





# Obituaries



**Gary Lynn Rushing**  
Gary Lynn Rushing, age 68, of Pine Bluff, passed away Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024.  
Born Jan. 20, 1956, in Little Rock, he was a son of the late A.B. Rushing, Sr. and Allie Belle Garner Rushing. He attended Watson Chapel High School.  
Gary was a master plumber and founded Razorbuck Plumbing Company in 1981. He was proud of the service he provided, and he considered many of his customers to be family.  
He enjoyed deer hunting, being on Lake Ouachita, and spending time with his family and friends. The thing he loved most was being Papaw. He loved his granddaughters, and he was always there to support them.  
Gary had a big smile and an even bigger heart. He never met a stranger, and he will be missed by many.  
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven siblings, Buddy Rushing, J.T. Rushing, Emmer Jean Lawrence, Christine Wiley, Havis Rushing, Michael Wayne Rushing, and Roger Dale Rushing.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Jamey Rushing Tice (Josh); three granddaughters, Jacey Tice, Jessa Tice, and Jovie Tice; three sisters, Shirley Beatty, Trish Rushing Carpenter (Dale), and Charlotte Best; along with numerous nieces and nephews.  
There will be a visitation on Friday, September 6, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Fuller Hale-South Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Shady Grove Cemetery at Glendale.  
In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.StJude.org/donate](http://www.StJude.org/donate)  
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**OATH OF OFFICE.** Nashville's new city council member for Ward 6 Position 1 is Lynn Dyer who was sworn-in last week by Mayor Larry Dunaway prior to the August meeting of the council. She fills the council vacancy created by the death of Alderman Jimmy Dale.

## AT MONDAY'S ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR PARADE



**COLORFUL FAIR PARADE ENTRY.** Nashville High School FFA chapter.



**KEEP 'ER RUNNING.** One of the long line of fair parade entries from the Rusty Relics Antique Tractor Club.



Nashville News-Leader photos by Louie Graves

**COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT TALENT WINNERS.** Audrey Gunter and her musician partner, Fisher Westfall (facing the other side of Main Street) rode in the parade in style in a vehicle driven by a judge.

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Retirees must identify and manage their income sources

**By Josh Tice**  
**Edward Jones Investments**  
During your working years, you know where your income is coming from because you're working. But once you retire, you'll have to identify your income sources, know how much you can expect from them and know how to manage them to help support a retirement that could last two or three decades.  
So, where will your retirement income come from? And what decisions will you need to make about these income sources?  
Consider the following:  
• *Retirement accounts* – If you've regularly contributed to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, you likely have accumulated substantial amounts of money in these accounts — but during your retirement, you'll need to start tapping into them. In fact, once you turn 73, you're required to start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, with the amount determined by your age and account balance. You could take out more than these amounts (technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs) but you can't take less without incurring penalties. Many people take out 4% of their balance each year, and this guideline may be reasonable, but everyone's situation is different. So, you'll need to weigh various factors including your age, health and other sources of income before deciding on an appropriate withdrawal rate.  
• *Social Security* – You can start collecting Social Security at age 62, but your payments will be much higher if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be between 66 and 67. And your benefits will reach the maximum amount if you wait until 70 before collecting. So, your decision on when to take your benefits will depend on whether you can afford to wait, and for how long. In making this choice, you'll also need to consider your health and your family history of longevity. And if you're married, you may want to factor in spousal benefits when deciding when you should collect Social Security. A spouse can receive either their own benefit, based on their work record, or up to 50% of their spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if one spouse has a much higher benefit, it may make sense for that spouse to delay taking Social Security as long as possible so that both spouses can receive bigger payments.  
• *Earned income* – Even if you have retired from one career, it doesn't mean you can never receive any earned income again. If you have specific skills that can translate to part-time work or a consulting arrangement, you might want to consider reentering the work force in this way. With the added income, you might be able to afford delaying Social Security, and you would still be eligible to contribute to an IRA.  
• *Supplemental lifetime income* – There aren't many guarantees in the financial and investment worlds — but one of them is the income from a fixed annuity, which can be structured to provide you with a lifetime income stream. Annuities aren't for everyone, however, and they do involve penalties for early withdrawals and lack of protection from inflation.  
By learning all you can about your potential retirement income sources, and by understanding how to manage this income to your best advantage, you can help yourself achieve a comfortable — and more rewarding — retirement.

## Public auction of seized firearms is scheduled here for Sept. 21

There will be an auction of firearms seized by Nashville police and the 9th Judicial District-West Drug Task Force. The auction will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Carter Day Training Center on North Main in Nashville. The auction is open to the public.

## Annual football contest starts off with 15-yard penalty against newspaper

The newspaper's annual football contest for 2024 started off with a 15-yard penalty. Listed among the 10 games in the contest was the battle of Mineral Springs and Bismarck. The problem was that the Hornets and the Lions don't tangle until this weekend.  
So, the opening contest is for nine games, and the winner is a familiar one -- Jerry Bowden of Nashville who missed on only two picks and predicted a 40-20 Magnolia win in the 'tiebreaker.' The weekly contest is a combo meal from Starz Family Restaurant. Scores of the games actually in the contest:  
Centerpoint 28, Murfreesboro 14  
Fouke 21, Dierks 0  
Camden Fairview 40, Arkadelphia 25  
Malvern 42, Jacksonville 20  
Georgia 34, Clemson 3  
Miami 41, Florida 17  
Notre Dame 23, Texas A&M 13  
Arkansas State 34, UCA 31  
Magnolia 26, Nashville 7

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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



Children from Our Little Playschool entertained at the Grandparent Day celebration at the Dierks Nursing Center. The group includes the following: (front row) Tyler Maddox, Tristyn Trusty, Becca Whisenhunt and Patric Farmer; (back row) Kimberly Manasco, Blayn Turner, Noah Wiles, Cole Whisenhunt, Zane Cox, Kyle Nipper and Kyler Turner. Linda Phelps is the teacher of these 3- and 4-year-olds. September 2004

119 years ago: September 1905

Sam Draper was shot and instantly killed by John Dobie last Friday afternoon three miles northeast of Ozan. Both the principals in the tragedy were Negroes. The weapon used by Dobie was a shot gun, and the charge went into Draper’s breast.

The cause of the killing was infatuation of Dobie for the wife of Draper. He had been living with the woman for sometime and threats were said to have been made by both men. Draper was in the vicinity of Ozan last Friday afternoon when he met his wife and her paramour, who were in route to that town, a quarrel ensued when Draper was shot and killed.

80 years ago: September 1944

Mrs. Jim L. Reed of Nashville has received from her husband, Pvt. Jim L. Reed, a Purple Heart awarded

him for wounds received in action in France in August. Pvt. Reed is in the hospital in England where the medal was awarded to him, and he sent it to his wife. She was also notified by the War Department that he is expected to return to service soon.

(Adv.) *God Is My Co-Pilot* written by Col. Robert Scott, U.S. Army Airforce. Introduction by Maj. Gen. Chennault. Over the Buma Road in the Skies of China, Col. Scott flew and fought against over-powering odds. His story is full of hair-raising adventures, romance, drama and incredible heroism. Look for *God Is My Co-Pilot* in this paper beginning next issue.

67 years ago: September 1957

A new special color will be added to the football show here Friday night. The Scrapper Belles, forty-three pretty girls attired in cowgirl customs, will put on a show before the game.

Their contribution will begin at 7:45 and last until five minutes of game time. The Bells are directed by Mrs. Lester Bradley. Student leaders are Brenda Ball, captain, and Gloria Gary and Betty Roberts co-captains.

(Adv.) You actually walk on air in Airfilm shoes. America’s only pneumatic and completely nailless shoe. Not even one single nail to work through and irritate your heels. \$15.95. Quality Shoe Store.

34 years ago: September 1990

Prehistoric Indian artifacts have been found at Grassy Lake Hunting Club, according to Southern Arkansas University anthropologist, Dr. Frank Schambach. The stone points are arrowheads that were discovered dated back about 7,000 B.C. in the Dalton Culture. Archaeologists who participated in the dig discovered a concentration of tools.

# Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Aug. 22-28, 2024:

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

Aug. 23. Robert Braden Crabtree, 23, Nashville, and Kaitlin Elizabeth Runnels, 21, Nashville.

Aug. 23. Sean Alan Miller, 34, Nashville, and Murrya Dawn Killip, 36, Nashville.

Aug. 26. Jacob Michael Brown, 36, Nashville, and Kristi Nicole Galente, 36, Nashville.

Civil Court  
CV24-85, Aug. 22. Farm Bureau Bank vs. Harold Gray. Debt.

CV24-86, Aug. 26. CKS Prime Investments vs. Alfred D. Thomas. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR24-98, Aug. 23. Doris Jean Jones vs. Cory Carthorne. Divorce.  
DR24-99, Aug. 26. Sarah Fulgium vs. David Fulgium, Jr. Divorce.

**Criminal Court**  
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)  
CR24-74, Aug. 27. State of Arkansas vs. Allen Lee Markcum, 49, white male, 203 N. 4th, Nashville; POCS, class C felony.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**  
Aug. 23. Shelby Lynn Sweet et al; to Tony Faulkner and wife, Elizabeth Faulkner; property in S31 T6S R28W.

**Redemption Deeds**  
Aug. 26. State of Arkansas; to Russell Webb c/o Kiley Jungles, Nashville; 1.21 ac. in S26 T8S R28W; payment of delinquent taxes and penalties of \$1,464.18.

Aug. 27. State of Arkansas; to Janie Gaines, Dickinson, Texas; 1 ac. in S31 T9S R28W; payment of delinquent taxes and penalties of \$349.49.

Aug. 27. State of Arkansas; to The Children’s Home Foundation, Lubbock, Texas; 10 ac. in S10 T10S R27W; payment of delinquent taxes and penalties of \$158.73.

Aug. 27. State of Arkansas; to The Children’s Home Foundation, Lubbock, Texas; 115 ac. in S28 T10S R27W; payment of delinquent taxes and penalties of \$162.99.

**Correction Deed**  
Aug. 26. Barbara A. Winchester; to Barbara A. Winchester, Trustee of the Barbara A. Winchester Living Trust; 14 tracts in S13/S18/S19 T10S R27/R28, and Lots 1-2, Block 9, Town of Mineral Springs.

**Beneficiary’s Deed**  
Aug. 28. James Graham Jr., and Gail Graham, hus-

band and wife; to James Robert Graham III and Jesse Clayton Graham, Joint Tenants; 2.64 ac. in S2 T11S R28W.

**Distributee’s Deed**  
Aug. 27. Justin Ray Bennett, Distributee of the Small Estate of Roger Allen Bennett, deceased; to Justin Ray Bennett; Lots 2 & 9, Springhill Addition, Town of Nashville.

**Warranty Deeds**  
Aug. 23. Jeffery Joel Barnard; to Cesar S. Perez; part of Block 63, City of Mineral Springs. \$140,000.

Aug. 26. Austin Lovelis and wife, Rebekah Lovelis; to Blake McIntosh and wife, Mica McIntosh; 2.8 ac. in S4 T9S R27W. \$140,000.

Aug. 28. Jay Turner and wife, Cynthia Morgan, aka Cynthia Turner; to Hermilo Organista; Lots 7-8, Block 10, Holly Addition, Town of Dierks. \$5,000.

Aug. 28. Charles Smith and wife, Sue Smith; to Eunice Johnson and Willie Johnson, Tenants in Common; 0.89 ac., Block 2, Original Town of Mineral Springs. \$34,000.

Aug. 28. Rodney J. Reed and wife, Penny Reed; to Sandra LaVonne Gulley; part of Lots 2-3, Block 2, Rigsby Addition, Town of Nashville. \$132,500.

## Church plans open house on Sept. 8

Green’s Chapel Church, formerly Green’s Chapel UMC, welcomes the community to an Open House, Sunday, Sept. 8, at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a lunch following the open house.

The church is located about 4.5 miles west of Dierks, a quarter mile off US Hwy. 70.

The pastor, Chris Megee, may be contacted at 501-617-6313.

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# Point of view

## Bombs away!

### What could go wrong in war with island mice?

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and if there is one thing we humans should have learned by now it is: It’s not smart to mess with Mother Nature.” Remember the clever margarine commercial on TV that claimed the product was so good it could fool Mother Nature?

Thunder and lightning followed, and she warned “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature.”

I recently saw an article about a remote place named Marion Island. It’s located in the Indian Ocean between South Africa and Antarctica.



**Let’s bomb lovely Marion!**

Poor little Marion Island is about to get bombed in a big way. The reason for the bombing is to get rid of the jilions of mice which have flourished there since a couple of them escaped off a sailing vessel back when there were sailing vessels.

The mice had no enemies. At first they ate seabird eggs, but then learned to eat baby albatross chicks alive. Then they learned to climb aboard the adult albatrosses and eat them alive. The big birds didn’t know how to defend themselves since they spend much of their existence waaaay out over the ocean and far away from those danged mice.

The human solution seems so simple.

According to an article in LiveScience, “The Mouse-Free Marion Project, a collaboration between the South African government and BirdLife South Africa, is trying to raise \$29 million to drop 660 tons (600 metric tons) of rodenticide-laced pellets onto the island in winter 2027.”

The pellets won’t affect other animals living on the island because they don’t eat stuff like those pellets, conservationists explain.

The pellet bombs will be dropped by helicopters in winter when the mice are most hungry. The goal of the conservationists is simple: Kill every doggone mouse on Marion Island.

“We have to get rid of every last mouse,” Mark Anderson, CEO of BirdLife South Africa, says. “If there was a male and female remaining, they could breed and eventually get back to where we are now.”

Yes, that is the mouse way. Breeding and eating eating albatrosses. But wait! Act in haste, repent in leisure I recently warned you.

We humans have tried once before to get rid of the mice of Marion Island. In the late 1940s, researchers were alarmed at the proliferation of mice, so they wisely set loose about a half-dozen cats which quickly produced hordes of feral cats.

Instead of eating the mice, the cats developed a taste for albatrosses and other seabirds. In fact, the article said that the cats were killing almost a half-million seabirds EACH YEAR! (Emphasis mine)

The cats were somehow eradicated (the article doesn’t say how), and that led Marion Island to once again become Heaven-on-Earth for those darling hungry mice.

The bombing should not affect other living things which naturally occur on the island because Marion Island’s native invertebrates and the seabirds usually feed at sea. They won’t eat the pellets.

The conservationists promise.

I asked Nashville’s Unofficial Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officer about this and he said that the seabirds will probably develop a taste for poison pellets.

He also quietly advised that the #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan should not get his hopes up after that stirring victory over UAPB.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. See above.

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THEY’RE STILL IN SPACE. In the past seven weeks in this column I’ve mentioned the astronauts that are stranded in space because everyone is a bit nervous about their safe return to Earth in that jiggly spacecraft.

I hope the astronauts have guardian angels.

They were launched June 5 and were supposed to return home eight days later.

The way things are going, NASA says it may be 2025 before the civilian spaceman and spacewoman can come back to earth.

Thank godness NASA has determined that the astronauts are NOT coming back in a Boeing-made spacecraft.

That rickety Boeing Starliner spacecraft is going to return to Earth without the astronauts.

I wonder if we’ll witness the thing fly apart under the stress of re-entry.

I think the top Boeing executives should be stripped naked, covered with peanut butter and marooned on Marion Island.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

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WORD GAMES. Another set of close cousins: Straighten Up and Fly Right. Often heard with: “I’m not going to tell you again!”

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HE SAID: “The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds and to advance the kind of science, math and technology education that will help youngsters take us to the next phase of space travel.” John Glenn; senator, Marine and astronaut

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SHE SAID: “As an immigrant, I appreciate, far more than the average American, the liberties we have in this country. Silence is a big enemy of morality. I don’t want our blunders in history to get repeated.” Gloria Estefan; vocalist, musician and Cuban immigrant

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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## New state website provides details of Arkansas’s Medicaid services

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.**

The state has begun a new campaign to make people aware of the variety of Medicaid services for which they may be eligible, especially if someone in their family has a disability.

The intent is to help people with disabilities live more independently by getting services in their own home or in their local community, rather than in an institutional setting such as a long-term care facility or a hospital.

Medicaid is a public health insurance program administered by the state Department of Human Services. It’s funded by the state and federal governments. On any given day, almost a third of the people in Arkansas qualify for some type of services.

Medicaid covers payments for half of the births in Arkansas and 75 percent of nursing home services. It pays for 80 percent of behavioral health services provided in Arkansas and for 83 percent of services for people with development and intellectual disabilities.

A central feature of the promotional campaign is a new website at this Internet address: [ar.gov/HCBS](http://ar.gov/HCBS).

The site has information about specific programs and about who is eligible for them. It has instruc-

tions on how to fill out applications.

The legislature increased funding to shorten the waiting list for Medicaid waivers that allow recipients to get home and community-based services rather than institutional care. In the past three years the waiting list for waivers has decreased from 3,204 to 1,613 people.

One waiver benefits children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, providing them services such as one-on-one intervention treatment.

Parents and guardians learn how to participate and help develop their child’s skills and improve their communication, socialization and appropriate behavior.

Other waivers help people who depend on ventilators, people who need intravenous medication and people who need help being fed. It’s the Private Duty Nursing option for people with developmental disabilities. A registered nurse visits their home to provide ventilator care, oxygen support, intravenous drugs, feeding tube care and tracheostomy care.

People with a physical disability and people 65 and older may be eligible for ARChoices, for help with bathing, dressing, shopping, laundry and meal planning. They

have one meal a day delivered to their home. A respite care option sends a worker to provide temporary care to people who cannot care for themselves. That gives some rest to their primary caregivers.

People enrolled in Medicaid may qualify for visits from home health aides who help with bathing, dressing and food preparation. Also, Medicaid beneficiaries may qualify for visits from nurses and therapists.

Assisted living waivers allow beneficiaries to live independently in apartment-style units while receiving help with everyday tasks and personal hygiene. They get help managing their prescription drugs.

Counseling is available for people with mental illness, people who abuse drugs and people with behavioral issues caused by a lack of coping skills. To qualify, beneficiaries must have a mental health diagnosis, a psychiatric assessment or a substance abuse assessment.

The TEFRA program helps people pay for medical services if they have children with substantial disabilities. TEFRA stands for the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act. The amount of financial help is determined by the family’s income.

## Deaths from drug overdose reduced

**By U.S. Sen. John Boozman**

Opioid misuse and abuse has devastated communities in Arkansas and prompted a whole-of-government response to combat it, but hard-fought progress against the deadly consequences is now in view.

Drug overdoses in Arkansas decreased by 13 percent in 2023, the second consecutive year there was a decline in the number of fatalities from overdoses in our state, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The national average of overdose deaths in 2023 also fell by about three percent – the first time since 2018 that the drug overdose rate has declined nationally.

One reason for the year-over-year drop in overdose deaths is the distribution of naloxone, an anti-overdose drug that counteracts the effects of opioids. Tens of thousands of Arkansans have obtained and been taught how to administer it, including through a program called Narcansas that borrows its name from Narcan, the name brand version of this antidote. Prescriptions for the emergency medication at pharmacies have also been increasing, climbing by 340 percent from June 2021 to June 2022.

Another part of the solution to this crisis has been the rising awareness and investment in opioid abuse, treatment and recovery programs, which the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership has led the way on by providing nearly \$23 million toward in the last two years.

The organization, founded by the Arkansas Municipal League and Arkansas Association of Counties with \$300 million from an opioid settlement, along with others in our state are helping educate and fight back against prescription and illicit drugs harming Arkansans from every walk of life.

Congress has also worked hard to curb the opioid epidemic and save lives through multiple reforms, including provisions passed in 2022 that allow physicians to prescribe a treatment for opioid addiction, buprenorphine, without obtaining a waiver from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and requiring providers to undergo eight hours of training on substance abuse disorders before obtaining or renewing a DEA registration to prescribe opioids.

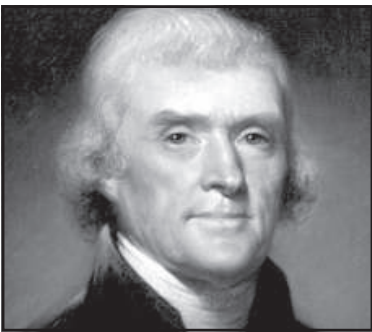
We also crafted and approved comprehensive legislation to address this crisis by supplying law enforcement with additional

tools to halt the spread of opioids, including highly dangerous synthetic versions like fentanyl, in addition to supporting programs for Americans struggling with addiction and expanding research into non-addictive pain treatments.

Additionally, the president signed into law earlier this year legislation that enables government agencies to disrupt the trafficking of fentanyl and impose sanctions on money laundering that makes the flow of this drug into our communities profitable.

Informing the public that even one inadvertent consumption can cause death is also important. That’s why I joined other members of Congress with medical backgrounds to warn unsuspecting Americans that just one pill can kill. Our public service announcement reminds us all to never take any drug except those personally prescribed by your physician and filled by your pharmacist, while also imploring parents and teachers to discuss these risks with children before it’s too late.

We have also promoted opportunities for Arkansans to safely dispose of unused or expired medications. To date, more than 300 tons of medications have been collected at approved sites.



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a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government,  
I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”  
*Thomas Jefferson, 1787*  
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# Argenta

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and giant hot soft pretzels that are wonderful.

Featured on The Food Network’s “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives,” it’s turned into a popular destination in central Arkansas for fans of the show.

For entertainment, there is the Argenta Contemporary Theater, and The Joint, a comedy club with live acts five nights a week.

Simmons Bank Arena is an 8-minute walk from The Baker, and Dickey-Stephens Field, home of the Arkansas Travelers, is an easy 10-minute stroll. For concert-goers or baseball fans, you really need to take a look at the Argenta.

If you want to expand your visit into the downtown Little Rock area, you’re in luck. The Rock Region Metro operates free trolley service from Argenta to LR. The full loop, which crosses the river on two different bridges, takes about 40 minutes and is a delight.

The air-conditioned cars are modern replicas of the trolley cars that were used in Little Rock in the 1930s and ‘40s. Fifty feet long and weighing 50,000 pounds with beautiful interiors of maple and oak, they run from 10:45 a.m.-6:45 p.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m.-midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Brandy Aaron is a trolley operator. A museum curator by training, she fills the 40-minute trip with historic details of the area and about many of the businesses in the River Market District and Argenta.

“I meet people from all over the world right here in Little Rock,” she relates. “Australia, Germany, Columbia, Alaska. We get a little crowded on weekends,” she says with a smile.

There are so many interesting places to visit in the states that surround Arkansas.

There’s Memphis and Nashville to the east, St. Louis to the north, Dallas to the west, and New Orleans to the south.

But before you head to the four points of the compass, look around Arkansas. You don’t have to go far to have a great get-away.



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Argenta Drug, established 1880, is the oldest continuously operating pharmacy west of the Mississippi.

NOTICE FOR AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ISSUE NO. 1

Popular Name

Ballot Title

ARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:


SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 14(b), concerning the use of lottery proceeds, is amended to read as follows: (b)(1) Lottery proceeds shall be used solely to pay the operating expenses of lotteries, including all prizes, and to fund or provide for scholarships and grants to

citizens of this State enrolled in public and private non-profit two-year and four-year colleges and universities the following higher education institutions located within the State that are certified according to criteria established by the General Assembly: (A) A public or private nonprofit two-year or four-year college or university; (B) A public or private vocational-technical school; or (C) A public or private technical institute.

2) The General Assembly shall establish criteria to determine who is eligible to receive the scholarships and grants pursuant to this Amendment.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2024.

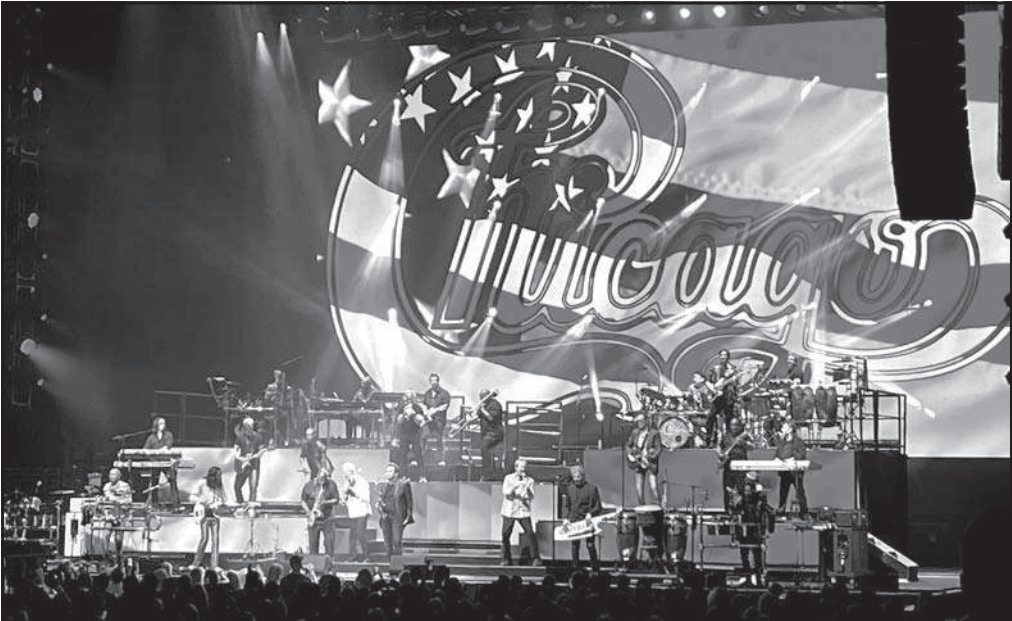


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## The Baker Hotel



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Chicago performed last week at Simmons Bank Arena in North Little Rock.



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## Trolley operator Brandy Aaron

North Little Rock’s Argenta Arts District offers numerous attractions only a couple of hours away from Nashville.

# Fair

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Pageant, Old Timer Show  
6:30 p.m. -- CIRCUS  
7:30 p.m. -- Leah’s Cheer & Tumble classes on stage  
Friday, Sept. 6  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. -- Exhibit building open  
9:00 a.m. -- Premium Sale, Luncheon for Exhibitors & Auction Buyers  
3-7:00 p.m. LifeShare Blood Drive

4:30 p.m. -- CIRCUS  
6:00 p.m. -- Karaoke  
6:30 p.m. -- CIRCUS  
8:00 p.m. -- Ranch Rodeo  
Saturday, Sept. 7  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. -- Exhibit building open  
11:00 a.m. -- BBQ Wing Cook-off & Razorback Football Watch Party & Cornhole Tournament  
2:30 -- CIRCUS  
4:30 p.m. -- CIRCUS  
5:00 p.m. -- Dog Show  
6:00 p.m. -- Live Music from Phillip Young  
6:30 p.m. -- CIRCUS  
8:00 p.m. -- Bronc Riding & Bull Riding

You are invited to participate in a brief community survey. Your insights will help us set future community priorities.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SCAN TO TAKE SURVEY

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# Survey

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“We are planning a community engagement meeting in the near future,” Weeks said. “This meeting will provide a platform for open dialogue, where residents can learn more about the CEDS process, ask questions and contribute their perspectives in a collaborative setting.”

The time, date and location of the meeting will be announced.

“The success of the CEDS plan hinges on the active participation of our community members. Your insights will help us identify the key priorities and actions needed to create a thriving, sustainable economy in Howard County. Whether you are a long-time resident or a new member of our community, your voice is essential in shaping the

future,” Weeks said.

“We encourage everyone in Howard County to take part in this important process. By working together, we can ensure that our community continues to grow and prosper, providing opportunities for all who call Howard County home.”

Developing Howard County was created last year in response to Husqvarna’s announcement that its Nashville operation will close by the end of 2024.

The group is working with people from throughout the county to secure new industry and to support existing businesses and industries.

Weeks discussed the survey at the organization’s board of directors meeting Thursday, Aug. 22.

Phoenix Investors, based in Milwaukee, Wisc., has purchased the Husqvarna property in Nashville. Phoenix is looking for an industry to buy the recently acquired buildings and land.

# Hope

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lot better fundamentally. We’ve got to block way better at receiver. We need to work on catching the snap and ball security,” according to Jackson.

Nashville lost five turnovers against Magnolia, including two fumbles and three interceptions thrown.

Jackson also wants to see improvement from special teams. “We lost the special team battle 4-0” in the season opener, including

two punts, a muffed return and a kickoff returned for a touchdown.

“We’ve practiced that so much. I’m really disappointed after we spent so much time there,” Jackson said. “We can’t work on it any more than we did.”

Defensively, Jackson said the Scramblers had a good night against Magnolia.

“We’ve got to build off what we did,” he said. The Scramblers held the Panthers to 253 yards total offense, with 52 of those yards on one explosive play.

“We played stellar defense,” Jackson said.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

Issue No. 2

Popular Name

An amendment requiring local voter approval in a countywide special election for certain new casino licenses and repealing authority to issue a casino license in Pope County, Arkansas.

QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AS “FOR A CASINO IN [ ] COUNTY” AND “AGAINST A CASINO IN [ ] COUNTY,” AND, “THE QUESTION PRESENTED TO VOTERS MUST INCLUDE WHETHER OR NOT A CASINO MAY BE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY” – “A CASINO IS DEFINED AS A FACILITY WHERE CASINO GAMING IS CONDUCTED”; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(4), REQUIRING THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO PUBLISH THE ORDINANCE CALLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(5), REQUIRING A MAJORITY OF THOSE IN THE COUNTY WHO VOTE AT THE ELECTION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES WHERE A FUTURE CASINO IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED TO APPROVE OF THE CASINO AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BEFORE THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY, MAY ACCEPT ANY APPLICATIONS FOR A CASINO LICENSE IN THAT COUNTY; MAKING THIS AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER NOVEMBER 13, 2024; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AMENDMENT ARE SEVERABLE IN THAT IF ANY PROVISION OR SECTION OF THIS AMENDMENT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER PROVISION OR APPLICATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OF APPLICATION; AND REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT.

☐ FOR ISSUE NO. 2

☐ AGAINST ISSUE NO. 2

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



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STATE OF ARKANSAS

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# Pike County forms exploratory economic development committee

County Judge Eddie Howard: ‘With the other counties around us doing the same thing, I think it’s definitely needed to boost our growth in the future.’

**By P.J. Tracy**  
Murfreesboro Diamond

An exploratory economic development committee has been established with the task of potentially installing an economic development director position for Pike County.

At the group’s first meeting in Murfreesboro, Pike County Judge Eddie Howard explained the task to the group that is comprised of nominees from across the county as well as two at-large positions installed by Howard himself.

“With the other counties around us doing the same thing, I think it’s definitely needed to boost our growth in the future,” said Howard.

At the recent meeting to set up this idea, Howard said that Steve Cole, chancellor of University of Arkansas Cossatot Community College (CCC-UA), was in attendance and was an “absolute wealth of knowledge” on the topic.

“He’s helped Sevier and Howard counties set their [economic development board] up.”

While Cole was unable to attend the first meeting, Howard said he was “here to help us do whatever we needed to do.”

Howard added that working with CCC-UA was “the way we need to go ... it would be crazy if we didn’t use their assets.”

Members of the board include:

Antonie – Darwin Hen-

drix, appointed by mayor David Hendrix,

Daisy – Becky Frazier, appointed by mayor Lisa Cogburn

Delight – Scott Howard, appointed by mayor Lee Gatliff

Glenwood – Clayton Sorrells, appointed by mayor Billy Plyler

Murfreesboro – Phil Terrell, appointed by mayor Jim O’Neal

At Large – Karen Barlow, a grant writer from Lodi, and Johnny Plyler, 38-year-member of the Pike County Quorum Court member and business owner from Glenwood

Howard said he would be an ex-officio non-voting member of the board.

“I plan on being a part of this as much as possible with my position [as County Judge]. I just don’t have time to head this up. My day is completely full every day -- not that I don’t want to be involved closely with this, I just can’t take the leadership position in it.”

Murfreesboro Mayor O’Neal said that he felt it was a “fine board that would represent Pike County well.”

Members of the board were provided with the by-laws utilized by their Howard and Sevier County counterparts for inspection prior to the board’s next meeting on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building if possible, with the alternate site

at Murfreesboro City Hall.

The provided information is simply a suggestion and can be modified however the Pike County group sees fit.

“It’s a pretty good start – at least it gives us guidance to where we need to go,” Howard explained to the group.

A suggested salary for the economic director was \$53,000, however, if the group works in partnership with CCC-UA, the college would pay for fringe benefits such as health/ dental insurance (\$5,400), retirement investment (\$7,000), FICA (\$4,100) and unemployment insurance (\$1,500) for a total of \$18,000.

“By working with CCC-UA, they would technically be an employee of the college, and they will supply the additional salary, so that’s the reason I think it would be crazy to turn them down and not work through them, because this will ultimately save a lot of money,” said Howard.

Howard said to come up with the whatever salary figure is decided by the board, banks, businesses and private donors of the county will be approached. Howard said Pike County will pay a yet to be determined percentage, as would the cities – with Murfreesboro and Glenwood tentatively on board. He added that he knew budgets were currently “tight.”

“We’ll try to come up with a figure [the cities] can live

with and then try to come up with the balance through donors and businesses to come up with the salary. I think the businesses will recoup overall if you get the right person in place. We might not see immediate benefits, but this is for the future of the county.”

Along with the salary requirement, it is also suggested for the board to obtain another \$10,000 for miscellaneous expenses, all totaling up to \$81,000.

Grants will also be sought as applicable.

Qualities of a possible hire were stated to be “smart, outgoing, detail oriented, hard working and possessing marketing skills.” It was stated that while computer skills were important, they could be taught to the right person.

It is also advised the board set up as a non-profit foundation entity, and there is no official timeline for any

action by the board.

It was asked if we could share a position with Montgomery County, who is also early in the setup process for a similar position, however it was felt by some that would be stretching the position too thin as far as overall duties for two counties.

Boardmember Hendrix stated that he didn’t want to “pour cold water” on the process, but noted that Prescott had invested lots of money into economic development and economic directors, with ultimately little to show for it. “I honestly don’t know if it’s been worth it.”

Other members suggested that retaining current workforce numbers were just as important as seeking additional ones – that keeping/retaining business was becoming tough. Also, several board members discussed the fact that the lack of land readily available in the county could prohibit

the process.

It was also noted that the biggest revenue draw in Pike County was tourism, and that should be considered in the process, as opposed to trying to bring in a hypothetical manufacturing company with workforce needs larger than Pike County could ultimately provide.

“We have to start somewhere – every place takes the first step at some point,” said Howard, who noted that the fear of losing Husqvarana kicked Howard County into creating an economic board and director. He also said most surrounding counties to Pike County as well as Arkansas counties overall has some sort of similar position/ board, and that without one Pike County would ultimately fall behind.

“We’re not looking to omit any ideas ... if anyone is not on the board, their input will still be valuable,” Howard stated in concluding.

## Tickets available now for Pike County GOP ‘shindig’

The Pike County Republican Committee will present a “Stars, Stripes and Diamond Shindig” on Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the Murfreesboro Senior Citizens Center at 120 East Court Street in Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

A meal will be served by Pike County Republican officials, and two guest speakers – state Supreme Court Justice Rhonda

Wood, a candidate for Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice and Arkansas Secretary of State John Thurston, a candidate for State Treasurer.

Tickets will cost \$30 in advance or \$50 at the door on the night of the event.

To purchase tickets, contact Randy Bradford at (870) 356-8967 or Anna Howard at (870) 285-5010.

## FCC of M’boro hosting Men’s Conference Oct. 19th

First Christian Church of Murfreesboro is hosting a Men’s Conference on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., lunch provided.

David Dusek of Rough Cut Men ministries is the conference speaker. All men in the surrounding are invited. Pre-registration is on the events page of fccmboro.org.

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THIS IS A DRAMATIZED VERSION OF FACTS TAKEN FROM THE BOOK OF AMOS, CHRONOLOGICALLY AND AUTHENTICALLY CONSOLIDATED!

**AMOS** • THE SHEPHERD TURNED PROPHET

OBEYING THE LORD'S COMMAND TO GO AND WARN THE SINNERS IN ISRAEL TO REPENT THEIR WAYS, AMOS, AFTER A LONG JOURNEY, FROM THE SOUTH, HAS AT LAST ARRIVED IN BETHEL ....

...HE ENTERS THE TEMPLE WHERE, ALREADY, MANY OF THE PEOPLE ARE CONGREGATED TO BEGIN THE DAILY RITUAL OF PSALMS AND PRAYERS....

...NOW HE MOUNTS THE STEPS OF THE INNER COURT AND ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION WHICH LOOKS AT THIS HUMBLE HERDER IN CONSTERNATION!

HEAR YE, TO WHOM IT IS SPOKEN, FOR YE ARE ALL SINNERS!

WOE UNTO THEM THAT TAKE THEIR EASE WHILST THE POOR HAVE LITTLE TO EAT AND LESS TO CLOTHE THEMSELVES!

WOE UNTO ALL ISRAEL, WHO FORSAKETH THE LORD'S WAYS, WHO BOW DOWN TO THE GOLDEN CALF SET UP BY THE KING IN THIS VERY TEMPLE!

WHO IS THIS UNCOUTH HERDMAN?! HOW DARE HE SPEAK TO THE PRINCES IN ISRAEL IN SUCH A MANNER?!

THERE IS A FIERCE MUTTERING AMONG THE GATHERED PEOPLE! THE REMARKS OF THIS LOW BORN, UNEDUCATED SHEPHERD ARE NOT TO BE PUT UP WITH! THE PRIDE AND VANITY OF ISRAEL'S NOBLES HAS BEEN RUFFLED, INDEED--TO BE INSULTED IN ONE'S OWN TEMPLE IS NOT A THING TO BE CONDONED.... 269

THIS STUPID FELLOW SHOULD BE STONED FOR SUCH TALK!

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**ACCIDENT AFTERMATH.** The Chevrolet Colorado driven by Jared Lingo that was involved in a two-vehicle head-on crash near Center Point in Howard County on Aug. 26.

# State police investigating officer-involved shooting death in Pike County

LODI - A Pike County deputy is on administrative leave with pay following an incident where he shot to death a Pike County woman who was reportedly wielding a knife, according to Sheriff Travis Hill.

Hill identified Deputy David Walker as the officer involved in the shooting on Aug. 29.

Walker will remain on administrative leave for a yet to be determined time. Walker is one of two school resource officers employed by the Centerpoint School District and was called to the scene due to his proximity, said the sheriff.

The shooting killed Jennifer Provence, 40, of Lodi.

The incident first began as a 911 call concerning a woman with a knife. An ambulance was notified was on standby nearby when the deputy arrived on the scene.

Sheriff Hill said the incident is being investigated by special agents with the Criminal Division of the Arkansas State Police and referred all questions to that agency.

Hill did tell the newspaper that deputies with the Pike County Sheriff's Department are required to wear body cameras and that Walker's camera was activated during the incident.

According to the ASP, Provence allegedly did not respond to the deputy's commands to drop the knife and he fired his service weapon, striking Provence, who succumbed to her injuries on scene.

# M'boro drivers hurt in head-on

Two Pike County drivers were reportedly hugging the centerline when they hit head-on in a crash on Monday, Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Howard County, according to the Arkansas State Police.

The crash injured Jack Stuard and Jared Lingo, both of Murfreesboro.

Stuard remains hospitalized in Little Rock with multiple severe face fractures, a leg fracture and two breaks to the lower arm, according to family posts on social media.

Lingo suffered cuts to his chin, a fractured nose, possibly a concussion as well as muscle sprains, bruises, cuts and scrapes, according to his family's posts.

The accident was reported around 4:30 p.m. near Center Point. Lingo was driving westbound on Highway 26 in a 2007 Chevrolet Colorado and Stuard was eastbound in a 2012 Honda Accord. As the vehicles were meeting, both "were leaving their respective traffic lanes" at the centerline, resulting in the head-on collision, according to Nick Gentry of the ASP Public Information Office.

Lingo's vehicle overturned after impact and came to a rest upright. Gentry said Lingo was able to exit the vehicle on his own before being transported by ground ambulance to Texarkana.

Stuard was trapped inside the Accord and had to be extricated by members of the Center Point and Nashville volunteer fire departments. He was then transported by ambulance to a nearby established helicopter landing zone and air-lifted to Little Rock.

Gentry said no citations were issued by Trooper Kyle Jones due to both vehicles being at fault.

# Elderly Pike County women die in crash

Two elderly Glenwood women were killed Friday, Aug. 30 in a one-vehicle accident in Montgomery County, according to the Arkansas State Police.

Lequeta Goodner, 78, and Evelyen M. Ward, 97, both of Glenwood, died in the wreck.

The accident was reported to have happened around 6:52 p.m. on Highway 8 east of Glenwood.

Goodner was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer with Ward as a passenger eastbound when the vehicle exited the roadway.

Goodner reportedly overcorrected across both traffic lanes before leaving the roadway and colliding with an embankment and overturning.

The two women were pronounced deceased at the scene by Montgomery County Coroner Jeff Blansett.

ASP Cpl. Zechariah Whitney reported that conditions were dry and clear at the time of the accident.

**Commodities coming to Pike County Dept. 25**

Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute TEFAP USDA commodities food boxes directly from their truck on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or until all boxes have been distributed.

Recipients must come inside the Murfreesboro Municipal Building located at 204 E. Main St., to check in. Once checked in, recipients will go back to their vehicle and proceed to line up along 2nd Ave & Owens St. towards First United Methodist Church.

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**Grandma**

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1. in the park 2. squares for quilts 3. the birds at the feeder 4. up to go to see a play 5. greeting cards 6. to swimming lessons 7. bikes 8. the porch and steps 9. for groceries 10. cards 11. photos for scrapbooks 12. at a new restaurant 13. before I go to sleep 14. cookies

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7. R \_ \_ N \_ \_ NS  
8. MAKE A ST \_ RYB \_ \_ K  
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## Broadband director addresses grant program’s possible impact on service in Pike, Howard, Montgomery counties

**By Dewayne Holloway**  
Glenwood Herald

MURFREESBORO—State Broadband Director Glen E. Howie addressed the upcoming BEAD Grant Program and the possible impact it could have on residents of Pike, Montgomery, and Howard counties.

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, or BEAD Program, is the fourth broadband infrastructure grant program in Arkansas. It is expected to launch in October.

The BEAD Program will fund broadband infrastructure grants to internet service providers (ISPs) to build and upgrade high-speed internet to unconnected and under-connected homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. Unlike prior grant programs, the BEAD program will award grants for the entire State of Arkansas.

The town hall style meeting was held at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building Saturday, August 31. Howie opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the who the state broadband office is and what services they provide.

The Arkansas Broadband Office is a branch of the Arkansas Department of Commerce and currently has seven members serving the state. They have overseen three phases of the ARC Grant Program. Grant

programs from the FCC and USDA have also provided funds to improve internet access in the state of Arkansas. There are currently two ARC Grant Funded projects active in Montgomery County. Approximately 350,000 locations have been impacted statewide with an estimated 875,000 Arkansans impacted.

The BEAD Program is the largest funded project to date with \$1.024 billion allocated to the state by the U.S. Department of Commerce to provide broadband internet access to unserved and underserved residents in the state.

Arkansas is one of only 19 states to be allocated more than \$1 billion, ranking ninth in the country, per capita. Unlike prior grant programs, the BEAD program will award grants for the entire state.

Howie explained that the application process for the BEAD Program is complex and restrictive. The grant application process will include a tranche 1 and tranche 2 phase, as well as a negotiation phase. All three will be completed in a 40-week period. The entire program must be completed in one year.

Unlike previous grant processes, the BEAD Program will review all ISP applications and approve grants at the same time. The grants are 75/25 grants.

BEAD Program Grant estimates for Pike County are \$2.4 million to provide broadband services to 75 locations. ISPs are expected to receive \$2.4 million to provide broadband services to 33 locations in Montgomery County. \$3.5 million is expected to be awarded to ISPs serving Howard County to provide access to 30 locations.

The BEAD Program includes three action items. Engage with ISPs, letters of support, and non-deployment.

The state will provide a list of all ISPs serving communities in the state to local officials. County and city officials can submit letters of support for any number of ISPs seeking a grant to provide broadband service in their area. Howie explained that the letters of support are an important part of the process and go a long way in helping ISPs receive grants.

Letters of support are limited to county and city officials such as a county judge or justices of the peace, mayors, city council members, and school board members. A template letter must be used. Officials may write letters of support for as many ISPs as they like with one letter of support per ISP accepted.

The most intriguing aspect of the BEAD Program is the non-deployment action item.

Howie explained that non-deployment funds are essentially grant funds left over after the projects have been completed. Arkansas is one of a handful of states expected to complete the program with non-deployment funds available.

The non-deployment funds can be used to fund broadband related projects in the state to provide services for education, small businesses, agriculture, and healthcare. Possibilities that could affect Pike and Montgomery County residents include resources for telehealth, cell towers in remote locations to provide access on trails and campgrounds.

After a brief question and answer period the meeting was adjourned.

During the Q&A period Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton expressed frustration with the limitations of the grant process. He explained that ISPs are unable to apply for grants to provide 1 gigabyte service to the city of Nashville because Summitt Cable provides internet access to their customers with speeds up to 400 megabytes, which is over the 100-megabyte limit set by the state. He added that their service is outdated, and they refuse to update it to provide improved service.

For information on broadband access, or grant information visit the website at [broadband.arkansas.gov](http://broadband.arkansas.gov).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-4**  
**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN HOWARD COUNTY AND WITHIN ITS UNINCORPORATED LIMITS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Howard County, Arkansas, has over 800 miles of county maintained public roads.

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court finds that the public interest is served by protecting the county maintained public roads and ability of the county road crews to be able to maintain the county maintained public roads in the county;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adopt this ordinance to assure the county road crews are able to maintain the right-of-way, public road easement, roadway, subgrade, culverts and signage for those county maintained public roads.

**WHEREAS**, the Quorum Court finds that public safety and public interest is served by protecting the traveling public from the placement, creation or existence of physical and functional encroachments or obstructions to county maintained public roads.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**ARTICLE 1. Purpose and Applicability**  
The road easements or right of way for county maintained public roads in Howard County, Arkansas, shall be inviolate for county road purposes and free from the existence of functional and physical encroachments or obstructions, except where written permission is granted and issued by the county judge.

**ARTICLE 2: County Maintained Public Roads.**  
For purposes of this ordinance, “county maintained public road” shall mean: any road identified as a county road assigned a county road number and maintained by the county; or any road in which the county has directed construction, material, blading or grading, maintenance, mowing or repairs of the road, roadway, or right of way, road easement or bridges.

**ARTICLE 3:** It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person, persons or organization to engage in the following activities on county maintained public road, to:

(a). Create a physical or functional encroachment within the road easement or right of way for a county maintained public road;

(b). Paint, deface, throw, dump or place any item or items onto a county maintained public road, including but not limited to, the county roadway or roadbeds, shoulder, ditch, subgrade, right of way, easement, backslope of the ditch, of any county maintained public road in the unincorporated areas of the county;

(c). Dig, or place or situate any utilities, poles, lines, fences, cables, wires, or any item whatsoever within the easement or right of way of a county maintained public roads without first obtaining the written consent of the county judge and comply with the utility accommodation permit requirements of the county;

(d). Any item, items, fences, gates (whether closed, locked or unlocked), obstacles, physical or functional encroachments within the road easement or right of way of a county maintained public road shall be moved by or at the expense of the owner of the property;

(e). Burn anything within the road easement or right-of-way of a county maintained public road without the permission of the county judge;

(f). Create a physical or functional encroachment by the diversion or placement of water onto the roadway, subgrade, right of way or road easement or to create an impairment to public safety of the ability of the county to maintain the subject county road; or

(g). Park a motor vehicle, trailer, camper, mobile home, equipment, or item within the roadway, road easement or right-of-way of a county maintained public road, except during an emergency due to malfunction, in which case the property shall be immediately removed from the roadway or driving surface to assure the safety of the traveling public. In no event shall the property remain parked on the shoulder of the roadway for over 48 hours.

**ARTICLE 4: Penalties and Remedies:**  
(a). Violation of this ordinance shall result in the fine of \$1,000 for a specified offense or violation, or double that sum for repetition of the offense or violation; and

(b). If the act or violation is in its nature continuous in respect to time, the fine for allowing the continuance of the prohibited unlawful act or omission, in violation of the ordinance, shall be \$500 a day for each day that the violation is unlawfully continued.

(c). Any item, items, fences, gates (whether closed, locked or unlocked), obstacles, physical or functional encroachments within the roadway, road easement or right of way shall be moved by or at the expense of the owner of the property;

(d). The county may exercise self-help and remove any item, items, fences, gates (whether closed, locked or unlocked), obstacles, physical or functional encroachments within the roadway, road easement or right of way of a county maintained public road and shall be reimbursed for the costs of removal;

(e). The citizen or landowner with standing, and/or county judge, may pursue a declaratory and/or injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction for removal of an obstruction to county maintained public road; or

(f). A.C.A. § 5-71-214 provides that: “A person commits the criminal offense of obstructing a highway or public passage if, having no legal privilege to do so and acting alone or with another person, he or she renders a any highway or other public passage impassible to pedestrian or vehicular traffic. A.C.A. § 5-71-214(c) further prescribes that the criminal penalty for: “Obstructing a highway and other public passage is a Class A misdemeanor”. The county judge, any citizen or landowner may notify the Sheriff of the violation. The criminal penalties under A.C.A. A.C.A. § 5-71-214 are not in lieu of the civil penalties prescribed by this ordinance but in addition thereto.

**ARTICLE 5: Severability**  
If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, phrases, and provisions of this Ordinance which remain valid and enforceable.

**ARTICLE 6: Emergency Clause**  
The Quorum Court finds that the immediate implementation of this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public’s peace, health, safety, welfare, and property, an emergency is hereby declared to exists and that this Ordinance is to be in effect immediately after its adoption. PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of July, 2024. APPROVED: BRENT PINKERTON, COUNTY JUDGE ATTEST: KERI TEAGUE, COUNTY CLERK

(This publication was paid for by Howard County Judge, the amount of publication is \$438.80)

## Lake Greeson Cleanup Sept. 14

The Lake Greeson Shoreline Cleanup is set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Kirby Landing Marina Pavilion. This community-focused event aims to enhance the beauty and health of Lake Greeson’s shoreline through collaborative volunteer efforts.

Registration time will be 8-9 a.m. with late registration ending at 12 noon.

Participants are encouraged to arrive early for registration.

The event will provide all necessary supplies, including bags, gloves, vests, and drinking water. Volunteers should come prepared with closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, and a hat

for their comfort and safety.

During the cleanup, volunteers will be tasked with collecting debris and bag litter. All collected materials should be returned to the Marina for proper disposal in the County provided dump truck.

After the cleanup, a complimentary lunch will be provided at the pavilion and volunteers will have the opportunity to receive a free T-shirt while supplies last.

There will also be a door prize drawing for participants older than 6 years of age.

“We are thrilled to host this event and bring together our community to

make a positive impact on Lake Greeson,” said Diane Golden, Natural Resources Specialist, Lake Greeson Field Office; “We encourage everyone to join us in this important effort to preserve and enhance the beauty of our local environment.”

For more information, please contact Diane Golden, at [diane.golden@usace.army.mil](mailto:diane.golden@usace.army.mil)

**About Lake Greeson Shoreline Cleanup:**  
The Lake Greeson Shoreline Cleanup is an annual event dedicated to maintaining the natural beauty of Lake Greeson. By engaging the community in hands-on environmental stewardship, the event

promotes conservation and fosters a deeper connection to our local natural resources.

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## Ark. Beef Council launches Best Burger Contest, voting underway

The Arkansas Beef Council is excited to announce the launch of the inaugural Arkansas’s Best Burger Contest, a statewide competition celebrating 100% beef burgers prepared in Arkansas restaurants. This contest aims to highlight the use of high-quality beef and culinary creativity in Arkansas’s burgers.

Beginning Sept.1, burger enthusiasts across the state can nominate their favorite

burger online at [arkansas-beef.org](http://arkansas-beef.org). Nominations can be submitted once per day from individual email addresses, giving fans the opportunity to support their top picks daily. The nomination period will close on Sept. 30, at 11:59 p.m.

To qualify, the nominated burger must be made from 100% beef and be available on the restaurants’ regular or special menu during the contest period. The top two


burgers with the highest number of nominations will be selected as finalists from each of the five regions within the state. Restaurants with multiple locations will have their nominations counted separately for each site.

An anonymous panel of judges will travel to each restaurant to score the top 10 burgers. The winner will be named by the end of October.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DYANN MCMASTER, DECEASED

NO. 60PR-23-592

Name of Decedent: Dyann McMaster

Last Known Address: 1201 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076

Date of Death: August 5, 2022

NOTICE

On March 20, 2023, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Dyann McMaster, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows: 1701 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076; Lot 8 Block 4 Sub-Keaton WW Addn. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his 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 of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is: Hollie McMaster, 42 Byrd Ln Cabot, AR 72023. This notice first published the 28TH day of March, 2023. DR21-3/28,4/4/23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

THE 2024 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2024 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-10 should be Amended as follows:  
Howard County Elections, Other Professional Services (1000-0109-3009) needs to increase by \$1,149.50. The increase comes from reimbursement for 2024 Primary Election from Mineral Springs School District No. 3, \$1,149.50, check #532899.

SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.  
Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

ATTEST:  
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
July 15, 2024  
(This publication was paid for by Howard County Judge, the amount of publication is \$50.40)  
(HCJ: 11)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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WHEREAS, the property secured under the Mortgage is located in Howard County, Arkansas more particularly described as follows:  
A TRACT OF LAND BEING LOTS 9 AND 10 AS RECORDED IN BOOK R2020-02400 AND LOTS 11 AND 12 AS RECORDED IN BOOK R2020-02399, BOTH IN BLOCK 25 AND ALSO LOT 1 IN BLOCK 28 AS RECORDED IN BOOK R2021-00366, ALL IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF DIERKS, HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.  
Street Address: 202 West First St Dierks AR 71833

WHEREAS on January 25, 2022 Jack R. Ryan, single man, executed a Mortgage in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of England. Said Mortgage was recorded on January 25, 2022 as Instrument No. R2022-00147 in the real property records of Howard County, Arkansas. Said Mortgage was subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by virtue of an assignment dated April 12, 2024 and recorded on April 12, 2024 as Instrument No. R2024-00523 in the real property records of Howard County, Arkansas. The party initiating foreclosure can be contacted at or in care of its servicer initiating foreclosure at: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 3476 Stateview Blvd Fort Mill SC 29715 at Telephone No. 414-214-4347; and

WHEREAS, there may be tenants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said tenancy; and WHEREAS, the undersigned is the attorney for the mortgagee and is acting on and with the consent and authority of the mortgagee who is exercising its power of sale under Ark. Code Ann. §18-50-115 which implies a power of sale in every mortgage of real property situated in this state that is duly acknowledged and recorded; and default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, specifically the installment due February 1, 2024, and each subsequent payment to date are now due; and the holder of the debt has requested the undersigned to sell the property to satisfy said indebtedness. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat or bill(s) of assurance; any restrictive covenants, easements, set back liens or encroachments; any unpaid and /or delinquent taxes or special assessments; any statutory redemption rights of any governmental entity; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a UCC or fixture filing; and, to any matter that an accurate survey of the property might disclose. This property is being sold "as is" with no representation as the condition of any structure(s) thereon or the accuracy of the above legal description. Transfer taxes and recording fees are the responsibility of the purchaser. WITNESS my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, by its attorney-in-fact, Albertelli Law Kevin Rogers, 2012031, 1 Information Way, Suite 201, Little Rock, AR 72202, 501-406-0855.A LAW No. 24-012270

(PNC: 9 - 12)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS, DECEASED

AFFIDAVIT OF COLLECTION OF SMALL ESTATE BY DISTRIBUTERS

Comes Jeffery L. Williams for the purpose of dispensing with administration the estate of Michael L. Williams, deceased, state an oath:  
The decedent, Michael L. Williams, age 63, who resided at 310 S. Washington St, Nashville, AR in Howard County, Arkansas, died the 14 day of July, 2024. No petition for the appointment of a general representative for decedent's estate is pending or has been granted.  
More than forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the death of the decedent.  
The name, age, relationship, to the decedent and residence address of the person entitled to receive property of the decedent as surviving spouse, heirs, or devisees of the decedent's will is:  
Jeffery L. Williams, 62, brother, 616 W. Johnson St.  
This notice first published the 4th day of September, 2024.

(pd. 11, 12)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: 31PR-2024-15-2

GERALD EDWARD CORNISH, Deceased

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 1307 N Walters Ave, Dierks, Arkansas, 71833

Date of Death: June 19, 2023

The undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent on March 08, 2024.

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# Tagging Dinosaurs

## Alligator gar en route to Arkansas River

**By Verity Callahan**  
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

LONOKE– August is usually associated with the final trek of summer; the last stretch before school begins and the heat finally breaks. For the AGFC Fisheries Division, it’s time to tag alligator gar.

For the second year, excess fry from the Private John Allen National Fish Hatchery in Tupelo, Mississippi, were shipped to the Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery in Lonoke in May where they were cared for until ready to release into the wild. By August they were about 12 inches long, big enough to not be eaten in the wild but still fairly slim. Since the fry originate from the Mississippi river basin, stocking them in the Arkansas River introduces no genetic issues with gar already present.

Gar populations have declined in the state from a combination of river modifications such as dams or levees blocking the temporarily inundated floodplains they require to spawn, as well as a lacking reputation. “Anglers, both historically and contemporary, believed that gars decimated popular sportfish populations and therefore designated them a ‘trash fish,’” said Chelsea Gilliland, AGFC large river fisheries biologist. “However, the forage base for Alligator Gar specifically generally consists of commercially sought-after species such as carp, buffalo and shad.”

Despite this notoriety, gar remain an important presence in Arkansas waters that help maintain populations of other fish species within sustainable levels. These apex predators keep ecosystems in check, hence the necessity of keeping populations stable in water

such as the Arkansas River. Tagging gar is the first step in helping monitor populations and gauging how they adapt in different waters. Tiny fry start out in one vat, and get spread out as they increase in size. A gar that attempts to eat his smaller tank mates is quarantined to the “bully fish” vat.

Last year’s efforts netted 122 fish large enough to release; this year, increased care and monitoring resulted in 407 gar reaching the appropriate size for tagging. “It’s been a little bit better just keeping them indoors but it’s a lot more intensive, because you have to feed them every day and clean them up every time you feed them,” Chad Wicker, hatchery manager, said. “We just gotta keep refining the process and getting better survival.”

To tag gar, about five fish at a time are taken to a separate tank, where a small amount of an anesthetic drug concentration is put in the water to relax the fish and minimize handling stress; this concoction is perfectly harmless to the fish. “This calms the fish down so it doesn’t fight—we don’t want to injure the fish,” Tommy Laird, AGFC fisheries chief, explained. “The chemical goes over their gills and slows their breathing, meaning they are less dangerous to tag and overall easier to move.”

Once the gar are properly sedated, biologists record each fish’s weight and length and take a fin clip to record its genetics. They also insert a PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tag near the fish’s tail, a small microchip that is coded with a unique 15-digit number sequence. This sequence is specific to each fish and provides a way to track information such as stock-

ing history, growth and movement patterns should it be captured again. All of this information helps track how well the gar are doing as they get bigger and move through our waterways.

Once the fish are examined and tagged, they are carefully moved back into a tank to recover for a few days until they are ready to be stocked. Hatchery staff have a special new tool called electroanesthesia gloves, which have proven fairly useful transporting the wiggly gar safely and making the wearer look incredibly cool.

Jason Miller, Assistant Chief of Fish Culture, demonstrated how the gloves function. “They create an electrical field from one hand to another. If you hold a fish with your right hand at the head and the left hand at the tail, then you’re creating an electrical field that anesthetizes the fish. As soon as you let go of it, they are [free to swim]. There’s no recovery time or anything, they’re instantly ready to go.”

The alligator gar is Arkansas’s largest fish species and one of the oldest recorded in the state, with fossils dating back to the time of the dinosaurs. These gar are also the largest freshwater fish in the southeastern U.S.; some of the largest have weighed over 300 lbs, making the fish sought after for their trophy potential. In 2019, alligator gar was even declared Arkansas’s State Primitive Fish.

The Alligator Gar Species Management Team was created in 2008 to help support dwindling populations of gar across the state through habitat improvements and reestablishments efforts. Combined with tagging and research, much work is being done to help the species thrive in The Natural State.



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Nashville High School juniors dress in camo for Hunt the Panthers Day Friday, Aug. 30, before the Magnolia game. They include (front row) Natalie Talley, Baylee Smith, Elli Wallis, Klaire Hendry and Dede Robinson; (second row) Parker Tate, Josie Clark, Madi Brinkman, Rayleigh Harmon, Landyn Tompkins and Cassie Stephenson; (back row) Josh Howard, Connor Crabtree and Manning Goff.



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Sept. 12 @ Magnolia  
Sept. 19 @ Dardanelle  
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# Defense ‘stellar’; errors on offense costly during Scrappers’ 26-7 loss

**By John R. Schirmer**  
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Scrapper defense played lights out, but the offense saw some miscues during a 26-7 loss to Magnolia in the first game of the season Friday, Aug. 30, at Scrapper Stadium.

“Our defense played great. They did enough to win,” Coach Shawn Jackson said.

“They held Magnolia to 253 yards total offense. They wanted to cause three turnovers. They met those goals and then some.”

On the offensive side, however, the Scrappers managed only 127 yards and lost five turnovers.

Ja’Marion Conway was a bright spot offensively, according to Jackson. “He did really well. Other than that, we didn’t play well. Our offense is a work in progress. We’ve got to play better.”

Conway caught four passes for 70 yards. He also ran the ball once for seven yards.

Quarterback Karson Chambers completed 12 of 24 passes for 127 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. The Scrappers’ only score came on a 26-yard pass from Chambers to Kasen Morgan in the second quarter. Alexis Brizo made the PAT.

Jackson said the Scrappers’ goal was no turnovers on offense. “You can’t have five and win the game.”

The Scrappers did win the penalty battle, Jackson said. “We played a lot clean-

er. I’m proud of the kids for that.”

For the game, Nashville was penalized five times for 47 yards.

The Panthers had nine penalties for 68 yards.

Defensively, Makhi Johnson “was amazing,” according to Jackson. The junior recorded four tackles, six assists, one sack, three tackles for losses and a fumble recovery.

Zaccheus Harris had three tackles, three assists, one sack and a TFL.

Skylar Gibson and Kaquan Swift each made four tackles and five assists.

Other defensive numbers included Abari Williams, three tackles, eight assists; Bryce Perrin, three tackles, four assists and a TFL; D.B Gilliam, two tackles, two assists and an interception; Roochie Wiley, two tackles and an interception; Joe Branch, one tackle and one interception; Kellen Jackson, one tackle, seven assists; Khaleel Canaday, one tackle, three assists; Cortez Cooper, one assist.

More assists came from Hayden Gray, one; Jaydon Williamson, five; Brayden Erby, four; Luke Lacie, two; Lucas Aylett, one.

“We gave up one explosive play in the first quarter,” Jackson said. Magnolia picked up 52 yards on one play. “Other than that, we held them to 12 passing yards. We had stellar defense. [Johnson] couldn’t play any better.”

The Scrappers are pre-



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Scrapper defenders join the official in signaling a fumble recovery for Nashville Aug. 30 against Magnolia. Players include Zaccheus Harris (15), Abari Williams (33), Kellen Jackson (12) Khaleel Canady (6) and Bryce Perrin (27).



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Coach Shawn Jackson signals the Scrappers in the game against Magnolia.

paring for this week’s non-conference game Friday at Hope.

They practiced Monday at 6 p.m. and will be on the



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Coach Zach Stewart confers with Karson Chambers last Friday night.

every week,” Jackson said.

The Scrappers need to be “more physical at linebacker. We have to keep pounding.”

The kicking game must

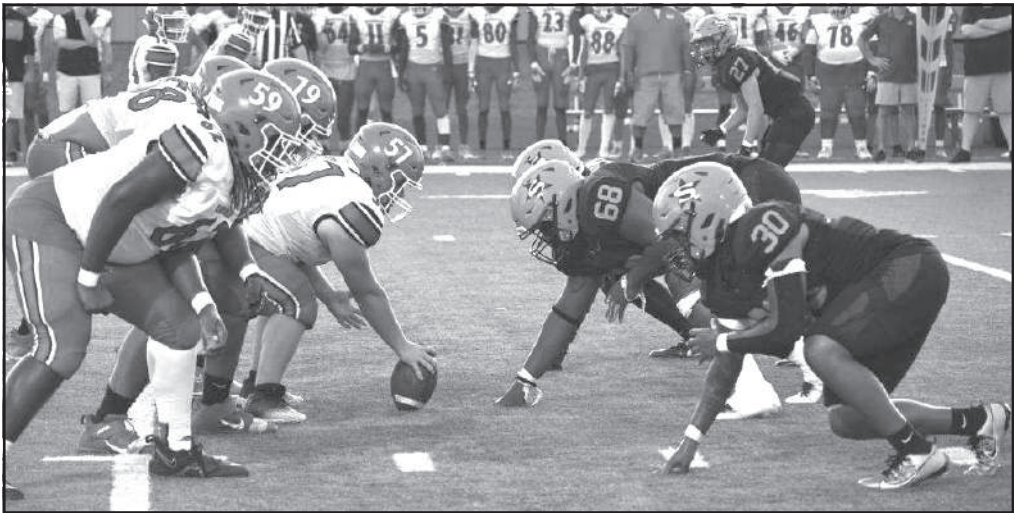


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Kaquan Swift (30), Jaydon Williams (68) and Bryce Perrin (27) are among the Scrapper defenders awaiting the Magnolia snap in the season opener Aug. 30.




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Joe Branch (13) runs the ball after a pass reception as Kasen Morgan (1) helps clear the way Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.

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Tulsa at Arkansas State	ASU	Tulsa	Tulsa
Nashville at Hope	Nashville	Nashville	Nashville



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Tucker Dixon runs the ball for the Scrappers in the season opener Aug. 30 against Magnolia.




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**BREAKING UP THE PASS.** Dierks Outlaws Alex Roberts (#19) and Juan Salazar (#9) work on defense Friday night against Fouke.



**GOING FOR THE BLOCK.** Dierks' Juan Salazar attempts to get his hands on a Fouke Panther punt during action Friday night in Dierks.

## Dierks Outlaws stumble in opener against Panthers

The Dierks Outlaws stumbled in their opener Friday against Fouke Panthers, 21-0.

Dierks buried themselves early in the game with a host of personal fouls that will result in at least three players being ineligible from Friday's homecoming game against Mountain Pine.

The Outlaw offense fell one yard short of 100 yards while the team had seven penalties (two on offense and five on defense) that amounted to 78 yards. Dierks' rushing game gained only 62 on 27 attempts while the passing game earned 37 yards with 5/10 pass completions by quarterback Peyton Boeckman.

Jordan Hill led the rushers with 12 carries for 59 yards followed by Alex Roberts with 13 for seven yards. Boeckman's receivers included Ben Ernest 2/2 for 28 yards and Salazar with 1/1 for nine yards.

The Dierks tackle chart was topped by Jordan Hill with five solo tackles.

The Panthers ran up 224 yards of offense, hitting 8/14 passes for 46 yards and one touchdown and rushing 36 times for 178 yards and two TDs.

Fouke was penalized eight times (six on offense and two on defense) for 72 yards.

The Panthers and Outlaws stayed scoreless in the first quarter before Fouke posted 13 in the second quarter for a 13-0 lead at half. Fouke added eight more points in the third to set the 21-0 final.



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**RATTLERS VS. KNIGHTS.** Rattler runner Bubba Stinson (above) moves the ball Friday night. QB Laytan Wilcher (below) evades a defender.



**ON THE MOVE.** Rattler ball carrier Cameron Stevens (above) follows the lead of Cash Lowery (4). The high school cheer squad (below) cheers for the fans.



# Rattlers drop opener 28-14 to Centerpoint Knights

The Murfreesboro Rattlers opened the 2024 season with a 28-14 loss to their in-county foe, the Centerpoint Knights.

It was, however, not without positives for the Rattlers, who moved the ball well in the first half – including a 66-yard touchdown pass from Laytan Wilcher to Kale Burns on their first possession of the game.

Brody Maroon also scored a touchdown on a one yard rush later in the game.

It marks the first regular season loss for the Rattlers since a 46-0 loss to Mineral Springs in November 2022.

“That’s what I told the kids after the game ... this is something that hasn’t happened in a while. I knew going into this season that the first two weeks that we would face a lot of adversity. It’s an opportunity for us to grow,” said Rattler head coach Brad Chesshir.

Having said that, it doesn’t mean he is completely placid about the outcome.

“I thought we had an opportunity to win this football game – not taking anything away from Centerpoint – they did a really good job. The standards and expectations that coach [Cary] Rogers has had there for

many, many years – you see that on Friday nights. Those kids play hard and are coached well. The better team won Friday night.”

Chesshir said MHS “played well” offensively in the first half, racking up 160 yards – but were then held to only 60 yards of offense in the second half. “We slowed down a little bit.”

He also thought the defense spent way too much time on the field, as Centerpoint dominated the time of possession in the contest.

“We have to find ways to get off the field quicker ... I wasn’t really pleased with our physicality. That’s something I’m going to have to get creative in order to figure out what we have to do to fix those issues – that are both mental and physical. We just gave up too many first downs and gave up some explosive plays that we shouldn’t have, and it came down to mental errors in coverage.”

Chesshir hopes the Rattlers will take positives from the 2024 season start.

“This is a chance for us to grow as a team, hopefully we can use this to help us get better as we get better for another

tough competitor. Obviously, you can find some positives on the film [of the game]. Defensively, in the second half, we played harder than in the first half. However, we have to go put four quarters together and eliminate a lot of the errors.”

Wilcher finished the game with 80 passing yards and the TD, and the Rattlers would accumulate 141 yards rushing in the game for 221 total yards.

This week the Rattlers will travel to face the Fouke Panthers, who won their matchup last week with Dierks 21-0.

Chesshir said Fouke has a “very good” run based attack on offense, with good size on the line.

“They have a running back that is a returning starter – he can beat you single handedly. He’s a dud that runs the ball very hard, can hit the hole and when he finds space he can go. We’re going to have to do a very good job of stopping the run this week. However, they have a couple weapons on the edge to throw the ball to as well.”

Fouke defensively runs an even front with good size as well.

“We’re going to have to get better with

our stance and our start up front,” Chesshir said of the MHS offensive line. “We will have to get better with staying on and finishing blocks to move the football. We can move the football – I saw that Friday night – we just have to eliminate the mental mistakes. Fouke is a tough football team, and obviously going over there [isn’t great] ... it’s a tougher place to play.”

As per his usually mantra, it will be incumbent for the Rattlers to focus on what they can control in practice this week.

“We need to go get better this week and have a better approach than we did against Centerpoint.”

Chesshir said it will also be important for the coaching staff to continue putting the student athletes in the best position to succeed.

“I think we have to continue to get the right pieces of the puzzle in the right spot. I have to do a better job this week of practice planning and organizational practice to get the most out of our guys. That is something that’s been on my mind since the clock hit zeroes on Friday night – trying to figure out how to get the most out of our guys.”

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THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION EXPANDS ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY QUALIFIED PATIENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016, AMENDMENT 98 AND RATIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT AMENDMENT AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED AND AS AMENDED BY ANY LEGISLATIVE ACT, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(4)(B) TO DEFINE “CULTIVATION FACILITY” AS INCLUDING SALE AND DELIVERY OF USABLE MARIJUANA TO A PROCESSOR; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(12) TO REPLACE THE DEFINITION OF “PHYSICIAN” WITH “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER,” WHICH INCLUDES MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC DOCTORS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS’ ASSISTANTS, AND PHARMACISTS AND TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL CONTROLLED-SUBSTANCES REGISTRATION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 4(F), 5(A)(1), 5(F)(1), 5(H), AND 15 TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIANS WITH REFERENCES TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(13)(C) TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE DEFINITION OF “QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION” TO INCLUDE ANY CONDITION NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN AMENDMENT 98 THAT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER CONSIDERS DEBILITATING TO A PATIENT THAT MIGHT BE ALLEVIATED BY THE USE OF USABLE MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2 (14)(A) TO ALLOW NON-ARKANSAS RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN THE SAME WAY AS ARKANSAS RESIDENTS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(17) TO DEFINE “USABLE MARIJUANA” AS CANNABIS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES INCLUDING ALL PARTS OF THE PLANT CANNABIS SATIVA, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT, INCLUDING ANY SEEDS, RESIN, COMPOUND, MANUFACTURE, SALT, DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, ISOMER OR PREPARATION OF THE PLANT, INCLUDING TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL AND ALL OTHER CANNABINOL DERIVATIVES, AND TO EXCLUDE HEMP WITH A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF NOT MORE THAN 0.3 PERCENT ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(19) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP FROM THE DEFINITION OF “WRITTEN CERTIFICATION” AND

TO ALLOW ASSESSMENTS IN PERSON OR BY TELEMEDICINE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(E) TO ALLOW LICENSED DISPENSARIES TO RECEIVE, TRANSFER, OR SELL MARIJUANA SEEDLINGS, PLANTS, OR USABLE MARIJUANA TO AND FROM ARKANSAS-LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER DISPENSARIES, TO ACCEPT MARIJUANA SEEDS, SEEDLINGS, OR CLONES FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO POSSESS THEM, AND TO SELL USABLE MARIJUANA, MARIJUANA SEEDLINGS, PLANTS OR SEEDS TO QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(H) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE ALLOWING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO SANCTION A PHYSICIAN FOR IMPROPER EVALUATION OF A PATIENT’S MEDICAL CONDITION OR FOR VIOLATING THE STANDARD OF CARE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §3(1) TO REMOVE AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RULES CONCERNING VISITING QUALIFYING PATIENTS OBTAINING MARIJUANA FROM A DISPENSARY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 4(A)(4)(A) TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL APPLICANTS SEEKING TO SERVE AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF MINORS WHO ARE QUALIFYING PATIENTS APPLYING TO SERVE AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS FOR THOSE MINORS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 5(A)(2) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING REASONABLE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION FEES OR RENEWAL FEES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 5(D) TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS AND TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF EXISTING CARDS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(E)(8) TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS WITH RESTRICTIONS FOR DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES NARROWLY TAILORED TO PREVENT ADVERTISING AND PACKAGING FROM APPEALING TO CHILDREN AND TO REQUIRE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TO MAKE RULES THAT REQUIRE PACKAGING THAT CANNOT BE OPENED BY A CHILD OR THAT PREVENTS READY ACCESS TO TOXIC OR HARMFUL AMOUNTS OF THE PRODUCT; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(1)(A) TO REMOVE PROHIBITIONS ON DISPENSARY-PROVIDED PARAPHERNALIA REQUIRING COMBUSTION OF MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(4)(A)(II) TO ALLOW CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA IN ANY FORM TO DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER CULTIVATION

FACILITIES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 16 TO REPLACE ITS CURRENT LANGUAGE WITH A WAIVER OF STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY SO THAT A LICENSED PERSON OR ENTITY MAY SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN THE EVENT THAT STATE FAILS TO FOLLOW AMENDMENT 98; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 21 TO REMOVE A PROHIBITION ON THE GROWING OF MARIJUANA BY QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS AND TO ALLOW SUCH GROWING UNDER AMENDMENT 98; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 23 AND 26 IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 TO ALLOW QUALIFYING PATIENTS OR CAREGIVERS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND IN POSSESSION OF A VALID REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD TO POSSESS, PLANT, DRY, AND PROCESS MARIJUANA PLANTS IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AND SIZES AT THEIR DOMICILE SOLELY FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THE QUALIFYING PATIENT, TO PROHIBIT SALE, BARTERING, AND TRADE OF SUCH MARIJUANA PLANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 TO ALLOW POSSESSION BY ADULTS OF UP TO ONE OUNCE OF USABLE MARIJUANA, TO ALLOW SALE OF MARIJUANA BY LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES FOR ADULT USE IF CURRENT FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING SUCH ACTIVITIES CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL OF MARIJUANA BY LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AMENDING ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, TO PROVIDE THAT UNLESS PROVIDED IN SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, NO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT’S PROVISIONS ARE SEVERABLE, NULLIFYING ANY PROVISION OF STATE LAW IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS SELF-EXECUTING.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

JOHN THURSTON  
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2024 MURFREESBORO RATTLERS, CHEER SQUAD & COACHING STAFF

# Rattlers look to maintain momentum

**By P.J. Tracy**  
Murfreesboro Diamond

The 2024 edition of the Murfreesboro Rattlers senior high football team will look to build off the momentum of the 2023 season that saw them go undefeated in the regular season.

The offensive line sees three returners from last year’s squad, with sophomore Garrett Lamb at LG and Albert Quiroz RT. Head coach and offensive line coach Brad Chesshir said he had tried to create a competition for the two new slots in the preseason to see who would step up and fill the positions.

“Lamb has done a good job and will continue to grow with experience in high school games – it’s a lot different than high school games. He needs experience, but I think he will be better every week.”

Tight end will feature Cameron Stevens, who gained experience in the spot last year. Kooper Caldwell will also see time at the position, as well as Brody Maroon as needed – when not spending time at the fullback position.

“Depending on personnel, that’s when Brody’s position will change ... he may be at either position based on need.”

The running back position will see the experienced senior Lathan Compton returning in 2024.

“Lathan has secured the starting role at running back, as she should, have led us in touchdowns last year. He had a decent junior year and will be the guy toting the rock early.”

Sophomore Bubba Stinson will also see time in the offensive backfield.

“If we have a fullback in the game and Brody isn’t at that position, Cash Lowery has gotten some repetitions there. He’s done a good job at learning the position and will fill in as needed.”

Chesshir said the team was a bit more prepared than last season to be “multiple” without the fullback

position versus last season. The Rattlers are “heavy” with skill position members on the roster – including the wide receiver corps.

“We have a little speed on the field, with Lowery, Cale Burns, Caden Dixon, Cameron Stevens who can all go out there and play.

Overall, Chesshir feels that the overall continuity on the offensive side of the ball will bode well for the Rattlers in 2024.

“We have a few new faces, but not a lot ... when you break it down.”

Additionally, having a third-year starter in Laytan Wilcher return at quarterback doesn’t hurt either.

“He’s our best leader on the team in the most important position. That makes you feel good as a coach, walking out of the locker room every Friday night. His work ethic, his effort, his attitude is unmatched, and the others guys feed off his energy. The one thing you can say about him is that he has seen the good, the bad and the ugly over the last two season. That experience you can’t match as a high school football player, and it’s nice to know he’s on our team.”

Defensively, however, the group will look to replace three all-conference performers at linebacker.

“Linebacker was a big hit, obviously ... we really rotated four, so we return one almost starter in Compton at inside linebacker. He’s our bellcow. But when you lose Malachi [Sanders], Noah [Cox] and Brandt [Stevens], you lose a lot of tackles from last year’s team.”

Stinson has gotten the majority of reps in the preseason at the other inside linebacker position, while Cameron Stevens will take over the outside linebacker position, but also rotate in to an inside linebacker position.

“He does a really good job at both ... we will continue to evaluate them as the season opens.”

Maroon will move from



**RATTLER COACHING STAFF.** Darren Horn, Jonathan Bennett, Brad Chesshir, Gene Strode and Buddy Ray.

an interior defensive lineman to defensive end.

“He’s done a good job of anchoring the edge for us, and he’s a very, very good run stopper, which obviously in our league you have to do. However, at the same time, you also have to be disciplined in the back end and not allow the deep-ball explosive play there.”

Logan Burris will start at the other defensive end position.

“Those two are very athletic, can play sideline to sideline, and we feel pretty good about those two defensively.”

Daelyn Henderson will reprise his role on the defensive line, with Albert Quiroz at the other interior defensive line position.

Chesshir feels good about the defensive secondary, where the team loses only one starter.

“You’ve got Wilcher at safety, Lowery at safety, Caldwell has been working the other safety position ...

he’s a smart kid that knows the game. He’s done a good job but has a long way to go just in terms of development at that position. I’m curious to see how he responds in a high school game in terms of physicality.”

Moving Cameron Stevens from the defensive back to linebacker has created an opportunity for Burns and Dixon to stake a claim to a cornerback position.

“Those two have been competing for the spot, it will be interesting to see who takes over there, but that’s a good problem to have.”

Chesshir also added that nothing is absolutely set in stone as the season moves along.

“We have a lot of kids at other positions that can step up, maybe surprise us – we’re waiting on that to happen. I’m just overall looking forward to see what happens when we go up against a different colored jersey.”

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Chesshir also believes that, going into his third year as head coach, that the continuity is helping the team to reach higher standards.

“The one thing I love about this team is that they know the standard, they know what is expected, and obviously we have raised that level of expectations after a successful year. One thing we have got to be careful of as a team is that we have to be consistent with our practice habits – and not become complacent because we thing we’re pretty good. Every coach has been here with these guys [outside new coach Gene Strode], so they know what we expect. I think the stability we have is a good thing, and they know the beliefs and expectations, making them easier to coach.”

The team made strides over the summer, after a successful baseball season to end last year greatly shortened spring practice. As the school year ended, the attention became more geared to football, and the team gathered to lift three days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In July the team participated in a 7-on-7 league that allowed them to focus in on the skill positions.

“The month of July was really geared towards heavier conditioning,” Chesshir said. “I thought our guys responded the right way.”

Chesshir addressed the million dollar question – can the team have as good a season as they did last year?

First admitting he didn’t know, he would further discuss the issue.

“Here’s what’s gotta happen – the schedule will be more difficult than it was a year ago – so hopefully that helps us improve as a football team. We are a different football team than we were a year ago, but every opponent we face is a different team versus a year ago. We have to focus on what we can control – we did a good job of that as a team last year, taking it one game at a time. Obviously, this is coach talk, and every coach is going to say ‘one game at a time’ or ‘we need to go 1-0.’ We are opening up with a really good Centerpoint football team that is a difficult matchup for us. It’s nothing like our first game versus Bearden last year – we’re probably not going to walk out there and roll over them. We’re going to have to prove ourselves the first three games – the non-conference games – which will help us grow as a team. We are going to face a lot of adversity early – but will also do a lot of good things early. But we have to learn and grow before going into conference play. We will have to be our absolute best versus Centerpoint in week zero, and make corrections as needed, and then get ready for the next opponent. I’m not going to sit here and say we are going 10-0, but I wouldn’t have done that last pre-season either.”

Chesshir said several opponents on the schedule – including Gurdon, Dierks, Lafayette County, Junction City and Mineral Springs presented difficulties that they perhaps didn’t a season ago.

“Gurdon’s gotten better, Dierks has changed their offense – finding ways to improve, Lafayette County is full of speed – and it wasn’t just a blowout last year, then you add Junction City, and Mineral will be just as competitive as last year. There is a lot of games on this schedule, if you look, they are not easy opponents, and so we have to focus on one game at a time and controlling what we can control, focusing on us ... and then see what happens at the end of it. We want to be as good as we were a year ago, everybody in this locker room, everybody in this coaching office, everybody in the community wants to do what we did a year ago. We are working toward that. But if we don’t take care of our business, it won’t happen.

We just have to keep getting better.”

Breaking down the 2024 schedule with Chesshir:

Centerpoint – Wen I put Centerpoint back on the schedule, there were people questioning that. We have a good football team, and will play anybody. We’re gonna line up, no matter who it is, go do what we do, and get better as a football team. The Centerpoint game is good for both communities, just trying to bring that rivalry back, and I know it will be a packed house here.

Fouke – They have been in a tough conference (3-A), and their recent record is not indicative of how good they actually are. Don’t look at their record and think they’re not very good. Coach Littleton has always done a good job with the kids he has, and they play hard and physical. They return a really good running back, and I’ve heard they have some good linemen back. Defensively we will have to be good to stop their run game. Fouke is always a tough place to play, especially with the sasquatches and stuff over there.

Genoa Central – I’m not sure what to think, and don’t know what they will look like. They’ve been an 8-man football team recently.

Gurdon – Proved to me at their team camp that they are a whole lot better [than last year]. Coach Jackson had them flying around and playing physical, and we have to go to their place. I expect it to be a dogfight ... I think you will see a better Gurdon team, and they will have a different energy in their program, just by getting out of the 3A conference. Coming back to 2-A, they probably feel like they can win the conference title, and they very well may.

Foreman – They have a new football coach, Ed Baker, from what I have heard they are doing a good job, going back to what makes them better with the flexbone offense. That’s going to make them better and I hope that Baker can help them.

Dierks – Coach Ernest has went to a wing-t under center offense, it has proven to be pretty good there ... they have the dudes to do that. We saw their scrimmage and saw that they were very productive. We have to go there, and it’s always a big rivalry game. When you go to ‘The Holler’ you better be ready to play.

Lafayette County – Last year we won 28-14, a very close game ... they are full of athletes, full of speed, a game you can’t take lightly.

Junction City – Moving back to class 2A, everybody in the state of Arkansas will tell you that Junction City will blow through 2A football. That it’s Junction City and everybody else. The good thing is we don’t have them until week 8, so we’ll be able to improve and get better, obviously they will as well, but will give us an opportunity to get ready for that game.

Spring Hill – 8-man state runner up last year, expect them to be under center in some sort of flexbone, not sure what they will exactly look like in 11-man, but I think they have a good group of young kids. I expect them to be competitive.

Mineral Springs – We’ve had a lot of questions about why Mineral is at Murfreesboro again. Back in December, when the re-classification numbers came out, the conferences changed, and when the new conference has their coaches meeting, we had to draw for opponents. It just came out that we got Mineral at home on the last game of the season again. You know that game will be important ... they have a lot of returning talent, despite losing RB K.T. Thomas and Jace Amerson. I’m interested to see how they play over the course of the year. Obviously I’d be lying if I said I didn’t care where we were or they were at the end of the year – it would be awesome to have the same environment in that game as we did last year, that same situation where both of us were playing for a conference championship. We’ll see when we get to that point.

“Overall, we have a tough schedule – I see teams I think we match up with and beat, and I see teams I think we’re going to have to play perfect in order to win. It will be good for us.”



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2024 Rattler Senior High Football Roster

- 1 Cameron Stevens LB / FB SR
- 2 Lathan Compton RB / LB SR
- 3 Brody Maroon FB / DE SR
- 4 Cash Lowery WR / DB SR
- 5 Caden Dixon WR / DB SR
- 6 D.J. Leeper WR / DB JR
- 10 Kooper Caldwell QB / SS SOPH
- 11 Kale Burns WR / DB JR
- 13 Laytan Wilcher QB / DB SR
- 15 Price Cheek WR / DB SOPH
- 17 Ross Spradlin TE / DB SOPH
- 20 Caleb Terrell WR / DB JR
- 21 Cayden Ballard TE / DB SOPH
- 24 Isaac Kuykendall WR / DB SOPH
- 25 Bubba Stinson RB / LB SOPH
- 32 Garrett Downs WR / LB JR
- 34 Alex Parker RB / LB SOPH

- 50 Kaden Epperly OL SOPH
- 52 Cole McKnight OL / DL SOPH
- 53 Conley Crayne OL / DL SOPH
- 54 Garrett Lamb OL / DL SOPH
- 56 Cameron Braden OL / DL SOPH
- 61 Daelyn Henderson OL / DL SR
- 64 Mason Wilkins OL / DL SOPH
- 65 Logan Burris OL / DL JR
- 66 Corbin Hoover OL / DL SOPH
- 70 Hawkins Jackson OL / DL JR
- 71 John Parker Jackson OL / DL JR
- 72 Albert Quiroz OL / DL SR
- 79 Kaleb Delarosa OL / DL SR

Coaches – Brad Chesshir, Jonathan Bennett, Darren Horn, Buddy Ray, Gene Strode  
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Coach Paul Morrow (right) congratulates M.K. Johnson after Johnson recovered a Magnolia fumble Friday, Aug. 30, in Nashville's first game of the season at Scrapper Stadium. Magnolia won the contest 26-7.

# Season opens for Scrappers

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Cheerleaders throw miniature footballs into the stands Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.



Abigale Webb, Kaden White and Maddie Rodgers made the sportsmanship presentation to Magnolia.



Scrapper captains Kasen Morgan, Ja'Marion Conway, Kellen Jackson and Skylar Gibson enter the field for the coin toss before last week's game.



Gaye Graham (second from left) and Doug Graham (right) visit three of Coach Magen Scrivner's children, including Kelsyn (KK), Kruz and Karaline, at the pep rally.



Kinley Martin cheers for the Scrappers Aug. 30 at the first game of the season.



Karson Chambers sets up a pass against Magnolia in last week's game.



Connor Crabtree completes his solo in the Scrapper band's halftime performance.



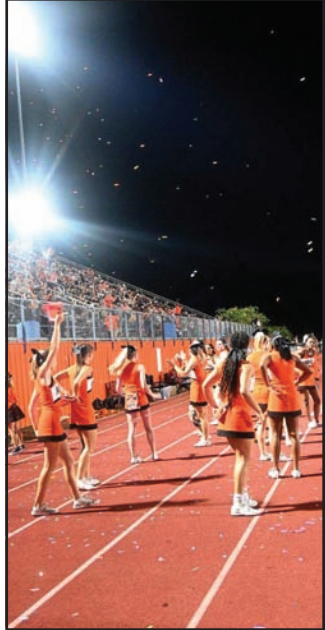
Drum major Klaire Hendry eyes the clock as she waits for halftime to begin.



Brayden Erby (52) and Kasen Morgan celebrate after Morgan's second quarter touchdown Friday night.



Ja'Marion Conway caught four passes for 70 yards against Magnolia.



Fans join the cheerleaders in their celebration after Nashville scored against Magnolia Friday night, Aug. 30, at Scrapper Stadium.



# Netters host Hope at Nashville City Park

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Josh Howard



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Tennis

Sept. 5 @ Fountain Lake, 4 p.m.

Sept. 10 @ Lake Hamilton, 3:30 p.m.

Golf

Sept.5 @ Magellan Golf Course, 2 p.m.

Sept. 9 @ Nashville Country Club, 4 p.m.

SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Makhi Johnson, Nashville

Makhi, a Scraper junior, “was amazing” in the season opener against Magnolia, according to Coach Shawn Jackson. He posted 10 total tackles, one sack, three tackles for losses and one fumble recovery against the Panthers.

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