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Obituaries



Katherine Kaye Lane
Katherine Kaye Lane, age 82 of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away peacefully surrounded by her family Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 in Murfreesboro. She was born Jan. 14, 1942, in Woodall Valley, the daughter of the late Erv Woodall and Austie Pauline Cox.
Mrs. Lane was a member of the First Christian Church in Murfreesboro. She was the most amazing woman. She was a true virtuous woman who was the kindest, most elegant and unselfish. Katherine loved to help anyone in need and loved to cook and passing that gift down to her children and grandchildren.
In addition to her parents she was preceded in death

by her husband, James Loyd Lane.
Survivors include: one son, Darren Lane and wife, Audra, of Jacksonville, Texas; one daughter, Jamie Cromer and husband, Clayton, of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Codi, Lacey, Sara, and Emily; great-grandchildren, Gracie, Dixie, Draven, Jaxon, Triston, James, Harrison and Julian; one great-great grandchild, Kora; one brother Clayton Robbins and wife, Debbie of Mena, Ark.; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and a host of friends.
Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 28, at First Christian Church in Murfreesboro.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 28, at First Christian Church, with Rob Evans officiating, burial to follow in Murfreesboro Cemetery.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.
Terry Ray Sherwood
Terry Ray Sherwood, 52 of Mineral Springs, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024.
He was born April 21, 2024, in Pasadena, Texas, to the late James L. Sherwood and Toni Lois Vinacco Sherwood.

Survivors include: his wife Kathie Sherwood; three children, Ashley Kirfman, Summer Brumwell and her husband, Ryan, and Nikki Funderburk and her husband Coby; also grandchildren.
Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.
Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.
Oletha Hoover
Oletha Hoover, 94 of Murfreesboro died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, in Murfreesboro.
She was born Oct. 2, 1929, in Amity to the late Hardy Coker and Elsie Mae Whisenhunt Coker.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Hoover; a sister, Latena Coker; and two brothers, Roy Coker and Willis Coker.
Survivors include: her two sons, David Hoover and his wife, Debbie, and Leon Hoover and his wife, Jo Ann; also grandchildren.
A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at Hickory Grove Cemetery with Rev. Jim Henderson officiating. Arrangements by Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.



BIRTHDAY EVENT. Friends and family joined Ouida Power of Nashville to celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, Sept. 14, at Fisherman's Cove. Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends attended. The family thanked those who helped with the celebration.

Football contest winner is announced

Tim Dean of Nashville missed on only one football prediction in last week's newspaper contest. He wins a combo meal from Starz Family Restaurant
Scores of the games in last week's contest:
M'boro 40, Genoa Central 6
Min. Spgs. 54, Quitman 49
Idabel 41, Ashdown 0
HSU 27, Ark. Tech 12
OBU 25, SAU 20
Iowa State 52, Ark State 7
Tennessee 25, Oklahoma 15
LSU 34, UCLA 17
Florida 45, Miss. State 28
Arkansas 24, Auburn 14

Birthday event set for 'Leader' editor-publisher

The public is invited to a 'drop in' birthday party for "Nashville News-Leader" editor-publisher John Robert Schirmer on Saturday, Oct. 12.
The event will be 2-4 p.m. in the Scrapper Room at Scrapper Stadium.



AT THE HOSPITAL CELEBRATION. Among the visitors at the anniversary/awards event in the hospital lobby, Friday, were retired physician Dr. Sam Peebles, seated, hospital booster Woody Futrell, and retired nurse-anesthetist J.B. Davis. The three were raptly watching an overhead video presentation of old photos from hospital events.

FINANCIAL FOCUS Should you fear retirement?

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones Investments
If you're planning to retire in a few years, are you looking forward to it? Or are you somewhat apprehensive? Are you asking yourself: "What sort of retirement can I afford?"
It's a good question — because the answer can make a big difference in your ability to enjoy life as a retiree.
And retirement can indeed be enjoyable, exciting and fun. Consider this from a recent survey by Edward Jones and AgeWave: A majority of respondents said retirement should be looked at as a whole new chapter of life, and not just a time for rest and relaxation. In other words, people are viewing retirement as a chance for new experiences and new opportunities, rather than a time to simply wind down. But if you're going to make the most of your retirement — which could last two or even three decades — you need to be financially prepared.
This preparation can involve many steps, but here are some of the key ones:

- *Decide what your retire-*

ment lifestyle will look like. How you choose to spend your retirement years can make a big difference in the financial resources you'll need. For example, if you plan on traveling the world, you might need more income than if you were to stay close to home and pursue your hobbies. If you can envision your retirement lifestyle and estimate how much money you'll need to support it, you can help reduce some of the uncertainties you might face once you do retire.
• *Review your income sources.* During retirement, you'll likely need to draw on all your income sources, so it's a good idea to know what you'll have available, such as your IRA, 401(k) and other investment accounts. You'll also need to decide when to take Social Security — if you wait until your full retirement age (probably between 66 and 67), you'll get much larger monthly benefits than if you started taking them at 62. And here's another variable: earned income. Even if you've retired from your career, you might, if you de-

sire, use your acquired skills in a consulting or part-time position. The more you can earn, the less you may have to withdraw from your investment accounts and the better position you'll be in to delay taking Social Security.
• *Consider adjusting your investment portfolio.* For most of your working years, you may have invested mostly for growth — to increase your assets as much as possible. But growth-oriented investments are also, by nature, riskier, so when you retire, you should review your portfolio to determine whether you need to move it toward a more conservative position. Also, more conservative investments may provide more current income in the form of interest payments. However, even in retirement, you may need some investments with growth potential if you want to keep ahead of inflation.
Retirement is certainly a major milestone in your life — and adjusting to it can take some time.

College Hill Cemetery sets rules for placing of markers; flower removal

The cleanup and mowing of College Hill Cemetery near Murfreesboro take place the first Saturday of each month at 7 a.m. and at other times as required.
Residents who have loved ones buried at the cemetery are urged to assist.
Contributions may be sent to the College Hill Cemetery Maintenance Fund at Diamond Bank, 319 E. Main, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, or

by hand delivery to Doug Brown, or Carol Strawn for deposit.
Before placing a marker at this cemetery, persons should contact one of the following board members:

Doug Brown — 870-285-5264; Bill Flaherty — 870-285-1713; or Jerry Don Laurent — 870-925-0092
Flowers and decorations should be removed within two weeks.



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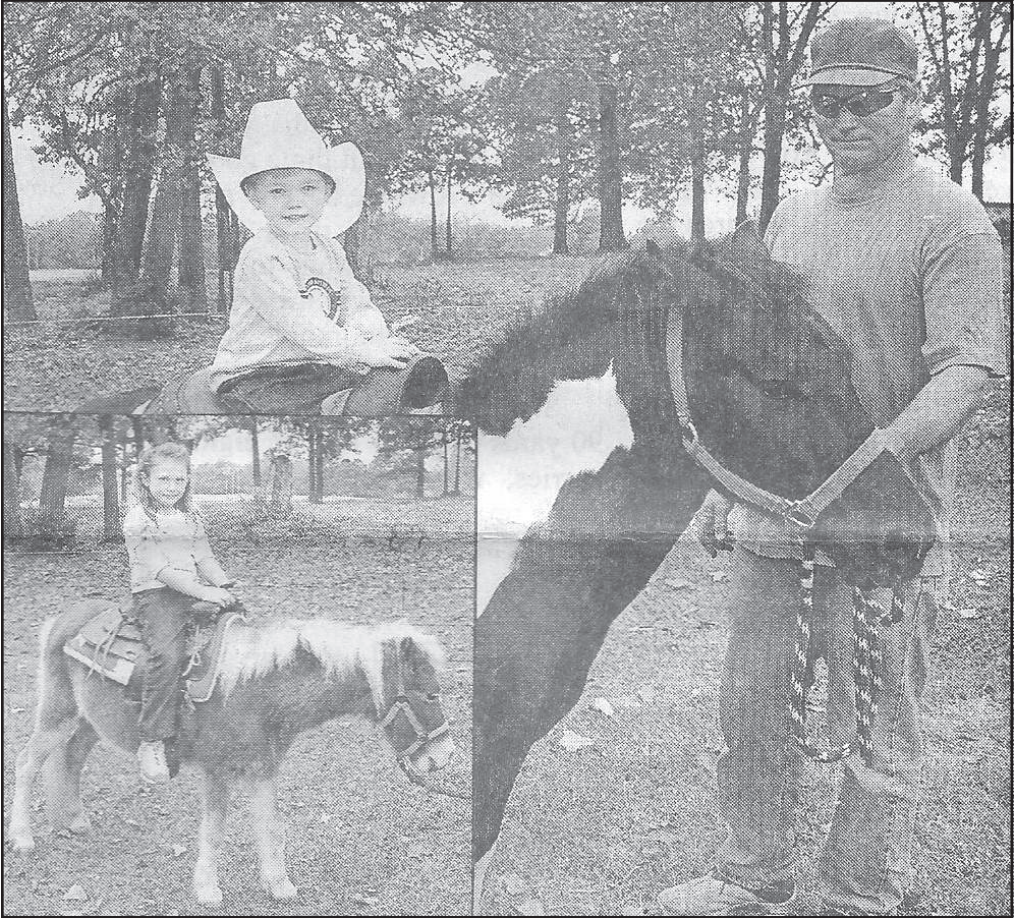


THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Zach Backus and his sister Brittany Backus (inset) each take a turn riding at the Junior Auxiliary Fall Festival, October 2003.

119 years ago: September 1905

The post office at Totefair, Howard County will be discontinued after this week, and the patrons will be served from New Hope.

The local Woodsman Camp had a meeting last Saturday night and perfected the arrangements for the unveiling of the monuments recently erected over the graves of Clint Goodlett and J. L. Park.

The unveiling of the monument for Clint Goodlett will take place at the St. Paul Cemetery near Ozan Sunday, October 8th and the one erected for J. L. Park in the cemetery at this place will be unveiled Sunday, October 15th.

(Adv.) Nashville High School opened September 11, 1905, and will close June 1, 1906. A full course with training in high school work is offered together with a course for teachers. Music is given special attention. We extend a hearty invitation to all young men and young ladies who really mean busi-

ness and wish to work for advancement. R. H. Kolb

95 years ago: September 1929

Nashville will soon have talking pictures. The Liberty Theatre has purchased full equipment to be installed soon, according to manager Franklin Horton.

Through the talking pictures, the splendor of Broadway, the finest drama in the world, is made available, and Nashville is to be part of the world receiving this advantage.

In all probability, the advent of talking pictures here will be opened with the *Fox Movietone Follies of 1929*, one of the greatest shows of the season.

80 years ago: September 1944

With the Fifth Army, Italy 1st Lieutenant Rufus E. Hallmark of Nashville, Arkansas recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat with a cannon company at the 85th Custer Infantry Division

on the Fifth Army front in Italy. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Maye Hallmark, lives at 122 Bishop Street, Nashville.

(Adv) Pork curing room now in operation. Take the uncertainty out of the saving of your meat. Dry, cold regulated temperature. Just like home curing. Cassady's Meat Curing Plant.

67 years ago: September 1957

Meade "Nub" Bohannon, a former resident of Ozan, Arkansas, was killed instantly when he fell from a scaffold to a concrete walk in California recently. He was 39 years of age and at the time of his death he was living in Punte, California.

Earl Pope, 61-year-old resident of Center Point, suffered a broken nose and facial bruises Friday in a freak accident. He was treated at Memorial Hospital and kept for observation until he was released Monday morning.

Mr. Pope was struck in the face by a crowbar that rebounded when he used it in knocking dirt out of a roadside culvert.

Sentence given in probation revocation case

In a probation revocation trial Sept. 18, defendant Kimberly Parker, 44, white female, Mineral Spring, was found guilty and was sentenced to 90 days in a regional punishment facility. Her probationary period was extended by a year. She was originally charged in 2022 a felony and a misdemeanor charge of possession of controlled substance.

On the bench for the regular day of criminal court was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

Six defendants pleaded not guilty and had dates set for pretrial motions and for jury trials.

Damillion Henderson, 22, black male, Mineral Springs, is charged with possession of controlled substance, class D felony. He is being held on \$7,500 bond. His date for pretrial motions is Dec. 11.

James Ward, 35, white male, Dierks, has a Dec. 12 date for motions. He is charged with class Y felony rape. He is held on \$100,000 bond.

A not guilty plea was also entered by Shirley Grady, 69, black female, Nashville, who is charged with maintaining a controlled substance premises, a class C felony. Motions will be heard Dec. 11.

Semaj Leaks, 19, black male, Nashville, has a pre-trial motions date of Dec. 11, but also has a probation revocation trial set for Oct. 9. His latest charge is for delivery of controlled substance, class B.

A motions date of Dec. 4 was set for Wilbur Vasquez, 18, Hispanic male, Texar-

kana, who is charged with felony theft by receiving, and a pair of misdemeanors -- possession of drug paraphernalia and with obstruction of governmental operations.

Delano Polite, 31, black male, Mineral Springs pleaded not guilty to class B felony charges of delivery and possession of controlled substance. His trial date was

set for Dec. 17 with pretrial motions to be heard Dec. 4.

One defendant pleaded true to a charge of failure to meet the terms of her probation sentence in 2023. Dusha Backus, 25, black female, Mineral Springs, was convicted of theft by receiving, class D felony. She must remain on probation for 60 days and pay supervision fees.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Sept. 12-18, 2024, include the following:

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

Sept. 11. Bryan Scott Gallardo, 42, Nashville, and Elisha Marie Moss, 26, Nashville.

Sept. 12. William Hunter White, 25, Nashville, and Kylie Alexis Cowan, 25, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV24-94, Sept. 12. Gary & Mary Dee Sirmon vs. Shayla & Devin Jester Kela Davis. Breach of contract.

CV24-95, Sept. 12. Diamond Bank vs. Olivia Martin. Debt.

CV24-96, Sept. 12. Diamond Bank vs. Elizabeth Perez. Debt.

CV24-97, Sept. 17. Diamond Bank vs. Gilberto Villalobos. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court
DR24-103, Sept. 13. Andy Wesson vs. Denisha Coulter. Divorce.

DR24-104, Sept. 13. Odali Hernandez vs. Guillermo Hernandez. Divorce.

DR24-105, Sept. 16. Lerinda Ruth vs. Stephen Trevor Adams. Order of protection.

DR24-106, Sept. 16. Elizabeth Trusley vs. Beverly Sutton. Custody.

DR24-107, Sept. 16. Re-linda Ruth vs. Stephen T. Adams. Order of protection.

DR24-108, Sept. 16. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Shannon M. Gosnell. Support.

DR24-109, Sept. 16. Brit-tany Lemons vs. Nickolas Lemons. Order of protection.

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

CR24-84, Sept. 13. State of Arkansas vs. Wilber Vasquez, 18, Hispanic male, Texarkana, Texas; theft by receiving, class D felony; PODP, misdemeanor; CODP, misdemeanor.

CR24-85, Sept. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Rance Hood, 65, white male, Delight; hot

check, class D.

CR24-86, Sept. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Sherwood Jones, 54, black male, 810 W. Oak, Nashville; POCS, class C; PODP, class D.

CR24-87, Sept. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Delano Mikail Polite, 31, black male, 446 E. Browning, Mineral Springs; DOCS, class B; DOCS, class B.

CR24-88, Sept. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Semaj Leaks, 19, black male, 407 E. Runnels, Mineral Springs; DOCS, class B.

CR24-89, Sept. 18. State of Arkansas vs. Shirley Grady, 64, black female, 1401 S. Front, Nashville; maintaining a controlled substance premises, class D.

CR24-90, Sept. 18. State of Arkansas vs. Damillion Henderson, 22, black male, 522 Schaal Road, Mineral Springs; delivery of controlled substance, class D.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds

Sept. 13. Justin Williams; to Tiffany Williams; Lot 33, Block 5, Toland Heights, Town of Nashville.

Sept. 13. Janet Sue McCullough; to Lewis Gary Bean and wife, Laura Jane Bean; 26.77 ac. in S7 T10S R27W.

Sept. 16. Nancy Newell and Ashley Danielle Pennington and spouse Joshua Beaver; to William Chad Newell; 20 ac. in S16 T10S R27W.

Sept. 16. Cheyne Manning, Jr., trustee of the Cheyne Manning Revocable Trust; to KMS Investment Trust; property in S36 T5S R29W.

Sept. 18. Tiffanie McMenamy; to Bryan Billings; Lot 29, Rolling Hills Sub-division, Howard County. \$11,000.

Beneficiary's Deeds

Sept. 12. Dalton Nichols; to Lou Ann Vance; Lot 2, Block 1, Deerwood Estates Subdivision, Howard County.

Sept. 16. Billy McCauley and Estella McCauley; to Brenda McCauley and Ulonda Upton; 7.24 ac. with exceptions in S20 T7S R28W.

Sept. 16. Jerlyn Stone; to Debra Ann Lewis, et al, joint tenants; aggregate 35.9 ac. in S31/S32 T8S R27.

Heir's Deed

Sept. 18. Charles Leo Moore, Jr., surviving heir of Charles and Lucille Moore, deceased; to Charles Leo Moore, Jr.; Lots 8-9, Block 41, SwREDC Addition, City of Nashville.

Warranty Deeds

Sept. 12. (Special) Meredith Lea Thomasson; to Act Now Realty, LLC; property in S9 T11S R27W. \$1,503.01.

Sept. 13. Charles Peel Carozza and Donna Byers Carozza, husband and wife; to Jan Segrest; 2 tracts, Lots 8-9 and part of Lot 7, Block 40, Town of Nashville; Lot 10 and part of Lot 11, Block 40, New Nashville. \$5,000.

Sept. 13. Billie Jean Dalrymple, survivor spouse of Eulis Smith Dalrymple, deceased; to Matthew Kyle Effird and Ledi Effird, husband and wife; 4.2 ac. in S27 T5S R29W. \$15,700.

Sept. 16. (Special) Weyerhaeuser Co.; to Weyerhaeuser NR; 7.52 ac. in S8 T7S R28W. \$10.

Sept. 16. Aimee Danielle Nuttall and husband Tye Nuttall; to Jamie R. Fuell; Lot 7, Blue Bayou Acres, Howard County. \$210,000.

Sept. 16. Asia Brazil Scog-gins; to Oscar Luna; 1 ac. in S24 T9S R27W. \$175,000.

Sept. 18. Jeffrey L. Grassie; to Reeko-Devon :Bryant, St. and Lakeshia-Shuntelle :Bryant; 16.9649 ac. S1 T11S R27W. \$69,000.



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Point of view

Proud of hospital

Milestones in longevity and excellence observed

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I cannot adequately tell you how proud I am of Howard Memorial Hospital.

I joined with them, some dignitaries and members of the community, Friday afternoon, at a two-fold celebration.

Top 100
Most important. For the second consecutive year HMH has been designated one of the USA’s Top 100 critical care hospitals.

Do you have any idea how many communities wish they had a hospital that ranked so well in so many criteria?

I thank all of the health professionals who have made the hospital what it is. I’m thinking of our former administrator, Debra Wright, who was there when HMH earned the first award. And I believe that her own insistence of excellence greatly guided the hospital as it earned the second award.

I’m not taking away anything from the excellence and dedication of the talented and caring staff at HHM now.

Stacy Harberson, the hospital’s Chief Operating Officer, has also announced that the hospital recently won an award as one of the cleanest hospitals in America. There were a total of just six from Arkansas to be presented that citation.

75 Years

Almost as important. HMH is observing 75 years of existence. The continuity of available, good health care is of maximum importance to both the economic and the physical health of our community.

When I was a young man I served on a small chamber of commerce committee that met with prospective industries. We were hoping to snag some jobs.

More often than not, the visitors asked to see the hospital, and they had questions about health care here. I’m thinking specifically of some people from a certain Shreveport chainsaw manufacturer.

My family moved here in 1950 when the hospital was not yet two years old. Over the succeeding 75 years the hospital has had gifted administrators and -- importantly -- volunteer community members who served on the hospital’s board of directors.

I’m also thinking about the late Ray Blakely who told his fellow HMH board members to stop talking about the need for a new hospital, and DO something to make it happen. I’m also thinking about Dr. John Hearnberger who, in addition to giving us exceptional medical care, made the whole hospital a place for excellence.

I’m just a loss of words to express how much Debra and Ray and Dr. John have carried the load. Sometimes they didn’t get all the support they should, either from the community, the media or their own employees.

When my family moved here the hospital administrator was a gent named Jack Warner. Maybe he was the first. He was followed by a wonderful man, Dan Clark, who was a WWII hero.

There have been many good men in that position over the years, but it took a woman in the job to get the hospital to this enviable point. Another woman is in charge now and I wish her the best to keep HMH at the top.

It was named Howard County Memorial Hospital when the doors opened in 1949. HMH was named ‘Memorial’ then, and still is, for the people who lost their lives in WWII. The hospital is community-owned and governed by a board of the county’s citizens appointed by the quorum court.

Of the 10 kids in our family I think six were born here. I remember us boys gathering outside a window to get a glimpse of our new sister.

My own daughter was born there, delivered by the late beloved Dr. Edwin Dildy.

After awhile, the hospital could no longer financially support childbirth and maternal services. The loss made some people unhappy, but those same people would have been mad if the hospital had operated in the red as a result of the service.

And it would have.

So ‘thank you’ to all of the people in colorful scrubs who everyday make life better for the rest of us and for future generations.

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WORD GAMES. The twins: Faithful and True. Also, part of the Nashville High School alma mater.

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MORE ON OUR HOSPITAL. Just think of the awards HMH would have won if it only had a Senior Citizens Nose and Ear Hair Clinic!! Preferably deftly managed by our town’s officially designated Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officer.

AND MORE. Not joking this time. COO Stacy Harberson’s husband’s grandfather was John (both named John) Harberson who who represented our county as state representative for a couple of terms. Representative Harberson was also a teacher in Umpire schools.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: When I lost a finger on my right hand in a freak accident, I asked the doctor if I’d still be able to write with it. He said, “Possibly, but I wouldn’t count on it.”

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HE SAID: “Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” Thomas A. Edison, inventor

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SHE SAID: “The truth is that the vast majority of Americans are good, fair, and just, and they want their country to reflect those ideals.” Kamala Harris, vice-president

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fully immunized, remember to get the booster shot.

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Most state universities show higher enrollment; declines noted at some

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Most of the universities in Arkansas reported increases in enrollment for the fall semester.

The state’s funding formula for higher education no longer emphasizes enrollment, due to passage of Act 148 of 2017. It changed the focus of state funding to a model based on productivity. One measure is retention of students and graduation rates. Another factor is the university’s mission, and how much it emphasizes research.

For their official count of students, universities take a snapshot on the 11th day of class. At the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, enrollment continued to increase for the fourth consecutive year, going up 4.6 percent more than enrollment during the fall of 2023.

Total enrollment was a record 33,600 students. Of those, 28,859 are undergraduates and 16,519 are from Arkansas.

Arkansas State University at Jonesboro also set enrollment records this fall. On the 11th day of the semester enrollment was 16,687 students, which is 12 percent higher than last year.

The graduate school at ASU is the largest in Arkansas. Its enrollment increased by 9 percent, to 5,741 students. Of the overall

student population, 72 percent are from Arkansas.

ASU operates a campus in Mexico with 961 students. Although their degrees are considered to be from ASU, the university doesn’t request state funding to subsidize their educations, according to an ASU spokesman.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock reported enrollment of 5,434 undergraduates, up 3.7 percent from a year ago. However, the number of graduate students declined from 1,535 to 1,479 to make the overall increase about two percent.

The University of Central Arkansas at Conway reported a strong increase in enrollment, thanks in large part to a surge in its freshman class this year. Overall enrollment is 10,123 students, up 3.4 percent from 2023. This year’s incoming freshman class, with 2,183 students, is up 26 percent over last year.

Arkansas Tech at Russellville reported mixed results on the 11th day of class. Its campus at Ozark had an increase of 7.4 percent over last year, to 2,115 students. On the other hand its main campus at Russellville saw a decreased headcount of 9,062 compared to 9,487 last year. University of

officials attributed the decrease to a change in scholarship procedures that were necessary to keep the program within budget.

Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia also reported a decrease in enrollment of eight percent, to 4,733 students, from last years’ record enrollment of 5,126.

SAU officials expected the decline, based on lower birth rates that resulted in lower numbers of high school graduates within the region. Also, the university saw a drop in international students because of unpredictable visa approvals. On the bright side, applications for business degrees and in the education department are both up dramatically.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello reported an increase of 92 students, from 2761 last year to 2853 this year.

Henderson State in Arkadelphia reported enrollment of 2,061 students, a decrease of 3.5 percent from last fall.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff reported an overall decrease on two percent, top 2,049 students. Enrollment at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith remained virtually unchanged from last year. UAFS has 5,512 students, just two fewer than last year.

Nation must act now to save local news

Since the *Nashville News* began in 1878, the *Nashville Leader* in 2003 and the *Nashville News-Leader* in 2016, our priority has been to bring the news to this area. As members of this community ourselves, we love serving you and we are committed to bringing you the news that helps you stay informed and that has a positive impact on your lives. However, our ability to continue doing this important work depends on being able to reinvest in the high-quality journalism that you want and need.

Last year, legislation was introduced in Congress that would allow small and local news publishers to come together to negotiate for fair compensation from the Big Tech platforms for use of our content. As we approach the end of this Congress, the need to pass that legislation has never been more urgent.

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The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) would finally hold tech giants, such as Google and Meta, which owns Facebook and Google, accountable and provide a necessary lifeline for providers of local journalism, requiring the tech

platforms to compensate us for the use of our content. The JCPA is designed exclusively to benefit news publishers like us, and would impose severe penalties on the tech platforms if they do not negotiate with us in good faith.

The tech giants have built their empires by profiting off the hard work of our journalists without fairly compensating us. And as local publications struggle to stay afloat, Big Tech has only doubled down on their anticompetitive practices, further consolidating their control over the flow of information.

The JCPA would ensure that we are fairly compensated for access to our content by the tech platforms to be used in countless ways -- including for AI technology. In virtually every other business transaction, there is a fair exchange of value, and it is unacceptable that the tech platforms continue to get away with not compensating news publishers for the content that makes their sites more appealing and more profitable.

In Australia, the European Union, Canada, and Indonesia, local news publishers like us are already being compensated by Big Tech, thanks to those countries’ governments recognizing the need to correct the imbalance in the marketplace caused by the tech platforms. In Australia, the News Media Bargaining Code has allowed local news publishers there to thrive again.

Now, as Canada and Indonesia have also passed laws requiring the tech platforms to pay news publishers for use of their content, the United States should not be content to fall behind the rest of the world and continue letting our

local news outlets suffer and disappear from the landscape, when clearly there is a solution out there that is working.

According to research by Northwestern University’s Medill Local News Initiative, since 2005, the U.S. has lost almost one-third of its newspapers (2,900), and we are on track to lose another third by 2025 if nothing is done to stop it. Not surprisingly, the number of remaining journalists also decreased by almost 60 percent in the same period.

The JCPA, through the establishment of a compensation framework, will allow us to hire more journalists to do the critical reporting that you come to us for every day.

A poll conducted in the spring of 2022 found that 70 percent of Americans support the JCPA. In addition, the JCPA has strong support on both sides of the aisle, with both Democrat and Republican policy makers in both the House and Senate supporting it.

The tech platforms are not slowing down and they have no shame in continuing to take what is not theirs and use it to generate even more revenue for themselves. But without high-quality journalism provided by news publishers, they would be in a world of trouble as misinformation runs rampant.

We have a chance to preserve local journalism, which provides critical news and information to keep our communities engaged and informed. If Congress does not act soon, we risk allowing social media to become America’s de facto local newspaper. Congress must pass the JCPA without delay to rein in Big Tech and restore fairness to local journalism before it’s too late.

“Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”

Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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HMH

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compiles the data and recognizes the top performers, Harberson said. The company conducts research on publicly reported data in three key areas - market, value and finance. Howard Memorial's index rank for all of those areas combined was 96.5, enabling the facility to be named to the Top 100.

Howard Memorial was recently recognized as one of the top recommended hospitals in the United States and again was among only six in Arkansas. HMH received five stars out of five stars to earn the recognition.

"Receiving this award and these recognitions means we are at the top echelon of Critical Access Hospitals," Harberson said. "Other hospitals look to us for inspiration and guidance. We embrace this, lean into it, and continually look for ways to improve and offer our patients and their families the very best. This award and recognition belongs to all of you."

On behalf of the HMH team, "I consider it a privilege and honor to present this Top 100 award to you all. Thank you for your support of HMH and thank you for joining us for today's celebration," Harberson said.

During the recognition, Harberson thanked the community "for the support we receive from you every day."

She thanked the staff, physicians and other providers who achieved the results "necessary to receive these honors."

Harberson thanked CFO Bill Craig, "who works incessantly to ensure our finances are in order."

She also thanked the planning committee "who worked diligently to make this event so beautiful" and the Hospital Auxiliary members "who volunteer their



News-Leader photo/LOUIE GRAVES

AT THE HOSPITAL CELEBRATION. Bobbi and Ricky Frachiseur of Nashville are with their daughter, HMH Chief Operating Officer Stacy Harberson and her husband, John, at Friday's event in the hospital lobby.

time to assist us."

Harberson expressed her appreciation to the hospital and health system and foundation board of directors who volunteer to serve.

"For 75 years, we have continued to expand services and focus on quality care for our friends and neighbors. I mean that sincerely. Our patients are truly our friends. They know us, and they trust us. That means so much to all of us, and we are so glad that you are here to celebrate with us today. It takes a huge team as evidenced by all of you who are responsible for HMH receiving this award and recognition."

Harberson introduced CEO Dr. John Hearnberger, who has been involved with Howard Memorial since 1978.

Dr. Hearnberger recognized doctors and past administrators including Debra Wright, who served 14 years. "It was her dedication and hard work that got us to this point," he said.

He also thanked the "HMH team. We couldn't do it without the team. We are where we are today because of them."



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FAMILIAR FACE. Howard Memorial Hospital CEO Dr. John Hearnberger speaks at last Friday afternoon's program.

Dr. Hearnberger thanked a number of people for their support of Howard Memorial.

Following his remarks, Nashville businessman

Woody Futrell expressed his appreciation to the HMH staff and doctors. He noted that he has had surgeries performed at each of the hospital's three locations.

River Ranch Mentor Hunt to be held Oct. 5; event to 'foster love for wildlife conservation'

The River Ranch Mentor Hunt will be held Saturday, Oct. 5.

The event is a back the game wardens fund-raiser. Organizers say it is "designed to foster a love for wildlife conservation and ethical hunting practices among the next generation of hunters, all while supporting our dedicated Arkansas game wardens."

The day will include the following:

Free youth doe hunt sanctioned by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Participants will be from Nashville's trap team and Howard County 4-H.

Mentors provided by Arkansas game wardens and coordinating state agencies.

Oct. 4 Student/mentor hunt meeting and practice range shooting.

Four hunt staging areas with a total of 25 deer stands accessible with provided ATVs.

Blood dogs provided for tracing.

Swag bags for youth hunters provided by the NWTF and AGFF.

Wildlife, conservation and hunting education activities.

Lunch and safety equipment provided.

Complete registration is through the Nashville trap team or Howard County 4-H.

Youth participants will be told that participation in the Oct. 4 Friday night practice range/hunters meeting is mandatory for participation in the Oct. 5 hunt.

Sept. 25 is the T-shirt order deadline.

The raffle will close Oct. 4

Activities begin at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 4 and will resume Oct. 5 at 5:30 a.m.

A silent auction will open Oct. 5 and close Oct. 12. It will include an Arkansas Game and Fish knife created by Master Bladesmith and Living National Treasure Jerry Fisk.

Sponsors for the hunt include York Gary, Futrell Marine, Weyerhaeuser, Farm Bureau, First State Bank, NWTF, Jerry Fisk, AGFF, DDK Forestry and Real Estate, R&J, FCA Outdoors and LL Bean.

Junior Scrappers drop road game at Dardanelle

DARDANELLE - The Nashville Junior High School Scrappers fell to Dardanelle 28-16 on a long road trip Thursday, Sept. 19.

Nashville had 284 yards total offense, including 210 rushing and 74 passing.

Jacoby Hopson ran the ball 16 times for 196 yards. He also completed four of 13 passes for 74 yards and a touchdown.

Jakari Starr had five carries for 15 yards.

Gauge Applegate caught one pass for 11 yards and a TD.

Skyler Ramsire had two receptions for 50 yards. Zee Beasley had one catch for 13 yards.

Defensively, Blake Moody led the Scrappers with nine tackles.

Bo Dean posted five tack-

les.

Aiden Bradley had four, with 3.5 for Isaiah Hawthorne and three for Malik Green. Other Scrapper tacklers included Nathan Jacoby, Beasley, Draven Weeks, Hayden Crabtree, Nilson Henriquez, Trace Troutt, Jace Wright, J.T. Smalley, Applegate, Bay Nolte and Ramsire, who also recorded an interception.

Nashville will visit Arkadelphia Thursday, Sept. 26, for a 7 p.m. kickoff at Badger Stadium.

Teacher

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She began as a full-fledged teacher this semester at NHS, teaching Spanish, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Workplace Readiness.

In Spanish class, Perez said, "I teach them phrases that they will actually need to learn to have a conversation, as well as colors and shapes." Her white board is covered with Spanish words, and her room is decorated with all things Hispanic.

"This is Hispanic Heritage Month," she said, "so they're also learning about different people who had a huge impact on Hispanic culture. They're researching them right now."

How does it feel to come home, we ask?

"I love Nashville. I love how everybody knows everybody here. I love the sense of community and support in Nashville."

Perez also loves her animals. Her family owns land just outside of town. "I have 40 chickens now, 2 horses,

12 cows, and 2 peacocks." That's not counting a variety of dogs and cats.

When asked about working at Nashville High School, her alma mater, she said, "I love it! But teaching is not what I expected. You never know what's going to happen. It changes every day."

"I think it's crazy, since I grew up and graduated from here, that I teach with a lot of my former teachers," she said.

"I feel like I'm so young and I blend in with the kids," Perez said. She wears a teacher I.D. on a lanyard around her neck because so many people, young and old, mistook her initially as a student.

"Oh!" she remembers with a smile. "So you're Ms. Perez!"

Where do you see yourself five years from now? "Still teaching Spanish and Workplace Readiness," she answers. "I like those classes. I want to be here, still. And maybe helping on the soccer team." The Leg still has more to offer, once again proving the Nashville saying:

"Once a Scrapper, always a Scrapper."

Badgers

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Hot Springs but lost to Camden Fairview and Lake Hamilton.

The Badgers are ranked third in Class 4A this week by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and fourth in Rex Nelson's Road to the Rock rankings.

"Arkadelphia is really good," Coach Shawn Jackson said. "They're the best team offensively and defensively that we've faced all year long."

The Badgers have two quarterbacks, sophomore Bryson McCoy and junior Maddox Fendley. Nashville is "getting ready to see both of them" in the game, Jackson said.

Braydon Wagner "is a really good player" who will see action at defensive back and wide receiver.

Defensive lineman Nykisson Wimberley, a senior, "is really good."

Senior Michael Brownlee plays well at wide receiver, according to Jackson.

Tight end Skyler McClure plays both ways and is "the

best we've seen all year."

The Badgers' left tackle and right tackle on offense both drew high marks from Jackson.

"They're loaded," Jackson said of the Badgers. "They've played a tough schedule" but remain among the top teams in Class 4A after falling to 5A Fairview and 6A Lake Hamilton.

For the Scrappers to be successful, "We have to get ready to play and take it one play at a time," Jackson said. "We have to play clean football."

The Scrappers "have everybody playing," Jackson said.

The team practiced every day during the bye week. "It was a normal week for us," according to Jackson.

After the first three games, the Scrappers are "a work in progress. We have to clean up assignments and alignment. Dardanelle was good. We learned a lot from that game," Jackson said. "We can't have penalties to get us beaten. We have to coach that."

As the first District 7-4A game awaits, the Scrappers are ready "to go play football," Jackson said.

Friday schedule

- 2 p.m. - District-wide pep rally, Scrapper Arena
- 6 p.m. - Mini cheerleaders perform (time approximate)
- 7 p.m. - Kickoff

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‘Long time coming’ NCC director pens first book, sets signing date

Tim Pinkerton has finally done it.

After many, many years in the making, he has published his first book, *A Pastor’s Story*, and will hold a book-signing event on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Howard County Library in Nashville to celebrate.

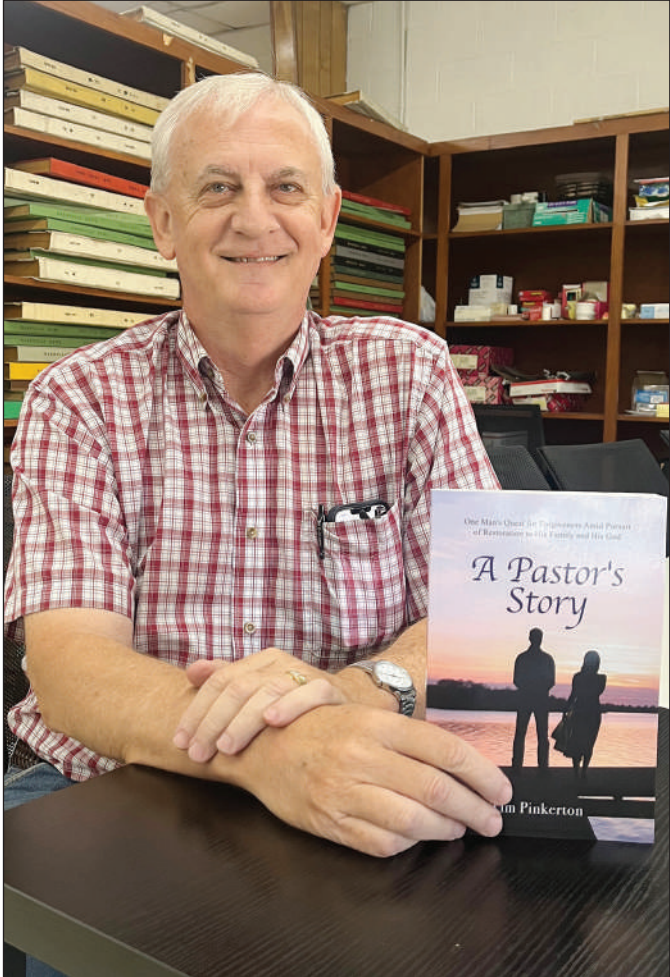
Pinkerton, 64, said he has been interested in writing since his teens and finally started in earnest on his book in 2015. He even took a course in 2005 for writing children literature but soon realized that he wanted to write for adults.

“It’s been a long time coming,” Pinkerton said holding a copy of his book hot off the press. “And it’s finally here.”

Pinkerton grew up in the northern Howard County town of Umpire where he graduated high school in 1978. He earned a business degree from Henderson State University before embarking on a 38-year career in the local banking industry.

Though retired with wife, Dena, Pinkerton still volunteers with the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and serves as its executive director. When he’s not writing, reading or volunteering, he spends time with his grandkids, Abigail and Ella Grace.

The sleeve of *A Pastor’s*



Tim Pinkerton

Story provides the synopsis for the book’s plot:

“For 20 years, Matt McDonald has fulfilled his call to the ministry. A devoted pastor and respected community member, he’s lived a life framed by peace and happiness. But all that changed one year ago when his daughter died in a tragic drowning accident.

For 12 long and haunting months, he battled grief and guilt, all the while trying to win back the trust of his wife, who holds him responsible for the death of their child. Then,

on the one-year anniversary of their loss, the couple experience a breakthrough and embark on a slow road back to normalcy. But just three short months later, another life-altering accident brings with it a revelation that tears them apart again. Will Matt be able to win back the love of his life a second time?”

Pinkerton will have a limited number of copies for sale at his book-signing on Oct. 5 and the book is also available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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The race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Murfreesboro starting at 9 a.m.

Everyone that registers by Oct. 18 is guaranteed a t-shirt.

Registration is \$35 for ages 9 and up and \$15 for the one mile race for 5-8 years.

You can also purchase extra shirts or “In Remembrance/In Celebration Of” signs or pinwheels for the race route!

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Have you ever visited the firehouse or had a fire fighter come to your school to speak? It's just plain smart to learn how to help prevent fires. When fire fighters talk about fire safety we tell students:

- Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.
- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
- If your clothes catch on fire remember to...

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- ☐ Cook in the kitchen only when an adult is helping you.
- ☐ Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are only for adults to use.
- ☐ Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.
- ☐ Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- ☐ Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
- ☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
- ☐ Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- ☐ Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.

2 Ways Out

Families check out this list!



Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below. Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

1. fireplug	6. steps	13. flame
2. home	7. smoke alarm	14. firehouse
3. siren	8. fumes	15. adult
4. fireman	9. crisis	
5. getaway	10. fire engine	
	11. way out	
	12. fire exercise	



1. smoke detector
2. emergency
3. grownup
4. escape
5. fire hydrant
6. fire truck
7. fire drill
8. smoke
9. house
10. stairs
11. fire fighter
12. alarm
13. fire
14. fire station

Hmm... I spy a hydrant!

New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:

In a typical day, fire fighters may:

- spread fire safety and awareness by visiting
- slide from the third or second floor to the first on a
- use scuba gear and a boat for
- go to public buildings or businesses for a safety
- clean their vehicles and perform equipment
- feed, play with and train the
- teach classes about CPR and other



A. fire pole
B. fire dog
C. schools
D. inspection
E. water rescue
F. maintenance
G. first aid

Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:

To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

- fire truck
- helmet
- axe
- water hose
- air tank
- ladder
- helicopter
- coat



A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked
B. to protect their heads from flames and debris
C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire
D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room
E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment
F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires
G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips
H. to chop down doors or walls during a rescue

See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.



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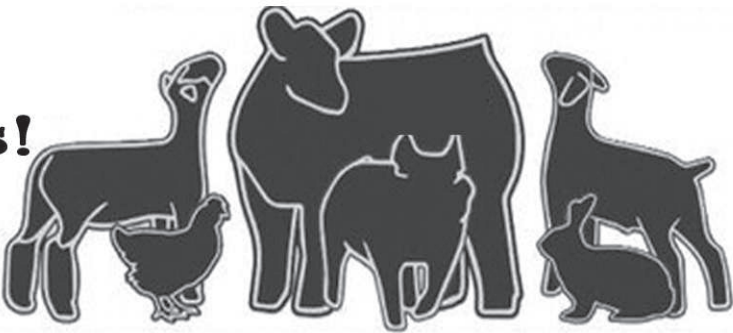
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The Hornets (1-2) won their first game Friday over the Quitman Bulldogs and will open conference play this Friday for homeomcing against the Spring Hill Bears. The Bears are also 1-2 with a 34-6 win over Genoa Central

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Rattlers handle GC Dragons 40-6

Murfreesboro to open conference play Friday at Gurdon

GENOA CENTRAL – The Murfreesboro Rattlers (1-2) easily dispatched the Genoa Central Dragons (0-3) 40-6 last Friday night to earn their first win of the 2024 season.

Brody Maroon would lead the Rattlers in rushing with 119 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown.

Bubba Stinson scored two TDs and accrued 96 yards on nine carries, while Lathan Compton had 79 yards on 17 carries.

Senior QB Laytan Wilcher was 2/4 on the night for 82 yards and a TD. Kooper Caldwell was 2/8 during his time under center for 67 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Kale Burns would snag two receptions for a pair of scores, totaling 123 yards.

Compton would lead the defensive effort with 14 tackles, while Stinson had 11.

Caldwell would record 10 tackles with an interception, Cameron Stevens accrued 10 tackles, while Maroon had nine tackles and a fumble recovery.

Cash Lowery and Logan Burrus each had eight tack-

les apiece.

Prior to the game, Chesshir had said his team needed to “get its swagger back.” While based on the final score it seemed like a definitive mission accomplished, Chesshir still feels there are areas of improvement for his team to focus upon.

“For the most part [mission accomplished], but we still did some things we obviously have to get better at. We played pretty well defensively in the first half, forcing a pair of turnovers.”

He said the offense stalled a couple times in the first half, “but we were able to move the football.”

Moving the football hasn’t been his squad’s issue this season, however. “We haven’t had a big issue with that this year.”

Chesshir said his address to the team was to come out of the break and continue to dominate, which has been a bugaboo for his squad early this season.

“We still haven’t proven ourselves to come out and play hard and fast in the third quarter ... I wanted to come out and have that

flawless third quarter, and I didn’t think we did that. We did go down and score on the first possession to go up 32-0, which was good, but then we became a little complacent with where we were. I wasn’t happy with our effort defensively in the second half ... we just started taking it on the chin. There was a drive that Genoa scored on in the third quarter in which they just lined up and ran it right at us.

“We didn’t do a very good job in the box of taking on the run. There’s just some things we’ve gotta fix that we can get better at moving forward.”

However, a win is a win, something Chesshir couldn’t help but confess, especially against a significantly larger school in terms of student population.

“It was good to get a win ... always good. We had some explosive plays offensively and we limited them defensively. You can say whatever you want to about Genoa, how they’ve struggled so far this season, but anytime you can beat a [class] 4-A football program, we are happy to do it.”

The Rattlers will travel to face off against Gurdon in their first conference game of the season.

The Go-Devils sit at 1-2 on the season, featuring a win over Parkers Chapel 41-18 sandwiched between losses to Magnet Cove 24-14 and Marked Tree 42-14.

Chesshir said Gurdon was “very much improved” over last year’s team.

“Last year offensively they ran a Gun-T [offensive formation] and I didn’t think they were as productive out of that as what they used to be. They’ve gotten back to what they are good at – under center in the wishbone and just running straight at you. That’s something those kids thrive in and are good at. They have simplified the game and are just playing smash-mouth football.”

Defensively, he said Gurdon comes in two varieties – 4-3 cover three and 4-3 cover two – and “that’s about it.”

“They are very simple but play hard and get after you. It’s a very much improved football team. They are going to be a problem for

a lot of teams in our conference, in my opinion.”

In effect restarting the season over at 0-0 with the entry into conference play this week, Chesshir feels his team should be prepared.

“Absolutely excited. We’ve learned a lot the last three weeks – we have to continue to respond the right way, coming off the win versus Genoa.

“You have to build off of that, plus take the things we didn’t do well and make sure they are corrected or eliminated. There is no doubt that intensity picks up just a little bit in conference play.”

In order to start out on the right foot with a win at Gurdon, Chesshir said it will all come down to “making big stops on first and second down defensively.”

“You have to be good on first and second down, create negative plays, get them behind the sticks, be more aggressive defensively. It is critical ... can’t give them third and short. Their, and our, style of offense is not a third-and-ten offense. We have to get them out of what they are good at.”

Offensively, he said his Rattlers will have to sustain drives and “do what we are really good at” with ball control.

“Obviously, I’d love some explosive plays, and score like we did last week, but we’ll have to drive the ball. Be physical.”

The Junior Rattlers will play at home against Gurdon this Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Now at 1-1-1 on the season after their 38-18 win over Mineral Springs at Nashville last week, Chesshir said he really appreciate MJHS’ work ethic.

“What I love about our junior high football team is that they play extremely hard, especially defensively, the fly around. I’ve been very pleased with just the physicality.”

Offensively, he said while Jarren Burgess, Joel Whisenhunt and Cale Humphry have powered the offense this season thus far and “done a good job with the football,” he said he is happy with the growth that the team is making ... “with a lot of room to improve,” he added quickly thereafter.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department
Javeon Fricks, Mineral Springs



Fricks, a Mineral Springs Hornet senior, rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns and had four pass receptions for 106 yards and two TDs in the Hornets 54-49 win over the Quitman Bulldogs.



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Super Seniors Quarterback Dallie Graham



Junior Jets runner Milee Harrison breaking tackles



Super Senior Hannah Kirby shows off her speed



Sophomore QB Raylie Walston throws against Junior Ashton Pugh

Calling all former MHS Queens

Murfreesboro High School 2024 Queen Jocce Holt requests all available past homecoming queens from both Murfreesboro and Delight high schools attend the ceremony and ride on a float in the parade.

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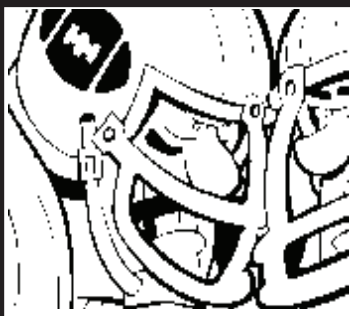
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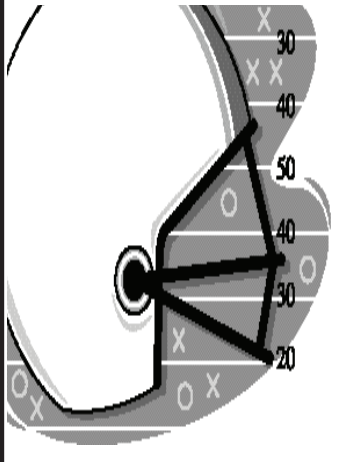
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Murfreesboro at Gurdon	Gurdon	Gurdon	Gurdon
Spring Hill at Mineral Springs	MS	MS	MS
Southern Arkansas at Arkansas Tech	SAU	SAU	SAU
UA-Monticello at Ouachita Baptist	Ouachita	Ouachita	Ouachita
Henderson State at Harding	Harding	Harding	Harding
Kentucky at Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss
Georgia at Alabama	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia
Arkansas vs. Texas A&M	A&M	A&M	Arkansas
Arkadelphia at Nashville	Nashville	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia



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Ja'Marion Conway (left) makes the catch in front of a Dardanelle defender in Nashville's 44-37 loss to the Sand Lizards Sept. 13 at Scrapper Stadium. Like many teams across the state, the Scrappers had an open date Sept. 20 after beginning the season with a Zero Week game Aug. 30. Nashville will open District 7-4A Friday, Sept. 27, with a home game against Arkadelphia. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. at Scrapper Stadium.




Circle the teams you think will win in the entry below. Deadline for entries is Friday at 3 p.m. You can drop entry in box in front of the Leader office, or email screenshot of newspaper entry to tracy@nashvilleleader.com or mail your entry form to PO Box 205, Nashville, AR 71852 (must be postmarked by Friday). Only one entry per person per week. No copies please.

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Pike County woman charged with rape of juvenile boy

A Pike County woman has been arrested and charged for suspicion of the rape of a young boy.

Aireal Christina Spears, 21, of Glenwood, was charged Sept. 9 in Pike County Circuit. She remains in custody in the Pike County Jail this week and was formally arraigned Monday. She plead not guilty to the charge and her bond was set at \$25,000 by Judge Bryan Chesshir. A no-contact order was also issued for her alleged victim.

According to case information, in April the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division received a call about possible child sexual assault. The case involved a 12-year-old boy in foster care who was reportedly sexually assaulted by his cousin, later identified as Spears, while residing in Glenwood. The child was reportedly 11 at the time of the assault and Spears was 20.

Spears was interviewed by authorities in August and she admitted to at least one instance of having sex with the child and stated she had a "crush on him."

Escape charge added

An Amity man in court for charged with aggravated assault on a household member and probation revocation has had an additional charge of third-degree escape filed after he recently bailed from the courtroom.

John F. Graves, 26, was charged Sept. 5 in connection to his escape attempt on Aug. 19 when he bailed his way out of the courtroom and into the parking lot, where he was apprehended and returned to the jail.

Graves has plead not guilty to the charges and a Dec. 2 pretrial date was set for the escape charges.

City of Delight ready for annual Music Fest event this Saturday

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An instrument dated May 20, 2015, was on the 18th 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 25 day of September, 2024.

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NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 3019 Corinth Road, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: January 23, 2023

On September 10, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Emmett Wayne Hupp, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

Part of the N-1/2 SE-1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 27 West in Howard County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the NW-1/4 SE-1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 27 West and run South 89° 00' 49" East for 1314.75 feet, thence run South 01° 06' 13" West for 217.89 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence run South 89° 00' 49" East for 409.79 feet to the center of the County Road known as Corinth Road, thence run South 04° 07' 20" East along the center of the said County Road for 60.64 feet, thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 730.74 feet and a degree of curve of 07° 50' 27" and a central angle of 14° 23' 52" for 183.63 feet, thence run North 79° 33' 14" West for 414.51 feet, thence run North 01° 06' 13" East for 175.29 feet back to the Point of Beginning, containing two (2) acres, more or less.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the distributee or his attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This notice first published this 18 day of September, 2024.

Corey Hupp, Distributee
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PUBLIC NOTICE

4 Year Contracted Reappraisal

Bids for a contracted countywide reappraisal of real property for Howard County, Arkansas, are now being accepted by the Howard County Assessor's Office. The reappraisal will be for the time period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, to review, reappraise and revalue approximately 10,025 parcels of real property in Howard County, Arkansas.

The Countywide Reappraisal is to be completed in accordance to all bid specifications for contracted appraisals provided by the Assessment Coordination Department of the State of Arkansas.

In addition, the reappraisal must be performed utilizing the Howard County Assessor's Office existing software, which is provided by Apprentice Information Systems. As part of the reappraisal, the contractor must provide the items indicated in the Addendum to the plan.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the Howard County Assessor's Office at 421 N. Main St., Rm 4, Nashville, AR 71852, and request that the specifications be mailed, emailed, or faxed. Sealed bids for reappraisal services must be mailed or hand delivered to the Howard County Assessor's Office in a sealed envelope or container clearly labeled "Bid Documents" by 4 p.m., October 15, 2024. All sealed bids will be opened on October 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Cindy Butler, Howard County Assessor
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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 4th 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, 1ST DIVISION - PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BARRY NEECE, DECEASED
NO. 31PR-24-64

NOTICE

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
8429 North 73rd Street
Longmont, CO 80503
DATE OF DEATH: June 12, 2023

An instrument dated September 16, 2021, as amended by a codicil dated June 9, 2023, was on the 6th day of September 2024, admitted to ancillary probate as the last will of the above named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed ancillary executrix thereunder. Contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate, including those for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent, must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the 18th day of September, 2024.

SUZANNE O'NEILL, Ancillary Executrix
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