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in Nashville,
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today's issue**

Nashville schools set open house on July 25

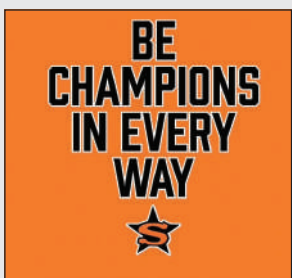
The Nashville School District will hold open house Thursday, July 25, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. on each campus. Parents are invited to attend and meet their students' teachers. Some campuses will hold registration during open house.

Scrapper
T-shirts
to be sold
Thursday

Back-to-school 2024
Scraper T-shirts will
be sold Thursday, July
25, from 12 noon until 6
p.m. at Wilson Park.
Shirts are \$15.
Nashville students
in grades K-12 who are
wearing the new shirts
will be admitted free to
the first home football
game Friday, Aug. 30,
when the Scrapers
host Magnolia.



Scrapper T-shirts front and back



Farmers' Market to be open this Friday

The Howard County Farmers' Market in Nashville will be open Friday, July 26, from 7-11 a.m. or until vendors are sold out. Last Friday, the market had peaches, watermelons, purple hull peas, tomatoes, peppers and more. New vendors took quilts, cinnamon rolls, pies and crushed wheat bread. A new salsa vendor is expected this Friday.

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News-Leader photo/LOUIE GRAVES

ON A BIG DAY FOR SAFETY. Tyson Foods of Nashville celebrated 2.6 million manhours of work without a lost time injury last Wednesday. Team members were treated to lunch, jackets and had their names included for prize drawings. From left, Human Resources Manager Tem Gunter and company safety officer Tyler Venable listen to remarks by complex manager Nick Britt.

Complex manager Nick

A well-received speaker was Paul Britt, retired complex manager now working with Developing Howard County. He said this was a "great safety accomplishment."

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With hybrid calendar implemented, superintendent 'excited about year'

Now, it's time to test the

Graham said he's visited with a number of parents

Graham said 24 students signed up for school choice transfers for 2024-25. "They're not all related to the calendar," he said. Some are leaving because

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Nashville Superintendent Doug Graham



NJHS photo

NJHS Principal Hannah Topor, Assistant Principal Ben Wallis

New principal, new ELA curriculum among changes for NJHS students

New faculty and staff
 Abby Cortez - Literacy
 Zac Hopkins - Band Director
 Abbie Jackson - Literacy
 Akira Langston - Nurse
 Jason Newton - Social Studies
 Heather Pennington - Secretary
 Hannah Topor - Principal
 Magen Scrivner - Girls' Basketball
New programs for 2024-

• At NJHS, we will continue to use Illustrative Math, but this year we are implementing a new English curriculum - StudySync. StudySync is a complete ELA curriculum designed to meet the rigorous academic needs of today's classroom. We will utilize the print and online resources to engage every student regardless of their native language, learning level, or physical, social, or emotional ability. Our literacy teachers have spent countless hours this summer preparing to implement this program, and we are excited to see the growth in our ELA department as well as a love for reading.

- We are also utilizing a new online shout-out board. It is serviced through youuplift.com. It was paid for by Energy

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Nashville City Park has something for all

Kids have energy. Sometimes way too much energy. Nashville has the

There are three separate areas of playground equipment that kids love. There's a nature walk. Pine trees cover a large part of the grounds, and there are lots of paved walking paths and disc golf in the shade of the pines. The skate park is being relocated to near the

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

AT THE PARK. Nancy Zavala enjoys the tranquility of the Nashville City Park on a recent Friday afternoon.

Obituaries



Ruby Lee Morris
Ruby Lee Morris, age 88, of Springdale, Ark., passed away peacefully in her home on July 13, 2024. She was born Oct. 19, 1936, near Mineral Springs, Ark., in Howard County, the daughter of Joseph Arlie and Ethel Shirley Blackwood. She was one of the founding members of Trinity United Methodist Church and served their ministries in several capacities. She is preceded in death by her parents, and by her husband of 58 years, Dr. Justin Roy Morris; one grandson, Christopher Eugene Townsend; three brothers, William Blackwood, Joseph Arlie Blackwood, Jr., and Reeder Jones; and four sisters, Marie Burkhart, Mattie Dowling, Oleta Cornish, and Edith Harper.

Survivors include: a son, Michael Justin Morris, Springdale, Ark.; a daughter, Linda Lee Ramage, Springdale, Ark.; three grandsons, Andrew Morris Gibbs, Springdale, Ark., Page Patrick Brawley, Conway, Ark., and Daniel Curtis Wagner of Huntsville, Ark.; two granddaughters, Katie Beth Burton, Springdale, Ark., and Patricia Ann Wagner, Huntsville, Ark.; four great-grandsons, Taylor James Noyes, Siloam Springs, Ark., William Christopher Noyes, Fayetteville, Ark., Keagan Daniel Wagner, Huntsville, Ark., and Greyson Scott Burton-Gibbs, of Springdale, Ark.; and three great-granddaughters, Christen Elizabeth Gibbs, Isabella Zoe Gibbs, both of Springdale, Ark., and Makayla Jaide Elizabeth Wagner, Huntsville, Ark.

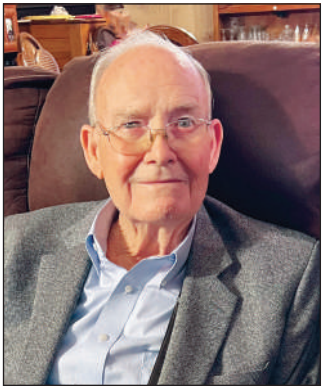
Mrs. Morris was a 1955 graduate of Nashville High School in Arkansas. Nearly 30 years later, she went back to school as a non-traditional college student, wife and mother of two where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in teaching from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She went on to enjoy a remarkable career teaching sixth grade in Elkins, Ark., Elementary. She had such a positive impact on the lives of her students that many of them kept in touch well into adulthood, and one of them became one of her closest friends. Her unique laugh was her most recognizable trait and immediately filled your heart with joy.

There will be a memorial service at Nelson Berna Fu-

neral Home in Fayetteville on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 11 a.m. A private graveside service will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 5 p.m. in Howard County, at the County Line Cemetery near Nashville, Ark.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Ruby's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To give online, go to: <https://www.stjude.org>

James Hunn
James Hunn, 61, of McCaskill, died Thursday, July 18, 2024 in Hot Springs. Arrangements are with Hot Springs Funeral Home.



William Hubert Hardin, Sr.
William Hubert Hardin, Sr., age 82, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the Nashville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Hardin was born on June 27, 1942, in Nashville, Ark., to Laverne Hardin and Ella Mae Hawthorne Hardin. Mr. Hardin attended school in Mineral Springs, Ark. He married Virginia Shannon Hardin on May 26, 1964. The Hardins raised their four children on the family's farm outside of Nashville. He was a poultry farmer and cattle rancher by profession.

Mr. Hardin was a long time member of First Baptist Church of Nashville, Ark., where he served as a deacon and was a member of the Adult Four Men's Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Laverne and Ella Mae Hardin, his mother-in-law Crystal Floyd Shannon, his son-in-law, John West, a brother, Larry Joe Hardin, and three brothers-in-law, Dennis McCauley, Bobby Quinn, and Larry Jay Stone, nephew, Anthony Quinn, nieces, Rena Hardin and Ella Grace McCauley.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Virginia Shannon Hardin, his three daughters, Stacy Gulick (Rory) of El Dorado, Ark., Tracy Scott (David) of Buna, Texas, Dee Ann Smith (Lee) of Mena, Ark., and his son Billy Hardin (Dawn) of Nashville, Ark. Mr. Hardin is survived by his three sisters, Sue Quinn, Pat Stone, and Sheila Phillips, his three brothers, Russell Hardin, Kenny Hardin, and Kirk Hardin. He will be deeply missed by his grandsons Cade Hardin, Garrett Smith, John Hardin and Josh

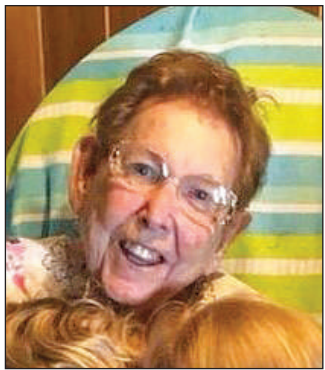
Scott and granddaughters Leigha Newman and Savannah Rheude. He leaves a legacy of nine adoring great-grandchildren, Poppy and Beau Newman, Dovie and Bear Smith, Casston, Cadee, and Cori Jo Scott, and Maylin and Ella Rheude. He was blessed with a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Tuesday July 23, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, at First Baptist Church in Nashville, with his nephew, Marty Quinn, and Brother Kevin Sartin officiating. Burial will be at Corinth Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons Cade Hardin, Garrett Smith, John Hardin and Damon Newman, his brother-in-law, Randy Phillips, and childhood friend, Johnny McAdams. Honorary Pallbearers will be the members of the Adult Four Men's Sunday School Class.

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



Ada Joyce Coleman
Ada Joyce Coleman, age 84 of Ben Lomond, Ark., passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2024, in Shreveport, La. She was born on Oct. 30, 1939, to the late Ellis Thompson, Sr. and Irma Green Thompson.

Mrs. Coleman was a member of the Brownstown Community Church. She enjoyed sewing and gardening. Additionally, for many years she helped her husband, Frank, on their farm.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Frank Coleman, and two brothers, David Thompson and Ellis Thompson, Jr.

Survivors include a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services will begin at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024, at Ben Lomond Cemetery with Bro. Billy Hatridge officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

N'ville city council vacancy filled; no action is taken on ongoing property problem

Two new faces were presented to the Nashville City Council, Monday, during its regular meeting for July.

Lynn Westbrook Dyer, a resident of Ward 6, was proposed to fill the vacancy on the council created by the death of Alderman Jimmy Dale two weeks ago. Mayor Larry Dunaway read the state laws about filling council vacancies, and said that Dyer agreed to serve.

The council approved unanimously. She will be sworn in at the city's August meeting.

Andrew Hawthorne, an employee of the city park, has been named 'recreation director.' He was present at Monday's meeting and was introduced by Parks Director Meghan Floyd.

Two items received no action but occupied most of the time at the meeting.

Mayor Dunaway took the council through a reading of the proposed personnel policy. At the suggestion of council members some adjustments were made to his proposal. The policy will be adopted as an ordinance at the August meeting.

The other time-consuming item was a lingering problem with several pieces of property in south Nashville owned by various members of the Benson family.

Mayor Dunaway said he was discouraged by the family's lack of action on property cleanup, and acknowledged "this becomes a racial thing." He is reluctant to use the city's money to clean up the properties. The city has been trying for months to have something done about the old aban-

doned school building, the abandoned Benson Nursing Home building, and several residential properties which the mayor said may have been taken over by 'squatters.'

"I don't know what to do other than condemning and tearing down."

Council members and Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs discussed having some properties mowed, and placing a lien on the property.

Family property owners have not taken action despite promises to do so.

No action was taken.

The council approved a resolution requesting a lien for cleanup of property in the 1100 block of S. 4th Street -- the former Fats, later Squirrels convenience store. He said that the owners in Illinois had been unresponsive to communications.

Police Chief Amy Marion updated the council on efforts to get grants to pay for computers, printers and software to be used in patrol vehicles. In response to a question she said that the city had body cameras but not vehicle cameras due to cost.

She said she was working with law enforcement from the county and from Dierks.

Present for the meeting were council members Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Vivian Wright, Phil Jones, Nick Davis, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne; also department heads Riggs, Floyd, Marion, Finance Officer Kimberly Green, City Recorder Lauren Hoen, and Mayor Dunaway.

Also present was Vanessa Weeks, executive director of Developing Howard County.

Mineral Springs School Board changes status for superintendent

After 34 minutes in executive session at a called meeting, Tuesday night, the Mineral Springs School Board voted to relieve MS Elementary principal Ruby Dean of the 'interim superintendent' title she had for one day, and unanimously named MS High School principal JonDavid Amerson to the position for one year.

Amerson will be paid \$100,000 for the year. The board also approved a \$10,000 stipend for an as-yet unnamed person to be financial mentor to Amerson.

This all happened after the surprise suspension of Supt. Billy Lee at the end of Monday night's regular July meeting.

The suspension vote was reportedly unanimous. The newspaper was not at the

meeting.

Following the 38-minute special meeting, the board took a 29-minute break; then went into another called meeting; this time to approve the minutes of the previous meeting which included signatory changes for school accounts and CDs. The second called meeting lasted one minute.

Present for the first called meeting were board president William Dixon, and board members Xavier Vaughn, Dorothy Vaughn, Mike Erwin, Ricky Gamble, Barnado Thomas and Ray Hawkins. Gamble and Hawkins left before the second meeting.

Both school principals were also present, along with a number of other school employees.



QUILTS FROM DIERKS. Joetta Morgan of Dierks brought homemade quilts, pillows and other home kraft items. She was one of the vendors that were set up under of a large oak tree at the Farmers' Market in Nashville.

PVMBC revival series Aug. 4-7

The public is invited to revival services at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Aug. 4-7.

The church is located north of Nashville on Airport Road 980.

Services will be at 7 nightly. The evangelist will be Bro. Brian Sellers who is currently the president of the American Baptist Association.

The pastor of Pleasant Valley MBC is Dr. Wayne Sewell.

CPBC revival series set Aug. 4-7

Center Point Baptist Church will hold its annual revival services Aug. 4-7.

Services will be at 6 p.m., each night. The evangelist is Bro. Alan Davis, with pastor Bro. Jaron Tipton.

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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



Jewel Lamb, Hubert Hardin and friends visit outside one of the old cabins before the worship service at Ebenezer Campground north of Center Point, August 1991.

119 years ago: July 1905
Ex-County Judge George A. Bell of Lockesburg, who was supposed to have committed suicide by drowning in the Cossatot River several weeks ago, has been located in Texas and brought back to Lockesburg and is now with his family. Judge Bell was found at a sawmill in Bowie County, Texas, sixteen miles from a railroad where he was working under the name of George B. Anderson.

Mrs. N. T. Thomasson of Nashville found a number of cabbage snakes while preparing dinner Wednesday. They were seen by many of her neighbors. These snakes which appeared in cabbages years ago, caused much excitement. They are about two inches long and are about the size of a small sewing needle.

80 years ago: July 1944
S/Sgt. Charles W. Smith Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles W. Smith of Nashville, is now overseas and has participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and soldiering in an active theater of war. At one of the Air Service Command stations known as control depots, Sgt. Smith was carefully processed by classification experts who made certain that he was well fitted for the job assigned to him. His next station will be one from which American's fighting planes take off to smash the Nazi war machine.

67 years ago: July 1957
Some 1,325 persons took advantage of the opportunity to have free chest X-rays made while the mobile unit was in this county, according to a report given by Mrs. H. W. Timberlake, executive secretary of the Howard County Tuberculosis Association.

Of this number 253 were

from Dierks, 169 were from Mineral Springs, 73 from Okay and 830 from Nashville.

Government cannot produce electricity cheaper than business.

The reason government can sell electricity cheaper than business is because it pays no federal income taxes and bills their projects to tax money in the first place. Reddy Kilowatt.

34 years ago: July 1990
Trey Clark of Nashville and Ben Gilbert of Dierks were among the approximately 95 young people participating in the 18th annual Arkansas Farm Bureau Team Challenge week, June 17th through 22 at Camp Couchdale near Hot Springs. Campers attended courses ranging from tractor driving to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Recreational activities included swimming, boating and volleyball.

Heritage event set July 27

Historic Washington State Park will host the 18th Annual Red River Heritage Symposium on Saturday, July 27, from 1-5 p.m. at the park, 100 SW Morrison St., Washington.

This year's theme is "Washington, Arkansas: 200 Years of History" and will focus on the impact of the community of Washington, Ark., since its founding in 1824, on the Great Bend Region of the Red River.

Specific topics and speakers will include:

"Who are Americans: Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville" by Dr. John Wilsey, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Washington, Arkansas and America's Story over 200 Years" by Josh Williams of Historic Washington State Park.

"Act No. 247 of 1929: The War-time Capitol Memorial Commission and the Birth of the Preservation Movement in Arkansas" by Melissa Nesbitt of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives.

"Archeological Preserva-

tion: How Historic Archeology has developed Historic Washington" by Dr. Carl Drexler of the Arkansas Archeological Survey.

"Panel Discussion on the Impact of Washington and its Future" with selected panelists from Washington, Ark.

As part of the symposium, an all-day Friday and Saturday workshop for teachers and researchers will take place on July 26 and 27, beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch is included on both days.

Teachers can earn a total of 12 credit hours by attending both days of the workshop and symposium.

Saturday morning of the workshop will include a bus

tour along the path of the "Southwest Trail" that led to the formation of Washington, sponsored by the Arkansas State Archives.

The cost of attending the workshop is \$40.

Workshop presenters will include staff from Historic Washington State Park, Arkansas State Archives and the Arkansas History Day program. Sessions will incorporate Washington, Arkansas, and 19th-century-related topics into curriculum standards for the classroom.

The cost of attendance at the symposium is \$20. A discount price of \$50 will be offered to those who wish to attend both the workshop and symposium.

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After the storm:

- When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical electrical hazard. Assume any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.

- If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or electric utility. Also, when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.



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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 11-17, 2024 include the following:

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

No marriage licenses issued during the period.

Civil Court
No civil cases filed since CV24-71, July 9.

Domestic

Relations Court
DR24-83, July 15. Erin Renee Bell vs. William Overton Bell, Sr., Divorce.

Criminal Court
CR24-61, July 15. State of Arkansas vs. Wallace C. Brown, Jr., 39, black male, 121 S. Pine, Lot 8, Nashville; 3rd degree domestic battery, class D felony.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds
July 15. Margaret J. Smith; to Lori Harrison and husband, Gary Harrison; 25.28 ac. in S11 T9S R27W. \$25,280.

July 15. John E. Fannin and Jamie R. Fannin; to John E. Fannin and Jamie R. Fannin, Trustees of the John & Jamie Fannin Living Trust; 3 tracts in S12 T8S R29W.

Fiduciary's Deeds

July 12. Jessie Vann, Executor of the Estate of George H. Clardy, deceased; to Jessie Vann and Anthony Thomas; Lot 7, Tolton Clardy Estate, S34 T8S R28W.

July 12. Jessie Vann, Executor of the Estate of George H. Clardy, deceased; to Jessie Vann and Anthony Thomas; 18.68 ac in S34 T8S R28W.

July 12. Jessie Vann, Executor of the Estate of George H. Clardy, deceased; to Jessie Vann and Anthony Thomas; undivided half interest in 17.35 ac. in S34 T8S R28W.

Beneficiary's Deed
July 16. John Alsabrook and Nancy Alsabrook; to Erin Alsabrook Hohnan; 2.34 ac. in S30 T7S R28W.

Warranty Deeds
July 2, Joseph Scott Kesterson and wife Suzanne

Kesterson; to Gary C. Bearden and wife, Marilyn Bearden; 1 tract, 25.37 ac. in S21 T6S R29W subject to two easements. \$80,000.

July 12. Ashton Brook Nealy and spouse Justin Nealy; to Robyn Nicole Roberts and spouse, Travis Edward Youngbloom; 2 tracts, 4.52 ac in S26 T9S R27W, and Lots 3-4-5 and 8 with a strip between Lots 5 & 8, Block 1, Bissell's Addition, City of Nashville. \$295,800.

July 15. Hostetler Rental, LLC; to DMC Investment Properties; property in S26 T9S R27W in Nashville. \$60,000.

July 16. Dena D. Burnett and husband, Richard Chad Burnett; to Jeffrey Tipton and wife, Ulonda Tipton; Lot 4, Block 11, Town of Dierks. 20,000.

July 16. Janie M. Hipp, surviving spouse of Dewey G. Hipp, deceased; to Kelly C. Massey; 3 tracts in S12/S13/S14 T11S R27W. \$930,225.

Two receive court sentences

Sentences were pronounced for two defendants who pleaded guilty or true July 17 during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

On the bench was judge Tom Cooper.

Devin Rashard Jones, 31, black male, Wake Village, Texas, pleaded true to failure to meet the terms of his probation from an October 2018 conviction. He was originally charged with two counts of second degree forgery, a class C felony. His probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to three years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC).

Dewayne Wiley, 33, black male, Mineral Springs, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of 1st degree terroristic threatening, class D. He was fined \$500 and was sentenced to two years ADC suspended imposition of sentence.

Trial dates are set
Three defendants entered

not guilty pleas and had dates set for jury trials and pretrial motions.

Wallace Brown, 39, black male, Nashville, was charged with 3rd degree domestic battery, class D. Pretrial motions will be heard Sept. 25.

Kody Box, 32, white male, Nashville, was charged with

theft of property, class D, and with 1st degree criminal mischief, class D. He pleaded not guilty. Sept. 25 was set for pretrial motions.

Nelson Urretia, 39, Hispanic male, Nashville pleaded not guilty to a class C felony of non-support. Pretrial motions will be heard Sept. 25.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Act 626 of 1983, as amended, the Commissioner of State Lands will hold a public auction to dispose of the tax delinquent parcels which are listed below, all located in Howard County, Arkansas. The auction will be held at the Avalon Keep Botanical Gardens located at 4671 AR 8 in Mena, Arkansas, at 10:00 a.m. on August 20, 2024. Bidder registration will commence at 9:00 a.m.

The parcels will be sold to the highest bidder, provided that such bid is equal to at least the total amount of taxes, penalty, interest, and costs due as certified to the Commissioner of State Lands. The full purchase price must be paid immediately following the sale. Payment can be made with a personal or business check, cashier's check, money order, or credit/debit card. No cash payments will be accepted. The owner of record has until 4:00 p.m. CT on the last business day prior to the auction to redeem the property. All sales are final. The purchaser will receive a Limited Warranty Deed for the property from the Commissioner of State Lands. The title conveyed by the Commissioner of State Lands is not clear title nor a fully warranted title. The Commissioner of State Lands does not guarantee or warrant clear or merchantable title to the property sold. The original owner, assigns, or heirs have a ninety (90) day period during which the validity of the sale may be contested in court.

The Commissioner of State Lands strongly suggests that potential bidders perform their own research on the property listed below to determine its suitability for their uses, the status of the title, the existence of liens, and other tax assessments that may be due, but not collected by the Commissioner of State Lands. The sale of the parcel does not extinguish any lien for delinquent improvement district assessments or relieve the purchaser of liability for delinquent improvement district assessments.

Copies of the complete rules and regulations for the sale of tax delinquent parcels are available from the Commissioner of State Lands Office, 500 Woodlane Street, Suite 109, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or www.cosl.org.

TOMMY LAND
COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS

Howard County
August 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

- 3115. ABDULJALEEL, ALI** *712 S ANSLEY ST* LOT 2 BLOCK 7 SOUTHWESTERN REAL ESTATE AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ADDITION NASHVILLE PARCEL #00750013820000 CODE: 11 2019 TAX DUE \$618.08
- 3116. ABDULJALEEL, ALI** *718 S ANSLEY ST* LOTS 13 BLOCK 7 SOUTHWESTERN REAL ESTATE AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ADDITION 0.52 ACRES PARCEL #00750013810000 CODE: 12 2019 TAX DUE \$3,572.15
- 3117. ENTRY CANCELLED**
- 3118. BAILEY, JIMMIE A.** *150 MARTIN RD* S1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 4 105 27W 5.00 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: USDAFMHA PARCEL #00001038140000 CODE: 16 2019 TAX DUE \$836.02
- 3119. DAWSON, JAMES R. & ELIZABETH LAVERNE** *412 HANCOCK ST* PT S1/2 SE1/4 (70' X 130') 26 9S 27W 0.21 ACRES PARCEL #00750003630000 CODE: 22 2019 TAX DUE \$883.54
- 3120. DOWNEY, DENNIS & PENNY** *129 J.B. STEEL DR* LOT 29 ROLLING HILLS ADDITION 28 8S 27W 3.20 ACRES PARCEL #00278000290000 CODE: 42 2019TAX DUE \$269.00
- 3121. ESKEW, RONALD DUANE** *510 E HENDERSON ST* PT SW1/4 SW1/4 (70' X 135') 25 9S 27W 0.22 ACRES PARCEL #00750002000000 CODE: 27 2019 TAX DUE \$1,238.23
- 3122. ENTRY CANCELLED**
- 3123. ENTRY CANCELLED**
- 3124. GAINES, JANNIE PT** W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 31 9S 28W 1.00 ACRE PARCEL #00001036000000 CODE: 34 2019TAX DUE \$365.27
- 3125. HAYES, MEREDITH L.** *309 OAK STREET* PT NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 9 11S 27W 1.00 ACRE PARCEL #00900000990000 CODE: 35 2019 TAX DUE \$1,118.92
- 3126. HAYWOOD, RUFUS, ALMA, & WILLIA** *212 W LOCKESBURG ST* LOT 3 BLOCK 39 OLD NASHVILLE ADDITION NASHVILLE INTERESTED PARTIES: WILLIAM DIXON PARCEL #00750012670000 CODE: 36 2019TAX DUE \$1,109.58
- 3127. LIVE OAK PROPERTIES, INC.** *118 SYPERT ST* LOT 1 & S16' LOT 2 (LAUNDRY) BLOCK 21 NEW NASHVILLE ADDITION NASVILLE 0.13 ACRES PARCEL #0075000880000C CODE: 58 2019 TAX DUE \$3,077.00
- 3128. LOTT, ARVIL DON** *1505 N WALTERS AVE* PT NE1/4 NW1/4 1983BAYSHORE M/H 14' X 80' 30 7S 28W 3.80 ACRES PARCEL #00800000680040 CODE: 59 2019 TAX DUE \$1,063.35
- 3129. MCBRIDE, A.G., SR. & ELMERCENTER** 46.67' LOTS 1 THRU 4 BLOCK 18 HOLLY ADDITION DIERKS PARCEL #00800002820000 CODE: 62 2019 TAX DUE \$282.81
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Point of view

An addled adult

Not Joe, but a guy with a junior bow and arrow kit

(DEAR READER: This week I am not peeking out of the window. Instead, I am hoping you won't get mad if I repeat this column from 2019).

ONE OF THE GREATEST inventions of our generation obviously is the kid's arrow with a rubber cup tip. Think how many children's eyes have been spared simply because a rubber cup -- instead of an authentic chipped stone or modern metal tip -- capped the trillions of arrows that came in the fake buckskin quivers of the famous Genuine Junior Geronimo Bow and Arrow Kits that have been given as Christmas, Bar Mitzvah, wedding, graduation or birthday gifts since Hollywood started making Western movies.

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

In my lifetime, I have had four or five sets. All but one of them were taken away from me by my parents who had warned me trillions of times: "Stop shooting your little brothers!"

Another warning was "Stop shooting at cars" because those rubber cups stuck to the back window or trunk lid as the car drove away. You almost always lost those arrows, and so another Genuine Junior Geronimo Bow and Arrow Kit had to be purchased. You couldn't just buy extra arrows. What clever marketing!!

Well, you didn't ALWAYS lose the arrow. Sometimes you could sneak over to the neighbor's house after dark and retrieve the arrow. It made a POP sound when you pulled it loose and the suction broke.

POP. Sometimes louder than you wanted, but at least you got the arrow back without getting a whipping from your mom if the neighbor happened to have blabbed about a certain Genuine Junior Geronimo Arrow stuck to his car window.

● Something unfortunate

I've been thinking about those suction arrow tips since I experienced an unfortunate related incident in my shower stall. Really unfortunate.

In recent days, I've found myself to be just a bit unsteady when showering. In fact, I often lean against the wall of the shower stall in order to steady myself.

Last weekend while showering I rested my wet, soapy back against the fiberglass wall. When I got ready to move again I realized I was stuck. Just like that rubber tipped arrow stuck to my brother's forehead. I tried to pull away, but could not make it POP loose. I slid up-and-down. Nope. I slid side-to-side. Nope. Nothing could break the suction. I even lifted my feet to see if my whole weight could get me loose. No luck. I just hung there in mid-air, glistening and soapy. Well, I didn't panic. I gave some thought to my situation.

● Here's an idea

#1. I could just hang there nekkid and soapy until the folks at work alerted the Nashville Police Department's Senior Addled Adult Program to go check on me.

And here's another:

#2. Or, I could just hang there until the soapy skin on my back dried out enough so that my weight was able to break the suction. POP!

And guess what? Both of these things happened at exactly the same time.

I was leaning forward in hopes of breaking the suction when suddenly -- POP -- I was loose.

Not only loose, but my mass cannonballed forward out of the shower. I somersaulted through my treasured Bugs Bunny shower curtain. I landed on my feet, but the curtain rings had ripped loose and it was draped over me like a tent. A large tent.

Before I could get it off, I paused because I thought I heard a sound in the hallway outside of the bathroom. There was nothing wrong with my hearing. It WAS something. It was the sound of a round being jacked into the chamber of a Glock.

It was the police who had been called by my co-workers who were finally alarmed at the absence of their addled adult.

The officers opened the bathroom door.

"Who's there?" I shouted through Bugs Bunny's backside.

"Get on the floor and put your hands behind your head," they replied.

#1. I had no idea who was shouting back at me.

#2. They had no idea who -- or what -- was the lumpy thing under the Bugs Bunny shower curtain.

"Mr. Graves are you alright?" one of the officers asked when he finally figured everything out.

"I have no idea," I snapped back. "All I can see is the back side of the stupid rabbit on this stupid shower curtain."

One of the officers ripped the curtain off me. He gasped at the sight, then quickly draped it over me again.

"We'll be leaving now," one of them managed to say, and they all stumbled down the hall laughing and patting each other on the back.

"I can hardly wait to tell the Chief," I heard one say. "She's gonna be sorry she missed this."

I regained my composure and did the only sensible thing.

I grabbed my last Genuine Junior Geronimo Bow and Arrow Kit and ran out to the driveway and shot the police car.

They just drove away after cautioning me not to come outside again without wearing at least a shower curtain. "There's a severe penalty for indecent public exposure," one said with a frown. "And this is truly, truly bigtime indecent."

I do love my Genuine Junior Geronimo Bow and Arrow Kit.

It occurs to me that a Genuine Junior Geronimo Bow and Arrow Kit might be good armament to be carried in lieu of a handgun by an officially deputized Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officer.

IF our city had one. And IF the city officers could manage to forget a certain unfortunate shower stall incident.

Last night I snuck down to the police station and popped the arrow off the patrol car window.

Ha ha.

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State sets new tax withholding tables; funds received to replace I-55 bridge

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The state Department of Finance and Administration has published new income tax withholding tables.

That's good news for 1.1 million Arkansas taxpayers, because it means they will take home more money on their next paycheck.

The adjustment to the tables was sent to about 80,000 businesses that employ more than a million Arkansans. The income tax cut was the major achievement of a recent special legislative session. The legislature approved the governor's proposal to reduce the state's top individual income tax rate from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent.

The legislature has approved numerous income tax cuts over the past several years, but the current tax reduction took effect immediately and applies to tax year 2024. The tax cut will save Arkansas residents more than \$256 million every year.

Most legislators and the governor say that Arkansas income taxes need to be lowered or repealed altogether, in order for Arkansas to compete economically with neighboring states. Every tax reduction makes it easier for the state to recruit industry.

The top corporate income tax rate is going down from 4.8 percent to 4.3 percent, saving 7,800 businesses based in Arkansas about \$66.2 million every fiscal year.

In a recent speech the president of the state Chamber of Commerce said that Arkansas is more economically competitive than it has ever been, largely due to recent tax reductions that have allowed businesses to pay higher wages and make more capital investments.

He also gave credit to recent positive changes in the collection of unemployment insurance taxes and favorable workers' comp rates.

However, one issue continues to concern policy makers-- the lack of skilled labor in certain sectors. It's a reason legislators and officials of Arkansas colleges and universities support programs to recruit and retain more college graduates.

New Mississippi River Bridge Arkansas and Tennessee received grants totaling \$393 million for their joint project to replace the Interstate 55 bridge across the Mississippi River at West Memphis. The bridge is 75 years old, and is narrower than the Interstate 40 bridge that crosses the river from West Memphis to downtown Memphis.

It is the largest grant ever received by the Arkansas Department of Transportation. The total cost of replacing the I-55 bridge is an estimated \$800 million. In addition to the federal grant, Arkansas and Tennessee have each pledged \$250 million toward the project.

Replacing the aging bridge is important to all Arkansas citizens, not just those in West Memphis, because of its statewide economic impact. As the governor noted when the grant was announced, West Memphis is where "America's road, river and rail infrastructure meet."

The confluence of highway, railroad and barge traffic was a factor in the growth of the northeast Arkansas steel industry.

Improving traffic across the river along I-55 will solidify Arkansas's role as a leader in transportation and logistics, the governor said.

Currently, traffic across the bridges averages about 48,000 vehicles a day, and by 2050 it will increase to an estimated 64,000 vehicles a day.

The new bridge will be larger than the existing one, and it will have more features to withstand earthquakes.

Young Arkansans have opportunities to learn nation's history in D.C. visits

By Sen. John Boozman

Growing up, I always looked forward to the end of the school year. I spent many summers playing church league baseball and as I got older, I found opportunities to use this time to make a difference in the lives of others by teaching kids to swim.

It was a rewarding experience. I've met with many young Arkansans who use summer break to explore new interests and gain public service experience to help put them on a path to a meaningful and purpose-driven future.

We are blessed in Arkansas to have a variety of programs that invest in our youth and help foster a passion for lifelong civic participation. Many of these initiatives also include a trip to our nation's capital where I've been honored to welcome students and share more about my role representing them and their families.

For more than 30 years, Arkansas's electric cooperatives have sponsored a trip to Washington to help shape future leaders. This prestigious program brings together some of the best and brightest students with the aim of expanding their understanding of how policies and legislation support the needs of electric cooperative mem-

bers at the state and federal levels.

I was pleased to visit with these students who were great representatives of our state. They used this opportunity to learn more about the role of members of Congress and how elected officials support Natural State families, communities and businesses.

One parent commented on social media that the experience would impact her daughter for "the rest of her life."

In recent weeks I hosted students from Gosnell High School who traveled to Washington, D.C., to see the landmarks and monuments dedicated to individuals who shaped our country. The high schoolers were enthusiastic about history coming alive as they visited the sites and interacted with the additional context surrounding the figures they have learned about in school.

Exposing youth to opportunities that demonstrate the importance of civic engagement is an investment in our future. These programs serve to motivate student leaders and encourage an interest in public service.

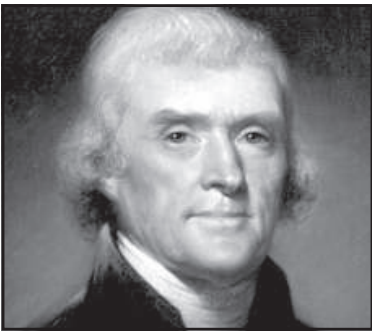
A new or deeper passion for public service is something I'm confident Senate interns take away from their experience in my office.

We are blessed to have dedicated individuals who use their summer to give back to Arkansans and serve their needs. Students from all across the state get a front row seat to the debates on Capitol Hill and learn how these policies impact the lives of Natural State residents.

My office also helps young Arkansans explore civics and public policy through the Congressional Youth Cabinet and Senate Page programs that each offer a unique, hands-on experience.

Bentonville High School senior and Miss Arkansas Teen Peyton Bolling served as a Senate Page on Capitol Hill for a semester last school year. She launched an Instagram show to inform her peers about the importance of giving back to the community. I was honored to be a recent guest on 'Glimpses in Government' to talk about civic engagement and finding purpose in helping others.

This is a lesson my college football coach Frank Broyles instilled in me that I continue to follow as I serve Arkansans. He shared how "there are two types of people in the world, givers and takers -- live your life as a giver." I'm proud to help continue to pass along this message to the next generation of leaders.



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NJHS

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Systems Group out of Little Rock for any schools in Arkansas through 2024. The program allows students and staff to give digital shout-outs to each other as it streams on screens in the building.

Why did you move from your previous building to the one where you are now? How has the transition gone for you?

• I feel like the move from Primary to Junior High was a natural progression in my career; however, when I originally went to school for my education degree, I was certified in Middle Level Education.

As a K-3 assistant principal, I gained valuable experience in elementary education and school administration, so I feel like I am ready to take on greater responsibilities and challenges.

Some of my best school memories from being a student at Nashville - especially during junior high and high school. I am looking forward to working with the dedicated staff at NJHS as well as the students who are in



NJHS photo

READY AT NJHS. Secretary Heather Pennington, counselor Lakan McAdams and secretary Tracy Morrow. Classes will begin July 29 in Nashville.

the most pivotal times in their lives. I am eager to be a part of staff development, student support, and community engagement that continues to make Nashville the best place for my husband and me to raise our family.

The transition has been surprisingly smooth. Our administration team has been there along the way helping with any questions or concerns I have.

Over the years, NJHS has had some wonderful administrators, so I have big shoes to fill.

Other comments
At NJHS, we understand that middle school years are crucial for personal and academic growth. That's why we prioritize the individual needs of each student, offering personalized support and guidance. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to creating

a nurturing and inclusive community where every student feels valued and empowered to achieve their full potential.

If families of students have a need, my door is always open, and I want to encourage them to communicate any questions or concerns with me.

Our theme is "TEAM: Together, everyone achieves more!" Let's work TOGETHER.

Nashville City Council fills positions

Two new faces were presented to the Nashville City Council, Monday, during its regular meeting for July.

Lynn Westbrook Dyer, a resident of Ward 6, was proposed to fill the vacancy on the council created by the death of Alderman Jimmy Dale two weeks ago. Mayor Larry Dunaway read the state laws about filling council vacancies, and said that Dyer agreed to serve. The council approved unanimously. She will be sworn in at the city's August meeting.

Andrew Hawthorne, an employee of the city park, has been named 'recreation director.' He was present at Monday's meeting and was introduced by Parks Director Meghan Floyd.

Two items received no action but occupied most of the time at the meeting.

Mayor Dunaway took the

council through a reading of the proposed personnel policy. At the suggestion of council members some adjustments were made to his proposal. The policy will be adopted as an ordinance at the August meeting.

The other time-consuming item was a lingering problem with several pieces of property in south Nashville owned by various members of the Benson family.

Mayor Dunaway said he was discouraged by the family's lack of action on property cleanup, and acknowledged "this becomes a racial thing." He is reluctant to use the city's money to clean up the properties. The city has been trying for months to have something done about the old abandoned school building, the abandoned Benson Nursing

Home building, and several residential properties which the mayor said may have been taken over by 'squatters.'

"I don't know what to do other than condemning and tearing down."

Council members and Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs discussed having some properties mowed, and placing a lien on the property.

Family property owners have not taken action despite promises to do so.

No action was taken.

The council approved a resolution requesting a lien for cleanup of property in the 1100 block of S. 4th Street -- the former Fats, later Squirrels convenience store. He said that the owners in Illinois had been unresponsive to communications.

Police Chief Amy Marion

updated the council on efforts to get grants to pay for computers, printers and software to be used in patrol vehicles. In response to a question she said that the city had body cameras but not vehicle cameras due to cost.

She said she was working with law enforcement from the county and from Dierks.

Present for the meeting were council members Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Vivian Wright, Phil Jones, Nick Davis, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne; also department heads Riggs, Floyd, Marion, Finance Officer Kimberly Green, City Recorder Lauren Hoen, and Mayor Dunaway. Also present was Vanessa Weeks, executive director of Developing Howard County.

MS School Board changes interim superintendent position

After 34 minutes in executive session at a called meeting Tuesday night, July 16, the Mineral Springs School Board voted to relieve MS Elementary principal Ruby Dean of the 'interim superintendent' title she had for one day, and unanimously named MS High School principal JonDavid Amerson to the position for one year.

Amerson will be paid \$100,000 for the year. The board also approved a \$10,000 stipend for an as-yet unnamed person to be financial mentor to Amerson.

This all happened after the surprise suspension of Supt. Billy Lee at the end of last Monday night's regular July meeting. The suspension vote was reportedly unanimous. The newspaper

was not at the meeting.

Following the 38-minute special meeting, the board took a 29-minute break; then went into another called meeting; this time to approve the minutes of the previous meeting which included signatory changes for school accounts and CDs. The second called meeting lasted one minute.

Present for the first called

meeting were board president William Dixon, and board members Xavier Vaughn, Dorothy Vaughn, Mike Erwin, Ricky Gamble, Barnado Thomas and Ray Hawkins. Gamble and Hawkins left before the second meeting.

Both school principals were also present, along with a number of other school employees.

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their parents have taken jobs in other towns.

"At the same time, 17 new students are coming here, most because of the calendar," he said.

"We won't know until a week or two into school if all of those who requested records actually leave. I'm not trying to sugarcoat it. I'll be interested to see numbers on Aug. 20 vs. what we had July 20. I'm anxious but excited."

After the 2024-25 calendar was approved, the state Legislature voted to allow schools to start anytime after July 1. They don't have to apply for four-day weeks or a traditional or year-round schedule.

"Next year, as long as you have 178 students days after July 1, there won't be a rule for breaks," according to Graham.

"This time next year, we'll have a better handle on the calendar and see if we need to change it. I stand by the idea that it has the potential to be positive in several ways," Graham said.

Graham recalled a book entitled *Good Is the Enemy of Great* and applied it to the sometimes-controversial hybrid calendar. "As I look back at last spring and relive the discussion and things that were said, I take responsibility that I need to do a better job. Doug Graham is guilty of getting in a rut of accepting good, knowing that we have a lot of good things in this district. When some of the negativity started, I was too caught up in fighting instead of doing what I can to make the district great. A lot centered on myself and my shortcomings. I hope to take my example of myself and apply it to everybody in the district."

Graham planned to tell teachers this week to "focus on going the extra mile. Let's be great and let the chips fall where they may. I'm going to talk about getting out of the rut and not being complacent. We want to get back to what separates the Nashville School District from schools around us and concentrate on being great in every aspect. We won't have time to worry about

critiques on Facebook."

In keeping with the idea of moving forward, Graham selected his 19th back-to-school song to unveil to faculty and staff at their July 23 meeting.

His choice? "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift.

"Do your thing," he said. Shake off the past "and move forward."

Graham said that a parental involvement meeting last week, the attendees "gave a critique, advice, input. The meeting was very beneficial. I loved the discussion. Not all of it was flattering. The tone of the parents was very positive. They felt comfortable enough to share their thoughts and tell how we can be better. I applaud [Assistant Superintendent] Tate Gordon, the principals and parents for their input."

In other areas ahead of the new year, Graham said the district is looking at a cellphone grant program from the state aimed at curbing usage in grades 6-12. Statistics about the effects on middle school students, especially, are "kind of breath taking. Social media can be cruel. For sixth, seventh and eighth graders, it can turn their world upside down. We need to do our due diligence and come up with a good plan."

The district will enter the year with a new language arts curriculum for grades 7-12 and a new science curriculum for grades 4-6.

Teachers have worked on their respective subject areas as they prepare for the new year.

In athletics, new football coach Shawn Jackson and his staff "have done a great job. Kids are working their tails off," Graham said.

The program will enter nine coaches between junior and senior high instead of the usual 10. "We have a position for one more," Graham said.

School holidays

Aug. 26	- no school
Sept. 2-6	- Labor Day
Sept. 30	- no school
Oct. 14-18	- fall break
Nov. 11-12	- Veterans Day
Nov. 25-29	- Thanksgiving
Dec. 23-Jan. 7	- Christmas
Jan. 20	- MLK Day
Feb. 10-17	- winter break
March 21-28	- spring break
April 18 and 21	- Good Friday
May 23 and 26	- Memorial Day

Tyson

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Safety has four traits, he said: culture, commitment, collaboration and care.

Among guests was Rory Gulick of the Arkansas Economic Development Com-

mission, and Republican state representative nominee Dolly Henley.

Other guests were members of Developing Howard County Committee including Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway, County Judge Brent Pinkerton, DHC vice-chairman Charles Smith and Paul Britt.

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Kendall Young, 4, and her dad Jeremiah take advantage of an unusually cool Friday afternoon to go to the park.



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Kensley Young, 7, has fun on the monkey bars during a recent visit to the Nashville City Park.

Park

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entrance, just on the left as you come into the park. The former location of the skate park, down near the soccer fields, is being turned into pickle ball courts.

For those looking for a place for parties or reunions, there are five pavilions that range from pretty large to really, really big, with grills that are just waiting to deliver the wonderful aroma of a charcoal fire cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. And while the heat of July isn't a terribly inviting time

to spend outside tending the grill, August is not so bad and September is just around the corner.

And the best news of all? You're never more than a few steps from one of the five sets of clean, air-conditioned rest rooms spread throughout the park.

There are also organized sports other than baseball and softball. It's time to sign up for soccer and flag football, according to Abi Witherspoon, administrative assistant of Nashville Parks and Recreation. You'll find forms available 24-7 on the door of the park office.

Nashville has a park that is the envy of people in

towns this size. There really is something there for every age group.

For many of us, it's not that we make a conscious decision not to take advantage of what we have; we just don't think about it.

The next time your kids or grandkids are acting like brothers and sisters instead of friends, turn off the TV, shut down the laptop, and take away the tablet.

Life will be lots more fun for all of you if you let the kids be kids and do what God intended for them to do: run, play, laugh, rip, and snort.

In other words, take them to the park.



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Dogwood Pavilion, one of five pavilions at the Nashville City Park



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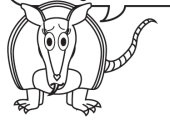


Tips to Keep Cool:

- drink lots of water
- visit an air-conditioned library or mall
- slow down
- keep shades drawn
- use fans
- wear light-colored clothing

Hot, sticky days that make us sweat! Days when nothing seems to be happening...*dog days of summer!* Dog days are here when the Dog Star, Sirius, appears over the horizon just before sunrise. At one time, people who were superstitious thought Sirius drove dogs mad in the heat of the summer. Sirius shines with a bluish-white light. It is the brightest star in our sky besides our sun. Sirius is in the constellation Canis Major, the Great Dog. Try to keep cool!


Where I live we have hot summers. We are used to the heat, but lately it's been *too hot*. I've been feeling as sick as a dog. **Woof!**



Did you know that dogs don't sweat the way humans do? Although dogs have a few sweat glands, they cool off mainly by panting.


A star is called a "sun" if it is in the center of a solar system.

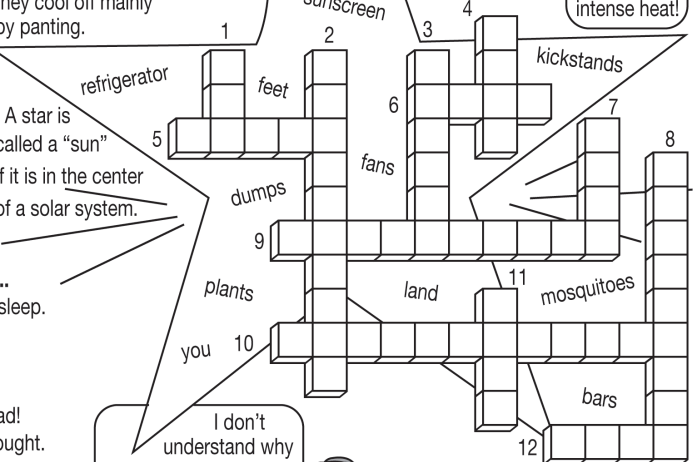
I don't understand why these blisteringly hot days are called the "dog days of summer." I'm so miserable!



The *hottest* place in the U.S. is Death Valley (CA, NV). Temperatures there have been recorded above 130 degrees F.

Sorry about the intense heat!

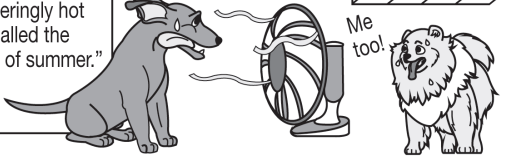




1. _____ are tossing and turning, trying to sleep.
2. pesky _____ are buzzing and biting.
3. _____ are wilting from lack of rain.
4. air conditioners hum and _____ whir.
5. garbage and trash _____ are smelling bad!
6. _____ is parched because there is a drought.
7. chocolate _____ are melting.
8. _____ is protecting our skin from the sun's rays.
9. bicycle _____ are sinking into heated tar.
10. our _____ is running overtime to keep food cold.
11. our bare _____ are cooling on the green grass.
12. our _____ is sweating to cool our bodies.

1. _____ refrigerator
2. _____ feet
3. _____ fans
4. _____ kickstands
5. _____ dumps
6. _____ plants
7. _____ land
8. _____ mosquitoes
9. _____ you
10. _____ bars
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12. _____

Me too!



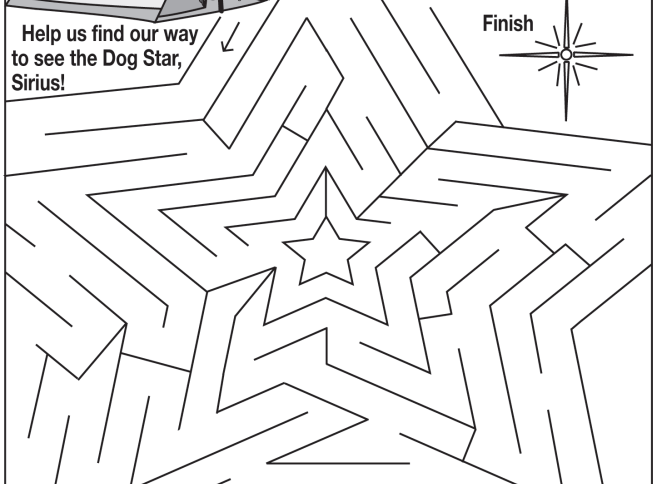
Sighting the Dog Star

What stars can you see where you live?

Start

Help us find our way to see the Dog Star, Sirius!

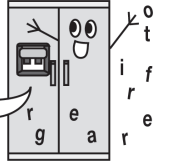
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It's Hot!
It's Sweltering!

How many different words do you know that help you to express *how hot it is*? Fill in the blanks below with letters from the key to spell out 12 different ways to describe the temperature rising.

I hum along to keep food cold, such as iced tea, ice cubes and frozen treats! Who am I?



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1. bl _ ste _ in _
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Howard County Farmers' Market to host chili cook-off Friday, Aug. 9

National Farmers' Market Week is Aug. 4-10 and to celebrate, Howard County Farmers' Market will host a special chili cook-off competition on Friday, Aug. 9.

There is a \$5 entrance fee, and extra points will be given for incorporating items from market vendors. Prizes will be awarded to the judges top choice and the market favorite as judged by the public.

To register as an entrant or inquire about becoming a judge, email the market manager at howard-countyfarmermarket@gmail.com.

Pike County District Court

June 18, 2024
BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County
Bledsoe, Boss, 64, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Brown, Juanielle M., 25, Washington, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Crabtree, Christopher A., 26, Hot Springs, guilty of failure to pay, \$205 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Schoeffler, Steven K., 41, Miami, Fla., \$185 BF, speeding
Slatton, Kolby Dalton, 26, Delight, guilty of defective lights, fined \$125; guilty of possession of purpose to deliver controlled substance Schedule VI, fined \$1,275 and sentenced to 90 days-suspended conditions
West, Kenneth, 40, Hot Spring, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$125; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possessing instrument of crime, fined \$450; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Murfreesboro
Buck, Dusten Ray, 38, Glenwood, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$145;

guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225
Lingo, Billie J., 57, Murfreesboro, guilty fo failure to pay, \$820 owed
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Thomas, Erin G., 42, Texarkana, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Bench Trials
Pike County
Crocker, William Jason, 55, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$685 owed
Fraize, Elizabeth Lenzee, 36, Kirby, two counts of third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$1,060
Hilborn, Katrina Alayne, 32, Hot Springs, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$651.96; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$456.36
City of Murfreesboro
Gwynne, Katelynn Mae, 29, Murfreesboro, guilty of theft of property, fined \$250; guilty of filing a false report to law enforcement agency, fined \$850
Quiroz, Hali D., 29, Nashville, \$455 BF, theft by receiving

MHS Rattler football events start July 25

July 25 --Mandatory Parent Meeting 7-8 p.m.
Aug. 5 -- First Day of Fall Camp 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.
Football practice for 7th, 8th, 9th grade and senior high
Senior High at 8 a.m.
7th, 8th, 9th practice at 10 a.m.
Aug. 10 -- Media Day 8 a.m.- 11 a.m.
Join us at Rattler Stadium for media day pictures which involves senior high football, junior high football, senior high cheerleaders and junior high cheerleaders
Aug. 16 -- Rattler Rally 7 p.m.
Gather at Rattler Stadium as we kick off the new school year with performances by your Rattler football teams, cheerleaders and the Rattler band



GRAND OPENING. Smith Mini Storage, which includes climate-controlled units and boat and RV space, celebrated its grand opening last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. The new business is owned by Charles Allen and Sue Smith, who were accompanied by their grandchildren Drew and Laney Gitchell as well as other family and friends and members of the business community during the event. The business is located at 702 Mine Street in Nashville.

Howard County District Court

July 18, 2024
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
Balderas, Richard Jonathan, 24, Pleasant Plains, \$250 BF, speeding
Barton, Jeremie, 37, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$410 owed, committed to jail to serve out balance
Claybourne, Barbara, 90, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding
Felix, Carmela M., 46, Dierks, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Garcia, Alexis Javier, 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Harmon Gregory, Cathy L., 63, Denton, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Ingram, Dajuan, 32, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,340 owed, committed to 30 days in jail-suspended conditions
Jarmon, Ryan A., 34, Nashville, \$45 BF, speeding
Jones, Suzie Ann, 50, Mineral Springs, \$145 BF, use of wireless phone while driving
King, Georgia M., 58, Ozan, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Leaks, Semaj Lee, 19, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Lewis, Willard R., 58, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Parker, Connie, 57, Texarkana, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding

Shanan, Brian, 47, Frisco, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding
Stagg, Mercedes Lynette, 23, Ashdown, \$240 BF, speeding
Trejo Baltazar, Cain, 37, Dierks, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$220
Valdez, Debra, 53, Angleton, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding
City of Nashville
Amado Morales, Ariel A., 24, Ozan, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Camacho, Isai Steven, 20, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Carroll, Jimmy D., 64, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Cuevas-Bohena, Ariana, 26, Horatio, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Damian, Jose Miguel, 23, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$960 owed; guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Davis, Kaden, 17, Texarkana, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding
Fugitt, Treyce Allen, 31, Nashville, \$185 BF, no vehicle license

Heifner, Andrew Curtis, 22, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Huester, Shaina, 28, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Know, Antonio, 37, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,35 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
May, Jasmine, 18, McCaskill, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$25
McCollum, Robin J. Jr., 28, De Queen, \$390 BF, shoplifting; \$265 BF, failure to appear; \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, driving left of center; \$285 BF, failure to appear
Parker, David A., 46, Washington, guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined \$718
Payton, Lee, 51, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
Smith, Lynsey Jordon, 30, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Stewart, Corey, 46, Umpire, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270
Torres, Jorge, 23, McCaskill, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked

hicle license
license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Vickers, Kalbe D., 37, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Williams, Devin Markel, 29, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
City of Mineral Springs
Finley, Ashley Monique, 34, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Hollins, Horace L., 53, Texarkana, \$195 BF, no turn signal
Bench Trials
Howard County
Wiley, Darrell Albert, 54, Caledonia, Miss., guilty of failure to maintain control, fined \$220; guilty of speed too fast for conditions, fined \$200
City of Nashville
Drent, Edward, 63, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$95 cost only
Johnson, Alaza S., 23, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
City of Dierks
Bailey, Stanley B., 56, Ne-whope, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50
Gray, Robert D., 52, Dierks, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$660

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Kasen Morgan (right) makes the catch against Lake Hamilton during team camp Tuesday, July 16, at Lake Hamilton.

Nashville competes at team camps

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Abari Williams (33) breaks a Poyen tackle on his way to a big gain for the Scrappers at the Lake Hamilton team camp July 16. Media Day for Nashville will be Saturday, Aug. 3. The Back-to-School Bash is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16.



Lucy Hagler scores for the junior Scrapperettes at team camp July 17.



Kennedi Scrivner (10) takes a shot for the Scrapperettes during team camp July 17 at Scrapper Arena.



Tucker Dixon runs the ball for the Scrappers.



Karstyn Scrivner (24) maneuvers around the defender at the Nashville team camp.



Karson Chambers looks for a receiver against Lake Hamilton.

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

SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Caroline Dean, Nashville



Caroline, a Scrappette senior, helped lead Nashville to an undefeated record during team camp July 15-17 at Scrapper Arena.



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FIND NEW ROADS™

Changes made in curriculum, testing

By Kim Slayton
Curriculum coordinator
Implementation of New Literacy Curriculum and Testing Initiatives

We are excited to announce the implementation of several new educational initiatives designed to enhance student learning and streamline assessment processes across our district. Key developments include the introduction of the Study Sync literacy curriculum for grades 7-12, the launch of the ATLAS testing system for kindergarten through second grade, and new interim exams for all core subjects. These changes aim to provide a cohesive and comprehensive approach to student assessment and individualized instruction.

Study Sync Literacy Curriculum (Grades 7-12)

This June, our teachers participated in professional development for the new Study Sync literacy curriculum, which will be implemented in grades 7 through 12. Study Sync is designed to enhance literacy skills through engaging content and diverse learning resources. It will provide our students with the necessary tools to succeed in reading and writing, preparing them for state and national testing, higher education and beyond.

ATLAS Testing for K-2 Students

Beginning this school year, students in kindergarten through second grade will take the new ATLAS test and undergo screening. This system will allow us to gath-



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Curriculum Coordinator Kim Slayton

er continuous and consistent data on student performance from kindergarten through 10th grade. By maintaining a seamless progression of test data, teachers will have access to comprehensive insights into each student's academic journey. This data will help identify strengths and areas for improvement, enabling tailored instruction and targeted interventions.

ATLAS Interim Exams and Summative Assessment

In addition to the ATLAS testing for early grades, the district will implement interim exams through the ATLAS portal for all core subjects. These exams will commence in October and continue periodically throughout the school year, culminating in a summative exam in April.

Interim assessments will help monitor student prog-

ress, adjust instructional strategies, and ensure alignment with curriculum standards.

Testing and Curriculum Roles and Responsibilities

To support these new initiatives, we have made key staffing updates:

- Kristi Cox: Managing AP testing, and our Gifted and Talented Program.
- Holly Couch: Managing 7-10 ATLAS testing, ACT testing, Dyslexia screening and testing, and 7-12 literacy coach.
- Krisanna Miller: Managing K-6 ATLAS testing, and K-6 literacy coach.
- Sarah Horn: Managing K-12 ESL, and ELPA/Alt. ELPA testing.
- Kimberly Perez- Teaching and managing WorkKeys Curriculum and Testing for all 10th graders

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Student growth among goals for year

By Tate Gordon
Assistant superintendent

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I am filled with enthusiasm and high expectations for helping our students, teachers, and staff have a truly wonderful and fulfilling school year. Our district's vision has always been, and continues to be, the provision of a safe and friendly learning environment for all.

For our students, I expect this year to be one of academic growth, personal development, and exciting opportunities. Our staff strives to ignite a passion for knowledge and a love for learning for every student. For our teachers and staff, I will help to provide necessary resources, support, and



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Assistant Superintendent Tate Gordon



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Early start after busy summer

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

For the Nashville School District’s maintenance and transportation staff, back-to-school preparations were completed earlier than usual. Sports teams had a different schedule for summer practice.

With the first day of class set for July 29 under the new hybrid calendar, school facilities and buses had to be ready sooner than in previous years.

“Two weeks difference may not seem like much, but when you have to be ready” they can become a factor, according to James “Bunch” Nichols, director of facilities, transportation and athletics at Nashville. “We will make it” by opening day.

Crews “got a lot done” during the summer, Nichols said. Every air conditioner filter was changed. The high school cafeteria received new carpet. Floor crews “did a great job.”

Maintenance workers “did a heck of a job,” according to Nichols. “Every custodian helped. We all pull together. That makes Nashville a special place.”

The staff worked on every campus, along with Scrapper Stadium, Scrapper Arena and the Scrapper Dome.

In the transportation department, bus drivers attended their mandatory training last week. “That’s the earliest ever,” Nichols said.

“We still need bus drivers. We’ve consolidated some routes” and may consolidate more, Nichols said.

The district still needs one driver. “We’d love to have somebody,” Nichols said. “Bus drivers are hard to get.”

Bus mechanic Kelsey Willard “can fix anything. He’s a jack of all trades. He does everything” to keep the district’s buses operating properly.

Nichols said he’s starting his 39th year at Nashville. When he became transportation director, the late Danny Howard, then superintendent, told him that there were two things that would happen every day.

“We’ll get the kids to school. We’ll get them home safely,” Howard told Nichols. In between, “We’ll feed them.”

Former transportation director Johnny Wilson reminded Nichols that the buses “are hauling our most precious cargo, our kids.”

Last year, buses carried between 900 and 950 students daily, according to Nichols.

Some of the routes are long, with the district covering points from Nathan to Lockesburg to Ozan to McCaskill.

The district will receive two new buses during the 2024-25 academic year, Nichols said. One is expected to arrive during the fall semester, with the other one coming in 2025.

“I appreciate the Nashville School Board for letting us order the buses,” Nichols said.

In athletics, “The big question mark from fans is [new] Coach Shawn Jackson and how will the year go,” Nichols said.

After watching the Scrappers at numerous practices, Nichols said the “kids are learning and adjusting to Coach Jackson. He’s doing a good job. We’re stronger than ever in the weight

room.”

Junior and senior high teams worked together at practice,” Nichols said. “They practice at the same time. That’s something new in Nashville. We put them all out there together. The kids get to see every coach. They should know the coaches from their seventh grade year to the time they’re seniors.”

Posters with the football schedules should be delivered in early August, Nichols said. “Mark and Robbie Stavely do them for us every year. They have a ton of sponsors. That’s one of the great things about our community.”

The Scrapper Scramble will return as a pre-season fund-raiser, according to Nichols. It will be Aug. 10 at the Nashville Country Club.

Those wanting to play or sponsor the Scramble should contact Coach Tyler Clift, Nichols said.

The Back-to-School Bash will be Aug. 16 at Scrapper Stadium. “We’re going to try to do some new things” at the bash, Nichols said.

The Scrappers will host Hot Springs Lakeside in an Arkansas Activities Association benefit game Aug. 20, with the time to be announced.

The junior Scrappers will play Hope in a pre-season game at 7 p.m. Aug. 22. They will open the season Aug. 29 at home against Greenwood.

The senior high Scrappers will play Magnolia Aug. 30 at Scrapper Stadium in their first game of the season.

Tickets for junior high games will be \$5, the same as last year, Nichols said.

Senior high tickets will be \$7 at the gate. Nashville



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Director of Facilities, Transportation and Athletics James “Bunch” Nichols

students and fans may purchase advance tickets for \$5 from the school office or online. If they wait and buy at the gate, tickets will be \$7.

Golf and tennis teams have been practicing during the summer, Nichols said. Their seasons will begin in early August. Aaron Worthen is the golf coach, with Maddie McRae coaching tennis, assisted by Terri McJunkins.

Worthen will also be the Scrapper basketball coach.

The district will construct two tennis courts between the Scrapper Dome and Scrapper Arena. Work on the courts is expected to begin shortly

Scrapperette basketball players hosted team camp last week. Coach Paul Dean returns as the high school coach. Magen Scrivner is the new coach for the junior high Scrapperettes and se-

nior high girls track.

Boys track coaches are Kirby Adcock and Paul Morrow.

Coach Ahren Turner will be the Scrapper soccer coach, succeeding Eric Perez who is now assistant principal at NHS.

Clarissa Brizo will coach Scrapperette soccer, succeeding Mikayla Clift who will continue to coach cross country.

Boomer Brown will be back as the head coach for Scrapperette softball, assisted by John Martin, who also serves as junior high football and basketball coach.

Zack Stewart will coach Scrapper baseball, assisted by Worthen.

With practice underway and fall sports about to open their seasons, Nichols said players and coaches will “work hand do the best we can. We’ll all pull together.”

Growth

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professional learning opportunities to help them thrive in their roles. By cultivating a supportive environment, the NSD can and will inspire creativity, innovation, and excellence in teaching and administrative practices.

Together, with a shared commitment to our district’s vision, I am confident that the administration, teachers, and staff will create a remarkable school year filled with achievement, and positive experiences for everyone involved.

As the Assistant Superintendent of the NSD, I play a crucial role in ensuring that the financial health and operational efficiency of our federal and state categorical funds remain strong.

In my position, I am responsible for the comprehensive management of these funds, ensuring compliance with applicable regulations, and aligning financial resources with the district’s goals. Through diligent oversight and strategic allocation of funds, I look forward to continued success and improvement of our educational community.

New

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Curriculum and Testing Department Goals

Our goals for the 2024 school year include:

1. Pacing and Alignment: Collaborating with teachers to ensure the curriculum pacing and alignment are in sync with the new hybrid calendar.
2. Data Navigation and Analysis: Training staff to navigate reports and analyze test data from the ATLAS platform, enhancing data-driven instruction.
3. Literacy Curriculum Implementation: Prioritizing the successful rollout of the Study Sync literacy curriculum to improve student literacy outcomes.

We are committed to providing our students with the best educational resources and support. The introduction of Study Sync, the ATLAS testing system, and interim exams represent significant strides toward this goal.

We look forward to a productive year of teaching and learning, with a focus on fostering academic growth and achievement.

Nashville Primary School makes additions

Nathan Evans
Nashville Primary Principal

Enrollment for 2024-25 As of July 15th:

Kindergarten – 132
First Grade – 128
Second Grade – 147
Third Grade – 162
Total – 569

New Faculty/Staff

Miranda Serrano – Assistant Principal

Maggie Worthington – Classroom Teacher (2nd Grade)

Haley Davis – Classroom Teacher (3rd Grade Language Arts)

Scena Pierce - Nurse

New Programs

Over the last few years, we have implemented new math, language arts, and phonics curriculums as well as the incorporation of Special Education Inclusion. We are thankful that this year we can pause and have time to continue fine tuning what we have in place and allow our students to grow with the curriculums in which they have experience. We are already seeing the benefits from these additions over the years!

challenge is difficult. We want to instill these characteristics in our students as it will serve them well academically and in many other areas of their lives.

School Calendar

We are excited at Nashville Primary to implement our new Hybrid Calendar! While having the breaks more often is nice for students and staff, research shows that getting students back to school sooner from summer break helps them retain more of what they learned the previous year. While in the grand scheme, only 10 days have been moved, I believe that it will help our students tremendously. The additional weeks off in September, October, and few days in February will be nice but we also understand that it can pose a challenge for some parents. To help with this, we will be providing enrichment for all K-3 students on these dates. To participate, parents will have to sign their students up no later than two weeks

before the enrichment week and will get a lot of information out on how to do so very soon. We are excited to provide this to help alleviate the burden of finding childcare while providing additional learning opportunities for students.

As far as difficulties with our calendar, we have not faced many at all yet. We do know that a concern for parents is that July and early August always brings with it the potential to be very hot outside. We will be providing water bottles for all students again this year and if the heat index reaches

100 degrees we will be indoors for recess. There are other projects in the works to help combat the heat, but we want parents to know that the health and safety of our students is always our number one priority.

What else is new?

Last year our 3rd grade students participated in the state ATLAS test. I am confident that our students did well and am eager find out these results in October. This year, our K-2 students will take their state mandated test on the same platform. Imbedded in this will also be mandatory screenings (i.e.

dyslexia) which will help streamline the process. One of the biggest benefits of this change is that all Arkansas schools will use the same testing platform which is helpful when students move in from other districts.

We are very excited for Mrs. Miranda Serrano to be taking the role of Nashville Primary Assistant Principal! Mrs. Serrano comes with a great experience and a wealth of knowledge that will only benefit our students and staff. She will love all our students while

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STOP

Let your parents know if you go somewhere after school.

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Tell your parents or teachers if someone is bothering you.

STOP

Don’t run in the school hallways.

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Learn fire drill procedures at school and at home.

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‘Stars in the Making’ at NES

Primary

Nashville Elementary School
Principal: Tyra Hughes
Current Enrollment for 2024-25 total enrollment is 397 students as of today.
133 4th graders
136 5th graders
128 6th graders
New faculty and staff
We hired Kimberly Torres. She will work as ESL aide at Elementary.
New programs 2024-25
We will be implementing a new positive behavior incentive system (PBIS). This will allow staff to recognize students for positive behavior earning points for rewards. Students will be able to use points earned which they can redeem at our PBIS store. We will also be focusing on The Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. This will also be a focus through our PBIS program where students can earn points for exhibiting positive behaviors throughout the school day.
We will be utilizing a new program, Kesler Science, at elementary for grades four-six. Teachers will be able to choose the lessons and level of differentiation they want to assign, then edit the questions and activities to exactly fit students’ needs. Students will be able to interact with and engage in online lessons and activities. Teachers will build connections as students collaborate online with group questions and class-wide discussions. We are excited to add this program as our students in Jr. High are using the same program that we can be on in grades four through eight.
How are things going with implementing the new school calendar?
We have spent the summer preparing for the new school year. Teachers and administrators have attended professional development preparing and working on aligning curriculum for our students.
I am excited about the new schedule. This new schedule will allow for strategically placed breaks throughout the school year to support student well-being. It will be an adjustment for our community but looking forward to how we can help offer enrichment activities. Parents will be able to sign their student up to attend school for the weeks we are out on breaks. We have staff that will be available to offer educational opportunities for our students if parents would like for them to attend.



Nashville Elementary School. Assistant Principal Michael Coffee, secretary Reba Coulter, secretary Alison Ligin and Principal Tyra Hughes.

Other comments
Our Theme this year is “Stars in the Making at NES! We Shine Bright!” We will be focusing as staff and students to be a light to shine like a Scrapper and be our best!
Here are a few key dates and reminders to keep in mind as we approach the start of the school year:
- Registration and Meet the Teachers: July 25, 2024
- First Day of School: July 29, 2024
- Back to School Bash: August 16th
Students will be provided breakfast and lunch provided by the school district at no cost to parents. All K - 6 students will receive their school supplies provided from the Nashville School District.
Students will receive a clear Scrapper water bottle and school agenda planners. The agenda planners are a way for parents to communicate and keep up with what students are learning in the core classrooms.
These planners can help students prepare throughout the school year. We encourage students to set goals, stay organized, and approach each day with a positive attitude. We at NES staff are here to help you succeed, so don’t hesitate to reach out if you need assistance or guidance along the way. We encourage you to embrace every opportunity for success and growth.
We can’t wait to see all the amazing things our students will accomplish in the coming school year. Together,

we will continue to create a welcoming and inclusive community where we want every student to feel valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.
My door is always open; please feel free to contact me anytime throughout the year with any questions.
Tyra Hughes, Principal
Elementary Assistant Principal, Michael Coffee
I plan to have a great year, looking for grants to help classroom teachers with any needs. I see myself as a facilitator, willing to help teachers with whatever their needs are. Aspects of my job as of now have not changed from last year. I will help Mrs. Hughes with anything that she needs to help make our building successful. I help with monitoring the halls, observing teachers, handling discipline, covering classes, substitute bus driving, etc. I am here to help serve the needs of our students and staff.

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having high expectations for them as well.
She is a wonderful fit in our NPS family!
Miranda Serrano
Nashville Primary Assistant Principal
I was born and raised in Nashville, Arkansas, where I attended Nashville schools as a proud Nashville Scrapper, receiving an excellent education.
I pursued higher education at Henderson State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English.
My teaching career began at Central Arkansas Christian schools, spanning junior high to senior high levels, before returning home to teach at Nashville Elementary School.
After two years, I transitioned to Nashville High School.
While teaching, I pursued advanced degrees: a Master’s in Building Level Leadership and an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum Leadership.
Remaining in the Nashville School District was an easy choice due to its reputation for outstanding educators, strong administration, and a supportive community.
I am committed to upholding the Scrapper tradition as my own children prepare to enroll in the district.
Currently serving as Assistant Principal at Nashville Primary School, I am eager to meet students and collaborate with our exceptional staff.
I look forward to contributing to our school’s continued success and fostering a nurturing learning environment for all.

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NHS to welcome 465 opening day

Name: Ashley Riggs
School: Nashville High School
Enrollment for 2024-25
10th Grade--- 132
11th Grade--- 175
12th Grade--- 158
Total Enrollment---465
New faculty and staff
Jacob Greenfield
Teacher/Coach
Sydney Howard
English Teacher
Shane Wilson
Math Teacher
Kimberly Perez
Spanish/Work Keys Teacher
Jacob Happy
HS Band Director
Kelly Davis
Secretary
Skip Lewis
Custodian
Ahren Turner
Teacher
New programs for 2024-25

Nashville High School adopted a new English/Language Arts curriculum called StudySync.
StudySync is a complete ELA curriculum designed to meet the rigorous academic needs of today's classroom. In print or online, StudySync is designed to engage every student, because every student deserves the same opportunity and access in the classroom. StudySync's

unique blend of contemporary and classic literature comes together with the program's rigorous reading routines to dynamically instruct students toward mastery.
How are things going with implementing the new school calendar?
Things have gone very well. I am so excited for this upcoming year. We are ready, my teachers are ready, and my students are telling me that they are ready. I am very excited to be able to offer a session of ACT school during the October break. This schedule is giving students multiple opportunities per year to attend ACT school.
What else is new for the coming year?
Theme: NHS Scrappers... A tradition like no other!
A tradition of pride, excellence, and success.
Welcome:
Nashville High School would like to welcome everyone back for the 24-25 school year. NHS is determined to provide a high quality education as well as creating memorable experiences that students can carry with them for a lifetime. It is our hope that this will be the best school year EVER. It's a great day to be a Scrapper!



Nashville High School. Counselor Beverly Tedford, Assistant Principal Eric Perez, Principal Ashley Riggs, secretary Kristi Thornton, secretary Kelly Davis, Career Coach Natalie Sherman

Important Dates and Times:
• Early Registration and Schedule Pick Ups – July 15th–July 19th from 8:00-3:00
• Registration – July 25th from 1:00-6:00
• First Day of School –July 29th
• Class Meetings—July 30th
• Scrapper Media Day—August 3rd
• Athletic Physicals—August 6th
• Back to School Bash—August 16th
Eric Perez - I am the assistant high school principal, and prior to this year I was teaching U.S. History to juniors at Nashville High School. I was also the wide receivers coach and the head boys soccer coach. There has been a lot of change in my job duties as I have transitioned from classroom and coaching roles to administration.

In my new role, I primarily focus on school safety and daily management of student behavior and school organization. I enjoy being able to be visible to the students and interact with them; it gives me the opportunity to encourage them and be an accessible resource for any educational concerns they may have or just offer mentorship.
I think many times the assistant principal is associated with just being the disciplinarian, but I look forward to molding a new perspective by showing the students and community that our number one priority is the well-being and success of each of our students and we will work every day toward making sure they receive the best educational experience at Nashville High.
It's always a great day to be a Scrapper!

Band gives early look at 2024 halftime show



Drum major Klaire Hendry directs the NHS band during rehearsal Friday, July 19, at Scrapper Stadium.



(Above and below) Scrapper band members work on their halftime routine July 19. Parents and friends were invited to attend the session and get a glimpse of what they will see during the season.



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NEW COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT. Tina Munoz, 40, who hails from south Texas and currently resides in the Texarkana area, is the new Howard County Extension Agent - Family Consumer Science who replaces Jean Ince after a long career with the county. Munoz brings 10 years of extension work experience from Texas and this is her first job in Arkansas. She started her new post June 17. Read the debut of her weekly column below.



Back to School

Exciting & Overwhelming

By Tina Munoz
Howard County Extension Agent – FCS

Back to school, fresh starts, new routines. Exciting, right?

Well, it can be exciting, but it can also be overwhelming to get back into the swing of things! School, sports, clubs, etc. They all seem to ramp back up in the fall.

Here are a few things to keep in mind as you start the new school year.

Talk about it. Talk with your child about what the routines or how days will be for your child. Kids like to know what to expect. Are they involved in school activities or sports? What supplies will they need? Talk about how this will affect dinner and bedtime routines.

Establish Bedtime/Wakeup Routines. Setting regular times and routines for waking up and bedtime can help children get the appropriate sleep they need and help their focus in school. Consistency with routines helps to make smoother transitions. This applies to children of all ages.

Be prepared. No matter what age or grade your child is, there will be new expecta-

tions and opportunities for them and you. If your child is older, maybe it is time to think about driver's education or graduation requirements. If they are younger, there will be many new opportunities for them; sports, 4-H, gymnastics, dance, band, etc.

Get involved. If you are able, try and get involved with the school or other activities that your child is interested in. It is a great way to get connected to the community and learn about what your child is doing and what skills they are developing.

Grace! Give yourself and your child lots of grace! It is hard to switch routines and takes some getting used to. Everyone might be a little stressed, moody, and overtired at first. So, if you or your child is feeling overwhelmed, take a moment and remember you will get there!

For more information on how to handle change or stress, contact the Howard County Cooperative Extension Service at 870-845-7517, or visit our office located on the second floor of the courthouse.

This is a quick, easy recipe for those nights when

you are overwhelmed or just don't have enough time. It takes only 30 minutes and little preparation.

Cajun Baked Catfish

- 1 T. oil
- 2 c. cornmeal
- 1 T. black pepper
- 8 catfish fillets (about 4 ounces each)
- 2 T. Cajun seasoning
- ¼ c. butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Wash your hands well with soap and hot water.

Cover a large baking sheet with aluminum foil and coat with oil.

Place the cornmeal and black pepper in a shallow dish or plate. Mix well.

Press each fillet into the cornmeal mixture. Making sure both sides are coated.

Place the coated fillets onto the foil-lined baking sheet with the rounded side up.

Sprinkle the Cajun seasoning mixture on top of fillets and drizzle with melted butter.

Place baking sheet in oven and bake for 30 minutes.

Fillets are done when the crust is golden brown and the fish flakes with a fork.

Serve the fillets while they are hot. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.



FINALLY MOVING. Dirt work at the new sports complex on the South Pike County School District campus was finally able to resume last week during a dry stretch of weather. The complex will include baseball and softball fields.

Student handbook changes

top SPC board's July agenda

The South Pike County School Board approved changes to both high school and elementary student handbooks during its July meeting last Tuesday night.

The majority of changes in the elementary concerned absences, tardies and dress code, as presented by Principal James Riley.

Approved elementary changes included:

Elementary Absences

- In order for an absence to be considered excused, the student must bring/provide official documentation (parent/guardian notes are not considered official).
- When a student exceeds 10 unexcused absences in a semester, the proper authority will be notified and the child's parents or legal guardian shall be subject to a civil penalty.
- Students will be counted as tardy after 7:55 a.m. Parents/guardian must go to the office to sign in the student and the student will be issued a tardy slip, which is required to be admitted to class. Five tardies will equal one unexcused absence.

Student Dress and Grooming

- Clothing should be worn as designed. No hats, caps, hoods or other head coverings worn inside. Sleeves and tops which do not completely cover the back, stomachs and chest will not be allowed. All blouse straps must be at least three fingers in width. No sunglasses worn inside. No clothing de-

picting inappropriate, vulgar or suggestive language or suggestive themes. Shoes should be worn at all times - no cleats, house shoes or wheeled shoes.

- Shorts and shirts are acceptable provided the length and split are not so short that it disrupts the educational process. Shorts/skirts should be visible (must be worn as designed/no rolling of waistbands - length must be at fingertip length.) Full-body pajamas (onesies) are not allowed unless for a school theme.
- No face or hair paint that disrupts the educational process.
- Sagging pants or trousers are not allowed. No holes in pants/shorts above fingertip length unless the skin is covered beneath clothing.
- Leggings/yoga pants/tights may be worn but must have a shirt/top over them that reaches mid-thigh in front and back.

High school Principal Davey Jones presented changes that mainly reflect Arkansas School Board Association's recommendations.

Jones did note changes to honor graduate credits from 10 credits to five to allow college courses to be better used for credit. Jones said another change is that students now have seven days instead of 10 to make changes to their schedules after the start of school.

In other July business,

the board accepted student accident coverage proposal from JTS Financial/EBI Team; amended the classified salary schedule; and transferred \$649,000 from the district's general account to the building fund.

After a short executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Sarah Deal and hired Hanah Kennedy Smith as an elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Also, due to the Blevins School District declining to release Krista Milner from her teaching contract for next school year, the board voted to rescind the offer of employment, in accordance to state law.

Superintendent Tanya Wilcher also reported that work has finally begun at the district's new sports complex.

"We finally have dirt coming in," she said about the project that has gotten off to a slow start due to the weather.

The July meeting also included a closed hearing concerning a transfer student from Nashville.

The board accepted the School Choice transfer with the student to be enrolled for the first nine weeks in the Alternative Learning Environment program to finish out the discipline handed down at the Nashville School District.

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SERVING UP FOR A GOOD CAUSE. Members of the Tuskegee Airmen Post 332 of Mineral Springs were posted up in Nashville last Friday selling delicious dinners to raise funds for the post's projects, which will include hosting a Veterans Day parade in November. Pictured here are members (from left) John Whitmore, Kenneth Miller, Climeti Morris, Jr., Gilbert Thomas, Steve Dixon and Commander Robert Forbes. Not pictured are Jerry Tollette, Carl Adams and Rev. Don White, Sr.



100TH BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED. Erma Louise (Dildy) Savage will celebrate her 100th birthday on Aug. 12, 2024. She was born to Ed and Tera Dildy in Mineral Springs, and is a lifelong resident of Nashville. Louise married Clarence Savage on Feb. 14, 1947 and worked for Southwestern Bell as Chief Operator for 19 years, retiring after having a son, Steven. Louise is currently a resident of the Nashville Nursing Home.

Lockesburg woman, 84, dies after July 16 crash

An 84-year-old Lockesburg woman has died following a one-vehicle accident on July 16 in Sevier County.

Ada Coleman died as a result of the wreck, which was reported on Highway 234 in Lockesburg around 6:55 p.m.

According to the Arkansas State Police, Coleman was driving west on Highway 234 when she left the roadway and hit a culvert. Coleman was transported to Louisiana State University Hospital in Shreveport where she succumbed to her injuries.

ASP Cpl. Kyle Jones reported the conditions were clear and dry at the time of the accident.

Center Point church’s food pantry to take month-long break

For the first time in its 20-year existence the food pantry at the New View Church of Christ in Center Point will take a break.

The pantry, which is located in the original New View building on Hwy.

278, will be closed from Saturday, Aug. 17, reopening on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The break is due to some health problems of the organizers and volunteers.

Church services will not be interrupted.

The New View congregation is now located in the former Center Point Church of Christ building. For more information contact Doris Coulter at 870-845-3531 or 870-200-7941.

Delight VFD’s annual fundraiser Oct. 26 to include live auction

The Delight Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Delight School cafeteria.

A live auction will begin at 5 p.m., and the meal will include soup and chili plates.

Proceeds of the event will go to-

ward equipment for the fire department.

In conjunction with the event, the group is selling raffle chances on a Tidwee see-through ground deer blind and a 22-inch Blackstone gas grill (first prize) as well as five bags of deer corn (second prize).

Tickets are priced at \$5 each or five for \$20.

To purchase tickets or donate items for the action, please contact a firefighter or Chief Ty Sherrod (870) 681-2139, Assistant Chief Barry Smith (870) 312-0319 or Secretary Krystal Kelley (870) 796-2038.

Container Garden Workshop

Aug. 9 • 9 a.m.

Howard County Farmers' Market
\$15 per person.

Call 870-845-7517 to register by Aug. 5
Learn about the benefits of container gardening and take home a start to your own garden

Attend Church This Sunday!

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Sunday (Eng.) - 9 a.m.
Sunday (Esp.) - 11 a.m.
Wednesday - 6 p.m.
Thursday - 8 a.m.
1st Friday - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday (Esp.) - 6:30 p.m.
Fr. Salvador Vega, Pastor
Welcome • Bienvenidos

LOCKESBURG FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ 11:00 A.M.

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TOMMY HALSELL, PASTOR
Everyone is always welcome!

You are invited to worship with us at...

Center Point Missionary Baptist Church

211 Church St. • Center Point
Pastor: Jaron Tipton
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.

-- Non-Denomination --

New Life in Jesus Christ Church

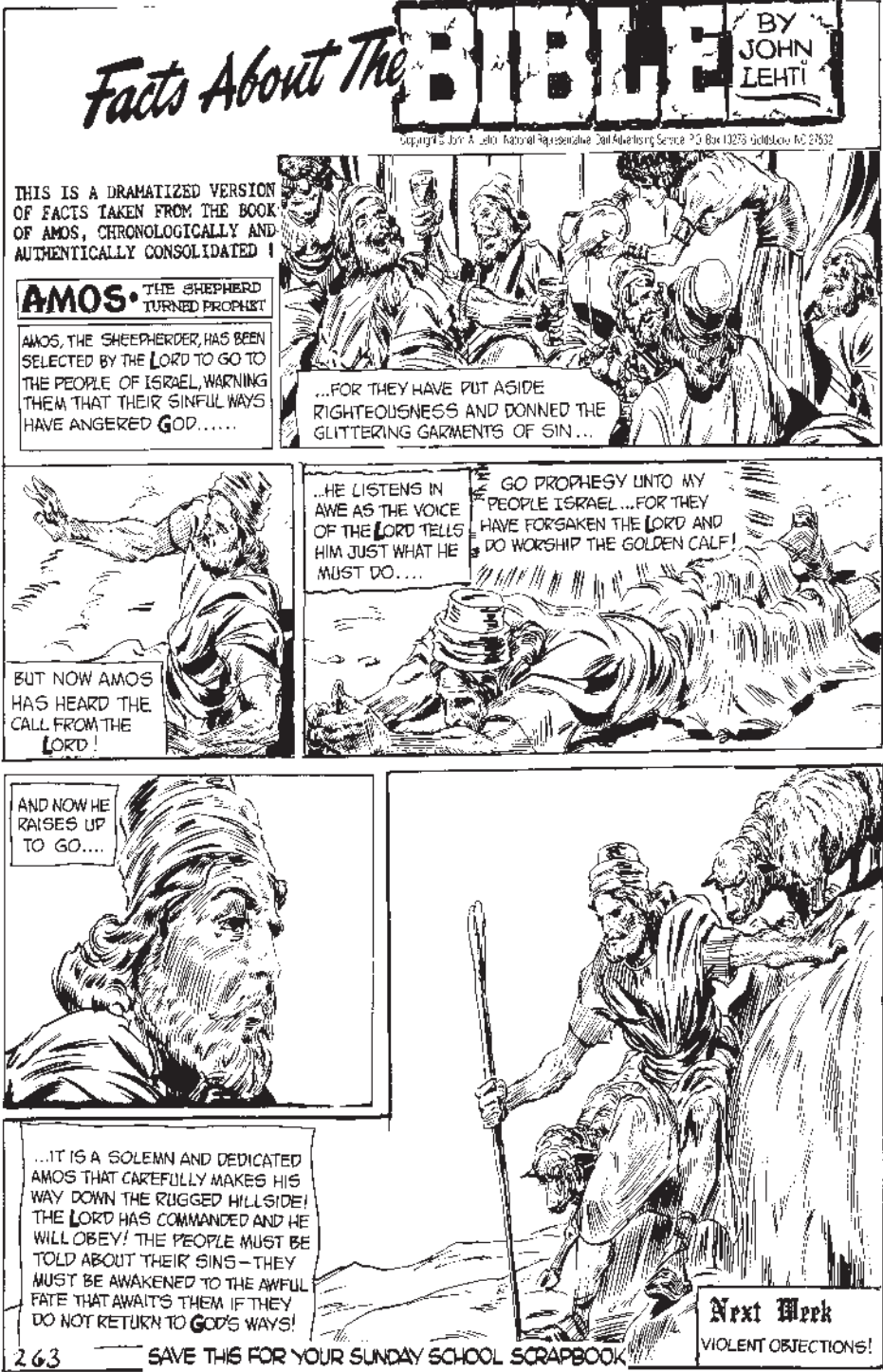
913 South Main St. • Nashville, AR
Sunday Morning Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Pastors: Lankford & Mary Alice Moore

EBENEZER UMC

318 West Dodson • Nashville
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”
Scott Memorial (Paraloma Community)
First & Third Sundays Monthly
Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.
Pastor: Ellis Ray Floyd

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Immanuel Baptist Church

Immanuel St. • Nashville • 845-3414
www.myimmanuel.com
Pastor: Paul Herndon
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:55 a.m.
Worship (KMTB-fm) - 10:55 a.m.
Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: GROW - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Youth - 5:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

415 N. Main • Nashville
Come Worship With Us!
Sunday school 9 a.m.
Morning worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Evening worship 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Kevin Sartin

Be our Guest at Cross Point Cowboy Church

Sunday Services 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study for all ages at 6:30 p.m.
Hwy 371 W. of Nashville
“Pointing People to the Cross”
Pastor Don Jones

First Church of God

Come worship with us!
Community Oriented & Christ Centered
946 MLK, Hwy 355, Tollette, AR
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. • Youth 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday evening service 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Charles Green, Pastor

Unity Baptist Church

380 Buck Range Road
Pastor:
Bro. David Cassady
Sunday Service
10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Delight Methodist Church

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Morning Services - 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Men's Meeting - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
Jim Henderson, Pastor

HOLLY CREEK Missionary Baptist Church

705 Main St. • Dierks • 286-2010
Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sun. Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday WOW 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Brian Finn
Radio Program: 9:45 Sunday Morning • B99.5 FM
Visit us at: www.hollycreekmbc.net

First Christian Church

500 N. Main • Nashville
(Corner of Main & Bishop)
845-3241
Sunday Bible School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Minister: Jim Pinson

To advertise your church or business in this spot, call Tracy at 870-845-0600.

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BUSINESS SERVICES

MINI STORAGE IN MUR-FREESBORO. 870-845-6304. (gs:4-tf)

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 202 W. Howard St. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8 to 9 p.m. Elizabeth 870-949-5833, Warren 870-557-0446, Chad 430-200-7150.

FOR SALE

2021 XLR Micro Boost Toy Hauler RV. Sleeps 5 people.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: CAROL LEE TAYLOR
55 PR-24-51

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 170 Graves Road, Langley, Pike County, Arkansas
Date of death: May 15, 2024
An instrument dated October 25, 1989, was on July 16, 2024 admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 24th day of July, 2024.

Velda Dodd, Executrix, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
Post Office Box 813
Nashville AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(AB: 5, 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
JAYDEN DESAUN PENAGRAPH, &
JAYVREN MICHAEL PENAGRAPH, minors
31 PR-24-12

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: DEMARIO TIRRELL TALLEY

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, commencing at 9 am or as soon thereafter as may be heard, a hearing will be held on the Petition for Adoption in the above-styled matter. This Petition is filed by Devoria Penagraph, and is a formal request for legal action to seek the adoption and thus termination of your rights. This hearing will take place at the Howard County Courthouse, Courtroom, located at 421 N. Main Street, Nashville, Arkansas, 2nd Floor Courtroom.
If you object to the Petition, you should file a written response with the Clerk of Howard County, Arkansas, at the following address: 421 N. Main Street, Nashville, 71852. If you fail to appear at the hearing, a Judge may enter orders or decrees which terminate your rights to the children referenced above.

____/s/: Aaron R Brasel
Aaron R Brasel, ABN 2009138
Post Office Box 813
Nashville, AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(870) 845-4103 – Facsimile
(AB: 5 -8)

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Kristi "Noelle" Couch, 870-557-7193
DeAnn Simmons, 870-557-4968
Allana O'Neal, 870-557-7162



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: JORGE LINO MOYA AREVALO

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, Probate Division. You are being served because the action filed may affect your legal rights or you may otherwise have a connection to or interest in the filing.
This matter is set for a Final Hearing before the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st 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.

Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
Attorney Ad Litem for Jorge Lino Moya Arevalo
420 North Main, Suite One
P. O. Box 922
Nashville, AR 71852
(870) 845-5256
(870) 845-5899 fax
vmartinlaw@gmail.com
(JSG: 3 - 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)

USDA – Farm Service Agency
Notice of Availability
Construction of a Large CAFO, Arkansas
Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment for the construction of a large CAFO located in Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 26 West, Pike County. The primary objective of the activity is to construct (4) broiler houses.
FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 08/16/2024. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the following USDA Service Center: Farm Service Agency, 101 South Washington Street, Nashville, AR 71852 and can be found online at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Arkansas/index>. Comments should be submitted in writing to Adam Kaufman at Farm Service Agency, 419 West Gaines Street, Monticello, AR 71655.
All written comments will be carefully considered, and no action concerning the project shall be taken until the agency has completed an environmental review and issued a final decision. All who provide written comments will be informed of the decision when it is made. The Final Environmental Assessment will be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request.
(DB: 4, 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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1998 FORD EXPEDITION
VIN# 1FMRU17L7WLB93221

2018 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
VIN# 5NPD84LF5JH307878

ARE BEING HELD AT BYPASS DIESEL & WRECKER SERVICE, INC. 9224 HWY 278 WEST NASHVILLE, AR 71852, 870-845-1597, DUE TO ABANDONMENT. VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE UNLESS CLAIMED WITHIN 10 DAYS. FAILURE TO RECLAIM VEHICLES WAVES ALL RIGHTS, TITLE, & INTEREST IN ABOVE VEHICLES. VEHICLES MAY BE RECLAIMED DURING BUSINESS HOURS BY PROVIDING OWNERSHIP, AND BY PAYING ALL CHARGES AGAINST VEHICLES.
(BD: 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DONALD EARL STONE, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-50

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 109 Cedar Lane, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: June 27, 2024
The undersigned, Dustin Shaun Stone, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 16th day of July, 2024.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published this 24th day of July, 2024.

Dustin Shaun Stone, Administrator
BY: _____
Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
Attorney at Law
420 N. Main, Suite One
P. O. Box 922
Nashville, AR 71852
(870) 845-5256 phone
(870) 845-5899 fax
(VM: 5, 6)

For Sale

Used gas ranges available for purchase at the **Howard County Housing Authority office building** beginning **Friday, August 2, 2024**, from **9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., (closed 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)** Ranges are priced at **\$30, limit of three (3) ranges per person.**
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3 bedroom, 2 full baths, log home situated on approx. 36 wooded acres. Central A/C and Heat (Heat Pump). Home has built in vacuum system. Property has mother in law quarters with central A/C & Heat. Property has raised planting beds and various fruit plants. RANGE / MICROWAVE / REFRIGERATOR / WASHER-DRYER / UPRIGHT FREEZER convey with sell of home. Home and all utility buildings have metal roofing, shop has AC/Heat.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of SW-1 / 4 of SE-1 / 4, Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 27 West, thence East 210 ft., thence North 210 ft., thence West 210 ft., thence South 210 ft., to the Point of Beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.
This notice first published this 17th day of July, 2024.

Marguerite Robinson, Distributee
BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
Attorney at Law
420 N. Main, Suite One
P. O. Box 922
Nashville, AR 71852
(870) 845-5256 phone
(870) 845-5899 fax
(VM: 4, 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: JOE McINTOSH
31 PR 24-54

NOTICE OF SMALL ESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 312 Nuff Road, Mineral Springs, Arkansas 71851
Date of death: June 2, 2024
That Jaise McIntosh was appointed Administrator of the Estate of the above decedent on the 18^h day of July, 2024.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 24th day of July, 2024.

Jaise McIntosh,
903-276-3195
1806 Garland Ave
Texarkana, AR 71854
(pd. 5, 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DONALD EARL STONE, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-50

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 109 Cedar Lane, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: June 27, 2024
The undersigned, Dustin Shaun Stone, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 16th day of July, 2024.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published this 24th day of July, 2024.

Dustin Shaun Stone, Administrator
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DRAWING FOR PRIZES. Assistant plant manager Evan Wakefield, left, and safety officer Tyler Venabe mix the names for the drawing. There were later drawings for the other two plant shifts.



CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK. Safety officer Tyler Venabe congratulated the team members on the safety accomplishment and urged them to continue the good work.



FAMILIAR FACE. Former complex manager Paul Britt spoke to the team members. He is now chairman of the Developing Howard County committee.



TYSON SAFETY CELEBRATION. Tyson management team members along with representatives of Developing Howard County, took a moment for a photo in the plant lobby following the safety achievement celebration, Wednesday. From left, Tem Gunter, Tyson senior human resources manager; Joe Harmon, Tyson VP for food safety assurance; Vanessa Weeks, executive director of Developing Howard County; Jeremy Hank, VP of operations; Mayor Larry Dunaway and County Judge Brent Pinkerton, both of DHC; Tyson complex manager Nick Britt; former Tyson complex manager Paul Britt now chairman of DHC; Charles Smith, vice-chairman of DHC; state representative candidate Dolly Henley; Rory Gulick of Arkansas Economic Development; Tyler Venable, Tyson complex safety manager; and Zach Pinegar, Tyson plant safety.



REWARD FOR SAFETY. Tyson team members were rewarded with lunch and were eligible for the prize-drawings.



AT THE HEAD TABLE. Visitors included Rory Gulick of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, state representative candidate Dolly Henley and members of the board of Developing Howard County .



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