emergency fund. But you do have opportunities. If you're working, you could set up a direct deposit so that part of your paycheck goes directly into your emergency fund. You could also save a portion of any extra income you receive, such as bonuses and tax refunds.

- Where should I keep the money? An emergency fund has two key requirements: You need to be able to access the money immediately and you need to count on a certain amount being available. So, it's a good idea to keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account that offers protection of principal. For this fund, you're less interested in growth than you are in stability. But because interest rates have recently changed, you may be able to get a reasonable return without sacrificing liquidity or safety.
- What types of emergencies should I prepare for? Your emergency fund could be needed for any number of events: a job loss or early retirement, housing or auto repairs, unreimbursed medical bills, unexpected travel, and so on. But this fund may also be needed to help you cope with other threats. Consider this: In 2023, the U.S. saw a record 28 weather and climate disasters, each of which resulted in at least \$1 billion in damages — and often many times this amount — according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration. Depending on where you live, your home or business may be susceptible to tornadoes, floods, wildfires, hurricanes and extreme heat and cold waves. These events can, and do, result in property repair and relocation costs, higher insurance premiums and even price increases for basic goods, such as groceries and prescription medications.

One final word about an emergency fund: It takes discipline to maintain it and to avoid tapping into it for everyday expenses or impulse purchases. The name says it all — this is a fund that should only be used for emergencies. By keeping it intact until it's truly needed, you can help yourself weather many of the storms that may come your way.



**AT THE FARMERS' MARKET.** From his garden on College Street in Nashville, Josh Tate brought fresh tomatoes and herbs, also cookies, candy, syrups and concentrates. Vendors at the market last week had peaches, squash, okra, tomatoes and other fresh produce in addition to baked goods and kraft items.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY MEMORIES.** Three Navy helicopter aircrew veterans visited Talco, Texas, on July 5 to see the 'moving wall' replica of the Vietnam Memorial. Here, they find the name of a fellow aircrewman who died in Vietnam in 1965. From left, Louie Graves of Nashville; Dave Glenn, now of Texarkana but a native of nearby Mt. Pleasant, Texas; and Dave Waddell, a native of Talco now living in Sherman, Texas. Their squadron flew search and rescue missions in Vietnam. They were told that Talco, population 488, is the smallest town ever to host the moving wall. The exhibit was a part of the town's Independence Day celebration. (Photo by Hudson Old, the "East Texas Journal" in Mt. Pleasant..

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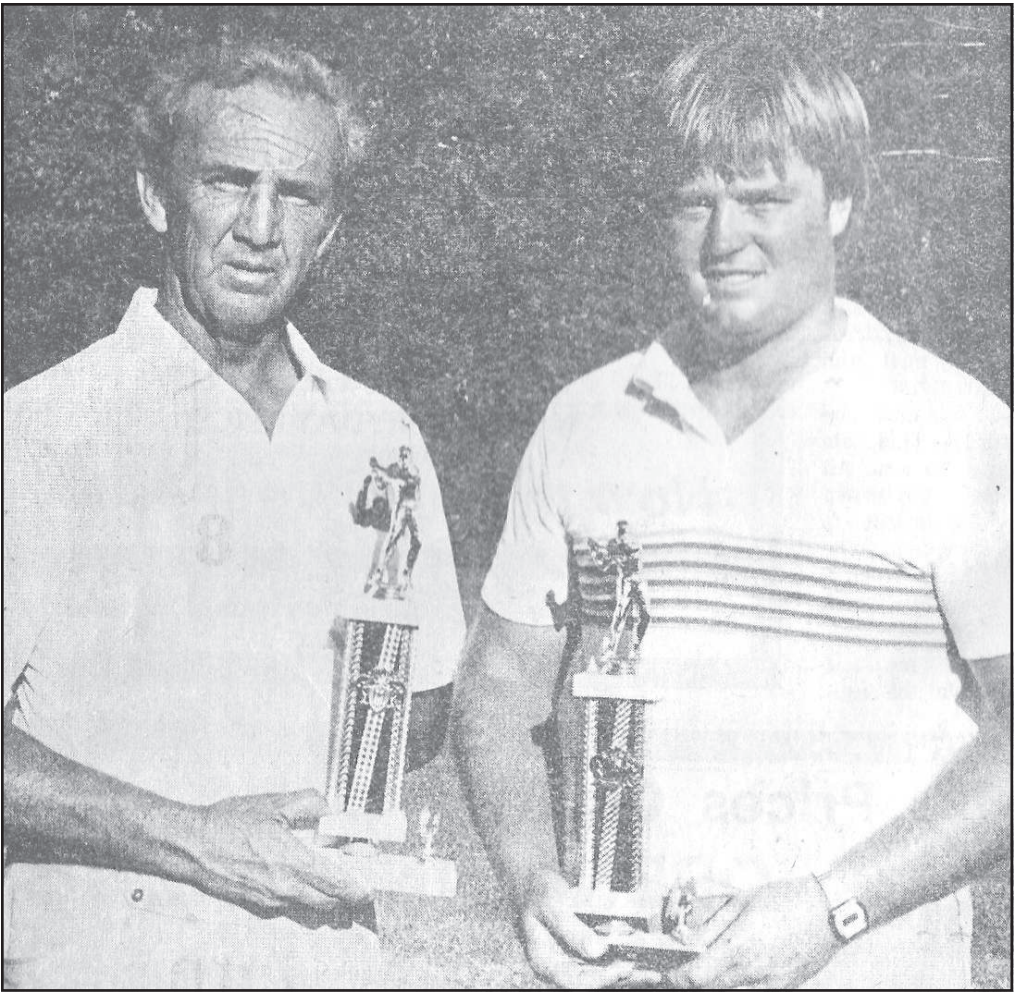


THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

Tales from Howard County's history reprinted in honor of longtime staff historian and photographer, Cecil Harris.  
September 19, 1938 - December 15, 2012

Compiled by Patsy Young



The team of Van Elder and Paul Ray successfully defended their golf title in the 15th annual Four Ball Invitational Tournament at the Nashville Country Club in July 1981.

**119 years ago: July 1905**  
The little child of Bangs Stephenson who resides in Euclid Community was badly scalded when he sat down in a pot of boiling water, and it is thought that the burns will prove fatal.

O.P. Graves, one of Howard County's best known and most useful citizens, died at his home in Mineral Springs yesterday afternoon about 5 of dropsy, after months of suffering. *The News* sincerely regrets to learn of the death of this estimable man and in his passing away the entire community has been bereaved.

Robert Fulton of Texarkana, who is in the city with the purpose of organizing a tribe of the improved Order of Redmen, informs *The News* that he is meeting with much encouragement and that a tribe will be instituted within the city not later than next Monday night with a

good membership.

**83 years ago: July 1941**  
Mrs. Jessie Bohannon Leslie died at Newman, Georgia last Thursday. Mrs. Leslie came to Nashville in 1912 as a teacher of English at Nashville High School which position she has held ever since.

During her service in Nashville High School of 29 years she has had contact with nearly every family. She was very efficient as a teacher and the splendid work she did here will live long in the lives of those who were so fortunate as to be in her classes. Funeral and burial were at Newman, Ga.

Her husband, Sam E. Leslie, who had been an attorney in Nashville, died at a hospital in Little Rock on Saturday. His funeral was held at the Methodist Church with burial in the Nashville Cemetery.

**67 years ago: July 1957**  
Miss Barbara K. Lightfoot of Nashville was recently presented her wings at a luncheon-graduation in Washington, D.C., as she became a hostess for Capital Airlines. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Lightfoot of Nashville and a graduate of Nashville High School. Miss Lightfoot has been assigned by the airlines to fly out of the Chicago Station.

**34 years ago: July 1990**  
Monty Wayne Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Parker of Nashville, was awarded the Physical Training award by Military Science instructor Lt. Col C. M. Morrison during the annual Henderson State University Military Science department awards ceremony last month. The presentation was made before an audience of all ROTC battalions, family and friends of recipients.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of June 27-noon July 3, 2024 include the following (Dates for filings are limited because of the July 4th holiday):

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)

July 1. John Glenn Henderson, 58, Nashville, and Elizabeth D'Ann Rogers, 63, Nashville.

July 2. Colt Hunter Kuykendall, 23, Nashville, and Brittany Nicole Hilliard, 25, Nashville.

July 2. Ike Lee Sigman, 70, Nashville, and Mary Olinda Sigman, 66, Nashville

**Civil Court**  
CV24-65, June 27. Red River Federal Credit Union vs. Filemon A. Bran. Debt.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**  
June 27. Twyla Nichols; to Dalton Nichols; Lot 2, Block 1, Deerwood Estates Subdivision.

June 28. Kelly R. Scott and wife, Maggie Scott; to Danny Sullivan and wife, Sara Sullivan; 3.08 ac. in S11 T9S R27W.

July 2. Yvonne Johnson; to Cheryl Joyce; 48.5 ac. in S15 T10S R28W.

July 2. Charles A. McBay; to Cheryl Joyce; 48.5 ac. in S15 T10S R28W with exception.

**Beneficiary's Deeds**  
June 28. Judith Cassidy; to Jeffrey Loy Cassidy; 2.156 ac in S1 T10S R28W.

June 28. Judith Cassidy; to Micah Loy Cassidy; 1.567 ac. in S1 T10S R28W.

**Trustee's Deed**  
July 1. Tracy Dawn Miller, Successor Trustees of the Rodger Kitchener Beaton Revocable Trust; to Catherine Gail Davis and Colton Walker Swaim; 0.46 ac., part of Block 4, Town of Saratoga. \$103,000.

**Warranty Deeds**  
June 27. (Special) Johnny Ray Stone and Llana Faye Stone, husband and wife; to Johnny Ray Stone and Llana Faye Stone, Trustees of the Stone Living Trust; aggregate 52.99 ac. in S24/S25/S30 T8S R26/27W.

June 27. (Special) Johnny Ray Stone and Llana Faye Stone, husband and wife; to Johnny Ray Stone and Llana Faye Stone, Trustees of the Stone Living Trust; 23.5 ac. in S24 T8S R27W.

June 28. (Corporate) Pineview Apartments, Inc.; to City of Nashville; 4 ac. in S35 T9S R27W.

June 28. Noel Linville and wife, Eileen Phyllis Linville; to Aurelio Martinez and wife, Angelica Martinez; Lots 18-19, Block 6, R.L. Hayes Addition, Town of Nashville. \$3,000.

June 28. Scott Bradshaw; to Carmen Hernandez; Lots 15-16-17, Block 51, McCullough's Addition, Town of Mineral Springs. \$110,000.

July 1. Brandon Billingsly and wife, April Billingsly; to Kenneth Isham; 1 ac. in S8 T11S R27W. \$125,000.

July 1. JKS Hospitality, LLC; to Shree Ganesai, LLC; 1.37 ac. in S25 T9S R27W, Block 13, Hillcrest Addition, City of Nashville. \$232,000.

July 1. Randy L. Allen and wife, Tamara D. Allen; to Cherry Springs Cabins, LLC; 17.329 ac. in S36 T7S R29W. \$125,148.

July 1. Mary Jo Christopher; to Manuel Marrufo Arroya and wife, MA Anima Teres De Maruffo and Maria Maruffo; Lots 8-9, and part of Lot 10, all in Block 14, SREDC Addition, with exceptions, City of Nashville. \$25,000.

July 1. Brian Haley; to Jeffery Mosely and wife, Jami Mosely; part of Blocks 7 and 22, Murray's 2nd Addition, Town of Dierks. \$20,000.

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# Point of view

## The ‘M’ word

### There are some things you just shouldn’t say

(DEAREST READER: I apologize for re-using this column from our issue of July 1, 2020. I could explain but as you can see by looking at the bottom of the column I’ve run out of room.)

YES, I AM STILL HERE looking out the window on Main Street, and I am immersed in some deep-thinking about political correctness.

Out in Crazyfornia, Native Americans are vandalizing statues of a Spanish missionary who accompanied the conquistadores that explored and settled the state.

In New York, the board of governors of Princeton University voted to take the name of Woodrow Wilson off a university building because of some allegedly racist statement he may or may not have made. Why was the building named after him in the first place? Well, he served as governor of New Jersey, and later was the President of the United States and was president of Princeton University. For goodness sake, the building was named for him because of all the noble and good things he did. (It’s a sure sign of the End Times that I agree with ex-President Trump on this issue).

I am all for moving statues of Confederate generals to museums because I don’t want to idolize persons who warred against the United States of America. I certainly don’t want to see the statues vandalized or toppled. It took me a number of years but I understand why black Americans are offended by statues of the Confederate generals.

But to even have a conversation about the faces of Mt. Rushmore is --- my opinion -- crazy and excessive. I recognize there is another side of the equation, even though it is crazy and excessive.

Speaking of crazy, excessive and ‘political correctness’ ..... Because certain words are tasteless or cruel, decent humans avoid using the ‘N’ word,’ or the ‘F’ bomb. I’d like to add to those. There should be social ostracism for anyone using:

The ‘M’ word (for meter); or the ‘G’ word (gram); or the ‘K’ word (kilometer).

If I’m watching a TV show about a hardworking archeologist, and she says “We found this priceless gold Inca treasure buried about three meters below the surface.” I immediately change channels because I am offended by use of the M word.

Same with cooking shows. “In a counterclockwise motion slowly stir in 3 grams of pure beet sugar.” Nope. There are no grams or liters in my recipe box, and no recipes that use beets.

Wonder why NASCAR is so popular? It’s because the announcers never say “He rounded the turn at better than 150 kilometers per hour.” That’s why. The announcers use pure common sense. They say MILES-PER-HOUR which is obviously the best way to describe speed.

There is no statute of limitations on these offenses, naturally. And not everyone is as smart or modest as I am.

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THE GOOD EARTH. Someone please tell me about the little yellow wildflowers that have popped up by the thousands in area yards and fields. Just one bloom per stalk, and the blooms appear to be as big around as a nickel. They make quite a picture, especially with the dark green grass background.

Along with the blooms, there are scores of mushroom circles emerging, and lots of fire ant mounds. In fact, there is one fire ant mound in my yard that has a yellow wildflower sticking up from the center.

As I drove to church Sunday morning about 8:30, I realized that all of the little yellow flowers were gone. Oh drat, I said to myself, how do I write about this if I don’t even know the flower’s name?

But Monday morning they were back by the thousands.

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HEARD FROM. My old buddy, Billy Ray McKelvy, former mayor of De Queen and former general manager of the ‘De Queen Bee’ and ‘Daily Citizen,’ sent a picture of a bird nest with six bluebird chicks. All with mouths wide open and waiting for a morsel.

He says the chicks have now ‘fledged’ and moved on, and he has another batch of five eggs.

BR sez the house is built to North American Blue Bird Society plans available on the Internet. “I believe the design of the house is a big factor in our success.”

He and I are co-inventors of the Saline River Walking Stick, but it was mostly his idea.

Just mentioning the ‘Stick’ reminds me to worry that there might not be high school or college football in the fall.

Social distancing has a new application to the position of wide receiver.

But look at the bright side -- the Razorbacks won’t lose again to Texas A&M, LSU, Alabamamama, Auburn, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Missouri, Western Kentucky or Vandervoort.

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MY REAL, REAL, REALLY BAD NEWS. It’s about that Sahara dust storm that’s about to hit us. I just read an article that said the dust cloud was 5,600 kilometers long and 6,190 meters high.

The meteorologists should be taken out and severely ostracized.

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HE SAID: “The unthankful heart ... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!” Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman and social reformer

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SHE SAID: “Ninety eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It’s the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them.” Lily Tomlin, American comic and actress

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# Arkansas Agriculture Department has public hearings on state’s water plan

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Arkansas Agriculture Department has completed a series of public hearings on updates to the statewide water plan, which hasn’t been modified in 10 years.

For the first time, the water plan developed this year will include ways to prepare for floods and to mitigate as much damage as possible caused by flooding.

In an executive order last year the governor directed the department to update the statewide water plan to account for population growth and the demands that growth has imposed on area water systems. The goal is to guarantee long-term supplies of clean drinking water, while also ensuring that agriculture and industry have the water resources they need.

The new water plan must factor in aging infrastructure, an issue throughout Arkansas whether the area is densely or sparsely populated.

State officials are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has vast experience in flood control, navigation and irrigation projects.

The plan is not limited to the use of surface water in rivers, streams

and lakes. It includes ground water pumped by wells, which accounts for 71 percent of the water use in Arkansas. Legislators on the Senate and House Committees on City, County and Local Affairs heard a progress report on the new water plan at a recent meeting.

Crop irrigation accounts for 80 percent of the demand for ground water, while 3.5 percent of ground water is for municipal drinking water. Manufacturing and power plants use the rest.

In a 10-year period ending last December, Arkansas farmers drilled more than 9,700 wells. Livestock and poultry growers drilled another 1,055 wells. In that period homeowners drilled more than 6,400 wells and 58 wells were drilled for public water supplies. Commercial entities drilled 104.

Arkansas has legally binding, multi-state compacts with neighboring states that govern our use of rivers and waterways. For example, we are in a compact with Oklahoma that protects the quality of the Arkansas River.

A multi-state compact with Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico protects the quality of the Canadian River before it flows into

waterways that enter Arkansas from the west.

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas are in a similar compact to protect the Red River before it flows into Louisiana.

It is costly and time consuming to build systems that deliver clean water and that safely process waste water. Act 605 of 2021 addresses the challenge of requiring water systems to plan for future needs by conducting rate studies, to determine whether water bills are sufficient to pay for needed, and expected, long term repairs.

Act 605 requires eight hours of training for everyone on the boards that oversee water systems. The individuals in charge need to know what it takes to operate a utility.

Under the act, state authorities will be notified if a system falls into financial distress, and the state will recommend measures to make it solvent.

Arkansas is blessed with an abundance of water, especially when compared to western states. Even so, it can be politically controversial to set priorities over the use of water because it affects so many people’s health and their livelihoods.

# Veterans History Project provides opportunity to share military stories

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The service and sacrifice of Arkansans called to wear our nation’s uniform are woven into the fabric of our communities. Long after men and women leave active duty, their commitment to others continues. I’m proud to share the stories of these individuals and their desire to serve for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP).

In 1974, Debra Holmes enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve as an air traffic controller during the tumultuous years following the Vietnam War. A decade later, Ken Griffin was training to become a fighter pilot in U.S. Air Force and 30 years after Holmes’ first day, Chris Traxson joined the U.S. Marine Corps to become a heavy weapons specialist and serve in Iraq.

Their experiences will be soon be part of the VHP, a collection of oral histories of the men and women who served our nation in every branch of the military.

While their jobs, locations and personal experiences were completely different, each veteran made many of the same observations and shared similar feelings about their commitment to serving

others, their love for our country and the satisfaction of knowing they made a difference.

They also spoke about the skills they learned through military service that helped shape their lives. These included the value of discipline, the ability to work as a team for a common goal and how to be a leader in whatever role you are given.

During and after the Independence Day holiday, these stories are on my mind. They speak to the desire to make a difference and the best of the human spirit that citizen-soldiers have demonstrated long before the founding of our country.

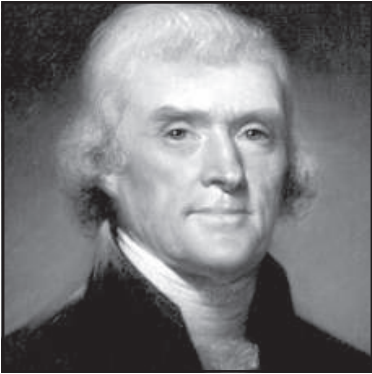
I am grateful for the service of these Arkansans and the important work of the Library of Congress to preserve their experiences for future generations. The VHP is the largest repository of oral histories by American veterans and, as many Arkansans know from my monthly Salute to Veterans feature, the project is important to me and my staff. In addition to regularly traveling across the state to interview veterans from every branch of the military and every era of service, we’ve trained others

to join this initiative.

In recent months, we have interviewed veterans who served in the Vietnam War-era to the War on Terror. Each one of them told a unique story about where they came from, how they ended up in the military, how they served and what happened next.

Threads of patriotism and sacrifice are woven through each of their stories as they described their lives both before and after their military service. In most cases, they took what they learned and found new ways to make a difference in their communities. Whether working in a government agency, as a chaplain or in roles directly helping other veterans, they continue their mission of service.

If you are a veteran or have a veteran in your life who would like to participate, please reach out to my office. We are happy to provide more information. The Library of Congress has more details about this important national project on its website. Learn more about the Arkansans we’ve highlighted in our Salute to Veterans feature to see examples of interviews we’ve been honored to conduct and share.



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**EXTERIOR.** The Choctaw Casino and Resort in Durant, Okla., includes 200,000 square feet of gaming space, three hotel towers and the Grand Theater.

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**INTERIOR.** The Choctaw Casino and Resort in Durant, Okla.

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# Choctaw

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Originally recognized by the U.S. government in 1786 and officially established in 1830, the reservation has almost 7 million acres—nearly 11,000 square miles—and shares a border with Arkansas and Texas.

The tribe supports the health, safety, education and welfare of their more than 225,000 members. A quick look at [www.choctawnation.com](http://www.choctawnation.com) will amaze you at all of the services they provide.

According to Wendy Carter, Executive Director of Marketing for Commerce, the hospitals, the services to the Choctaw people, and the expansion of the Choctaw Nation have all been funded by their hospitality and gaming operations. In other words, resorts and casinos.

The tribe doesn't release any information about how much revenue they get from gaming, but one look at the Choctaw Casino in Durant tells the tale.

What began as a bingo hall 37 years ago is now a complex of 200,000 square feet of gaming space, the fifth largest in the nation, and three hotel towers, all interconnected and sitting on 50 acres.

The flagship of the Choctaw gaming and hospitality operation, the Durant casino has 1,700 luxury hotel rooms, 7,400 slot machines,

more than 100 table games, and a 24-7 poker room. There are 20 restaurants, six movie theaters, a bowling alley, arcade games, numerous swimming pools, and a full spa. All of this in a town of fewer than 20,000 people.

But here's the key: the casino is one hour from the 6.5 million people in the DFW metroplex. You see a lot of Texas license plates in the parking garage, as well as out-of-state tags from Arkansas and Louisiana.

For those of us who are not interested in gambling, the Choctaw Casino in Durant has another huge draw - the Grand Theater. With a 3,000-seat capacity and not a bad seat in the house, it hosts artists from every style of music that you can imagine.

A small part of the lineup over the next few months includes Deep Purple, Pitbull, Joe Bonamassa, Jane's Addiction, Travis Tritt, The Commodores, Foreigner, Styx and Ice Cube.

And the best part about it? The Grand Theater is only steps from the elevators that go to your hotel room in the Spa Tower. And it's only three hours from Nashville.

When you look at the huge gaming empire the Choctaw Nation is building in Oklahoma, including the brand new resort in Hochatown, two things are obvious.

First, Choctaw casinos are prospering and are here to stay. And secondly, the cowboys don't always win.



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**AT THE KEYBOARD.** Michael McDonald of the Doobie Brothers performs at Choctaw Casino and Resort last week in Durant, Okla.

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**June 4, 2024**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Pike County**  
Adams, Jeremy Steven, 49, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no child restraint device  
Alvarez, Maria Sandra, 46, North Aurora, Ill., \$135 BF, speeding  
Angeles, Roberto Eduardo, 47, Glenwood, \$125 BF, improper passing  
Arcos, Josue L., 27, Bonnerdale, guilty of no motorcycle endorsement, fined \$125; guilty of failure to maintain control with accident, fined \$225; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220  
Bagwell, Jimmy, 69, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding  
Barbre, Steven A., 42, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Brown, Colby Lee, 41, Texarkana, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding; \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Burr, Jacee Ayssa, 29, Glenwood,, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Charlton, Daniel Lee, 35, Cabot, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Cogburn Cynthia Ann, 35, Glenwood, \$225 BF, failure to yield-accident  
Cruz, Noe, 42, Nashville, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$225 BF, following too close-accident  
Cumming, Sarah Rhea, 37, Benton, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$125 BF, defective lights  
Diffie, Mark A., 57, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Dillard, Chelsea Paige, 32, Glenwood, \$225 BF, failure to yield-accident  
Elizondo, Rosa, 25, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding  
Escamilla, Ezequiel, 27, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding  
Flores, Brisneyda V., 43, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF, speeding  
Fugitt, Sonya D., 48, Prescott, guilty of driving with suspended license; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Gaspar, Jeremy M., 48, Maumelle, \$135 BF, speeding  
Gibson, Jason Ray, 29, Oklahoma City, Okla, \$135 BF, speeding  
Gomez, Eli, 29, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding  
Hancock, John Scott, 52, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Harvey, Geron L., 49, Glenwood, \$395 BF, overweight  
Hathcock, Hanna Grace, 25, Prescott, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no seat belt, \$45  
Hill, Anthony Barlow, 22, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF, speeding  
Hutcheson, Lucas Bankson, 45, Traskwood, \$480 BF, third-degree battery  
Johnson, Baylee Marie, 28, Amity, \$165 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
King, Gage A., 22, Murfreesboro, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45  
Knighten, Trudy A., 72, Glenwood, \$335 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law  
Korrapati, Srinivas, 26, Little Rock, \$135 BF, speeding  
Mahmud, Mustafa Samir, 31, Kansas City, Kan., \$355 BF, first-degree criminal mischief  
Moya, Jesus, 27, no address listed, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding  
Mulberry, Bobbie Lynn, 34, Little Rock, \$125 BF, speeding  
Murphy, Brad Everett, 46, Amity, \$125 BF, speeding  
Newsome, Cornell, 57, Morrilton, \$125 BF, overheight-overwide  
Nutt, Michaela Alexis, 29, Hot Springs Village, \$165 BF, speeding  
Oliver, Georgeanna Bell, 46, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Orr, Angela M., 43, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding  
Palmer, Paddy Warren, 64, Caddo Gap, \$135 BF, speeding  
Post, Remond, 48, Okolona, Arkansas, guilty of failure to register/expired, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of speeding, fined \$125  
Quevedo, Fanbiola, 39, Athens, Texas, \$165 BF, speeding  
Robison, Kristen A., 45, Conroe, Texas, \$125 BF, improper passing  
Sanchez, Jose, 32, no address listed, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Schrader, Garry Shaun, 53, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle license/tags, fined \$125; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Shaw, Justin, 37, De Queen, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,340 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Smith, Nathaniel Hunter, 17, Amity, \$125 BF, passing on double yellow line  
Smith, Shaun Alan, 41, Hot Springs, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; 315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Souder, Daniel Paul, 34, De



**THANKS TO BERYL.** Nashville Public Works Department crews were out early Tuesday morning clearing streets from downed trees and limbs left during the night by the passing of tropical storm Beryl. Here, PWD's Johnny Green operates equipment to remove heavy limbs in the Greenwood Addition. A member of the crew said that there was similar damage scattered over Nashville.

Queen, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Turner David Allen, 71, Gilmer, Texas, \$125 BF, improper passing  
Weeks, Jeremy, 44, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,880 owed, commixed to jail-suspended  
Wilson, Dylan Wayne, 21, McNeil, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
York, Charles M., 41, Caddo Gap, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
**City of Murfreesboro**  
Allen, Amber D., 43, Eureka Spring, \$145 BF, fictitious tags; \$345 BF, driving with suspended license; \$225 BF, failure to appear  
Blocker, Jessica Anne, 36, Murfreesboro, \$225 BF, failure to appear  
Cox, Trenton C., 44, Murfreesboro, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$145  
Crabtree, Jared W., 18, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, speeding  
Espinal, Glenda X., 42, Glenwood, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license  
Flores, Brisneyda V., 43, Murfreesboro, \$155 BF, allowing unauthorized person to drive; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Marquez, Rosa P., 31, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, no driver's license; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$145 Bf, defective lights  
Middleton, Daniel Nicole, 29, Horatio, guilty of no motorcycle endorsement, fined \$145  
Newton, Richard Dwayne, 67, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$145  
Rubio, Angelica Resendiz, 35, Amity, guilty of no driver's license, fine d\$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125; guilty of defective lights, fined \$145; guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$145  
Sharp, James M., 24, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345  
Simmons, Micki Sheanette, 41, Magnolia, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,070 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$595  
Weeks, Jeremy, 44, Nashville, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335

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# Hope, Hempstead County approve finances to jointly buy struggling hospital

**By Eric McLaurin • hopeprescott.com**

The Hope City Board met for a special called meeting on Friday, June 28 with the main topic of the meeting was the alteration of a resolution passed last week concerning the hospital in Hope.

The previous resolution made funds available for the payment of salaries. The resolution was altered in order to allow for the purchase and maintenance of the hospital. Medical Properties Trust, the current owner of the property has accepted an offer on the hospital to be purchased jointly by the City of Hope and Hempstead County.

The agreement has been approved by City Attorney Randy Wright.

The city and county will be splitting the costs with \$250,000 provided by each for a total of \$500,000. Anna Powell of the Southwest Arkansas Healthcare Authority she knew it was a lot of money and did not ask lightly but she felt it was a good price.

If the purchase goes through, the city and county will jointly own the land while the Southwest Arkansas Healthcare Authority would be the lease holder and Jamie Pafford-Gresham would run the hospital.

SWAHA would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the building. Powell noted state ARPA funds would be key when it came to maintenance. These will have to be approved by legislative committee.


A motion was made and passed to approve the new wording of the resolution allowing the money to be used for the purchase and maintenance of the hospital. If the purchase succeeds, \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000 approved to be spent on the hospital would be used to purchase the property while the rest (\$750,000) would be used for the upkeep, maintenance and salaries. In the event the hospital was not purchased, the full amount could be used for operations and maintenance.

## Delight VFD fundraiser Oct. 26

The Delight Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual fundraiser on Oct. 26.

Chances for a deer blind are now being sold, as well as chances for the grand prize of a Blackstone grill and five bags of deer corn. There will also be a live auction starting at 5 p.m. at the Delight School Cafeteria along with soup/ chili dinners and more.

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**PLAYING ON THE FOURTH.** Brady Stivers (at left) and Ethan Pickett provided the music for the July 4th celebration held at the Murfreesboro Rehab & Nursing Center.

# M'boro to pursue grant for park improvements

Plans to improve an undeveloped part of the Murfreesboro City Park were approved Monday night by the city council.

The approval gives the city permission to pursue a "Great Strides/Trails For Life Grant" from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism.

Mayor Jim O'Neal called the grant a "nature grant" that could be used to extend the current walking trail into and around the undeveloped north end of the park. There was discussion about a pond being included in the plan. Treasurer Penny Lamb said the grant is for up to \$250,000 and is not a matching grant.

The council approved the grant application by unanimous vote.

Also Monday, Mayor O'Neal announced that the

burned-out grocery store building in town has apparently been purchased by an unnamed individual. He said no information has been filed or confirmed in connection with the purchase.

The mayor said he recently contacted Dollar General Market, who the city had been courting to open a store to replace the burned one, and was told the company had submitted a bid to purchase the building but the bid was not accepted.

So far, the city has not had any luck in finding a replacement for Cash Saver, which burned at the end of 2023.

O'Neal said his recent talk with Harp's was unproductive and that businessman Phil Terrell is currently in talks with Pruett's, which has a location in De Queen,

about opening a location in Murfreesboro.

O'Neal called the whole grocery store saga "frustrating."

In other business, the council voted to "finish what we started" on the sidewalk project on the west side of Main Street, which included a slight work order adjustment and installing lighting.

After all work is complete, a second phase can start along the east side, which will be quite different due to the motels, ATM and other "obstacles," according to the mayor.

The council also voted Monday night to take bids on a HVAC unit and installation for the old city hall, which houses the county library and city water office. Mayor O'Neal informed the council he had already

received two bids for the job but the council decided to advertise the bid for two weeks to be fair to all potential bidders.

The council also approved Treasurer Lamb's financial report, which included the following beginning and ending balances for June:

**General Operating** \$205,599 / \$401,253

**General Fund** \$179,044 / \$18,163

**ARPA Fund** \$38,843 / \$6,466

**Park Fund** \$29,064 / \$31,547


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Have you ever heard of a *biome*? It is a community of plants and animals that have adapted to their environments — such as a desert or a wetland. Wetland biomes are often found inside of another biome such as a rainforest. A wetland is wet most of the year. It hosts plants and animals that can live in its wet soil and shallow water. Water, mud, plants and living creatures make up the wetlands. There are many fascinating things to see in swamps, bogs, marshes and fens. If *you* explore these areas, be careful. A wetland with a boardwalk is safest!



**Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:**

- wetlands have \_\_\_\_\_ above the surface of the soil at least part of the year
- wetlands have fresh water, salt water or a mix of both called \_\_\_\_\_ water
- wetlands have a large variety of plants and animals; this \_\_\_\_\_ of life makes wetlands important to preserve
- about half of U.S. birds nest or \_\_\_\_\_ in wetlands
- as water flows through a wetland's soil, harmful materials are \_\_\_\_\_ out by plant life; cleaner water returns to nearby ponds, rivers, lakes, oceans and the underground "water table"
- like a sponge, wetlands absorb and hold a lot of water; may take on millions of gallons of extra water, thereby stopping \_\_\_\_\_
- some wetlands only appear in the fall or \_\_\_\_\_, when the weather allows water to build up
- this wetlands ecosystem becomes flooded during wet seasons or high tides; see cattails, cranes, reeds, muskrats
- \_\_\_\_\_ is an ecosystem similar to a marsh, but it can support trees such as red maples or cottonwoods; other plants like pussy willows
- the \_\_\_\_\_ gets its water from rain or snowfall; soil contains few nutrients, which is perfect for peat and sphagnum moss
- a \_\_\_\_\_ gets some water from mountain streams; water picks up nutrients as it moves; supports plant life — grass, sedge, rushes
- world's largest tropical wetland is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay; 75,000 square miles in the center of South America
- wetlands are everywhere except \_\_\_\_\_; soil there isn't wet, but frozen; not enough plants to support a wetland
- most famous wetland in the U.S. is the Florida \_\_\_\_\_; people say the sawgrass there is so sharp that it can cut through clothes

# Wetlands!



Everglades

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Antarctica

marsh

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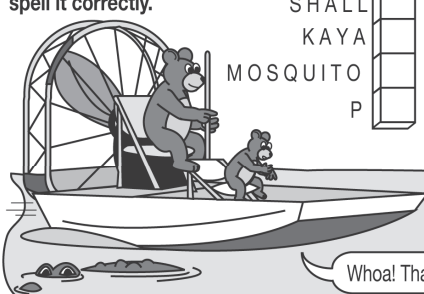
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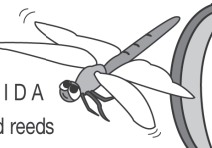
Sometimes *swamps* in the southeastern area of our country are called *bayous*. Each word in the list is a clue to a famous swamp's name. Fill in the missing letter of each word to spell it correctly.

ALLIGAT	RS
BLAC	bears
CYPRESS TR	ES
GEORGIA and	LORIDA
GRASS	S and reeds
SPO	GY BOGS
SHALL	W waters
KAYA	S and canoes
MOSQUITO	S and snakes
P	AT-FILLED wetland

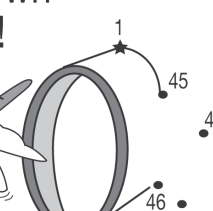


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# Bismarck man gets 20 years in cattle cases in Hot Spring, Howard counties

## Cases resulted from Arkansas Department of Ag investigation

LITTLE ROCK — A Hot Spring County man has been convicted of two counts of criminal mischief in the first degree following an investigation by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Law Enforcement Section.

The convictions took place in Hot Spring and Howard counties.

On June 28, James Barrett Hall, 31, of Bismarck, pleaded guilty to one count of criminal mischief in the first degree in Howard County Circuit Court. This follows a previous conviction in November 2023 when Hall pleaded guilty to one count of criminal mischief in the first degree in Hot Spring County Circuit Court.

In 2022, Hall entered into an agreement to care for cattle brought from Texas. On Jan. 7, 2024, special agents with the Department received a report regarding the loss of cattle due to star-

vation and lack of care.

Following the Department’s investigation, Hall was sentenced in the Hot Spring County case to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections. He received 20 years suspended imposition of sentence in the Howard County case, to be served consecutively with the Hot Spring County sentence. Hall was also ordered to pay a total of \$126,000 in restitution.

According to information filed in the Howard County Courthouse, the cattle belonged to Judd Wall of Texas, who contacted the ADA “due to starvation and lack of care” of his cattle on Corn Bridge Road.

“The agreement was that James Barrett Hall would oversee care and pasturing of the cattle here in Arkansas for a fee of \$20 per head per month, to be paid to Barrett Hal via draft to his

fiancé’s (Marly Lemons) bank account. To which \$16,135 was paid from July 2022 to January 2023.”

Lemons, also of Bismarck, was not charged in Howard County in connection to Barrett’s case.

According to online court information, an affidavit for arrest warrant was filed against Lemons on Dec. 18, 2023 in Hot Spring County.

Records show a criminal case was opened against Lemons on Feb. 15 in the Hot Spring County Courthouse. The case does not state any charges and was sealed from public view the day it was filed.

A note from her attorney, John Wesley Hall, is filed within the case in which he mentions the affidavit and questions why “no documents appear online,” including the aforementioned affidavit.

# Hot Springs woman charged with delivery of meth

A Hot Springs woman has been charged in Pike County with conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine following a traffic stop in Glenwood.

Sara Holt, 34, was charged July 3 with conspiracy to deliver meth and possession with purpose to deliver. Holt was arrested May 18 by a Pike

County deputy as a passenger in a vehicle driven by Derek Abernathy, 45, also of Hot Springs.

Abernathy was charged on May 31 in Pike County with the same offenses as Holt.

According to case information, Holt and Abernathy both had search waiv-

ers on file due to prior convictions and that during the search Holt informed the deputy she had methamphetamine hidden inside her vagina.

EMS arrived on the scene and a female deputy assisted in the removal of 8.9 grams of the drug in the back of the ambulance.

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Howard County Road .....	78,243.40
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This matter is set for a Final Hearing before the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, on WEDNESDAY, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

If you wish to file a response to said Petition, you may contact your Court Appointed Attorney Ad Litem, Victor Martin of Victor Martin Law, PLLC, whose contact information is below. Your failure to file a response or to appear may affect important rights of yours.

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Howard County Farmers' Market

New vendors expected this Friday morning

By Melanie Schwartz • HCFM Manager

Join us at the Howard County Farmers' Market in Nashville this Friday, July 12, from 7-11 a.m. or until vendors are sold out.

Last week, we were blessed with homegrown peaches, blueberries, several varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers, purple hull peas, okra, jalapeños, garlic, stringless green beans, fresh herbs and squash. Vendors also brought homemade breads, jams, candied items and personal care items.

We are expecting several new vendors this week, including Joshua Tree and Keep it Simple Gourmet Mixes, as well as the return of Robert Bailey who was a vendor a few years ago.

To learn more about these new vendors and see a full list of this week's vendors and their offerings, visit the Howard County Farmer's Market Facebook page. To become a vendor, email the market manager, Melanie Schwartz, at [howardcountyfarmermarket@gmail.com](mailto:howardcountyfarmermarket@gmail.com)

## Man charged in Hempstead County after he allegedly setting wife on fire Monday

On July 8, at approximately 8:41 p.m., Hempstead County Deputy Kyle Malone and Sergeant Derick Bunn were dispatched to a structure fire at 5045 Highway 67 West. Dispatch advised that a neighbor called stating that his neighbor's residence was on fire, and that the female who lived there got burned.

Upon arrival, the officers observed that the fire was actually located at 114 Hempstead 1513. Deputy Malone was advised by Fulton firefighter Clay Antley that the female had second- and third-degree burns all over her body. Deputy Malone then observed that the female, later identified as Tonya Cockrell, 35, was burned on what appeared to be 100 percent of her body. Pafford EMS then arrived and transported Cockrell to Christus St. Michael's in Texarkana, Texas. She was later transported to Arkansas Children's Hospital Burn Unit where she is in critical condition

Upon further investigation deputies discovered a can of weed-eater gas in the kitchen of the residence after the deputy's received information from a nurse at St. Michael's ER stating that Cockrell told them that her husband poured weed-eater gas on her and set her on fire. Ms. Cockrell stated that her husband, Bruce, was hitting her and punching her, and telling how ugly she was, and "then he poured gasoline on me and set me on fire."

Deputies arrested Bruce Cockrell on charges of first-degree domestic battery and he was transported to the Hempstead County Detention Center where he was booked and awaiting a first court appearance. Mr. Cockrell could face further charges as the investigation continues.



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## Deadly, invasive Asian longhorned tick found in state cattle herd

**By Sarah Cato**

U of A System Division of Agriculture

A tick found in a Boone County cattle herd has been confirmed as the invasive Asian longhorned tick, known for carrying a parasite that can be deadly to cattle.

The Asian longhorned tick, also known as bush, cattle or scrub tick, was first found in Arkansas in 2018 on a dog in Benton County. The tick can kill its host by swarming the animal but can also transmit a protozoan parasite called *Theileria orientalis*. One *Theileria* genotype, Ikdea, can impact cattle by attacking blood cells.

Since its arrival in Arkansas, the Asian longhorned tick has been confirmed in Benton, Independence and Washington counties with Boone County added last month.

Three researchers with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture are collecting ticks as part of a broad surveillance project. They include extension entomologist Kelly Loftin; veterinarian and animal science

professor Jeremy Powell; and assistant professor of entomology Emily McDermott. The team aims to evaluate the prevalence of Asian longhorned ticks in Arkansas, determine whether *Theileria orientalis* is present in the tick population and evaluate host preference.

"Surveillance efforts in 2024 began in April and we've seen a significant increase in the Asian longhorned tick population from both on-animal and environmental tick collections," Loftin said. "In our 2023 collection efforts we found eight to 10 ticks at our site in Batesville and this year we found over 200. That site in Batesville has the most dramatic increase I've seen."

In addition to the spread of the tick, more confirmed cases of *Theileria orientalis* have recently been confirmed in Arkansas cattle with Boone and Searcy counties reporting cases.

"Arkansas producers should be aware of the risk of *Theileria* infection in their cattle herd, but not alarmed," said Maggie Justice, beef cattle ex-

tension specialist for the Division of Agriculture. "Understanding how the disease spreads and the best methods of prevention are important in helping herds, so it's important producers utilize resources and knowledge available through their veterinarians and local county extension agents."

Justice said cattle that are infected may look like those that have been impacted by anaplasmosis, a tick-borne disease common in Arkansas. She added that signs of sickness can make the animal appear weak and "off" with an abnormal attitude, not eating and decreasing gains.

The Division of Agriculture, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association are partnering to host a webinar to discuss how to look for the Asian longhorned tick, signs of *Theileria orientalis* infection, prevention methods and more.

The webinar will be at 6 p.m. on July 11 and is free to attend. Those interested can register online.

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# Break

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per and Scrapperette tennis - “I went to Super Summer [church camp] with several of my tennis girls and other youth from Nashville. We spent five days feeding our souls with spiritual truth and disciplines. It was a life-changing experience, and I was so happy to be able to lead and guide some of my tennis players in their walk with Christ. It has been my favorite five days of the summer! I have also spent a lot of time with my at-home kiddos. We have gone to the water park, kayaking at the river, lots of swimming in pools and much-needed quality time with their grandparents. I have also gone to the junior high to begin to prep for my new content and classroom that I am moving in to.

“Tennis work never ends. I have spent a lot of my quiet moments searching up new doubles techniques, watching professional tennis, and thinking about how to better our 2024 tennis season. We are going after another state title this season, and I have plenty of talent to help the team achieve this goal.

“Tennis season is now! We begin matches right after school starts. I am eager and excited to get back on the courts.”

Kailee Hamilton, junior high cheerleading - “I spent my dead weeks at home. Organizing my house, taking Rhett to swim lessons, and relaxing before having to go fix up my classroom. I think about cheer all the time! Erin [Askew, high school cheer coach] and I are constantly sending each other new ideas, videos we see that we like, and discussing the upcoming year.”

Coach Shawn Jackson, Scrapper football - “My mind never really shuts off from football. “If I’m looking

at the ceiling or rocks in the driveway, I see ball plays! As far as taking off, I took my wife [Abbie] and son out to dinner in Texarkana on Saturday, June 29. All Kellen and I talked about was Kasen Morgan getting offered by Henderson. I smoothed that over by taking her to Andy’s to get ice cream. Other than that, I was working on practice schedules, play books, practice fields, coaches interviews, equipment/technology orders. I also helped Coach [John] Martin and Coach [Paul] Morrow line the junior high field. [Tyler] Clift, Morrow, Abbie, Kellen and I worked on the practice fields also.”

Coach Brian “Boomer” Brown, Scrapperette softball - “I have always been in favor of the dead period. Not only do the athletes need to enjoy time away from the grind of their sport, but coaches need the break mentally as much as physically.

“For me, I get to concentrate on my side jobs. I refinish VCT floors, do turf repairs, and some painting. The floors at Nashville School District have been our biggest summertime project the last several years. The majority of my crew are players I coached or currently coach here and love catching up and spending time with them. Just like their playing days as Scrapers, they are some hard-working guys!

“I miss my team during the summertime, but I do my best to allow them to enjoy this time with no interference from me. Several play travel ball; most work, and some are already getting prepared for tennis and golf for the fall. With the new school calendar, we will start in August with our morning workouts.”

Coach Zack Stewart, Scrapper baseball, assistant junior high football - “This dead period has been a little different compared to others. The first week I spent

in our new house. My wife, Jana, and I took out carpet, took out cabinets, prepared our house to be painted and have new flooring put in. The second week, we went to Perdido Key, Fla. This is the second time Maverick has been and the first time Ali has been to the beach. It was a special time for our family. We ate good food, played in the ocean, and got to relax for a little bit!

“I try to spend as much time with Maverick and Ali as I possibly can during dead weeks. This is the time of the year that is all about them. I try not to worry about baseball or football during this time, but I will take phone calls and answer baseball or football questions. I scheduled three baseball games and a tournament during this dead period.”

Coach Clarissa Brizo, Scrapperette soccer - “I definitely have taken advantage of spending dead weeks with my daughter and mini travels to Dallas and Houston. I have spent time thinking about soccer and ways to encourage and improve the players. Especially with the soccer tournament ‘Copa América’ happening, where big renowned teams like USA and Brazil play.”

Coach John Martin, junior high football and basketball, assistant softball - “We went to the beach for a few days. Also, I cut some wood and started my bush hogging and lane trimming. I have several days of that every year. I fished, did some work getting ready for deer season, yard work, and played a little golf with Kinley. Jacee went with me to work out while we were at the beach.

“It’s a time that I use to try to catch up on several things. I do have my mind on football and all the sports a coach. That’s probably a trait I have that’s a fault. I have never been any good at relaxing my mind. I’m always thinking about what’s next.”

## The Springs of Minecreek Fireworks Celebration

Family members and friends joined the staff and residents of The Springs of Minecreek for a holiday fireworks celebration Monday, July 1, in Nashville.



# Football to open Aug. 30; Dardanelle to replace DQ

The Nashville Scrappers are 65 days away from the first game of the football season.

Nashville will host Magnolia Friday, Aug. 30, in a non-conference game.

The Scrappers will visit Hope Sept. 6.

Dardanelle will come to Scrapper Stadium Sept. 13 for the final non-conference game. The Sand Lizards will replace De Queen on the Scrapper schedule.

Nashville will have an

open date Sept. 20 before Arkadelphia comes to town Sept. 27 for the first District 7-4A game of the season.

Fountain Lake and Genoa are back in the line-up after playing two seasons of eight-man football.

The complete schedule includes the following:

Aug. 30 - Magnolia	Sept. 6 - at Hope	Sept. 13 - Dardanelle	Sept. 20 - Open date	Sept. 27 - Arkadelphia	Oct. 4 - at Fountain Lake	Oct. 11 - Bauxite	Oct. 18 - at Ashdown	Oct. 25 - at Haskell Harmony Grove	Nov. 1 - Malvern	Nov. 8 - at Genoa Central	Nov. 15 - State playoffs begin
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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

### Area football players

**Summer schedules** resumed this week for area football players following the two dead weeks required by the Arkansas Activities Association. Teams were off the last week of June and first week of July. The remainder of their schedule will include workouts, team camps and 7-on-7 before fall camp begins in August.



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