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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

Master Gardeners to meet on July 22

Howard County Master Gardeners will meet Monday, July 22 at 5 p.m. in the Green Room at the Nashville City Park.

The group will have a potluck meal before the program.

The educational presentation for the meeting will be a discussion of food preservation by Terri James, chief of staff at the Hempstead Extension Office.

The public is invited to attend.

Farmers' Market will be open Friday

By Melanie Schwartz

Market manager

Join us at the Howard County Farmers' Market in Nashville Friday, July 19, from 7-11 a.m. or until vendors are sold out.

We were so grateful that the remnants of Beryl did little damage to our farmers and gardeners last week.

Jamison Orchards arrived with delicious peaches, and Bailey Farms provided our first watermelons of the season.

Our new vendors were warmly welcomed and are expected to join us again alongside our usual lineup of tomatoes, cucumbers, purple hull peas, okra, jalapenos, garlic, stringless green beans, fresh herbs, eggs, lamb meat and squash.

You can also expect to see homemade breads, jams, candied items and personal care items if you visit us on Friday.

Tim White teased something about pineapple upside-down cake making an appearance.

To see a full list of this week's vendors and their offerings, visit the Howard County Farmers' Market Facebook page. Stay connected, and don't miss the latest market news and updates

Mark your calendars for National Farmers' Market week Aug. 4-10, and the Market's annual yard sale will be in October.

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School continues planning for '24-25

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Work is expected to begin shortly on the Nashville School District's new tennis courts, Superintendent Doug Graham told the school board Monday night, July 15.

Equipment will be moved to the site this week, Graham said.

The two courts will be located between Scrapper Arena and the Scrapper Dome.

One set of bleachers will be provided for each court.

School board members approved the project earlier this summer.

Graham's update on the tennis courts was among a number of topics at the meeting as the district continues to plan for the first day of school Monday, July 29.

Teachers will report July 22. Open house on all four campuses will be held July 25.

The *Nashville News-Leader* will preview back-to-school in Nashville Wednesday, July 24.

Board members dealt with several personnel matters Monday night.

The board accepted the resignation of Tessa Dean, literacy coach and testing coordinator at Nashville Elementary School.

The board accepted Graham's recommendation to move Krisanna Miller to K-6 testing coordinator. Holly Couch will be testing coordinator for grades 7-12. Each will receive a \$1,000 stipend for the additional duties.

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Nashville school calendar 2024-25

Students begin July 29, 2024 and finish June 6, 2025

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 2024

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October 2024

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November 2024

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December 2024

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Teacher PD/Contract Days

July 22-26 ----- Staff Development
August 26 ----- Staff Development
September 30 ----- Staff Development
November 12 ----- Staff Development
January 6 ----- Staff Development
March 21 ----- Staff Development

Holidays/Non-Student Days

August 26 ----- No School
Sept 2 - Sept 6 ----- Labor Day
September 30 ----- No School
October 14 - 18 ----- Fall Break
November 11 & 12 ----- Veteran's Day/No School
November 25-29 ----- Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 23- Jan 7 ----- Christmas Holiday
January 20 ----- MLK Holiday
February 10-17 ----- Winter Break
March 21-28 ----- Good Friday/Holiday
April 18 & 21 ----- Memorial Day Holiday
May 23 & 26 -----

Grading Periods

1st Quarter ----- July 29- October 4 (43 days)
2nd Quarter ----- Oct 7 - Dec 20 (43 days)
3rd Quarter ----- Jan 7- Mar 20 (46 days)
4th Quarter ----- Mar 31 - June 6 (46 days)
Total of 178 student days

Parent-Teacher Conference Days

October 22, 2024

April 17, 2025

Legend

STAFF PD DAY/STUDENT HOLIDAY

STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAY

NHS COMMENCEMENT/NO SCHOOL

REGISTRATION DAY/OPEN HOUSE

START OF GRADING PERIOD

END OF GRADING PERIOD

SUMMER BREAK

*If school is closed for any reason, make up days will be as follows (when possible).

Day 1 ----- Feb 10
Day 2 ----- Feb 11
Day 3 ----- Mar 21
Day 4 ----- Apr 21
Day 5 ----- May 23

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March 2025

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April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025

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How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paree?

News-Leader photo/DON HALL

EIFFEL TOWER TOPPED WITH A COWBOY HAT. Jaree Hall of Nashville stands beneath a miniature Eiffel Tower in Paris, Texas. The tower isn't quite as tall as the one in Paris, France (65 feet compared to more than 1,000 feet), but it boasts a red cowboy hat on top.

Paris, Texas, population 24,000
Named in 1844, incorporated in 1845

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Paris, Texas is not exactly a quirky town—well, okay, it is a quirky town.

How many towns sport their own miniature Eiffel Tower? True, the original Tower in Paris, France, is more than 1,000 feet tall and the one in the Lone Star State is only 65 feet high, but does the European version have a red cowboy hat perched across the top? I rest my case.

Paris, a town of 24,000, dates back to when Texas was an independent country, which some Texans continue to believe is the case.

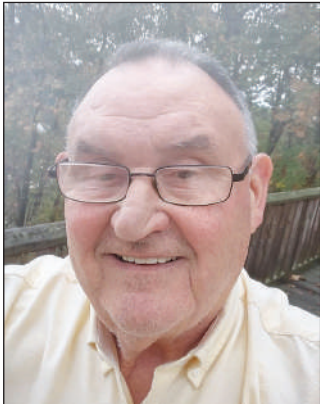
Named in 1844 and incorporated in 1845, the town has a rich history. It has been a center for the ginning and exporting of cotton, as well as being heavily involved in the cattle business (it was the home of cattle baron John Chisum, founder of the Chisum Trail).

Then, by the end of the 1800s, it was an important railroad town, with the Texas & Pacific, the Santa Fe, and the Southern Pacific rail lines all converging in Paris.

Paris also became a center for manufacturing furniture. One man who became wealthy in the furniture and undertaking business was a native New Yorker named Willet Babcock, who had moved to Paris in the 1850s. He

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Obituaries



Jimmy Dale

Jimmy Dale, 76, of Nashville passed away on Tuesday, July 9th at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on Jan. 4, 1948, in Nashville, Ark., the younger son of the late Harry Charles Dale and Mary Graves Dale. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Rose Stidham Dale. Jimmy was a 1965 graduate of Nashville High School and graduated from Southern State College (now SAU) in Magnolia in 1969. After college he taught school in Waldo and Umpire. He later left teaching and went to work as a sales representative for General Electric in Memphis. After his two boys were born, Jimmy took a job in Glenwood managing a store for Southwest Arkansas Furniture. He later moved to Nashville and worked at the Southwest store there until 1993. He then opened and managed stores in Hope and Nashville for Ivan Smith Furniture. Jimmy retired from the furniture business in 2006 and went to work as the financial director for the City of Nashville until his retirement in December 2016.

Jimmy was a bi-vocational pastor and served the First Baptist Church of Washington, Arkansas for 31 years. He was president of the Nashville Rotary Club for three different terms. The highest award an individual Rotarian can receive is the Service Above Self Award. The recipient of that award is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Jimmy was honored to become a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also a past member of the board of directors of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. He was longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Nashville.

Jimmy is survived by his children, Eric Dale and his wife Michelle of Hot Springs, Mark Dale and his wife Shawn of Nashville. Other survivors include five grandchildren: Haley, Camille, Sophie, Slade, and Abby and two great-grandchildren, Tyson and Gunter. He is also survived by his brother Edwin Dale and wife Mary Karol of Baton Rouge, La., and many other family members and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Nashville on Saturday, July 20th. The visitation will be at 10 a.m. with services to follow at 11 a.m.

Services will be directed by Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.

Carl Wayne Myrick

Carl Wayne Myrick, 75, of West Memphis, formerly of McCaskill, died July 7, 2024. He was born Feb. 3, 1949, in Hope to the late E.C. Myrick and Mary Sue

Stephens Adams. He was a member of Pleasant Springs Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by two siblings, Mikey Myrick and Ladonna Jean Myrick. Survivors include: his five children, Jennifer Stegall (Tim) of Hope, Jerry Myrick (Brandi) of McCaskill, Nancy Weinfurter (Karl) of Blevins, Carrie Myrick Hirmer of Texarkana and Amy Collins of Carrollton, Texas; a sister, Barbara Young of West Memphis; also grandchildren.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Jimmy Don Bagwell

Jimmy Don Bagwell, 69, of Murfreesboro died Thursday, July 11, 2024, in Hot Springs. He was born April 13, 1955, in Little Rock to the late J.C. Bagwell and Maudie May Lamb Bagwell.

He was a mechanic and a welder. He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Bagwell.

Survivors include: two children, Jimmy Don Bagwell, Jr., and Amy Bagwell; two brothers, Jerry Bagwell and Jeffery Bagwell.

Cremation arrangements are with Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.



Larry VanTyle

Larry VanTyle, 81, passed from this life June 30, 2024. He was born July 9, 1942 in Patriot, Ind. to Leon VanTyle and Opal (Strautmman) VanTyle. Larry enjoyed gardening, watching racing, and he loved his dog, Gizmo. Larry was a truck driver and worked at Nashville Trucking company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Guadalupe Auferila VanTyle; his parents, Leon and Opal VanTyle; his sister, Ethel Marie Herbert; and his dog Gizmo.

He is survived by his children, Michael Leon VanTyle of Clearwater, Fla., Curtis Jay VanTyle and wife Kathleen of Alpharetta, Ga., Jacque Harris and husband Paul of Ocala, Fla., Larrie Ann Miller and husband Aaron of Indianapolis, Ind.; step-son, Jimmy Foreman of Haskell, Ark.; brothers, Sam Field and wife Marita of Greensburg, Ind., Wayne Field of Columbus, Ind.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, July 27, 2024, in Edwards Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation is under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home, Ft. Smith.

Dosha Howell

Dosha Howell, 95, died July 14, 2024.

She was born Oct. 3, 1928, the daughter of the late David Wesley Fox and Elsie Leola Cox Fox.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Murfreesboro

She was preceded in death by husbands Clifford Adcock and Chester Howell;

a daughter, Vickie Gore and sons Rudy, Ronald and Larry Adcock.

Survivors include: a daughter, Vickie Gore and a son, David Gore, both of Texas; a sister, Edna Williams; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at First Christian Church, Murfreesboro, on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 1 p.m. with a visitation at the church from noon.



James Robert 'Bobby' Keaster

James Robert "Bobby" Keaster, a life-long resident of Nashville, Ark., passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, July 12th, surrounded by his family. Bobby was born in Nashville on Jan. 20, 1954, and spent his entire life both enjoying and serving the community.

Bobby graduated from Nashville High School with the class of 1972 where he was very active in sports, lettering multiple years each in football, baseball, track, and basketball. He was a school record holder in the 440-yard dash and was the first in Nashville to run it in under 50 seconds. He was involved in many organizations including student council, Class Tattler, N Club, and the National Honor Society. He continued his association with Nashville Public Schools after graduating from Ouachita Baptist University. Bobby taught in the Nashville school system for 26 years and drove a school bus for 40 years. He retired in 2002 after teaching both driver's education and 7th grade life science. Bobby spent the next 22 years as the Director of the Howard County Housing Authority. He retired in 2024 and was selected for the Arkansas NAHRO Housing Hall of Fame, receiving abundant support from both community and state leaders.

Bobby served the community of Nashville in numerous ways. He was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church, serving on multiple committees through the years. He was a 20+ year member of the Nashville Rotary Club, was a Paul Harris Fellow, and once served as the club's president. Bobby served on the Nashville City Council for over 20 years. He was a founding member of the Nashville Park Commission, serving more than 30 years and was one of only three emeritus members. Bobby was a long-time member, past club champion, and multiple time president of the Nashville Country Club.

Bobby was involved in many business ventures in Nashville throughout his life. He owned rental properties, established both Mine Creek Village and Mine Creek Storage, and even dabbled as a cattle and hay farmer. Bobby's hobbies included golf, fishing, horse-



AT THE FARMERS' MARKET, FRIDAY. Robert Bailey, left, and his helper, Dylan Kilgore, brought watermelons and tomatoes from his garden at Bodcaw. There were so many vendors, Friday, they spilled out of the shed and set up under the shade trees.

back riding, and spending time with his family and friends.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Mary Keaster. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Vanessa, his two children Lindsey Keaster Galloway and her husband Forrest, and Dr. Landon Austin Keaster and his wife Jessica. He was also survived by seven rambunctious grandsons, Grayson, Sloan, Grant, Beckett, Archie, Weston, and Graham, and one brother, Billy Keaster and his family.

Bobby always told people that Nashville was the best small town in America. Compassionate people are what make this small town so special and unique. Bobby knew he was abundantly blessed throughout his life. His spirit will continue to live on in the community and with those that he so dearly loved. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Nashville City Park to continue blessing the community at Nashville City Park, ATTN: Megan Floyd, 1301 West Johnson St., Nashville, AR 71852

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Edward Bunker

Wayne Edward Bunker, 77, of Delight died Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

He was born Sept. 13, 1946, in West Memphis to the late Clarence Harvey Bunker and Gusta Roach Bunker.

He was a member of the Mt. Joy Freewill Baptist Church and for 30 years was a lineman with South Central Electric.

He was preceded in death by four siblings, Harvey Bunker, Mary Blasingame, Jerry Bunker and Margie Bunker Hoss.

Survivors include: his wife, Loren Dakens Bunker; five children, Dawn Nichols, Tamera Seeley, Ricky Fralick, Susan Whitten and David Bunker; a brother, Jimmy Bunker; a sister, Debbie Vesels; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the Mt. Joy Freewill Baptist Church near Daisy with Bro. Raymond Dee officiating. Arrangements are with Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.



Ronald Rudolph Peden

Ronald Rudolph Peden, age 82 of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2024, in Hot Springs. He was born on Jan. 15, 1942, in Truman, the son of the late William Arthur Peden and Nelma Stotts Peden.

Mr. Peden was truly a "jack of all trades." He made tarps and loved working on sewing machines. He was an avid poker player and was an inventor of sorts. He loved to collect many different items. Although to some, these items may have been considered "junk," to him, they were treasures. He also enjoyed hunting rocks and metal detecting.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Adolph Peden.

Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Glenda Davis Peden; two children Kimberly Williams of Little Rock and Kelly Peden of Nashville; three sisters Duronda Peden-Campbell of Plant City, Fla., Mavis Whitehead of Ind., and Amber Lattimore of Harrisburg; four grandchildren Hannah Williams, Abbey Williams, Keeley Miller and Mickinzie Stapp; two great-grandchildren; five brothers and sisters in-law, J.W. (Buddy) Davis, Lenda Taylor, Cathy Bennett, Pat Johnston and Jimmy Davis; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Honorary pallbearers include the staff of Arkansas Extended Care Hospital in Hot Springs.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at Davis Section Cemetery near Umpire, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.

MS superintendent is suspended at Monday board meeting

In a surprise move Monday night, Mineral Springs School Supt. Billy Lee was suspended. The suspension is with pay for reportedly the two years remaining on his contract.

The announcement came after a brief executive session at the end of the school

board's regular meeting for July.

The board gave no reason for the action. Lee's contract was extended in January.

The newspaper was not in attendance at the meeting.

The interim superintendent is reportedly Ruby Dean, elementary school principal.

Homecoming, cemetery association meeting for Green's Chapel church is Saturday, Sunday

The Green's Chapel Church homecoming will be Sunday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Jerry Cox, and a lunch will be provided at noon.

The cemetery association's annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Persons with an interest in the cemetery are urged to attend.

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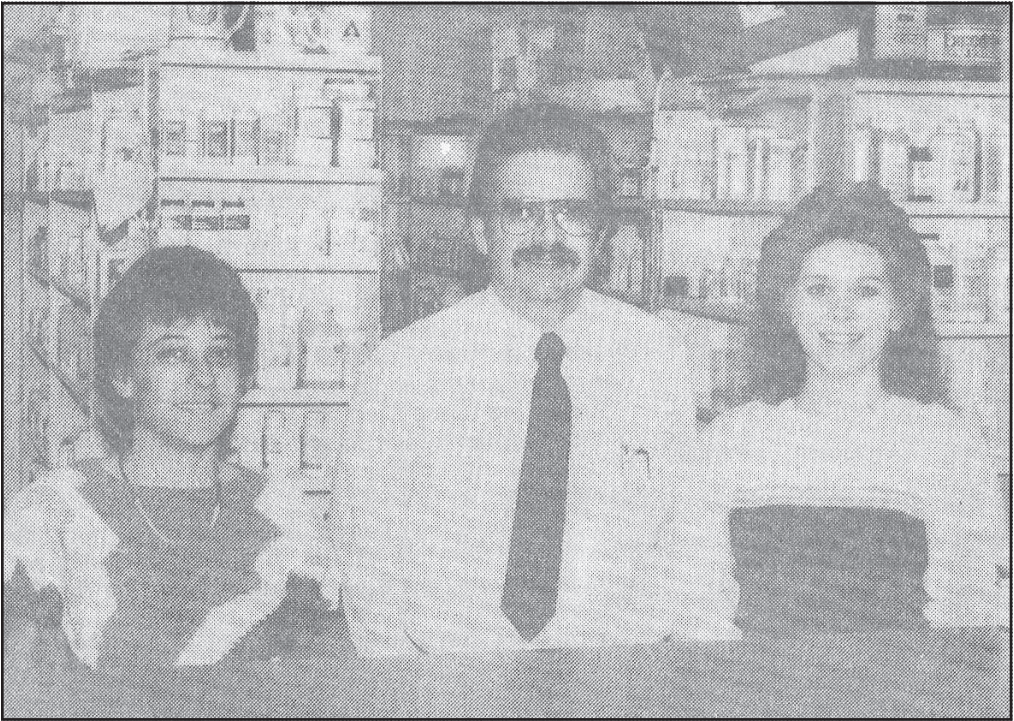


THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Dierks native Jack Gunter opened the Dierks Pharmacy at 3rd and Main in 1980 and bought the Owl Drug at 4th and Main in 1984. Pictured: staff member Susan Caloway, pharmacist Jack Gunter and staff member Kenya Quinn.

119 years ago: July 1905
Mrs. J. Y. Yager was struck by a bolt of lightning at the home of her son, Gip Yager, last Wednesday night and badly stunned, being unconscious for half an hour after the accident. She was struck on the shoulder causing a large round bloodshot bruise with streaks extending in every direction, but she had recovered from the effects Thursday morning with the exception of the soreness.

Notice: To the good ladies of Nashville. It has been hurled at me for the last four years that I would not make pictures as you wanted them. It started from my refusal to make a picture of a silly girl in a silly costume. Now if I am to be condemned for the respect I have for others, all well and good. E. Hord

80 years ago: July 1944
Tuesday afternoon brought the highest temperature of the year to Nashville, according to the thermometer at City Lake, the temperature rising to 103 degrees. Monday and

Wednesday were also warm enough to suit the most fastidious. The high for Monday was 101, and Wednesday brought a sizzling 102. Thursday has started off hot with no relief in sight.
(Adv.) Be modern in a new Halliwell Kera Kold Wave. The finest permanent money can buy. Make an appointment today for this most talked about wave. Lillie's Beauty Shoppe.

67 years ago: July 1957
Pvt. William J. Hockaday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt L. Hockaday, Route 2, Nashville, Arkansas, recently was graduated from the eight-week Administrative School at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. Hockaday received instruction in typing, filing and Army clerical procedures. He is a graduate of Mineral Springs High School.
John H. Lawrence, Machinist Mate 3rd Class USN of Dierks, Arkansas, is scheduled to return to San Diego, California, July 23 aboard the Destroyer *USS Yarnal* after a tour of duty with the Pacific Fleet. While in the Western Pacific, the

Destroyer acted as plane-guard for aircraft carriers, performed screening duties for the larger ships and conducted training designed to prepare the crew for any eventuality.

34 years ago: July 1990
An estimated 23 headstones at the Harris Cemetery near McCaskill were knocked over and damaged Saturday night by vandals. Hempstead County officers are also reporting that rural mailboxes were damaged.
Driving up Highway 70 and into the curve skirting the Dierks Post Office, motorists are startled by wall art on the side of the old Piggly Wiggly building. Bob McClellan was commissioned to paint a mural on the side of the building by the owner, Ray Rhodes. His wife is reopening the building as a craft store which will also carry craft supplies and antiques.
McClellan is an internationally known artist and muralist and has been working on the mural since July 9 and he plans to be completed by July 20.

Dates set in criminal court

Dates were set for one bench trial and one jury trial last Wednesday during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

On the bench was Judge Bryan Chesshir.
A request for another continuance was rejected and a bench trial date of Monday this week was set for Marcus Sullivan, 42, white male, Nashville, who was charged in June of 2023 with a pair of class D felony drug charges. The bench trial -- before the judge and without a jury -- was to be Monday, July 15.

A jury trial date of Aug. 23 was set for Scot Eitel, 55, white male, Redwater, Texas, who is appealing a district court ruling of guilty. In district court he was appearing on a charge of refusal to submit to breathalyzer test.

One defendant appeared for formal sentencing after previously pleading guilty to a felony DWI #4 charge. Freddie Robinson, 57, black male, Nashville was sentenced to a year in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) and was fined \$900.

Trial dates are set

Dates for pretrial motions and possible jury trials were set for four defendants who pleaded not guilty or not true.

The not true plea was by Roberta Lemons, 53, white female, Mineral Springs, whose probation revocation trial will Aug. 14. She is charged with failure to meet the terms of her probation on a controlled substance conviction earlier this year.

Juan Carillo, 34, Hispanic male, Nashville is charged

with possession of controlled substance, class D felony. Pretrial motions will be heard Sept. 30.

Brock Cox, 45, white male, Nashville, pleaded not guilty to felony charges of stalking and terroristic threatening. Pretrial motions will be heard Aug. 14.

David Dukes, 50, white male, Nashville, pleaded not guilty to charges of terroristic threatening and domestic battery. Motions will be heard Aug. 7.

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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of July 3-10, 2024:

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

July 3. Ausencio Hernandez Marrufo, 41, Nashville, and Alejandra Hernandez, 40, Nashville.

July 8. Tony Mitchell Dalton, Jr., 42, Nicholson, Ga., and Jacquelin Christina Gibson, 41, Nicholson, Ga.

July 9. Zackary L. Shankles, 40, Dierks, and Colby Ronae Frachiseur, 36, De Queen.

July 9. Tyler Jon Zimmerman, 24, Muscoda, Wisc., and Sonya Marie Miller, 18, Columbus.

July 10. Tyrel Gregory Nutall, 36, Dierks, and Aimee Danielle Scott, 36, Nashville.

July 10. Allen D. Vineyard, 62, Nashville, and Andrea Renee Vineyard, 59, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV24-66, July 2. Forsythe Finance, LLC, vs. Justin Hopkins. Contract.

CV24-67, July 3. Discover Bank vs. Yulonda Wynn. Debt.

CV24-68, July 3. Velocity Investments, LLC, vs. Robert Tucker. Debt.

CV24-69, July 5. Ricky and Lauren Fry vs. Jimmy and Peggy Hill. Contract.

CV24-70, July 8. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration vs. Leigh Whisenhunt. Register Arkansas judgment.

CV24-71, July 9. Deere & Company vs. Franklin Silavan. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court
DR24-79, July 3. Aubrey Lance vs. Chad Lance. Divorce.

DR24-80, July 5. Lauren Mitchell vs. William Blount. Order of protection.

DR24-81, July 3. Konisha D. Hillery vs. Muhammad Booth. Custody.

DR24-82, July 8. Anabel Canales de Bustamante vs. Jose Bustamante. Divorce.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of

controlled substance)

CR24-56, June 26. State of Arkansas vs. Juan Carillo, 38, Hispanic male, 324 S. Washington, Nashville; POCS, class D.

CR24-57, July 5. State of Arkansas vs. Oleh Kochin, 45, white male, Charlotte, N.C.; appeal of June 10 District Court bench trial guilty finding; operating a commercial vehicle without CDL.

CR24-58, July 9. State of Arkansas vs. Brock Cox, 45, white male, 824 Polk Meeting House Rd., Nashville; 2nd degree stalking, class C felony; 1st degree terroristic threatening, class D.

CR24-59, July 9. State of Arkansas vs. David Dukes, 50, white male, 902 W. Grumbles, Nashville; 1st degree terroristic threatening, class D; 3rd degree domestic battery, class misdemeanor.

CR24-60, July 10. State of Arkansas vs. Kody Lynn Box, 32, white male, 114 J.B. Steel Rd., Nashville; theft of property, class D; 1st degree criminal mischief, class D.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds
July 8. Roy Conrad and wife, Kim Conrad; to Samantha Ackley, part of Lots 13 thru 18, Block 72, Town of Nashville.

July 8. Randell Watts; to Nikki Dawn Lacie; Lot 10, Deerwood Estates Phase III, Nashville.

Beneficiary's Deed
July 3. Christine Griffin and wife, Carolyn Griffin; to Tony Chestine Griffin and Sarah Elizabeth Cobb, Joint Tenants; aggregate 7.38 ac. in S30 T7S R28W.

Redemption Deed
July 5. State of Arkansas; to Lonnie Eudy, c/o Scott Eudy, Queen City, Texas; 3.5 ac. in S34 T7S R29W; delin-

quent taxes and penalties of \$606.76.

Warranty Deeds
July 5. Edward Shane Landtroop; to Sheraye Cox and Robert Dale Cox wife and husband; 34.94 ac. S11 T10S R28W. \$34,000.

July 8. David Lynn Goss; to Brandon Arnold and wife, Trista Arnold; property in S11 T11S R27W. \$70,000.

July 9. Bryan Smead and Jennifer Smead, husband and wife; to Nathaniel Hayes Boyd; 1.303 ac. in S31 T7S R28W.

July 10. Haley D. Dixon (fka Haley D. Kuczek) and husband Aaron Dixon; to Colleen Mauldin; part of Lots 4-5, Compton Addition, City of Nashville. \$124,000.

July 10. David Goss and Susan Stone (fka Susan Goss); to Linda Watts; Lots 1-2-3, Block 13, Holly Addition, Town of Dierks. \$20,000.

July 10. Lester Dowd, Jr.; to Isaac Hawkins and Frankie R. Hawkins; aggregate 15.4 ac. in S34 T8S R28W.

Public Record clarification

Some deeds were omitted or were incomplete in the Public Records article in the July 3, 2024, issue of the *News-Leader*.


The newspaper regrets the mistake. The added and corrected deeds include:

Executrix's Deeds
June 24. Susan Ann Green, Executrix of the Estate of Linda L. Green, deceased; to Susan Ann Green; aggregate 65.08 ac. in S12 T10S R28W.

June 24. Susan Ann Green, Executrix of the Estate of Linda L. Green, deceased; to Susan Ann Green, Vickie Chambers, Sara Katherine Young and Virginia Louise Marion; 3.5 ac. in S12 T10S R28W.

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New 6 Ft. 3 Pt. Bush hog	Yamaha Rhino 450	18 Ft. Flatbed Trailer
New 6 Ft. 3 Pt. Blades	Yamaha Rhino 600	10 Ft. Flatbed Trailer
3 Pt. Hay Spears	Hay Rake	Scaffolding
New Chains, Binders, Logging Straps	5 1/2 in. Pipe	Pipe for Corrals or Corner Post
New Skid Steer Attachments: Rock Buckets, Reg Buckets, Hyd. Brush Cutters, Hyd. Sweeper, Hyd. Trenches, Hyd. Log/Pole Grapples, Snow Plow, New Generators	36'x7' Stock Trailer	Cattle Alley with Sliding Gate
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JD 5420 Kubota w/JD Loader w/4 attachments for Loader	New 2 7/8 Pipe	New Chains and Binders
20 Ft. GN Steel Floor Equipment Hauler Drive Over Fenders, Ramps	Used 2 7/8 Pipe	2015 Freightliner M2-112 6'x4' T/A
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3/4 Ton Chevrolet Truck	New Feed Troughs	1000 Gal Diesel Tank w/electric 110v pump (works good)
Misc. Tractors All Sizes	New Tires and Wheels- 15 in., 16 in., 8 Hole & Bud Wheels	(2) V Shape Hay Racks
Hyd. Hay Bed	New Hay Rakes	(2) Tyson Chicken Freezers (not working)
New Ramps Trailer	GN Landscape Trailer	MF 2270 9 Ft. Hay Mower
7/8 and 1 inch Sucker Rod	New Hyd. Post Hole Digger	8 Ft. Marra Hay Cutter
1998 Freightliner Crew Cab Utility Bed	New Hyd. Offset Hyd Disc	8 Wheel Hay Rake
	Skid Steer Chipper Shredder	Hay Tedder
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Hope prevails

Remembering a man who loved this community

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street and I’ve been thinking of our town’s Jimmy Dale who died last week.

My mental picture is of him grinning and having the time of his life as master of ceremonies at the annual Rotary Club telethon fund-raiser for the Childrens’ Center. In those days, it was a telethon because it was shown over KJEP, the community’s ‘low power’ television station.

Jimmy was on the board of the directors of the Childrens’ Center. He truly loved the center’s clients. Knew them all by name and knew lots about them. He could praise their talents and could find something wonderful to say about each client as he or she came on camera at the telethon. In return, they love him.

It was obviously sincere affection both ways.

On the HCCC board is where he and my late wife Jane became friends. When she died he officiated her funeral. A Baptist minister burying a Catholic girl at a funeral in the Methodist Church (because they had graciously offered their larger sanctuary).

Jimmy also served our community on the chamber of commerce board and on the city council; And as a businessman and as the city financial director.

Somehow in the last months of his life, burdened by numerous fearful physical afflictions, he could keep his sense of humor along with his hopes for continued service.

He was ‘interim’ pastor for several decades at the small Baptist church at Washington, and later moved his energies to First Baptist in Nashville. He was the only publicly liberal Baptist minister I’ve ever known.

Peace to his family and to his many friends, and thanks to the Almighty for putting such wonderful people among us.

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

DITTO WHAT I SAID in the last three weeks about the astronauts and the Boeing Starliner spacecraft. I hope they have guardian angels. And they’re still “up” there.

ANUT SHOOTS the former President at a political rally? How scary! I always say it is far too easy for nuts to get guns.

I suspect that the resulting sympathy for Trump will have an even worse effect on the Biden campaign than the latter’s doddering, but even so --- can our country not produce better candidates for the White House?

I am sorry that the shooter was killed. I would have liked for him to be interrogated by local Pennsylvania authorities, not the Feds. Let’s try to find out more why someone would go to such lengths to assassinate a candidate. Was it a ‘suicide by cop’ event?

If the Feds did the interview, the knowledge would be forever buried, making sure that conspiracy theories proliferate. Too late.

ANIMAL CRACKERS. Daughter Julie brought me a swell bluebird box she purchased at the Farmers’ Market in Nashville.

I got up off my lazy backside and -- before the day got too hot -- I removed the ‘old’ bluebird box and threw it and its questionable contents into the trash. We have long discussed whether the old bluebird box’s position on the west-facing wall of my patio was the cause of death for many batches of chicks.

Once the sun has crossed its zenith and until it ducks down behind my neighbor’s sweetgum tree late in the day it has had an unobstructed oven view of the old box.

So Saturday I picked out a spot on the fence which was never in the afternoon sun and I endeavored to attach the bluebird box at that site.

While I was trying to figure out how to operate the swell new battery-powered screwdriver I had purchased two weeks earlier, I stood with the backs of my legs brushing some nandina bushes.

This took me awhile, and I must have stood there so long that the unwanted vine which has taken over the nandinas tried to wrap around my leg.

Wait a minute, I shouted mentally, is that a vine or is it a dangerous serpent?

It is a testament to my self-control that I only dropped the wood screw once. I finally attached the bluebird box to that spot on the fence and I pray that I attached it good enough because I wasn’t willing to stand there with the serpent any longer.

Nothing bit the back of my leg, in case you’re wondering.

As of mid-week I have seen no bluebirds inspecting the new abode. It may be too late in the season.

THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: “Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”

WORD GAMES. Two towns not on your vacation bucket list: Sodom & Gomorrah.

HE SAID: “Keep your face always toward the sunshine -- and shadows will fall behind you.” Walt Whitman, American poet and journalist

SHE SAID: “There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” Edith Wharton, American novelist and Pulitzer Prize winner

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State continues to look at ways to cut numbers receiving help from Medicaid

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

More than 870,000 Arkansas residents receive some type of health care through Medicaid, which is operated by the state Department of Human Services.

The department has made public a variety of cost-cutting ideas and has been gathering input from people who would be affected by them.

Stakeholders include physicians and clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, therapists, rehabilitation and long-term care facilities.

Last year the department trimmed the number of Medicaid recipients in Arkansas, after the expiration of the national public health emergency caused by the Covid epidemic. During the pandemic Arkansas Medicaid rolls reached a high of more than 1,151,000 people.

After a six-month period of redetermining eligibility of recipients, the program now serves about 245,000 adults, 394,000 children and 250,000 adults in ARHOME. That is a health care program for adults who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. The department uses Medicaid dollars to subsidize their private health insurance.

Many people drop off the rolls

and get back on again, depending on their financial circumstances. On a particular day the number of Medicaid enrollees is about 870,000 people, but over the course of last year more than a million Arkansas residents received some type of health care through the program.

The steady growth in the cost of the program is a concern for legislators. Last year the state and federal governments combined to spend \$9 billion on the Arkansas Medicaid program. Federal funding accounts for 72 percent of the total, but in October that will go down to 71.14 percent. If Medicaid spending stays the same, this change will shift \$55 million in costs from the federal government to the state.

State spending on Medicaid has been dramatically increasing, both in total dollars and as a percentage of the overall state budget. From Fiscal Year 2018 to 2023 state funding of Medicaid rose by 41 percent. As a percentage of state general revenue spending it increased from 20 percent to about 23 percent.

According to an analysis recently published by the department, there are several factors driving up the cost of Medicaid that state officials cannot control. For example,

during the pandemic more people became eligible because they lost their jobs. Also, the federal government required states to keep people enrolled during the pandemic, which was a major reason that Arkansas Medicaid reached an overall high of 1.15 million people.

States have flexibility to determine eligibility for some medical procedures, but are required to pay for numerous mandatory benefits, such as inpatient and outpatient hospital services, home health and the cost of transportation to clinics and physicians’ offices.

In 2019 Medicaid spent an average of \$6,046 per beneficiary. In 2023 that amount had gone up to \$7,280.

The department’s 128-page analysis provides a list of options to lower costs, but does not make any recommendations. The legislature, the governor and the department will gather input from health care providers and beneficiaries before making any final decisions on which options, if any, the state will choose.

Those decisions will require lengthy study because they will affect so many people’s access to medical care, and will influence how hundreds of millions of dollars are spent.

Investing in the nation’s aviation system

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The Transportation Security Administration screened nearly three million air travelers on Sunday, June 23, breaking the single day record. Seven of the top 10 busiest travel days ever at our nation’s airports have been since late May. The agency predicts it will continue to hit new highs as we’re in the middle of the busy summer travel season.

As more people fly and air travel continues to grow, there is a need for modernization to boost confidence in the industry and the aviation workforce. In May, Congress passed crucial reforms to accomplish these goals in the bipartisan Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024 which President Joe Biden signed into law.

This win for Arkansans and all Americans improves passenger safety, invests in aviation infrastructure and personnel in addition to advancing technology and innovation to get travelers to their destinations safely.

The FAA invests in facility upgrades and expansion of airports through its Airport Improvement Program (AIP). In our state, 76 airports are eligible for AIP awards and many have received funding to improve safety, rehabilitate run-

ways and widen taxiways through this initiative. The FAA reauthorization increases money available for the program so our airports can continue making upgrades.

The law also helps surge the hiring of air traffic controllers so we can ensure an ample pipeline of personnel are in place to meet the demands of the industry.

An expansion of this workforce is critical because last year the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General found the FAA didn’t have adequate staffing at 77 percent of critical facilities.

I’m pleased the measure included a provision I championed to improve FAA hiring practices so we can ease this shortfall and get more individuals trained and on the job to enhance safety and efficiency.

This law also promotes the integration of new and emerging technology. Arkansas is already successfully leading in this area, implementing the use of drones to augment human inspectors and spot flaws and structural issues on bridges, railways and other infrastructure projects.

After the shutdown of the I-40 bridge over the Mississippi River, ARDOT increased its drone capabilities and now boasts one of the most expansive programs in the

country. This federal policy will allow state and local governments to follow Arkansas’s example.

Drone deployment improves safety and saves taxpayer dollars. That’s why I backed legislation to empower communities to use these tools as well as invest in American-made drones and the next generation workforce in drone aviation.

This language was included in the FAA reauthorization. It authorizes \$200 million in grants for two years to purchase drones and foster development of programs to prepare future employees in the field.

I am hopeful this will benefit communities across the country and spurs further investments in drone capabilities that provide cost-effective solutions to improve our infrastructure.

Reauthorization of the FAA is a great example of what we can accomplish when we work together. This was the result of bipartisan input in committee hearings and debates in the Senate and House of Representatives, with ultimate goal of making meaningful updates to strengthen our aviation system and improve air travel. Arkansans and our neighbors throughout the country will reap the benefits of this achievement.



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An Army Cobra helicopter at the Memorial Museum in Paris, Texas

Paris

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died in 1881, but he isn’t remembered for his businesses; he’s known for the grave marker he commissioned a year before his death. Twenty feet tall and hand-carved from marble, it depicts a life-sized man wearing a flowing robe and carrying a cross. All seems normal until you look at his feet and see he’s wearing—wait for it—boots.

Did I mention that Paris is a little quirky?

People come from all over

the state of Texas to visit Babcock’s grave site in the Evergreen cemetery and to see the statue known simply as “Jesus in Cowboy Boots.”

With its history of financial success, downtown Paris turned into a sight to behold.

But like so many other towns, the downtown became run-down and basically empty in the last part of the 20th century.

That’s changing now, as Paris is following the model many other towns have used successfully to revive their downtowns: attract restaurants, bars, and shops that will draw young adults, and then convert those grand,

old, empty buildings into apartments and condos. Downtown Paris is coming back.

At a little over two hours from Nashville, Paris isn’t exactly next door, but it’s not too far away, either. When you’re looking for a day trip, or if you’re on the way somewhere else, consider going a little out of your way and visiting Paris. The one in Texas.

Stop in at the 107 Restaurant just off the square in downtown and order the pulled pork tacos—they’re amazing. And both the restaurant and the town will satisfy your desire for a little “quirky.”



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An ice cream shop in an old bank building at Paris



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

NEW CHURCH. Rev. Keenan Williams of Washington and Pastor Wade Eggers lead a worship service Sunday, July 14, to charter the Nashville Global Methodist Church. The congregation has 56 charter members who were in attendance Sunday.

School

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Jacob Greenfield was hired as a teacher and assistant coach.

Willard Lewis was named high school custodian.

Ashley Hale will be the junior and senior high trap coach.

Graham told the board that other schools in District 7-4A will raise ticket prices to \$7 for all sports in the upcoming academic year.

The district raised football ticket prices to \$7 for the 2023 season. Nashville charged \$7 for all tickets purchased at the gate and gave district students and fans the opportunity to buy them for \$5 in advance.

Now, the other schools in the district will charge \$7 for basketball and spring sports in addition to football.

“If we choose to do that, we need to decide if we are going to offer a ticket for \$5 if bought prior to game time, Graham said. “We have time to decide before basketball season.”

In other business, the board voted to retire the fixed asset list. The list includes outdated technology that would be too expensive to repair.

Model Personnel Policy Committee policies from the Arkansas School Board Association were approved.

Graham said the district recorded an operating balance of \$6,137,332 for the fiscal year ending June 30. That compares to a balance of \$4,984,859 June 30, 2023.

“It was another stable year for us,” Graham said.

The board approved Graham’s recommendation to transfer \$1,609,217 to the district’s building fund to

comply with state law. “The law allows 20 percent of gross revenue to carry over,” and the rest has to be moved, according to the state. Nashville is about \$1.6 million above the 20 percent limit.

Graham said he and the PPC have discussed a bonus or adding money to the salary schedule. Under the state’s LEARNS Act, the minimum salary for a teacher is \$50,000, but the bill does little to provide funding for teachers with additional experience and education above a bachelor’s degree.

Providing a bonus would give teachers extra money immediately, but it would be a one-time payment, Graham said. Putting money into the salary schedule “means it’s guaranteed year-to-year. The money has to be there every year.”

The PPC is discussing the possible bonus or addition to the salary schedule with the district’s teachers and will report back to Graham.

Also at Monday night’s meeting, the board approved the district’s final accreditation report for 2024. The report shows a total enrollment of 1,867 students. All four campuses are fully accredited.

“We’re in good standing with the Arkansas Department of Education,” according to Graham.

The district’s Migrant Education Program “is functioning within the existing guidelines and regulations,” according to a report from Darla Neely, regional MEP coordinator for the De Queen/Mena Education Service Cooperative.

“I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with Cristal Perez and your office staff,” Neely said.

Graham discussed a pos-

sible grant to deal with cell phones on campus.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Education Commissioner Jacob Olivia sent each district a letter July 2 about a grant for pouches or electronic lockers to store the devices from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day.

State officials discussed the grant in a Zoom meeting July 9 and told them a decision was due by July 11. The due date was later changed.

The letter and Zoom left “a lot of unanswered questions,” according to Graham.

Schools may go ahead and order the pouches or lockers and return them later without being charged, Graham said. If the district accepts them, the state will reimburse the cost.

“Our current policy says phones may not be out during [the day]” except at lunch, Graham said. “We have a policy in effect during the day. Very few of our no-nonsense teachers have cell phone problems. The board will have to decide if it’s a big enough issue to take them up from 8-3. If you go in the NHS cafeteria at lunch, 200 kids are sitting there calmly and on their phones at lunch.”

Graham doesn’t know when the pouches will arrive, but they “won’t be here anyway on the first day or the first week. We don’t know when they will come.”

Graham said he doesn’t know how the collection plan would work at high school because students are “in and out all day” with three different schedules. They come and go to UA-Cossatot, the agri building, band, cheer and the stadium or arena. Some leave at 1:30 every afternoon.

“There’s not an easy fix. We will discuss it more,” Graham said.

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NEW FERAL SWINE TECH NOW ON CALL. The Mine Creek Conservation District has employed Hayden Linville as the district's feral swine technician through a pilot project program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. This project has enabled the Mine Creek Conservation District to provide a feral hog trapper for a limited time to assist landowners in Howard County with trapping and removing feral hogs. The district was also able to purchase two hog traps through a grant from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. **All the trapping is done free of charge to the landowner.** Although small herds of feral hogs have lived in Arkansas for generations, the feral hog population in the state has increased and expanded dramatically since the 1990's. Controlling the prolific feral hog has proven difficult. Feral hogs are very adaptive and learn to avoid hunters and traps. Hogs are very mobile and will range for miles in search of food and mates. Most feral hogs are nocturnal, and therefore often unseen until signs appear. Signs of feral hogs are rooting, tracks, wallows, nests, or beds, tree and post rubs. If you have a feral hog problem on your property, you can Linville directly at phone 870-200-0309 (email mccdtrapperhayden@gmail.com or you can Contact the Mine Creek Conservation District Office at 870-845-4121 Ext 3.

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Hempstead Co. charges upgraded to murder, arson for man accused of setting wife on fire in Fulton

Charges have been upgraded to capitol murder and arson against a Hempstead County man whose wife has died after he allegedly set her on fire on July 8.

The victim, Tonya Cockrell, 35, has passed away from her burn injuries, according to the Hempstead County Sheriff's Department and her husband, Bruce Lee Cockrell is now facing a capitol murder charge.

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 1530 in Fulton. Deputy Malone was advised 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, who 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 died from her injuries.

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 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 initially arrested Cockrell on charges of first-degree domestic battery and he was transported to the Hempstead County Detention Center.

State police ICAC arrests Hope suspect on 100 counts of distributing child sex materials

On Monday, July 8, agents with Arkansas State Police's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) arrested Rodney Lee Watson, 71, of Hope, following a search warrant stemming from a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The investigation led to Watson being charged with 100 counts of distributing, possessing, or viewing material depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child.

ICAC Agents arrested Watson and transported him to the Hempstead County Detention Center. Watson's bond was set at \$250,000.

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AMOS • THE SHEPHERD TURNED PROPHET

BOTH KING UZZIAH OF JUDAH AND KING JEROBOAM OF ISRAEL HAD LED THEIR PEOPLE AWAY FROM RIGHTEOUS LIVING, DRAGGING THEM INTO A SINFUL LIFE....

...BUT IN THE RUGGED HILL COUNTRY OF TEKOA, TO THE SOUTH, A HUMBLE SHEEPHERDER, NAMED AMOS...

...WHO, EVEN NOW, GUARDS HIS HERD, IS ABOUT TO BECOME A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LORD!

BUT THE ISRAELITES SEEM TO HAVE NO CARE FOR KEEPING THE WAYS OF THE LORD! THEY HAVE FOLLOWED THEIR KINGS WITHOUT THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE, THINKING ONLY OF RIOTOUS LIVING AND THE PLEASURES OF SIN, SO EASILY BOUGHT WITH THEIR WEALTH!

THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD OF AMOS, FAR TO THE SOUTH, WHO IS PREPARING A MODEST MEAL, WHILE HIS HERD SLEEPS, AND THE GENTLE EVENING BREEZES SEEM TO SPEAK TO HIM....

...EVEN AS HE MAKES READY TO EAT, IT ALMOST SOUNDS AS IF THE LIGHT WINDS CALL HIS NAME, AND SUDDENLY, THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT—HIS NAME IS BEING CALLED! HE LOOKS ABOUT BUT THERE IS NO ONE TO BE SEEN! YET THE VOICE IS INSISTENT!

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Clark County woman charged in Pike County for sexual relationship with juvenile boy

An Arkadelphia woman has been charged with sexual assault after she allegedly had a relationship with a Centerpoint School District student.

Lauren Reschea Brewer, 27, was charged July 11 with fourth-degree sexual assault. She plead not guilty to the charge Monday and her bond was set at \$20,000. Brewer was ordered to return to court with an attorney on Aug. 12.

According to case information, the Pike County Sheriff's Department received a case in April from the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division in reference to a sexual relationship "causing pregnancy" between a 16-year-old boy and a 27-year-old female, Lauren Brewer."

The juvenile male student involved is "intellectually deficient and has an IQ of 45" and a school official stated she felt like the juvenile "would not be developmentally able to consent."

The student disclosed that he and Brewer had a relationship and that he knew of the possibility of her child being his.

Brewer allegedly admitted she and the juvenile had had sex one time around the time she thought the baby was conceived.

Brewer, who is married, told investigators "she was nervous about who the baby would belong to." It was determined the the student was 15 at the time in question.

Also on July 11, Robert Derrick Hudson, 52, of Delight, was charged one count of first-degree criminal mischief involving an incident on June 20 where he allegedly shot up a truck

belonging to his former stepdad and stepsister.

Hudson plead not guilty to the charge Monday and his bond was set at \$25,000. An Oct. 28 pretrial date was set and a no-contact order was issued in the case.

Joshua G. Lemons, 33, of Nashville was charged with felony nonsupport and is allegedly in arrears \$10,974 for child support. Lemons has yet to make a court appearance in Pike County.

Sentences

On July 12, Tony R. McCann, 45, of Glenwood, plead guilty to felony drug charges and was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with two years suspended. He was ordered to return to court on Aug. 19 for formal sentencing.

Charlotte L. Charlton, 43, of Brady, plead guilty to two counts of possession of drugs and was sentenced to six years of probation.

Kinder Deshae Woods, 24, of Blevins, plead guilty to drug and firearm charges and was ordered to return to court July 22 for formal sentencing.

Tony Pipkins, 61, of Delight, plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was ordered to return to court July 22 for formal sentencing.

Devin Robinson, 27, of Hot Springs, plead guilty to internet stalking of a child and was sentenced to 20 years in the ADC with five years suspended.

On July 15, Christopher Parte, 36, of Kirby, plead guilty to fleeing and possession of drug paraphernalia and plead "true" to violating the terms of his probation. He was sentenced to a total of six years in the ADC with two year suspended.

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with cost of attending set at \$25 per student.

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UCA CHEER CAMP AT DIERKS. The University of Central Arkansas and Dierks High School's cheer squads recently hosted a cheerleader camp where both the senior and junior squads received a "Superior" rating. Members of the senior squad include (front from left) Valeria Marquez, Denver Tollett (All-American), Sayer Baker, Kalli Alexander, Areley Salgado, Ally Sayre (All-American); (back) Raylie Walston (All-American), Lilly Hogg (All-American), Aspen Pugh (All-American), Hannah Kirby (All-American), Amelia Sweden, Bailee Hill (All-American) and Linnea Thompson.



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'Pack the Pit' cheer camp Aug. 1

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SPORTS LEADERS
Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

SouthArk Hogs & Dierks Outlaws

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USDA grant helps Arkansas researchers track invasive tick

By Maddie Johnson
University of Arkansas
System Division
of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural
Experiment Station

Researchers with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture have landed a \$270,000 grant to map the spread of an invasive tick species in Arkansas. The Asian longhorned tick, *Haemaphysalis longicornis*, was first identified in Arkansas in 2018, a year after it was confirmed in the United States. Scientists are unsure how the tick first entered the U.S., but the risk posed to producers is clear, says Emily McDermott, assistant professor of entomology with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station. The tick, often the size of a sesame seed, can pose devastating risks for cattle. With the ability to reproduce without a male, a single tick can lay up to 2,000 eggs, and hundreds of ticks can infest a single animal, leading to its death.

McDermott said it's important to define exactly where this tick lives, as it's been confirmed in the state but has likely not spread across Arkansas. She is hopeful that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's financial support will aid in the team's ability to do just that.

The team will enlist citizens throughout the state for help with this mapping. Researchers will start by surveying a 1.5-kilometer radius in Benton, Independence and Washington counties, three of the Arkansas counties where the tick has been identified. Within these boundaries, they will sample at least 20 percent of a herd of cattle. If no longhorned tick is found, researchers will expand their surveillance to an 8-kilometer radius, repeating their methods until they identify the presence of the

tick or reach the state line. If a surveillance site does test positive for tick presence, secondary surveillance will begin expanding in rings from the area, drawing a more definite boundary for where the tick is distributed throughout the state.

All ticks collected from cattle, and those collected from the trapping that researchers will also conduct at each site, will then be tested for *Theileria orientalis* Ikeda genotype, a deadly parasite transmitted by the longhorned tick that was discovered for the first time in Arkansas just weeks ago, to assess the current risk of this threat.

Along with McDermott, the research team includes Jeremy Powell, veterinarian and animal science professor, and Kelly Loftin, extension entomologist and professor of medical and veterinary entomology, who serves as the principal investigator for the grant. The experiment station is the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, and the extension is the division's outreach arm.

Division support or pilot data
The team first received a \$15,000 internal animal health grant from the division before procuring the \$270,000 USDA grant, which runs from July 2024 to June 2026.

The internal grant allowed preliminary data collection that confirmed a presence of the longhorned tick at the division's Savoy and Batesville research locations in northwest and north-central Arkansas. Testing at the research station near Hope in the southwestern part of the state was negative.

Loftin said the presence of the tick in Batesville has increased considerably, illustrating its growing threat to the state's cattle populations.

With these findings, the team went after further funding to address the fundamental question of their current work: how widespread is this tick?

Loftin said the research was inspired in part by mysterious sicknesses in animals that mirrored the symptoms associated with anaplasmosis, a tick-borne disease commonly found in Arkansas. Testing for anaplasmosis, however, came up negative.

Deadly parasite
Once the longhorned tick attacks an animal, it can transmit *Theileria orientalis* Ikeda, which can kill up to one in 20 infected cattle, according to the USDA.

The presence of the longhorned tick in the United States caused researchers to question whether it could be carrying and spreading this disease throughout Arkansas.

Loftin said their research on the tick heightens producers' caution of ectoparasites, or parasites that live on the exterior of a host. "It seems like it's getting to a point where ectoparasites are just as important as the internal parasites," Loftin said.

Intervention for prevention
The team's research proves to be timely, with *Theileria orientalis* Ikeda being identified in Boone

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County, its first case and death in the state, within the last two months, as reported by the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association.

Powell said that while there is no drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat *Theileria*, the team hopes to use its findings to enhance producers'

prevention efforts.

McDermott also said it's easier to intervene and reduce tick presence when their population size is small, as they can reach high population sizes very quickly.

Powell added that this knowledge could help producers deter ticks through

more effective methods of pasture mowing and parasiticide use.

"If we're able to get a better handle on the prevalence and incidence of the tick, and then also test those ticks for *Theileria*, we would have a better idea to pass information along to the producers," Powell said.

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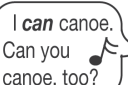


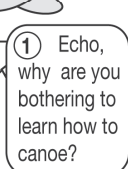


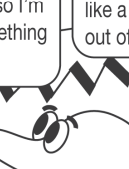
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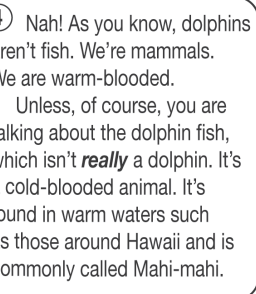


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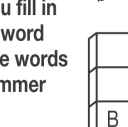


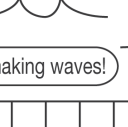





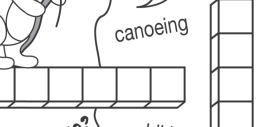
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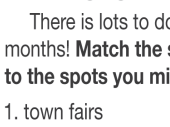


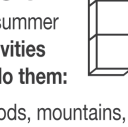


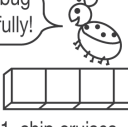


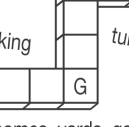


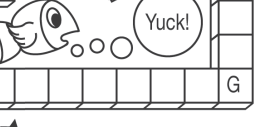


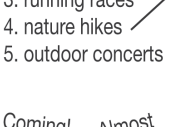


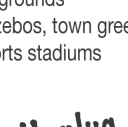


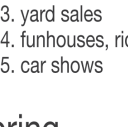


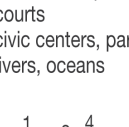


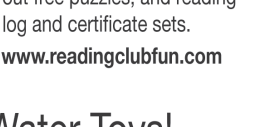





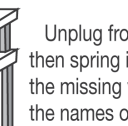








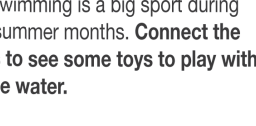


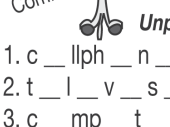


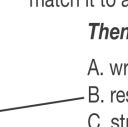


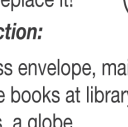


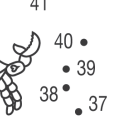


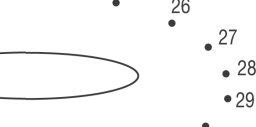


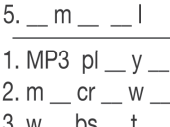


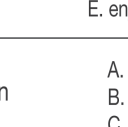


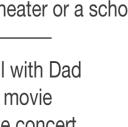





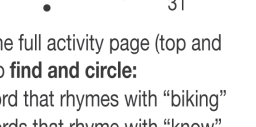














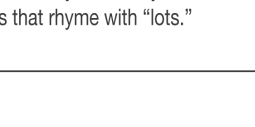












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OVERGROWN. Wrought iron fences and old toppled headstones at the Graves Cemetery have been overtaken by vegetation but plans are in the works to clean up the historic site.

Graves Cemetery

Established in 1856, information sought about graves at historic final resting place

By Pat Goodson Morrow
Special to The News-Leader

There is an old, nearly forgotten cemetery off of the Lockesburg Highway. In that cemetery rests the ancestors of many of the residents of Nashville, Center Point, and nearby communities.

Located on Boatwright Road, and unseen from the highway, Graves Cemetery is not easy to find. There is no sign to mark the location, and the cemetery itself is overgrown with tall grass, weeds, bushes, and thorns. It is hard to walk the grounds because of the overgrowth of vegetation.

I am writing this article today to make the community aware of this cemetery and to seek information in an effort to identify and locate all of the graves of those buried in the old Graves Cemetery.

There are 96 graves in the old cemetery with markers still standing.

Many of the stones are broken, some have fallen over, and many can't be read. There are areas of ground that give evidence that there are also graves that are not marked. Word of mouth passed down through generations tells of slaves that are also buried in a section of the cemetery.

None of the graves belonging to slaves are marked today. The tombstones that do exist indicate that eleven graves are over 150 years old; 53 graves are over 100 years old; and 87 graves are more than 50 years old.

Eleven of the marked graves are occupied by men who fought in the Civil War. At least 13 graves belong to children under the age of seventeen.

The 1.1 acre of land that the Graves Cemetery is located on was donated by William C. "Buck" Graves and his wife, Betsy, in 1856 for the purpose of providing a dedicated space as a family burial spot. When the cemetery was established, its location was in Sevier County. But in 1873, Howard County was formed from portions of Hempstead, Polk, Pike and Sevier counties. At that time, Graves Cemetery became part of Howard County.

In the 1800's, records of family cemeteries were kept in the possession of the family members and passed down from generation to generation. There was probably a hand drawn map that would verify the location of the graves. But today, those records no longer exist.

It is thought that the records may have last been in the possession of the late Patsy Forgy, wife of the late Steel Forgy. Patsy Forgy's mother, Nannie Graves Smith, and her grandfather, Addison Graves, Jr, are buried in the Graves Cemetery.

When Patsy and Steel Forgy's house was destroyed by a fire in the mid-1900's, it is likely that the Graves Cemetery records were also destroyed.

As long as the Forgys were living and able, they kept the old cemetery clean. After they passed away, Phil Waters stepped in and kept the cemetery in good order. But since the deaths of these three, no one has accepted the responsibility of providing continuous care to the cemetery.

Any attention paid to the cemetery in recent years has been sporadic. It is often said that people today, unlike previous generations, have no interest in the past or those



A FAMILIAR HEADSTONE. The Woodmen of the World headstone for Joe Chambers, born in 1885 located in Graves Cemetery.

that lived before us. Names and dates on a family tree or an old tombstone mean little to those living today.

None of us living today have memory of those who are buried in Graves Cemetery. I am hoping to learn more about them. Those buried in the Graves Cemetery were men, women, and children who had left homes, land, and family to settle in Arkansas. Once here, they built communities and made homes for themselves and generations to come. These early settlers were farmers, businessmen, politicians, preachers, and teachers. Their decision to move west impacted this area of the country greatly.

According to the late Phil Waters, a local historian and descendent of the Graves family, the first of the Graves families started the relocation process around 1830, about the time that Arkansas became the 25th state in the Union.

According to "The First Landowners Project of Arkansas," the various members of the Graves family moved in over a period of several years. To quote that publication, "Around 1855-1856, nine or ten other Graves family members - siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles - came to this area, along with friends of the Graves. They came from Tennessee, Mississippi, and as far as Idaho to settle the area known as Graves Settlement."

As the families arrived, they homesteaded or bought, settled, and cultivated land. The acreage they came to own stretched from Center Point to the Longview Community. This was also verified in writings by Pearl Bevill when she

wrote her "Memories of Center Church."

Our efforts are focused on the Graves Cemetery, but there are other old cemeteries existing across the country that have been forgotten and /or abandoned. If a cemetery is neglected to the point of becoming completely overgrown, it is a daunting task to reclaim and restore it. The job of clearing out the thick overgrowth of thorns, weeds, and other vegetation seems like an impossible task to master. Cleaning and repairing the tombstones is an even harder job, requiring a great deal of knowledge and patience. Much time and the right tools are also needed to restore a neglected cemetery. Most people are not willing or able to take on such a task. Those who attempt it must have a caring heart, a strong back, a love of history, and great respect for those who lived before us.

Fortunately, such caring and devoted people do exist, and some have volunteered to take on the difficult job of cleaning Graves Cemetery. When The Sons of the Confederate Veterans were made aware of this cemetery's condition, they did not hesitate to step up and volunteer to take on the task of cleaning the grounds and repairing or replacing the broken stones. This organization's purpose is to keep the graves of Confederate soldiers clean and marked so they do not get lost. And although they pay particular respect to graves of their confederate ancestors, they don't limit their efforts to just those graves. They give the same respectful care to every grave within a cemetery where Confederate soldiers are buried.

Volunteers from the Mena and Texarkana Chapters are in the process of restoring the Graves Cemetery to once again be a place that honors those buried there. Much credit and appreciation

is owed to these men and women who cheerfully give up weekends, time, and energy to restore these old cemeteries.

Many descendants of the Graves family still live in this area. Some surnames of possible descendants of those known to be buried in the Graves Cemetery are Chambers, Arnold, Green, Holcombe, Hardin, Smith, Henderson, Dillard, Epps, Bettell, Cunningham, Greathouse, Cagle, Reed, Chesshir, Maxwell, Ellis, Gardner, Propps, Haller, Watson, White, Britt, Woodruff, Wallis, Deloney, Waters, Coulter, Scoggins, Dixon, Harris, Young, Scroggins, Hendrix, Turney, Turrentine, Bevill, Dillard, Davidson and Goodson.

If you have an ancestor buried in Graves Cemetery, or think that you might, or wonder if you do, please contact me or Deb Wallis with your ancestor's name and information.

Or if you are looking for information on someone buried there, we will gladly share what we have learned with you. We would love to be able to identify every grave so every person buried there can be recognized and remembered as they deserve to be.

If you would like to get in touch with us, we can be reached at the email addresses below:

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Bakich, Peter D., 41, Paragould, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$900 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Betancourt, Adrian Natalize, 22, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145
Burnett, Kiowa Cutter, 25, Kirby, \$240 BF, speeding
Calderon, Eliseo Avila, 70, Amity, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Castillo Villa, Enrique, 36, San Antonio, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$260; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of drinking on the highway, fined \$220
Castillo-Orona, Gilberto, 46, Laredo, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Cervantes-Santamaria, Raul, 38, Mineral Springs, \$240 BF, speeding
Covarvuhias, Cesar, 32, Horatio, \$240 BF, speeding
Damian, Eric, 26, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Gage, Christopher R., 37, Alvord, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding
Gaines, Derrick A., 39, Lewisville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230
Garland, Logan Kai, 20, Dierks, \$345 BF, inattentive driving
Garrett, Timothy, 52, Garrison, Mon., guilty of speeding, fined \$230
Griffin, Bryton Daniel, 16, De Queen, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hamilton, Tonya D., 44, De Queen, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hanney, Ashtyn Brooke, 23, De Queen, \$230 BF, speeding
Harris, Lauren, 28, Colmes-

neil, Texas, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,160 owed
Havins, John T., 38, Dallas, Texas, \$230 BF, speeding
Hemphill, Kerria N., 30, Ashdown, guilty of failure to comply with court order; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$980 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Hooker, Charles Hilton, 79, Dierks, \$215 BF, improper or prohibited passing
Horn, Adam K., 40, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hostetler, Darren L., 39, Nashville, \$195 BF, no child restraint
Johnson, Ebony N., 34, Stamps, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,295 owed
Lanteen, Jose Alfredo, 43, Texarkana, Texas, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$230 BF, speeding
Lopez, Maria, 47, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Mayorga, Miguel R., 39, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Nutt, Brett M., 30, Lockesburg, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Pacheco, Jose, 44, De Queen, \$230 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Paredas, Juan B., 27, Washington, guilty of speeding, fined \$250
Piggee, Chardera, 33, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Redman, John R., 51, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Reed, James Houston, 53,

Mineral Springs, guilty of false copy of duty status, fined \$270; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Reed, Robert E., 49, Arkadelphia, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Russell, Jackson Ray, 22, Gilliam, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Salazar, Maria Guadalupe, 35, Fort Worth, Texas, \$195 BF, no child restraint
Scoggins, Gremyko M. Jr., 33, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Sierra, Daniela, 37, Dierks, \$250 BF, speeding
Snell, Savories Darlnell, 21, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Sockwell, Iresha C., 30, Texarkana, Texas, \$290 BF, speeding; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Stephens, Wyatt W., 60, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Stovall, Latasha N., 39, Nashville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Vaughn, Donnie Ray Jr., 26, Newhope, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement; guilty of obstructing government operations
Vazquez, Eduardo M., 24, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding
Walsh, Bridget A., 74, Elberton, Ga., \$230 BF, speeding
Wells, Gary C., 57, Double Oak, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding
Williams, Kayla H., 39, Wilmar, \$230 BF, speeding
Witherspoon, Roger L., 38, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding
Young, Evelyn Mae, 18, Ashdown, \$145 BF, no proof of

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City of Nashville
Allen, Trayveon, 25, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$810 owed
Anderson, Coy L., 44, Hope, guilty of non-payment fo fines, \$1,325 owed
Benitez, Jose O., 52, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding
Benson, Kyrin J., 26, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$350 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Burton, Davarrio D., 27, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Cardona, Hazel Y., 19, Hope, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of contributing to delinquency of minor, fined \$425
Causey, Carlyle W., 59, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of violation of city ordinance-dogs running at large, fined \$150
Donaldson, Julie Ann, 42, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Drent, Edward, 63, Nashville, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195
Fletcher, Terry Lynn, 36, Violet Hill, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Furr, Curtis W, 52, Nashville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Haney, Natassi S., 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,250 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Harris, Tanner Lane, 21, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Howard, Ashley, 35, Texarkana, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding
Howard, Niesha Lacole, 22, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; \$45 BF, no seat belt

Jefferson, Deidra L., 38, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Jefferson, Oceana, 31, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Johnson, Michael D., 49, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Jordan, Latekia R., 35, Hope, \$195 BF, no child restraint
Mendoza, Leticia, 41, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Morris, Deonte D., 25, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Newton, Justin, 38, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Pena Murillo, Crstthian D., 24, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Quiroz, Hali Diane, 29, Nashville, guilty of obstructing government operations, fined \$370
Redman, John R., 51, Nashville, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Reed, Eddie Jr., 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Schooley, Sydney, 28, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$255 owed
Silveria, Drainen M., 17, Texarkana, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding
Summers-Mallory, Jordan, 25, Horatio, guilty of driving on suspended license, inked \$610 and sentenced to 10 days in jail; guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,660, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Taylor, Danial D., 37, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,615 owed, committed to jail-suspended

conditions
Tims, Brandon R., 36, Bountiful, Utah, \$260 BF, speeding
Turley, William B., 51, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Winer, Hope, 53, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
City of Dierks
Davis, Jonathan B., 36, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Gammon, Wiley C., 18, Texarkana, \$250 BF, speeding
Garcia, Leonardo, 30, De Queen, \$45 BF, no seat belt
McBride, Erika D., 28, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Pels, Marisa, 38, Gainesville, Texas, \$270 BF, speeding
Peralta, Ramos L., 38, Little Rock, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$260 BF, speeding
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Thomas, Lyndsey Jo., 24, Mena, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
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Finley, Ashley Monique, 34, Mineral Springs, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45
Foster, Stephen, 49, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
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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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ESTHER L. AMONETTE, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-49

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 403 County Line Road North, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: May 10, 2024

On July 9, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Esther L. Amonette, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:
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This notice first published this 17th day of July, 2024.

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51st Pine Tree Festival Aug. 2-3

The 51st Pine Tree Festival will be held Aug. 2-3 at the Dierks City Park.

Friday’s events will include arts, crafts and food vendors, bounce houses, “mutton bustin’ at 6 p.m. followed by a concert from local musician Michael Stokes and his band at 7:00.

Saturday events will include a parade on Main Street at 10:00 and the Rusty Relic Antique Tractor Show and Antique Car Show at 11:00 with logging competition events to start that morning at 8:00 with the loader contest and the saw competitions at 1:00.

Other events include a baking contest and a corn hole tournament.

The event will be capped off Saturday night by Ultimate Bull Fighting at 8:00.



8U GLOBAL WORLD SERIES CHAMPS BRACKET A. The SouthArk Hogs 8U baseball team won the 8U Global Word Series Bracket A in games played at Conway. Team members include (front from left) Maddox Graham, Griffin Graham, Jack Watson, Axel Berriquin; (top row, standing) Clayton Taylor, Mason Hignight, Rex Simmons, Dan Denton, Braxton Lewis, Bennett Snider and Ryker Haire. Coaches are (back from left) Tyler Watson, DJ Graham (holding son, Nash Graham) and Casey Simmons.



8U GLOBAL WORLD SERIES CHAMPS BRACKET B. The Dierks Outlaw 8U baseball team won the 8U Global Word Series Bracket B in games played at Conway over the weekend. The team roster includes Brody Simmons, Bentley Osborn, Kix Kersey, Marshall Brinkley, Lawson Stone, Lucas Mitchell, Jacob Harris, Kanyon Martin, Jacob Scott, Colton Bray, Jaydon Deer and Rustin Bagley with coaches Chase Mitchell, Justin Simmons, Leon Stone and Joey Osborn.

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Football, basketball drills continue

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Scrapped hit the field for practice Monday morning, July 15.



Lyris Bennett (23) scores against Bauxite in team camp July 15 at Scrapper Arena.



Junior high Scrapperettes go after the ball against Bauxite during team camp.



Coach Shawn Jackson talks to junior high and high school Scrappers after practice.



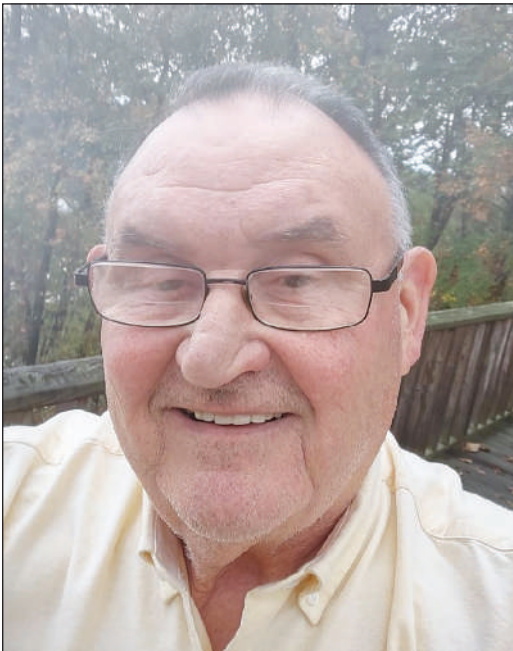
High school Scrapperettes and Bauxite players go for the rebound Monday.



Coach Kirby Adcock watches practice Monday, July 15.

44 days remaining in the Countdown to the Scrappers' season opener Friday, Aug. 30, at home against Magnolia.

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