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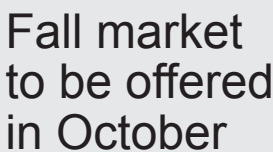
The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 3-6 p.m.

Nashville Nursing Home and Rehab will provide the meal.

The soup kitchen is held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

For more information,  
call 870-451-4441.

The church is located at 318 Bridgeman Drive in Mineral Springs.



**By Melanie Schwartz**  
Market director

The Howard County Farmers' Market will begin offering a fall market on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in October.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, email the market manager at [howardcounty-farmermarket@gmail.com](mailto:howardcounty-farmermarket@gmail.com) or message us directly on Facebook.

To see a full list of this week's Farmers' Market vendors and their offerings, visit the Howard County Farmers' Market Facebook page.

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.

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The DeQueen Mena Educational Co-operative's Foster Grandparent Program recently donated food to local blessing boxes at Howard Memorial Hospital, Husqvarna and Cornerstone Counseling.

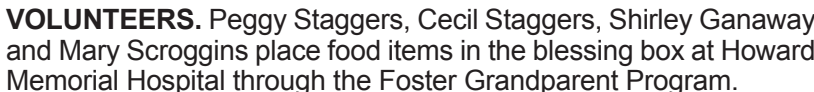
Participants also donated food items for Nashville Primary School's backpack program.

This was part of their 911 Service Project, which is an annual event of the AmeriCorps Seniors Program to give back to local communities.

Donations will be made at other schools in the DMESC coop area as well

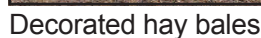
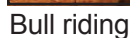
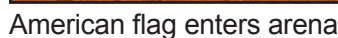
Twenty-three senior adults serve in the local program at Nashville Pre-K, Nashville Primary School and at Rainbow Learning Center, mentoring and tutoring students. Seventy-three adults serve in the DMESC area.

Terry Young directs the Foster Grandparent Program through DMESC.



**A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE RING.** Nashville High School FFA member Joshua Walker of Ben Lomond communicates with one of the two Brangus registered heifers he showed in last week's Howard County Fair Livestock Show. Both of Walker's entries were declared champion and reserve champion in the division. See more from the livestock show and fair in future issues of the News-Leader.

## News-Leader photos/DEDE ROBINSON



**RAINY NIGHT AT HOPE.** Many Scrapper fans huddle under umbrellas while others take their chances with the rain during the NHS Alma Mater before the scheduled game at Hope Friday night, Sept. 6. Lightning delays eventually gave way to a postponement of the game until Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7.

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

The Nashville Scrappers reported to Hope Friday afternoon, Sept. 6, for a non-conference game scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

They went back Saturday afternoon and came home with a 51-7 win over the Bobcats.

Shortly after the coin toss Friday, officials announced a 30-minute weather delay because of lightning in the Hope area.

That delay was followed by others, and kickoff was finally postponed until 3 p.m. Saturday. "It happens a bunch," Coach Shawn Jackson said of moving the game to a different day. "I've been in several games like that."

Jackson said he asked for the 3 p.m. Saturday time slot "because it was after the Razorback game [at Oklahoma State]. Our fans could still watch the Razorbacks and come on to Hope."

See **Hope** • Page 5A





Obituaries

Time to ‘Pack the Park’ Saturday

Annual event features anniversary cake for Historical Society



**Erma Louise (Dildy) Savage**  
Erma Louise (Dildy) Savage (Toodlum, Tooie) 100 years old, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024.  
Louise was born Aug. 12, 1924, in Mineral Springs, Ark., the daughter of Tera and Edward Dildy. Louise was the Chief Operating Officer at Southwestern Bell Telephone for 19 years, retiring after having son Steven.  
Louise was married to Clarence Savage, Feb. 14, 1947.  
Louise was a devoted Christian, a member of First Baptist Church in Nashville and a member of the Mary Martha Sunday School Class.  
Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Savage; two brothers, T.A. “Bub” Dildy, Edward “Ebo” Dildy; and one sister, Ruth Putman.  
She is survived by her 103 year old sister, Ollie Mae Gardner of Texarkana, Ark. Louise is also survived by one son, Steven Savage and wife Renee Savage of Tulsa, Okla., plus many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.  
Louise certainly enjoyed watching sports on TV and

listening to sports playing on the radio. Her favorites to watch and listen to were the Arkansas Razorbacks, Nashville Scrappers, and the Dallas Cowboys. Louise loved to play cards, she was a marvelous cook and a part time election worker. If you were ever at her home in the summer, she loved to cool down watermelon and cut it for many to enjoy eating in her backyard.  
Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Friday, Sep. 6, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.  
Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at First Baptist Church in Nashville, with Bro. Kevin Sartin officiating, burial will follow in Bluff Springs Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.  
The family would like to thank the entire staff of the Nashville Nursing and Rehab Center for their excellent care during her residency at the nursing home.  
We would also like to thank health care professional, Megan Nelson, Nurse Practitioner, and Dierksen Hospice for comfort care provided by the hospice team.  
Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Nashville, AR.  
Pallbearers will be Gary Mitchell, Jerry Gardner, Jeff Woosley, Rodney Sullivan, Kenneth Wilson, Max Tackett, Douglas “Buddy” Dildy, Gary “Puddin” Dildy  
You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).

Corvettes, hotrods and classic cars will be lined up in the shade of the Nashville City Park, Saturday, for the annual ‘Pack the Park’ car show.  
The event is sponsored by the Howard County Historical Society and its museums.

Organizer Freddie Horne says that the event will also mark the 10th anniversary of the society, and that at about 2 p.m. there will be an anniversary cake cutting.  
Car registration will begin at 9 a.m. Horne says that there will be food trucks set up for the event.

At the Farmers’ Market in Nashville



**BROTHER-SISTER CRAFTS.** Liam Benson, 10, of Nashville got some help from his sister, Evelyn, 9, with these potholders and ‘stick man’ plate holders they were selling last Friday at the Farmers’ Market in Nashville.



**HOW ABOUT SOME CRISP APPLES?** Marilyn Ritchie of Nashville sold apples from her farm west of Nashville during a cool Friday morning at the Farmers’ Market in Nashville.



**MARIJUANA OR HEMP?** Corey Whisenhunt, manager of Wildfire Farm at Ozan, last Wednesday talked to the Nashville Rotary Club about products derived from the hemp grown at the farm. He said that marijuana and hemp were two words for the same plant, which is grown organically at Ozan but is harvested too early to be considered medical marijuana. Products are sold here in a store located inside of Trendsetters beauty salon. Whisenhunt was introduced by Wildfire Farm owner Dr. John Hearnberger who said that the enterprise was legal and was frequently inspected to meet stringent conditions. He noted that health professionals who test positive for marijuana are discharged from their jobs.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Should you be a global investor?

**By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments**  
Investment opportunities don’t stop at the U.S. border. But what should you know about investing internationally? To begin with, what is an international investment? Essentially, it’s an investment in companies based outside the United States. Investors can purchase individual foreign stocks, but many people choose international mutual funds or international exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which can be traded like stocks and track a specific market index. It’s also possible to invest in bonds issued by foreign governments or entities. However, investors should typically focus on diversified funds and ETFs for international exposure in their portfolios.  
When you invest internationally, you can receive at least two key benefits. First, international investments can help diversify your portfolio. When you spread your investment dollars among a variety of investments, you can help reduce the impact of market volatility that might affect one type of asset particularly hard. For example, if you only owned stocks and the market went through one of its inevitable downturns, your portfolio would likely take a bigger hit than if you also owned bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other investments. And when you invest internationally, you’re adding still another layer of diversification — because in any given year, U.S. stocks may be down while those from other regions of the world could be up. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help protect you somewhat from market movements, it can’t guarantee profits or prevent all losses.  
Another advantage of international investing is that it can give you more opportunities for growth. You can benefit from taking part in emerging markets that may offer significant growth potential, fueled by rising consumer spending and rapid advances in technology. Of course, you can certainly find many growth-oriented investments in the U.S., but by broadening your outlook to include the

whole world, you also widen the playing field for growth possibilities.  
While international investing does offer some clear benefits, it also carries some risks, including the following:  
• *Currency risk* – The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies will change constantly. When you invest internationally, this shifting rate can sometimes work in your favor, but it might also reduce your investment returns.  
• *Political risk* – Foreign countries may experience political turmoil that could negatively affect their financial markets and the industries and companies in which you’re investing.  
• You’ll want to weigh the benefits and risks of investing internationally before taking action. You’ll also want to think carefully about the percentage of your portfolio that you might want to devote to international investments. There’s no one “rule” regarding an appropriate amount because everyone’s situation is different. And since it’s more challenging to understand the global investment picture, you might want to consult with a financial professional. Still, it’s a big world out there — and as an investor, you may want to explore it.

Second week of newspaper annual football contest has a winner

Tim Dean of Nashville is the winner of the second week of the newspaper’s annual football contest. He was correct on seven picks including the tiebreaker. The weekly winner gets a combo meal from Starz Family Restaurant.  
Scores of the games in last week’s contest:

Fouke 39, Murfreesboro 22  
Dierks 46, Mtn. Pine 28  
Bismarck 62, Min. Springs 14  
Arkadelphia 52, H.Springs 14  
Malvern 34, Glen Rose 28  
Arkansas State 28, Tulsa 24  
Texas 31, Michigan 12  
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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



Ann Honeycutt's 1st grade from Nashville took a trip to the Musgraves train. (Front row) unknown, Pat O'Bryant, Mackie Melson, Linda Weems, Johnny Ponder, Virginia Westfall, Joe King, Claude Wooley and Benny Latimer. (Middle row) Angela Stewart, Linda Porterfield, Sharon Scoggins, Dinah Tollett, unknown, Jimmy Newburg, Chancy Floyd, Danny Power, unknown and Peggy Campbell. (Back row) Juanita Warren, Roy Blakely, Vicki Coleman and Kenny King. September 1955

119 years ago: September 1905

Charles Brewer, a white man age about 33 years, was killed by a falling tree while engaged in cutting board timber, two miles northwest of Murfreesboro last Wednesday afternoon. The tree he was engaged in felling split up the trunk some distance, and the part of the butt of the tree which split off fell upon him, pinning him to the ground. He was mashed in the hips and back.

It was said that Brewer was the coolest man in the vicinity of the accident as he told those engaged in rescuing him not to get excited as it would retard them in their rescue work.

80 years ago: September 1944

Packages may be mailed to servicemen overseas for Christmas without the usual request from the servicemen. The mailing of these Christmas packages con-

tinues until October 15. The War, Navy and Post Office Departments have urged every person desiring to send a Christmas package to men overseas or at sea in the Navy to send them early to ensure delivery by Christmas.

(Adv.) When D-Day comes the Howard Theater will be closed for the day in thankful observance of peace. K. Lee Williams Theaters Inc. K. Lee Williams president, Cecil J. Callaham, local manager.

67 years ago: September 1957

Some 60,000 turkeys grown in the Nashville area will help keep busy an extra shift at the Maple Crest processing plant in De Queen. Maple Crest announced the adoption of a 4 p.m. to midnight shift employing 76 women and 35 men who will process the turkeys. Most of the turkeys were grown in the Nashville-Hot Springs area.

(Adv.) Hollywood’s greatest Western stars Gene Autry, Annie Oakley and Foy Willings of Riders of the Purple Sage will be at the Arkansas Livestock Exposition September 30<sup>th</sup> until October 5<sup>th</sup> in Little Rock.

34 years ago: September 1990

The 1990-91 Perot Theatre series opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 20, with the Shanghai Acrobats Imperial Warriors of the Peking Opry. Membership in the Shanghai Acrobats is a coveted honor and a lifelong occupation.

In Hope a woman suspected of forgery related to the theft of government checks tried to eat the evidence. She was chewing up the checks when seized by officers.

She has also been charged with tempering with evidence and public intoxication. The latter surely is not related to eating of the checks.

# Pleas taken; sentences given during county criminal court

Pleas of true, not guilty, and no contest were taken last Wednesday during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County. An interpreter on the telephone assisted in the *nolo contendere* or no contest plea from Jose Amador, 22, Hispanic male, Nashville, who was charged with 1st degree false imprisonment, a class C felony, and 3rd degree battery, a misdemeanor. Amador’s sentence from Judge Bryan Chesshir was two years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with a further seven years suspended imposition

of sentence. On the misdemeanor charge he was given credit for jail time served. The true plea was from Davon Larry, 26, black male, Mineral Springs, who was charged with failure to meet the terms of his 2023 conviction on charges of residential burglary and theft of property. He was sentenced to two years in the ADC with a further four years suspended imposition of sentence. His ordered restitution remains. The lone not guilty plea was from Leonard Magby, 75, white male, Hot Springs, who is charged with possession of a controlled sub-

stance, class D felony. Pretrial motions will be heard Oct. 30. A failure to appear warrant was ordered for James Cox, 30, white male, Prattsville, who is charged with felony non-support. When apprehended, no bond will be set. On a failure to appear warrant issued here, Mark Brooks, 43, Dierks, was picked up in Oklahoma and will be extradited. He was charged Dec. 27, 2022, with 2nd degree battery, class D felony. Pretrial motions will be heard Sept. 25 with a trial date of Oct. 29 set.

# 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. 29 through Sept. 4, 2024, include the following:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)  
Aug. 30. Cody Garrett Kuester, 31, Nashville, and Michelle Lee Henrickson, 27, Nashville.  
Aug. 30. Donald Jay Maynard, 48, Dierks, and Misty A. Crossno, 48, Dierks.  
Aug. 30. Jose F. Salgado Pallares, 26, Horatio, and Nixey Janitza Aguilar, 21, Nashville.  
Aug. 30. John Steven Schooley, 31, Nashville, and Amber Nicole Fuller, 29, Nashville.

Sept. 4. Philip James Mascarenas, 34, Nashville, and Katelyn Donielle Teague, 36, Nashville.

**Civil Court**  
CV24-87, Aug. 29. Diamond Bank vs. Jose O. Benetiz, et al. Mortgage foreclosure.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
No new Domestic Relations cases filed since DR24-99, Aug. 26.

**Criminal Court**  
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)  
No new Criminal cases filed since CR24-74, Aug. 27.

**Land/Property Transactions**  
**Quitclaim Deeds**  
Aug. 30. C.J. Davis and wife, Judy Davis; to Cathy Pugh; 3 tracts, aggregate 50.91 ac. in S19 T5S R28W.

Sept. 4. Mark Anthony Kesterson, Ricky Joe Kesterson and wife Sally Kesterson, and Marlin Lynn Kesterson; to Kyler Ryan Turner; part of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 4, Original Town of Dierks.

**Beneficiary's Deeds**

Aug. 29. Barbara Stuart, widow of Dearl D. Stuart; to Stuart Lane Hockaday; 1-1/8 ac.  
Aug. 30. Jackie Wade Bearden, et al; to Jackie Wade Bearden and Sheila Bearden, Co-trustees of the Bearden Family Revocable Trust; 15 tracts in S36 T5S R29W.

**Fiduciary's Deeds**  
Aug. 29. John Bowden, personal representative of the estate of Milburn Bowden, deceased; to John Bowden; part of Lot 8, Block 3; and Lots 1 thru 5, Block 4, Original Town of Nashville.  
Aug. 30. Rufus E. Wolff, personal representative of the estate of Crystal A. Masey, deceased; to Louise Morris; Lot 9, Block 4, North Greenwood Subdivision, Nashville.

**Mortgagee's Deed**  
Sept. 3. Alex Faulkner, Destiny Danielle Faulkner; to First Trust Home Loans, Inc.; 0.35 ac. in S30 T9S R28W, aka 1133 Main Ave., Dierks

**Warranty Deeds**  
Aug. 29. Sunset Church of Christ, Inc.; to Gary Dan Futrell and wife, Donna C. Futrell, Trustees of the Gary Dan Futrell Revocable Trust; 0.856 ac. in S27 T9S R27W. \$40,000.  
Aug. 29. Darrin Roy Baker and wife, Victoria Mae Baker; to Lonnie Ross; Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 8,

Sunset Addition, Town of Nashville. \$150,000.  
Aug. 30. Dillon Smith and wife, Shelbi Smith; to Gordon Charles Morrow; 2 tracts, aggregate 6.5 ac. in S12 T9S R27W. \$850,000.  
Aug. 30. Stephen and Janet Jamison, husband and wife; to Dillon and Shelbi Smith, husband and wife; 3.25 ac. in S12 T9S R27W. \$25,000.  
Aug. 30. Steen Reed and wife Angie Hewett and Kerry Reed; to Pro-Fab of Northwest Arkansas, LLC; approx. 19.417 ac. in S2/S3 T9S,R27/R29 W. \$135,000.  
Sept. 4. Robert Adams; to The Robert Adams Irrevocable Trust; property in S3 T10S R27W, and also part of Lot 84, Block 5, Toland Heights Subdivision, Howard County.  
Sept. 4. (Correcting name of grantors) Archie W. Cothren and Holly F. Cothren, a married couple; to Jaron Tipton and Charlotte Tipton a married couple, and Archie W. Cothren; 9.58 ac. in S35 T7S R28.  
Sept. 4. Randall D. Hopkins and wife Maggie Ann Hopkins; to Anabel Chavez; property in S3 T8S R29W. \$220,000.  
Sept. 4. Robert L. Pope; to Tyler Pope and Samantha Pope, husband and wife; 28 ac. in S16 T11S R27W. \$61,600.

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# Point of view

## Smile ruefully

### Repeat column looks back: Once there was ‘This Guy’

(Dear Reader: Accept my apology for repeating this column from 2018. I really liked this column. Also, I've been spending too much time at the Dr.'s office and not enough time at my keyboard)

ONCE, there was This Guy. His pals really loved him and they knew he really loved them in return. This bunch liked to go duck hunting. Guns, licenses, ammo, hunting regulation books, dogs, heavy waders, etc. It was an expensive hobby. And then they needed lousy wet and cold weather. The kind of weather that appeals to ducks and duck hunters and game wardens and no one else.

I can't imagine how it could have been fun, but they'd go out and stomp through the ice to get to a 'blind,' and sit there shivering for hours hoping that some birds would fly in. Then, if they were lucky, they'd get to take a shot. Then, if they were lucky, the dogs would retrieve the ducks. Then, if they were lucky, they'd get their limit. Then, if they were lucky, they'd go home yakking all the way about how much fun it had been.

OR, if they were unlucky, they'd meet up with the game warden. This Guy and his pals met up with that game warden. They were still jovial and yakking because they weren't worried -- none of them had exceeded their limit of ducks.

The game warden was almost done with them when This Guy said, "Hey, look at this one. What kind of duck is it?" He held up an unusual-looking duck. One he had shot.

"That's a hunnerd dollar duck," the game warden said without the slightest hint of humor.

Sure enough, This Guy had to cough up \$100 at the next session of Game & Fish Court because it was illegal to kill that kind of rare duck.

His pals loved it. It was the kind of story that would get better with each telling. And it was sure to be told many, many times.

One of them found a statuette of a kiwi bird. It was about 10 inches tall. This Guy's pals spray painted it gold and printed GREBE across the front of the statuette base. Grebe was the name for the kind of duck that comes with a hunnerd dollar fine.

This Guy took it all in stride. The teasing lasted many years and hunnerds of tellings.

This Guy was a pharmacist. He worked at a few different drugstores, mostly the late and lamented Nashville Drug, over a career spanning about a half-century. The drugstore changed occasionally but one thing that didn't change was This Guy and his enjoyment of cigars.

He didn't smoke them. He just chewed on them a little bit and mostly just rolled them around in his cheek.

This Guy had a whole different circle of friends at the golf course. One of them recalled that This Guy was a terrible golfer, but was a valued member of the group because of his self-deprecating sense of humor. His golf pals loved him. They knew he really loved them in return.

This Guy also loved games of chance. He frequently said that his car knew the way to the 'boats.'

This Guy didn't drink. Didn't cuss. He did possess a fine tenor voice, and for many years was in great demand at weddings and funerals.

This Guy tried to make it in show business briefly, but returned home from the Big City secure in the belief that his true calling was behind the counter at the drug store.

This Guy was a friend of the local newspaper columnist, too. The columnist once dreamed up a contest. He asked readers to suggest the best name they ever gave to a pet cat. This Guy didn't win the contest; didn't even come close. He said he named his cat "Friendly." It almost made the columnist puke but This Guy never stopped insisting it was a great cat name.

This Guy finally reached his late 80s, rumored to be about 86. He gave up duck hunting and golfing, and retired to a quiet life mostly in seclusion.

And then he died. His end-of-life instructions were that there would be no newspaper obituary, no public church funeral service. His ashes were to be spread privately in his back yard on North Main Street, Nashville. Self-deprecating to the very end.

Well, that request was unusual, but This Guy did sometimes hear a different drummer. The newspaper's obit page this week dutifully ignores his passing.

His dear friends will miss him and they will probably re-visit their treasured stories about their hunting/golfing/gambling pal hunnerds of times until none of them are around to laugh again.

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BY THE WAY, Sammy Floyd died Wednesday, Sept. 19. He was 86, and was a retired pharmacist.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

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WORD GAMES. Another set of twins: Song and Dance. Sometimes they're about entertainment; sometimes it's a run-around.

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HE SAID: "Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself." Mark Twain, writer

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SHE SAID: "I never dwell on what happened. You can't change it. Move forward. Don't waste your energy on being angry at something that somebody did six months ago or a year ago. It's over. Done. Move forward." Joan Rivers, comedian

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

*Mine Creek Revelations*

  
By  
Louie Graves

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# Constant negativity disappointing; focus on positives of town, schools

Dear Editor,  
I am writing to express my deep disappointment with the pervasive negativity that has recently surrounded our beloved community. As a teacher who has proudly served the Nashville School District for 26 years, and as a concerned citizen, it saddens me to see the constant criticism and disheartening rhetoric that seems to dominate discussions both on-line and within our community. It's disheartening that so few have spoken up in defense of Nashville. Our city's reputation and civic pride are not just abstract concepts—they are crucial to our economic development and overall well-being. Yet, it appears

that some are more content to criticize from behind their computer screens than to step up and make a tangible difference in our community.

Our school system, in particular, has been unfairly targeted. While it's easy to blame the administration, I have witnessed firsthand how our leaders work tirelessly to do what is right for every student. They bend over backward to ensure that our schools are a place where every child can succeed, and this dedication deserves recognition, not derision.

I, for one, am ready to stand up for our community and reclaim it from those who believe they can reshape it to suit their own

interests. We have a superb city government that is committed to doing what is best for Nashville. It's time for us to stand together and show others that Nashville is a city we are proud of—a city that values its schools, businesses, and leadership.

Let's shift our focus to the positive aspects of our community. Let's celebrate the good that is being done and work together to address the challenges we face. Nashville is a place worth fighting for, and I believe that, together, we can ensure it remains a city we are all proud to call home.

Sincerely,  
Jason Newton  
A proud citizen of Nashville, AR

# Committee takes steps to protect reimbursement to local pharmacies

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.**  
A legislative committee has signed off on stronger penalties against pharmacy benefit managers that fail to reimburse local drug stores according to rates established in state law.

The Senate and House Committees on Insurance and Commerce reviewed and accepted new rules proposed by the Arkansas Insurance Department. The rules govern reimbursements paid by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to pharmacies.

An important provision in the rules prohibits PBMs from reimbursing independent pharmacies at lower rates than they pay to pharmacies owned by or affiliated with the PBMs. Also, PBMs must reimburse local pharmacies at a rate known as NADAC, which stands for national average drug acquisition cost.

Legislators have been hearing concerns from local pharmacies about the disparities in reimbursements, and about their concerns that they may have to close if PBMs don't adjust their reimbursement rates.

The Insurance Department receives about 1,500 complaints a month from local, independent pharmacies about alleged viola-

tions of the law. Regulators believe that many more possible violations are not reported because pharmacists just don't have time to fill out the paperwork.

The Department may levy a \$5,000 fine for each violation, with a cap of \$50,000. However, under the proposed new rules there would be no cap on financial penalties.

The Department notified PBMs in March that stricter rules were being proposed. In August the governor and the state Insurance Commissioner announced fines of \$1.47 million against four major PBMs.

Arkansas was one of the first states in the country to regulate PBMs, which are companies that negotiate contracts between manufacturers, health insurance providers and local pharmacies. In that role they act as a middle man, and they're instrumental in the prices that consumers pay for prescription drugs.

Since the legislature passed Act 900 of 2015, the Insurance Department has regulated the reimbursements paid by PBMs to pharmacies. Act 900 was challenged in court by PBMs but was upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

In a 2018 special session the

legislature strengthened the Insurance Department's authority to license and regulate PBMs.

The first attempt to regulate PBMs in Arkansas was in 2003. The Senate passed a bill to regulate the companies, but it died in the House.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance**

In 1993 the legislature approved Act 796 to change the law governing workers' compensation insurance. At that time, rates were increasing and the availability of insurance was decreasing. A provision in the act requires the Insurance Commissioner to present a report each year to legislators about the market for workers' compensation insurance in Arkansas.

The commissioner told legislators that the market is strong and profitable, and that rates in Arkansas were among the lowest in the country. In a nutshell, "that is good news for businesses buying coverage for employees," he said.

Before passage of Act 796 there had never been a prosecution for workers' comp fraud. Since then there have been 174 cases referred for prosecution by Department's investigators, resulting in 123 convictions.

## Sharing veterans' stories of service to their nation

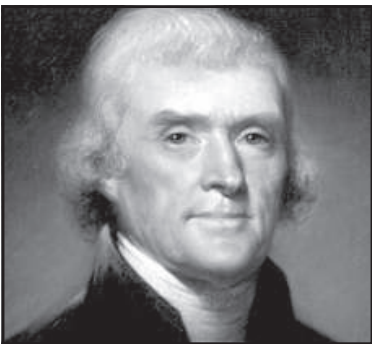
**By U.S. Sen. John Boozman**  
The service and sacrifice of Arkansans called to wear our nation's uniform are woven into the fabric of our communities. Long after men and women leave active duty, their commitment to others continues. I'm proud to share the stories of these individuals and their desire to serve for the Library

of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP).

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

If you are a veteran or have a veteran in your life who would like to participate, please reach out to

my office. We are happy to provide more information. The Library of Congress has more details about this important national project on its website. Learn more about the Arkansans we've highlighted in our Salute to Veterans feature to see examples of interviews we've been honored to conduct and share.



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# DHC to review survey; community meeting set

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

Developing Howard County will soon look through the results of an online community survey which county residents took Aug. 28-Sept. 4.

The survey provided an “opportunity for every resident to share their vision, concerns and ideas for the future of Howard County,” according to Vanessa Weeks, the county’s economic development director.

Developing Howard County has partnered with the Arkansas Economic Development Institute to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Howard County.

CEDS is “a crucial roadmap designed to guide the economic growth and resilience of Howard County over the coming years,” Weeks said. “This plan will focus on leveraging our unique strengths, addressing challenges and creating opportunities that benefit all residents across the county, including those in Nashville,

Dierks, Mineral Springs, Tollette and surrounding areas.”

One of the core components of CEDS is “gathering input from the community. We believe that the voices of our residents, business owners, educators and civic leaders are vital to shaping a strategy that truly reflects the needs and aspirations of Howard County,” Weeks said.

The survey was part of the effort to obtain comments from the public. Now that it is completed, “We are

planning a community engagement meeting,” Weeks said. The meeting is set for Nov. 1 at UA-Cossatot. The time will be announced.

“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 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.

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.



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**ANOTHER RUN-THROUGH.** Scrappers take the field at Hope for the second time Saturday, Sept. 7, after severe weather postponed the game from Friday.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**GOT HIM.** Roochie Wiley (4) stops the Hope ball carrier in Nashville’s 51-7 victory Saturday afternoon.

## Scrappers’ two-day trip to Hope evokes memories of 1996 contest

Last week’s game at Hope had a familiar ring for many Scrapper fans. In 1996, Nashville visited Hope on a Friday night, only to return the next day to finish the contest after severe weather in Hempstead County. The Scrappers won the 1996 edition 44-14 on their way to a 15-0 record and the state championship.

## Hope

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Jackson also liked the idea of a mid-afternoon kickoff because “sometimes you have to play a day game in the state finals.”

Scrapper fans “were awesome” to return in large numbers Saturday afternoon.

As for the game itself, Jackson said he was “really proud of our kids for how they played. There weren’t any doldrums” after waiting around Friday night and returning to Hope the next day.

“We came out and scored on the first drive. Our guys are football players. They were excited to play.”

Special teams “were a big highlight” of the win, according to Jackson. The Scrappers blocked a Bobcat punt, forced a safety, recovered an onside kick and picked up a Hope fumble on a kickoff return. “They were really good. I’m proud of our kids.”

Defensively, Zaccheus Harris “had an unbelievable game,” Jackson said. He had eight total tackles, three tackles for losses, a sack, and caused two turnovers.

Jaydon Williamson caused a turnover and had two sacks.

Bryce Perrin “had a heck of a game,” Jackson said. The sophomore was in on four tackles and intercepted a Bobcat pass.

Roochie Wiley and Khaleel Canady “tackled well,” according to Jackson. Canady picked off a pass.

Skyler Gibson had seven total tackles, Kellen Jackson five.

Other Scrapper defenders included Cortez Cooper, JaQuan Staggers, Abari Williams, Makha Johnson, Phil-

lip Longtin, Luke Arbuthott and Jacob Teague.

Cooper recovered an onside kick. “The onside kick was perfectly executed,” according to Jackson.

On offense, the Scrappers “didn’t run a lot of plays” because the mercy rule was in effect the second half, Jackson said. The Scrappers had 315 yards total offense, including 110 passing and 205 rushing.

Hope had 48 yards total offense.

The Scrappers picked up 15 first downs to five for the Bobcats.

Nashville lost a fumble and an interception. The Bobcats threw two interceptions and had two fumbles.

“We played good on offense. Ja’Marion Conway had a good game,” Jackson said, along with Kasen Morgan, Joe Branch, Tucker Dixon and Myles Hawthorne.

Quarterback Karson Chambers completed seven of 11 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns. He threw one interception.

Joe Branch caught two passes for 42 yards. Conway had two receptions for 40 yards and a TD. Morgan caught the ball three times for 22 yards and a touchdown. Payton Hill had one reception for six yards.



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**AT HOPE.** Karson Chambers (5) takes the snap Saturday afternoon at Hope. The Scrappers defeated the Bobcats 51-7. Nashville will host Dardanelle Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the final non-conference game. District 7-4A action will start Sept. 27.

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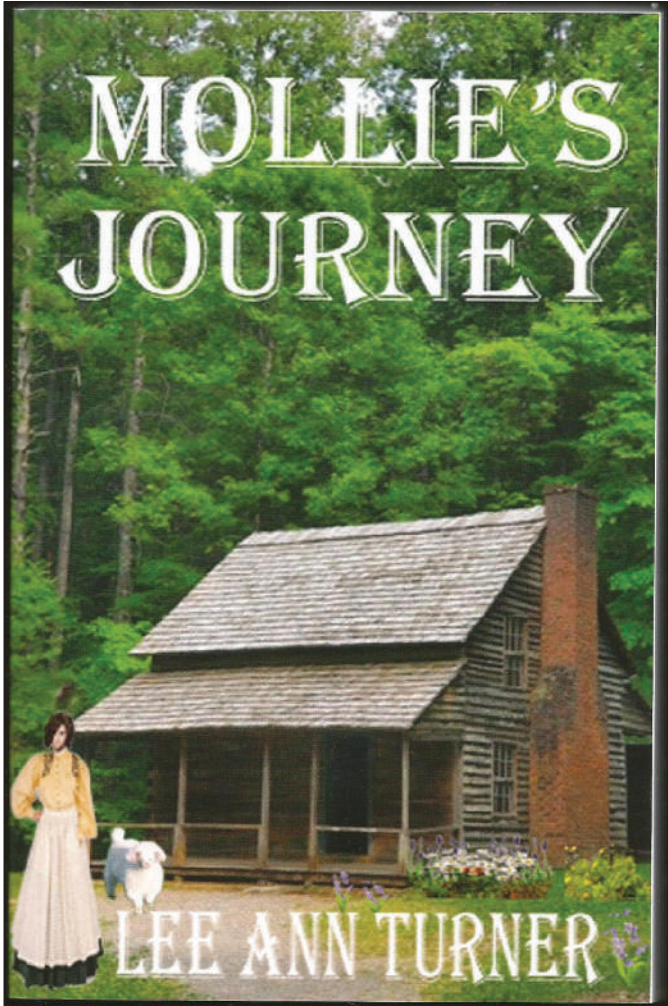


## Pike County publishes next book set in Montgomery County

Pike County author, Lee Ann Turner, has released her second novel set in Montgomery County in the late 1850's. Turner resides in Newhope and writes in her own genre, sweet historical romance, with a lot of western type action scenes and some humor thrown in.

Mollie's Journey is the tale of a young woman, Mollie McGuire, working her way across Arkansas from Little Rock to Polk County when she is a witness to a murder and has to run for her life. Finding employment in Hot Springs, she is devastated when she is unjustly accused of immorality and fired. With limited funds, she takes her baby Angora goat and through several adventures, makes her way to Caddo Gap. There Mollie is taken in by Jack Evans, a settler who has just returned home from a prospecting trip to Oklahoma.

Jack needs a housekeeper and Mollie needs a safe place in the wilderness so they come to a mutually satisfying agreement. But danger



and Mollie's past returns to haunt her. Will Mollie ever be able to make it through the wilderness to find her cousins and safety?

Turner's first book set in Montgomery County is Unexpected Journey.

Both novels are available

on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and anywhere books are sold. Locally they can be found at Life's a Hoot (Nashville), Gypsy Underground (Murfreesboro), Reese Mercantile (Dierks) and Gap Mercantile, 35 Vaught Street, in Caddo Gap.

## Sign-up now for M'boro FCC Men's Conference Oct. 19

First Christian Church of Murfreesboro is hosting a free 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 at fccmboro.org.

## 2024 Howard County Fair Exhibit Grand Champion Winners

- Sr. Flower Show – Cut Flower:** Pearlie Snell  
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**Sr. Needlework – Afghan:** Lynn Gleba  
**Sr. Needlework – Cross Stitch:** Carol Mitchell  
**Jr. Needlework – Quilt:** Emmie Trombley  
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**Jr. Photography:** Emiline Petty  
**Sr. Home Arts:** Wade Bearden  
**Sr. Home Arts:** Calvin Parker  
**Jr. Home Arts:** Christian Trombley  
**Jr. Home Arts:** Tyler Hathcoat  
**Reserve Grand Jr. Home Arts:** Tanner Harris  
**Sr. Art:** Renata Vilar  
**Jr. Art:** Klaire Hendry  
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**Jr. Horticulture:** Barron Kitchens  
**Sr. Baked Goods:** Dana Newberg  
**Jr. Baked Goods:** Brody Cupples  
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**Sept. 5, 2024**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Howard County**  
Abernathy, Richard, 56, Story, \$240 BF, speeding  
Aguilar, Emanuel, 33, De Queen, guilty of speeding, fined \$230  
Banks, Jordan P., 34, Hope, \$210 BF, overweight on license  
Blount, William Conrad, 47, Nashville, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$710  
Brazil, Kevin Bernard Jr., 27, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Brewer, Jermar R., 39, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding  
Cook, Darius R., 25, Texarkana, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Cook, Love K., 74, Umpire, \$220 BF, selling tobacco to minor  
Cox, John Mark Jr., 48, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Esters, Dasianelle, 26, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Faulkner, Jason R., 36, Dierks, \$230 BF, speeding  
Fields, Edmande R., 25, Ashdown, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of following too close, fined \$195  
Formby, Nicholas Ryan, 36, Texarkana, \$405 BF, speeding  
Furr, Slade Davan, 22, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Harper, Shelby L., 64, Washington, \$250 BF, speeding  
Hazelwood, Cory, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$205 owed  
Hernandez, Jimmy, 14, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Jefferson, Kiera, 33, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Lewis, Joshua William, 33, Prescott, guilty of speeding, fined \$240  
Olvera, Guadalupe, 21, Gilliam, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving; \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Osura, Okalay, 17, Gilliam, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving; \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Ray, Shana Marie, 50, Lockesburg, \$195 BF, improper use or display of tags  
Robinson, Sammy, 61, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
Smith, Cheyenne G., 16, Nashville, \$345 BF, careless

or prohibited driving  
Stuart, Keith, 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$481 owed  
Trejo Baltazar, Cain, 37, De Queen, guilty of no driver's license/expired license; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Watson, Dajanae G., 19, Mineral Springs, \$220 BF, possessing open alcohol container in vehicle  
Williams, Devin Markel, 29, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
**City of Nashville**  
Bautista Herrera, Eduardo, 20, Hope, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Brooks, Stacy Camille, 62, Hope, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$240 BF, speeding  
Caalico, Yarman Israel, 20, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Cannon, Anthony, 38, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Carver, Caitlin, 24, De Queen, \$235 BF, allowing unauthorized driver; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Ford, Travon, 35, Nashville, guilty of tinted windows, fined \$195; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Hill, Pedro A., 42, De Queen, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Hinton, Larry, 53, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Johnson, Ebony Nicole, 34, Stamps, \$270 BF, disorderly conduct  
Knox, Antonio, 37, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195  
Martinez, David L., 28, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610 and sentenced to 10 days in jail  
Rhodes, Quantevin Marie, 23, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,200 owed  
Sharp, James, 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Smith, Jalexysa M., 19, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of marijuana,

fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560  
Staggers, Nathaniel L., 46, Nashville, no proof of liability insurance, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss, fined \$345  
Tallant, Kathrine, 39, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license  
Thomas, Evan, 43, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$5,976 owed, sentenced to 30 days in jail  
Trotter, Robert Lee, 63, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,585 owed, committed to jail for 30 days  
Vaughn, Angela, 39, Fulton, guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of possessing open alcohol container in vehicle, fined \$220  
Vaught, Faith L., 28, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$250  
Wakefield, Matthew, 36, Nashville, guilty of violation of city ordinance - dogs running at large with three counts under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$150  
Wallace, Ronnie D., 29, Chidester, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345

Wright, Caitlin Elizabeth, 34, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
**City of Mineral Springs**  
Finley, Ashley Monique, 34, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70  
Harris, Trayvion, 18, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70  
Keele, Lee Roy Jr., 42, Texarkana, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
**City of Tollette**  
Hamilton, Dameyon Shaquille, 30, Ashdown, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Hopkins, Justin D., 35, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$220 BF, drinking on highway  
**Bench Trials**  
**Howard County**  
Brown, Dekarreïn Travez, 25, Texarkana, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$295  
**City of Nashville**  
Cox, John Mark Jr., 48, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Jackson, James D., 58, Nashville, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for three months to dismiss, fined \$710



Annual nut sale underway to raise scholarship funds

The Mine Creek Conservation District is now taking orders for Arkansas-grown shelled pecans and raw shelled peanuts to raise money for the district's annual scholarship program.  
The district sponsors a \$500 scholarship each year to a Howard County high school senior who plans on pursuing a career in a conservation related field of study. The funds raised from the nut sale goes to this scholarship fund.  
The selection includes:  
Fresh Shelled Pecans halves or pieces 1 lb bag-\$10  
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Cashews 1 lb bag \$10  
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## Learning About Hispanic Heritage

I love flying over our beautiful country and seeing all kinds of families doing things together. On this page we celebrate families of Hispanic heritage. We learn about how they have shaped the history of the United States. People of Hispanic heritage have come to the U.S. from countries such as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico and other parts of Central and South America. They may speak slightly different versions of the Spanish language, and possess a range of identities and cultures, but they have one thing in common – they are part of the American story!

**Can you read the clues to identify these Hispanic Americans?**

- Antonia Coello \_\_\_\_\_ - the first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General; also the first woman to hold the position
- Cesar \_\_\_\_\_ - went to many elementary schools while traveling to farms with his family to work; he started a labor union to get fair wages, better housing and to improve other conditions for farm workers
- Oscar \_\_\_\_\_ - won a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1990) for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*
- Alex \_\_\_\_\_ - youngest major league baseball player to hit 600 home runs
- Ellen \_\_\_\_\_ - first female Hispanic astronaut
- Susana \_\_\_\_\_ - Governor of New Mexico, born in Texas; family of Mexican heritage
- Prudencio and Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ - began a company called Goya, producing Hispanic foods; the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the U.S.
- Luis Walter \_\_\_\_\_ - won the Nobel Prize in Physics (1968): he and his son declared that the mass dinosaur extinction was caused by a meteor impact
- Rita \_\_\_\_\_ - first Hispanic actress to win an Oscar
- Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ - great woman golfer; got first set of golf clubs at age 8

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Murfreesboro Diamond photo

Murfreesboro High School has announced the 2024 Homecoming Court maids along with Queen Jocce Holt. Pictured (L to R) are sophomore Bella Frazier, junior Sydney Braden, senior Reid Spradlin, Queen Jocce Holt, senior Natalie Perrin, junior Teegan Barnett, junior Mabree Sweat and sophomore Ramsey Terrell. Also pictured is (bottom row, L to R) queen's attendants Wiley Lamb, Bailey Chesshir and Walden Caldwell. The Rattlers' 2024 homecoming game against Foreman will be played at Rattler Stadium on Friday, Oct. 4 starting at 7 p.m., with homecoming festivities beginning at approximately 6:15 p.m.



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Scrappers take win in two-day game

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Scrapper team captains Landon Arbuthnott, Alexis Brizo, Phillip Longtin and Logan Pennington join Coach Shawn Jackson as they make their way to midfield for the coin toss Friday, Sept. 6, at Hope. Minutes later, adverse weather hit the Hope area, postponing the game to Saturday, Sept. 7. Nashville won 51-7.



Nashville students celebrate following another Scrapper touchdown Saturday afternoon in Hope. The Scrappers defeated the Bobcats 51-7 in the non-conference game, which saw the coin toss Friday night, Sept. 6. Before the kickoff, officials first postponed the game because of lightning, then moved it to Saturday.



Tucker Dixon runs for a touchdown Saturday afternoon in the Scrappers' 51-7 victory at Hope. Nashville will host Dardanelle Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m.



Ja'Marion Conway scores in the first quarter of the Scrappers' game Sept. 7 against Hope. Nashville led 42-0 at halftime to put the mercy rule into effect the second half.



Bryce Perrin (27) intercepts a Hope pass in front of the would-be Bobcat receiver Saturday during Nashville's 51-7 road win.

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**OUTLAW HOMECOMING.** These senior Dierks Outlaws (along with homecoming attendant Logan Walston) picked up a 48-28 homecoming Friday night on Ayers Field at Dierks. They include (from left) LandenYoung, Juan Salazar, Caleb Woodall, Justin Humphreys, Captains Greyson Kersey and Jeron Hill, Kason Dougan, Jordan Hill, Sam Ernest and PJ Icenhower.



**ALL SMILES AFTER TD.** Dierks Outlaw Juan Salazar (below) after scoring one of his two touchdowns Friday night against Mountain Pine. Outlaw defenders (below) Jordan Hill (#4), Jeron Hill (#72) and Greyson Kersey (#5) at work against the Red Devils.



# Dierks Outlaws rebound with 46-28 homecoming win

The Dierks Outlaws righted the ship Friday night after a dismal showing to open the season and picked up a 46-28 homecoming win over the Mountain Pine Red Devils (0-2).

Dierks evened their record to 1-1 in a game that dodged the area storms and saw the Outlaws having to hustle to defend a 22-6 half-time lead..

The visitors opened the scoring with six points in the first quarter and was quickly countered by a 15-yard TD run from Outlaw senior Juan Salazar. With a 6-6 tie, the rest of the half was dominated by the Outlaw offense and senior runner Jordan Hill, who ended the night with 12 carries for 215 yards, three long touchdowns and a TD pass reception.

Hill broke a 53-yard TD to break the tie with senior Greyson Kersey adding the two-point conversion. The Outlaws' final points of the half came from a 43-yard TD run by Hill and two more points from Kersey to set the 22-6 score at the half.

The Outlaws were first on the board in the second half when Salazar scored from 40 yards out. After a stop by the defense, the Outlaw offense went back on the board when quarterback Peyton Boeckman found Hill for a 23-yard TD pass.

Mountain Pine posted six points in the third with a two-yard running play for a 34-12 score at the end of three quarters.

The Red Devils outscored the Outlaws 16-12 in the final quarter but another long TD from Hill (49 yards) and a five-yard rush from Kersey were enough to hold off for the 46-28 win.

Dierks collected 416 yards of offense with Boeckman hitting one of five passes for 23 yards and one TD. The Outlaws rushed 37 times for 393 yards, six TDs and one two-point play. They were 1/1 in the fumble department.

Dierks was penalized six times for 54 yards and were 4/6 on third-down conversions.

Mountain Pine had 341 yards of offense with 11/16 passes for 129 yards and one TD. The Devils carried the ball 45 times for 212 yards, three TDs and one two-point play. QB Slaten threw two interceptions, one collected by Hill and one by senior Justin Humphreys. Their offense also was 1/1 in fumbles.

MP was flagged seven times for 52 yards and were 3/10 on third-down conversions and 3/3 on fourth-down conversions.

Adding to the Outlaw running game was Salazar 7/84 yards with two TDs, Kersey with 7/45 yards and one TD, Alex Roberts 7/34 yards, Caleb Woodall 3/6 yards and Drake Thatcher 1/9 yards.

Senior Kason Dougan dominated the Outlaw tackle chart with 10 solo stops and two assists followed by Kersey (7), Jordan Hill (6), Jeron Hill (6) and Boeckman (5).

The Outlaws will hit the road Friday, Sept. 13 for a non-conference game with Parkers Chapel. Kickoff is set for 7:00.

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# Bismarck trips up Hornets in opener

The Mineral Springs Hornets got the season off to a rocky start Friday night at home with a 62-14 loss to the Bismarck Lions.

The opener for the Hornets was anything but normal with the scorebook not working for the first half and time being kept on the field by officials. The play clock did work but there was also bouts of rain and a lengthy lightning delay that started just as the first half ended.

The word of the delay was delayed getting to the announcer in the press box and the Bismarck marching band took the field for its halftime performance. The announcement for the first delay was made around the time the second 30-minute delay was set. Head Coach Jason Hathcock said the teams resumed play at 9:15.

The Lions (2-0) were leading at the half 21-14. The Hornets gave up a touchdown on the Lions' opening drive of the second half and then the visitors collected an interception from Hornet quarterback Evan Erwin that was turned into more points. The Hornets found themselves down three scores, and then four before Hathcock removed all his starters and "subbed completely."

"We had a tough night, but that game does not define who we are, but rather where we are at right now," said the Hornet coach. "We ran out of gas, so conditioning is the key emphasis moving forward. We have a lot of kids playing both ways."

"Secondly, we have several players that started for the first time last night and there is no substitute for experience. I have no doubt that the kids we have on this team will continue to work and improve with resilient effort."

The Hornets totaled 226 yards but had five offensive turnovers, most of which the Lions took advantage of with points. MS also had two unsuccessful fake punt attempts in the first half.

QB Evans rushed the ball seven times for 55 yards and hit 7/17 passes for 72 and one touchdown and one two-point conversion. He also threw two interceptions while Brandon Allen was also picked off by the Lions.

Malik Matthews rushed 11 times for 53 yards and caught a two-point pass.

Javeon Fricks had four pass receptions for 64 yards and had a 95-yard kick return for a TD.

Keithen Dixon rushed three times for 18 yards and caught one pass for a TD in the second quarter.

The 0-1 Hornets will be on the road Friday, Sept. 13 for a non-conference game against the Fordyce Red-bugs.



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**MINERAL SPRINGS OFFENSE.** Quarterback Evan Erwin (at left) and running back Malik Matthews working against the Bismarck Lions defense Friday night at Mineral Springs.

# Rattlers play at Fouke; handed second loss by Panthers

FOUKE -- The Murfreesboro Rattlers' loss at Fouke 39-22 last Friday night sets them at 0-2 to start the season headed into a bye week.

Coach Brad Chesshir said that the team has a good week of preparation in practice headed into the game.

"Defensively, we weren't prefect, but we were solid. We gave up one big explosive play in the first half that killed us"

Two short segments of the game -- toward the end of the second quarter and the start of the third quarter -- would ultimately doom the Rattlers' hopes of a victory.

Chesshir said the team "should have been up a touchdown at half" but a false start penalty killed a drive in the red zone.

That's something we can't do ... anytime an offense has a negative play, the odds of scoring go way down. We have to get better."

Then the first four minutes of the second half was describe by Chesshir as the "worst four minutes of my coaching career."

He said his team was caught in quicksand they couldn't escape, and while the team had good energy returning from the locker room, it really all got away from MHS so quickly.

"When you look at the football game, there were three plays that just haunt me -- three explosive runs we gave up that we just can't give up. One was on the first drive of the game, the other two were on the first plays of the two drives of the second half. We got out of position, didn't field the way we were supposed to on the defensive line and linebacker. It usually comes down to one person out of position -- and it killed us, leading to big runs."

Chesshir said the team went into the game knowing the Foreman starting running back was dangerous, but still "three plays killed us."

Then an interception returned for a touchdown increased the Rattlers' misery and ultimately created the cliché hole too big to climb out of halfway through the third quarter.

"They jumped on us quick and that's something we just can't allow moving forward. We have to be really good for four quarters -- not just two ... and we weren't great for the first two."

Chesshir said the offense

was able to move the ball "at times" but there were too many mistakes on behalf of the offensive line for consistent success.

"It killed us, and we have to get better up front. We have to have better form, technique, stance, splits, running our feet and knowing exactly where to go. It's like we are thinking too much and not just playing at a high level offensive line, tight ends and our blocking game. We have to get better there."

Chesshir said that he wanted to take nothing away from Fouke's effort, and he wishes them "nothing but the very best" moving forward in their Class 3A slate.

"It's just a game where we had a lot of self-inflicted wounds that we have to clean up."

After not seeing as much progress as he wanted from game one to game two, Chesshir said the next two weeks will be vital for his Rattlers moving forward.

"Defensively, in the first half -- you take away the one big play -- I thought we swarmed and tackled a little better [than versus Centerpoint] ... but it wasn't perfect and not up to our

standard. There were areas of improvement, but just not as much as you'd hope. We need this open week -- we need to get our minds right and get back to us, go get better."

Chesshir admits the first two games were knowingly going to provide his squad a double edged sword -- tough opponents that provided opportunities for growth.

"We have to stay positive as a team, continue to coach as coaches, and go get better this week. We have two full weeks of practice and prep just to clean up all the things we haven't done well. We have to take full advantage of that."

Chesshir, who has previously admitted to not being a fan of open weeks from a coaching perspective, was very succinct in response to why he's happy about one now.

"It comes at a good time."

Statistically, the team was led at Fouke by Bubba Stinson, who gained 77 yards on eight attempts.

Brody Maroon had 38 yards and a TD on eight attempts, while Lathan Compton had 33 yards on seven attempts.

Kooper Caldwell would rush twice for six yards and



**RATTLER OFFENSE IN ACTION.** Lathan Compton is the ballcarrier here in the loss at Fouke.

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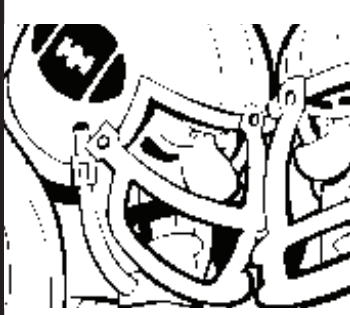
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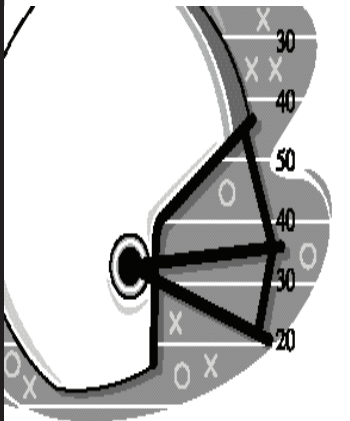
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Hayden Gray (14) holds as Alexis Brizo kicks one of his seven PATs in Nashville's 51-7 road win over the Hope Bobcats Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7. The game was scheduled for Friday night, Sept. 6, but thunderstorms in the Hope area resulted in numerous weather delays and forced the contest to be moved to Saturday.



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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

FOR HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, Howard County, Arkansas is establishing a Drug-Free Workplace Policy;

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

SECTION 1. Purpose of Policy

Howard County has a vital interest in providing for the safety and well-being of all employees and the public and maintaining efficiency and productivity in all of it’s operations. In fulfillment of its responsibilities, Howard County is committed to the maintenance of a drug and alcohol-free workplace.

Howard County and certain employees who drive commercial motor vehicles are subject to the requirements of federal statutes and implementing regulations issued by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. However, certain county employees who perform safety and security-sensitive functions are not covered by the foregoing provision. In addition, the County has an interest in maintaining the efficiency, productivity and well-being of employees who do not perform safety or security-sensitive functions. To further provide a safe environment for Howard County employees and the public, Howard County has adopted the following Drug-Free Workplace Policy for those employees who are not covered by federal law.

This policy does not govern or apply to employees who are subject to testing as commercial motor vehicle operators under the foregoing federal law and regulations. They are governed by a separate policy enacted pursuant to that legislation. However, such employees may be tested as authorized by this policy if the circumstances giving rise to such testing do not arise from the employee’s operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. Policy Statement

(a) All employees must be free from the effects of illegal drugs and alcohol during scheduled working hours as a condition of employment. Drinking alcoholic beverages or using drugs while on duty, on County property, in County vehicles, during breaks or at lunch, or working or reporting for work when impaired by or under the influence of alcohol, or when drugs and/or drug metabolites are present in the employee’s system, is strictly prohibited and grounds for disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge. In addition, employees are subject to disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge for the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, concealment or sale of alcohol or drugs while on duty, on County property, in County vehicles, during breaks or at lunch.

(b) The County reserves the right to require employees to submit to urine drug testing and Breathalyzer alcohol testing to determine usage of drugs and /or alcohol as provided below. Employees must submit to all required tests. Any employee who refuses to submit to any required test without a valid medical explanation will be subject to immediate discharge. Refusal to execute any required consent forms, refusal to cooperate regarding the collection of samples, or submission or attempted submission of an adulterated or substituted urine sample shall be deemed refusal to submit to a required test.

(c) The County also reserves the right to require return to duty and follow-up testing as a result of a condition of reinstatement or continued employment in conjunction with or following completion of an approved drug and /or alcohol treatment, counseling or rehabilitation program.

SECTION 3. Safety and Security-Sensitive Positions Defined

(a) A safety-sensitive position is one in which a momentary lapse of attention may result in grave and immediate danger to the public. The following positions are considered safety sensitive:

- (1) Law enforcement officers who carry fire-arms and jailers.
- (2) Motor vehicle operators who carry passengers including, but not limited to, ambulance drivers, bus or jitney drivers, and drivers who transport other county employees where the operation of a motor vehicle is not incidental to the employee’s occupation. For the purposes of this section, a “motor vehicle” is defined as every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric motor.
- (3) Fire department employees and volunteer firefighters who directly participate in fire-fighting activities.
- (4) Mechanics, welders and sheet metal workers who work on vehicles designed to carry passengers such as police cruisers, vans, trucks, and the like.
- (5) Emergency medical technicians, emergency services dispatchers, and rescue workers.
- (6) Operators of heavy equipment, including front-end loaders, trucks, riding lawn mowers, or other similar equipment, where the equipment is used around individuals, alongside the public right of way, or on public roads.
- (7) Other employees whose duties meet the definition of safety or security sensitive after consultation with and approval by the Association of Arkansas Counties, and where the operation of a motor vehicle is not incidental to the employee’s occupation.
- (b) A security sensitive position includes:
- (1) Any deputy, investigator, jailer, dispatcher and Sheriff’s department employee, including clerical workers, having access to information concerning ongoing criminal investigations and criminal cases, which information could, if revealed, compromise, hinder or prejudice the investigation or prosecution of the case.
- (2) The County also considers law enforcement officers as holding security-sensitive positions because of their duty to enforce the laws pertaining to the use of illegal substances. Deputies who themselves use such substances may be unsympathetic to the enforcement of the law and subject to blackmail and bribery.

SECTION 4. Drug-Free Awareness Program/Education and Training

The County will establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to assist employees to understand and avoid the perils of drug and alcohol abuse. The County will use this program in an ongoing education effort to prevent and eliminate drug and alcohol abuse that may affect the workplace.

The County’s Drug-Free Awareness Program will inform employees about: (1) the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace; (2) the County’s policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol-free workplace; (3) the availability of

drug and alcohol treatment, counseling, and rehabilitation programs; and (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug and alcohol abuse violations.

As part of the Drug-Free Awareness Program, the County shall provide educational materials that explain the County’s policies and procedures. Employees shall be provided with information concerning the effects of alcohol and drug use on an individual’s health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of an alcohol or drug problem; and available methods of intervening when an alcohol or drug problem is suspected, including confrontation and / or referral to management.

Supervisors who may be asked to determine whether reasonable suspicion exists to require an employee to undergo drug and /or alcohol testing shall receive at least 60 minutes of training on alcohol misuse and 60 minutes of training on drug use. The training shall cover the physical, behavioral, speech, and performance indicators of probable alcohol misuse and drug use.

SECTION 5. Prohibited Substances/Legal Drugs/Unauthorized Items

(a) Prohibited Substances. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are considered to be prohibited substances in the workplace. For purposes of this policy, the term “drugs” includes controlled substances( as identified in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC 812, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as defined in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Ark. Code Ann. 5-64-2-1 et seq., or as defined by federal and state law), including synthetic narcotics, designer drugs, and prescription drugs, excepting: prescription drugs approved by and used in accordance with the directions of the employee’s physician.

(b) The abuse, overmedication, inappropriate consumption, or mistreatment of prescription drugs approved by the employee’s physician is considered to be the abuse of “drugs” as stated in 5(a) of this Ordinance.

(c) Legal Drugs. The appropriate use of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications is not prohibited. Any employee using a prescription drug should consult with his/her physician and pharmacist regarding the effects of the drug. Employees should read all labels carefully.

(d) Unauthorized Items. Employees may not have any unauthorized items in their possession or in any area used by them or under their control. Unauthorized items include, but are not limited to, alcoholic beverage containers and drug paraphernalia.

SECTION 6. Use of Alcohol and Drugs/Prohibited Conduct

All employees covered under this policy are subject to the following prohibitions regarding the use of alcohol and drugs (controlled substances):

- (1) Employees shall not report for duty or remain on duty while impaired by the consumption of alcohol. An employee will be deemed to be impaired by alcohol if that employee has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04% or greater.
- (2) Employees shall not consume alcohol while on duty.
- (3) Employees required to undergo post-accident testing shall not use alcohol for 8 hours following the accident, or until they undergo a post-accident alcohol test.
- (4) Employees shall submit to all authorized drug or alcohol tests.
- (5) Employees shall not report for duty or remain on duty while under the influence of any controlled substance, except when the use thereof is pursuant to the instructions of a licensed physician who has advised the employee that the effect of the substance on the employee does not pose a significant risk of substantial harm to the employee or others in light of his/her normal job duties.
- (6) Employees shall not abuse, knowingly overmedicate, inappropriately consume, or otherwise mistreat any prescription drugs approved by the employee’s physician.
- (7) Employees shall not possess, smoke, or otherwise use medical marijuana while on county premises or while on duty.

In addition, subject to disciplinary rules set forth below, employees who are found to have an alcohol concentration of 0.02% or greater, but less than 0.04%, in any authorized alcohol test shall be removed from duty and may not return to duty until the start of the employee’s next regularly scheduled shift, but not less than 24 hours following administration of the test.

The foregoing rules shall apply to all employees and shall apply while on duty, during periods when they are on breaks or at lunch, or not performing safety or security sensitive functions.

SECTION 7. When Drug and Alcohol Testing May Be Required of All Employees

Employees (and applicants) covered by this policy shall be required to submit to urine testing for use of prohibited drugs and/or Breathalyzer alcohol testing in the following circumstances:

- (a) When the county has reasonable suspicion that an employee has violated any of the above prohibitions regarding us of alcohol or drugs.
- For purposes of this rule, reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the employee. The required observations must be made by a supervisor or county official or employee who is trained in detecting the signs and symptoms of misuse of alcohol and drug use or based on reasonable suspicion when verified by two such persons.
- (b) Return to duty testing is required after an employee has engaged in any of the above prohibitions concerning use of alcohol or drugs unless the violation results in termination.
- (c) As part of a pre-employment physical examination after a conditional job offer has been made, a fitness for duty physical examination, or any other lawful required periodic physical examination. Non-safety and non-security sensitive positions will not be required to undergo a pre-employment drug or alcohol test unless the applicant is otherwise required to undergo a pre-employment physical examination after a conditional job offer has been extended to the employee.
- (d) When the County management has a reasonable suspicion based on observations or credible information submitted to the County, that the employee is currently using, impaired by or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- (e) When an employee suffers an on-the-job injury or following a serious or potentially serious accident or incident in which safety precautions were violated, equipment or property was damaged, an employee or other person was injured, or careless acts were performed by the employee. Such testing will be required of non-safety sensitive employees only when such factors, when taken alone or in combination with other factors, give rise to reasonable suspicion that the employee may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

(f) As part of a return to duty or follow-up drug and /or alcohol test required under an agreement allowing an employee to return to duty following disciplinary action for a positive drug and /or alcohol test, or as the result of a condition of continued employment or reinstatement in conjunction with or following completion of an approved drug and /or alcohol treatment, counseling or rehabilitation program.

In order to return to duty, an employee who has a positive drug or alcohol test (i.e. a verified positive drug test or an alcohol test indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater) must have a verified negative drug test and /or an alcohol test indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and be evaluated and released by a substance abuse professional (SAP). In addition, the employee shall be subject to follow-up testing for a period not to exceed 24 Months from the date of the employee’s return to duty, in accordance with an SAP’s recommendations. (The County also reserves the right to require return to duty and follow-up testing of an employee who has an alcohol test indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater, but less than 0.04, based on an SAP’s recommendations.)

(g) When any prohibited drug or alcoholic beverage is found in an employee’s possession.

(h) When the laboratory values in any authorized drug test indicated the need for additional testing, as determined by the Medical Review Officer (MRO), or where any authorized drug test must be canceled due to a collection, chain of custody or other procedural problem.

SECTION 8. When Drug and Alcohol Testing May Be Required of Employees Holding Safety and Security-Sensitive Positions

Employees in (and applicants for) safety and security-sensitive positions shall be required to submit to urine testing for use of prohibited drugs and/or Breathalyzer alcohol testing in the foregoing and in the following circumstances:

- (a) When a safety-sensitive employee is involved in an accident involving a motor vehicle on a public road, and the employee’s position is safety-sensitive because it involves driving a motor vehicle.
- (b) Random testing for drugs (but not alcohol) will be conducted. In order to treat all employees as equally as possible, and to maintain consistency in the administration of its efforts to maintain a drug-free workplace, random testing under this policy will be governed by 49 U.S.C. 31306 and implementing regulations to the extent that it is lawful and feasible to do so.

SECTION 9. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

(a) Employees may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge, for any of the following infractions:

- (1) Refusal to submit to an authorized drug or alcohol test. Refusal to submit to testing means that the employee fails to provide an adequate urine or breath sample for testing without a valid medical explanation after he/she has received notice of the requirement to be tested or engages in conduct that clearly obstructs the testing process. Refusal to submit to testing includes but is not limited to refusal to execute any required consent forms, refusal to cooperate regarding the collection of samples, and/or submission or attempted submission of an adulterated or substituted urine sample.
- (2) Drinking alcoholic beverages or using drugs while on duty, on County property, in County vehicles, during breaks or at lunch.
- (3) Unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, concealment, or sale of any prohibited substance, including an alcoholic beverage, while on duty, on County property, in County vehicles, during breaks or at lunch.
- (4) Any criminal drug statute conviction and /or failure to notify the County of such conviction within five (5) days.
- (5) Refusal to cooperate in a search.
- (6) Having an alcohol concentration of 0.04% or greater in any authorized alcohol test.
- (7) Testing positive for drugs and /or their metabolites in any authorized drug test. Except, employees authorized to use medical marijuana under the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment are not subject to discipline solely because of a positive test for marijuana.

Although the foregoing infractions will ordinarily result in discharge regardless of the employee’s position, the County reserves the right to consider extenuation circumstances and impose lesser discipline when such action is deemed appropriate.

SECTION 10: 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 exist, and that this Ordinance is to be in effect immediately from and after its passage. PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August 2024.


APPROVED: Brent Pinkerton  
HOWARD COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: Keri Teague  
HOWARD COUNTY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS AND EMPLOYMENT WITH HOWARD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Howard County, Arkansas has established a Drug-Free Workplace Policy;

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution Amendment 98 provides protections under the law for medical marijuana qualifying patients;

WHEREAS, Amendment 98 also provides employers certain rights under the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 98, Sec. 3, allows for employers to exclude qualifying patients from safety sensitive positions for the safety of themselves and others.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT;

Section 1. **Exclusion.** Qualifying patients are excluded from being employed in or performing a safety sensitive position when the qualifying patient is engaged in the current use of marijuana, based upon a good-faith belief of the Howard County Judge or Howard County Sheriff.

Section 2. **Definitions.** All definitions used in this ordinance shall have the meaning assigned to them under the Arkansas Constitution Amendment 98, Section 2. The relevant definitions are:  
“Current use of marijuana”  
“Qualifying patient”  
“Good faith belief”  
“Positive test result for marijuana”  
“Safety sensitive position”

See Exhibit A attached to this ordinance for the current definitions under Arkansas Constitution Amendment 98, Section 2, however, if the Amendment is amended in the future those amendments will control this ordinance.

Section 3. **Scope.** This ordinance is not intended to repeal or replace any other ordinance but is intended to supplement the Howard County, Arkansas personnel policies already in existence.

SECTION 4: **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 exist, and that this Ordinance is to be in effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

APPROVED: Brent Pinkerton  
HOWARD COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: Keri Teague  
HOWARD COUNTY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8

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 \$24,257.52. The increase comes from reimbursement for the March Preferential Primary Election held on March 5, 2024, from the State Board of Election Commissioners.

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  
August 19, 2024  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 19, 2024 at or about 12:00PM, the subject real property described herein below will be sold at the Main Entrance of the Howard County Courthouse, 421 N. Main St., Nashville, AR 71852 to the highest bidder for cash. The sale will extinguish all interests, including those of existing lien holders or previous owners in the property. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH THE TIME OF SALE AND ALL TRANSFER TAXES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER.

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.  
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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  
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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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELISSA JANE BROWN, DECEASED  
NO. 31PR-24-63

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 1512 Schaal Road, Mineral Springs, AR 71851  
Date of death: March 30, 2024

An instrument dated August 30, 2022, was on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above-named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be affected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published this 11th day of September, 2024.

Jay Brown, Executor  
BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116  
Attorney at Law  
420 N. Main, Suite One  
P. O. Box 922  
Nashville, AR 71852  
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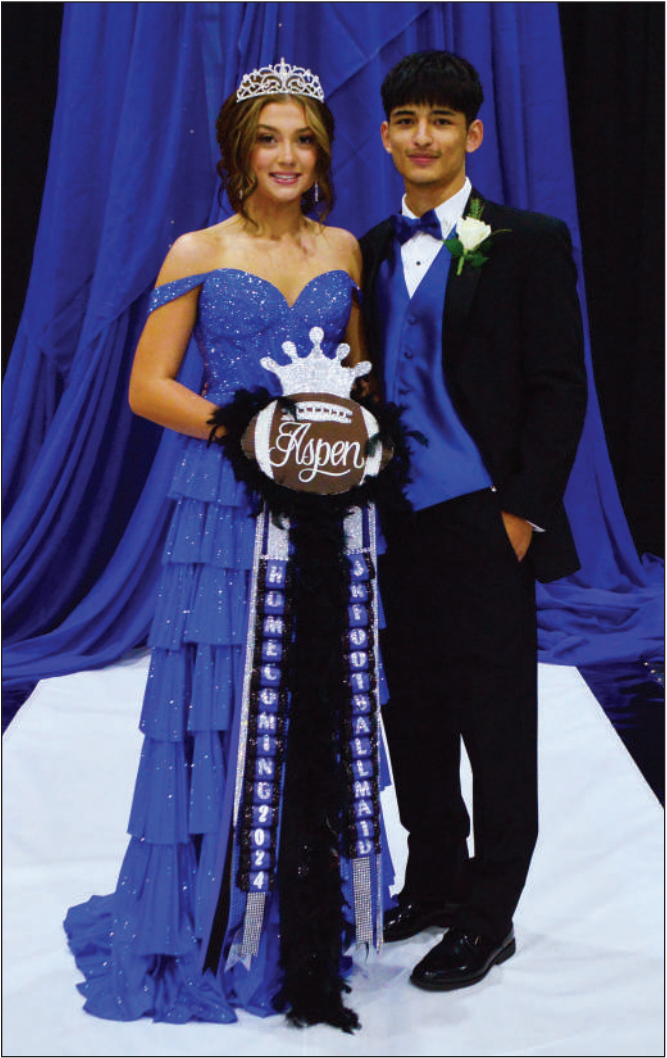
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# Nashville linksters earn wins in four-team match at home

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Scrapperette Parker Tate competes in a match with De Queen, Malvern and Ash-down Monday, Sept. 9, at the Nashville Country Club. NHS teams won the event.



Rayleigh Harmon is ready for the shot.



Zeus Hutchinson eyes the ball.



Maddon Arnold follows his shot Monday afternoon in Nashville.

## Junior Scrappers defeat Genoa Central

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers defeated Genoa Central 42-8 Thursday, Sept. 5, at Scrapper Stadium. Quarterback Jacoby Hopson completed four of five passes for 47 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran the ball twice for 29 yards. Jakhari Starr had eight carries for 152 yards and three touchdowns. Gauge Applegate caught the ball twice for 17 yards and a touchdown. Draven Weeks had two carries for 18 yards and a TD.

The Scrappers had 274 yards total offense, including 211 rushing and 63 passing. On defense, Isaiah Hawthorne and Aiden Bradley were the leading tacklers with three each. Bo Dean and Blake Moody had 2.5 tackles each. Other Scrapper tack-

lers were Bayron Murillo, Khamari Canaday, Parker Webb, Nilson Henriquez, Nathan Jacoby, Jace Wright, Hayden Crabtree, Weeks, Lonnie Coulter, Applegate, Hopson, Bracen James, Drew Gitchell, J.T. Smalley and Kiron Johnson. James made one interception.

## SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Zaccheus Harris, Nashville



**Zaccheus, a Scrapper junior,** “had an unbelievable game,” Coach Shawn Jackson said. He recorded four tackles, four assists, one sack and three tackles for losses in Nashville’s 51-7 road win over Hope Saturday, Sept. 7.



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Garrison Jackson (87) scores on a pass from Eli Livingston in Ouachita Baptist University's 42-3 win over Southwestern Oklahoma State Sept. 5 in the first game of the season at Cliff Harris Stadium. OBU has won 17 straight season openers.



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Kendel Givens scores one of his two touchdowns Sept. 5 in OBU's Great American Conference victory over SWOSU.



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New LED lights illuminate the field at Cliff Harris Stadium during Ouachita Baptist's season opener.



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