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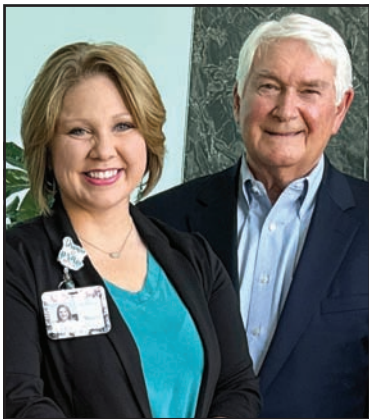
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PRESENT CHEERLEADERS, FUTURE CHEERLEADERS. Mini cheerleaders Madaline Britt, Emerson Askew and Eryn Sartin catch a ride on the shoulders of Scrapper cheerleaders Baylee Scoggin, Taylor Watts and Jayla Hendrix Friday night, Sept. 27, at Scrapper Stadium. The three mini cheerleaders were among about 150 participants in cheerleading camp last week at Nashville High School.

Voter registration deadline Oct. 7; early voting to begin Oct. 21 for upcoming General Election

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New CEO Stacy Harberson, senior adviser Dr. John Hearnberger at HMH

Eye implants eliminate patient's need for glasses

A close-up photograph of a pair of thin-framed glasses resting on a piece of off-white paper. The word "CANCELED" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters across the paper. The glasses are positioned horizontally, with the temples extending outwards. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table.

patients have had PanOptix lenses implanted since they were introduced five years ago, and every

But I'm not convinced, so I ask,

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SYATP. Coach Ahren Turner speaks during See You at the Pole Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Nashville High School. Students from junior high and high school attended the event, which is held nationally at 7:30 a.m. local time. Following Turner's presentation, students gathered in small groups to pray for their school, friends and family.

Economic panel hears from Sevier counterparts

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Obituaries



Linda Dale Jones
On Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, Linda Dale Jones, loving sister, aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt, was reunited with her parents in heaven. She was 70 years old. Born the fourth of five children, in Nashville, Ark., to Herman “Dale” Jones, and Ella Gladys “Missie” Jones (McCrary) formerly of Nashville, Ark., Linda inspired a lifelong love and advocacy for her parents to work with those with special needs.

Linda loved to watch and actively participate in classic westerns and fancied herself to be quite the cowgirl. She would regale acquaintances with her exploits which often closely resembled recently viewed episodes of Gunsmoke, Bonanza, or the Waltons.

Linda always wanted to be decked out in matching outfits with sparkles and enjoyed wearing various necklaces, rings, and watches. Her stuffed animals were special friends in whom she would confide. Linda had a strong affinity for hamburgers with an ice-cold Diet Dr Pepper, and we’re sure she’s enjoying one right now in heaven, but probably with a regular Dr Pepper since “Little Big Sister” isn’t there to “boss her around” anymore.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her siblings, “Big Brother” David Jones (Sandy) of Fairview, Tenn., “Big Sister” Cathy Walker, of Sandy Springs, Ga., “Little Big Sister” Barbara Evans of Benton, Ark., and “Big Little Brother” Steven Jones (Belinda) of Jessieville, Ark.; five Nieces, One Nephew, 10 Great-Nieces and Great-Nephews, and one Great-Great-Niece.

A celebration of Linda’s life will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at County Line Cemetery, 3323 Highway 371 W, Nashville, AR 71852. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. that day at Latimer Funeral Home, 115 E. Hempstead Street, Nashville, AR 71852.

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



Margaret Ann Hallmark
Margaret Ann Hallmark, age 87 of Lockesburg, Ar., passed away on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 in Hot Springs. She was born on April 7,

1937 in Old Washington to the late Doyle Marshall and Della Young Marshall.

Mrs. Hallmark was a member of the Mineral Springs church of Christ. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, woodworking, painting, and researching genealogy. During various times in her life, she owned and operated businesses such as an alteration shop, a restaurant called The Millwood Inn and a store called The Country Cabin. She was a homemaker for many years, as well. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Henry Mack Hallmark; second husband, Roy Cox; three brothers, Clarence Marshall, James Marshall and Doyle Dean Marshall; a daughter, Kathy Hallmark, an infant son, James David Hallmark; one daughter-in-law Dana Hallmark and son-in-law Jim Harberson.

Survivors include her two children, Randy Hallmark and Becky Harberson-Peper (Glenn); her sister-in-law, Sibbie Elmore; an uncle, Billy Tom Young; three aunts Patsy Harper, Lynda Osborn and Betty Priddy; eight grandchildren, Andy Shelton, Christi Smith (Keith), Angela Miller, Jimbo Harberson, John Harberson (Stacy), Jason Pettit, Chris Hallmark and Kelsie Hallmark; a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two step-daughters, Kathy Hill and Jeana Hopper; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, at the Mineral Springs church of Christ.

Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. at the Mineral Springs church of Christ with Paul Jones officiating. Interment will follow in County Line Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

Charles Ray McKee
Charles Ray McKee, age 78 of Dierks, Ark., passed away Sept. 28, 2024, in Dierks, Ark.

He was born Nov. 29, 1945, in Texarkana, Ark., the son of the late Harvey Z. McKee and Ruby R. Hall.

Mr. McKee worked at Pilgrims Pride for 58 years.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter, Brenda McKee.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Bagley McKee; his three children, Billy McKee, Susan McKee and Melvin McKee; three grandkids, Hailey and husband Taylor Teague, Hannah McKee, Harlee McKee, and two great-grandkids, Medelyn and Easton Teague; as well as host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Center Point Cemetery with Bro. Jaron Tipton officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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

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Carolyn Ann Jones
Carolyn Ann Jones, 79, of Murfreesboro died nMonday, Sept. 30, 2024.

She was born July 13, 1945, in Dierks, the daughter of the late Fred Parker Sr. and Patra Seymour Parker.

She was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church near Dierks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmon Jones; a sister, Joyce Sharp; and four brothers, Houston Parker, Fred Parker Jr., Wayne Parker, and Donnie Parker.

Survivors include a sister, Lavon Parker Reed.

Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

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



Jerry Richard Mullen
Jerry Richard Mullen, 87, of Newhope, Ark., passed away Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, in Dierks.

He was born March 11, 1937, in Athens, Ark., to the late Virgil Haywood Mullen and Thelma Octavia Stokes Mullen. He was married to the late Marie Harrison Mullen and then to Judy Oglesby Mullen. He was a cattle farmer and served his country in the United States Army. He owned and operated Mullen Construction for 30+ years. Jerry enjoyed fishing and hunting and spending time with his family. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother,

uncle and friend and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his son, Jerry Rondal Mullen and his wife Teresa; grandson, Rondal Thomas Mullen and wife Misty, great-grandchildren, Kinsey, Jaxon, Avery and Thomas Graham; his brother, James Mullen and wife Rhonda; and sisters, Juliet McMellon and Barbara Mitchell; nieces and nephews, Mike McMellon, Judy Crawford, Suzann Faulkner, Amanda Strasner, Bryce Mitchell, Jared Mitchell, Carolyn Taylor, Leann Gonyea, Christy Thrailkill, Amy Rose. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, Marie and Judy Mullen, a granddaughter, Jessica Octavia Mullen and brothers-in-law, Wayne McMellon, and William Harold Harrison.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Beasley Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Mena with Bro. Bryce Mitchell officiating. Interment follows in the Athens Cemetery under the direction of the Beasley Wood Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday evening, Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m. at the Beasley Wood Chapel.

Pallbearers will Kaden Strasner, Ashton Strasner, Riley Faulkner, Wes White, Corey McMellon, Jared Mitchell, and Greg Davis.

Justene Annette Ramsey Ross
Justene Annette (Ramsey) Ross, 52, of Nashville died Sept. 17, 2024.

She was born in Idabel, Okla., April 19, 1972, the daughter of the late Lillie Mae (Hill) Young and Jessie Willard Ramsey.

She worked for Pilgrim’s Pride for more than 25 years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Sam Young, Jr., Anthony Young, Sr., and Ronnie Young; and three sisters, Sandra Green Lee, Rita Young and Sheila Young.

Survivors include: her husband of 26 years, Steve Ross; her brother, Rickey Young, Sr., of Broken Bow; four sisters, Denise Cherry of Baton Rouge, Eyvonne Garrett of Broken Bow, Cherri Hammond of Oklahoma City and Cynthis King of Broken Bow.

Repeat winner in contest

For the first time in the newspaper’s memory, this is the first time anyone has won the football contest in successive weeks.

Tim Dean of Nashville won both weeks. In the tiebreaker he predicted Arkadelphia’s win over Nashville.

Scores of the games in last week’s contest:

Dierks 32, Lafayette County 22
Murfreesboro 22, Gurdon 7
Mineral Springs 56, Spring Hill 20
Southern Arkansas 38, Arkansas Tech 7
Ouachita Baptist 49, UA-Monticello 14
Harding 66, Henderson State 0
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DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOTS. Annette Webb of Nashville is almost ready to get her free flu vaccination from Tammy Smith, an LPN with the Howard County Health Unit. Free flu shot day was last Thursday. Drivers could drive the circle at the Farmers’ Market for the innoculation.



GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. Lisa Hagler, founder of the inter-denominational school, spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club last week about the birth of the faith-based school and its mission. She is the president and administrator; board members include Alexandria Reed, Bro. Terry Goff, Betty Ramsey, Lynn Hendry and Rusty Hagler, her husband who was a guest at the meeting. Twenty-two children are enrolled in the K-3 classes.

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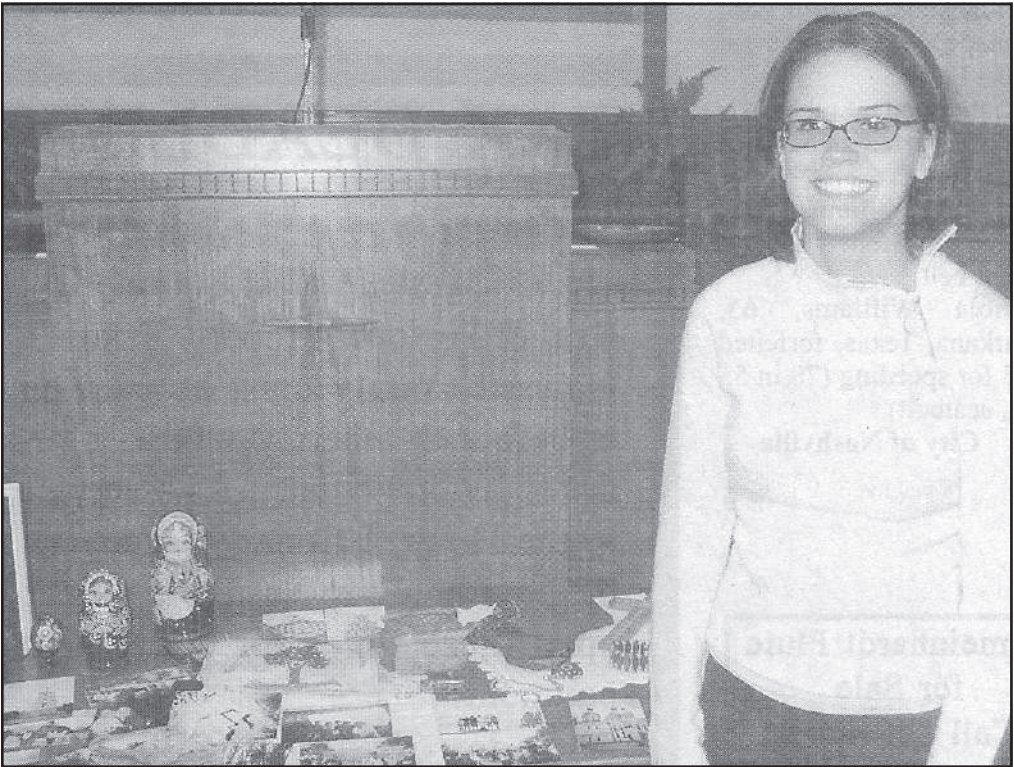


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Ashley Clark of Nashville, a University of Central Arkansas student, gave a report to the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church about her summer mission trip to Ukraine in 2005. She is the daughter of Wayne and Shirley Clark of Nashville.

119 years ago: October 1905

At Washington the Grand Jury today returned an indictment for murder in the first degree against Jett Lewis for killing Carl Michael of Ozan. Lewis has been in jail at Washington since the examining trial.

Bruce O’Neal, son of a contractor at Hope, had one of his feet mashed off by a freight train in Hope Sunday morning. He was coming home from Gurdon and when he got to the ice factory, he jumped from the train and his foot was caught under the wheels and so badly bruised and mashed it was necessary to amputate the foot just above the ankle.

(Adv.) I have for sale 10 young game roosters at \$3.00 each. They are fine chickens. Lee Richardson, Nashville, Arkansas.

80 years ago: October 1944

Bill Kesterson of Blue-ridge Township, Dierks, Arkansas, Wednesday night received a wire from the War Department advising

that his son Pfc Doyle D. Kesterson, age 20, was killed in action in France on September 6. Young Kesterson was inducted into the service on July 20, 1943, and a few months ago he was given commendation with 21 others for turning back a German tank brigade with bazookas and machine guns.

(Adv.) Howard Theatre, Prevue Saturday night at 11:00, Sunday and Monday, *Home in Indiana*, Technicolor plus Buckaroo Bugs and the latest news.

67 years ago: October 1957

The area had its first hunting victim Sunday. Junior Hawthorne, 20 years of age, resident of Mineral Springs was sprinkled across the back with shot while hunting squirrels in south Howard County, Sunday. His condition was not considered serious at Howard Memorial Hospital. Young Hawthorne was accidentally shot by Tommy Ellys of Saratoga, who apparently shot at a motion in the bushes as he stalked in

the bottoms.

Airman First Class William T. Blakely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blakely of Nashville has been assigned to Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma, it was announced by Col. J. Krausc, Base Commander. Airman Blakely graduated from Nashville High School before entering service. He is a member of the Baptist Church and was stationed at New York prior to being assigned to Altus.

34 years ago: October 1990

Navy Seaman Deidre L. Dove, daughter of Douglas R. and Diane L. Dove, Dierks, Arkansas recently returned from deployment in the Mediterranean Sea, while serving aboard the Destroyer Tender *US Sierra* home ported in Charleston, North Carolina. During the six-month deployment Dove participated in various exercises and operations including Operation Desert Shield. A 1986 graduate of Dierks High School, she joined the Navy in August 1988.

Four sentences handed down

Sentences were pronounced for four defendants who entered guilty pleas, last Wednesday, Sept. 25, in criminal court here.

In addition, one defendant returned for formal sentencing after pleading guilty earlier in the year.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

Guilty pleas were given by:

Jose Nelson Urrutia, 45, Hispanic male, Nashville, charged in 2018 with non-support, class C felony. He was sentenced to a \$200 fine and 10 years imposition of sentence.

Robert Lyle Rockenbach, 60, white male, Nashville, was facing numerous felony counts, some of which were amended down. The longest sentence was 15 years in the ADC plus five years suspended imposition of sentence to be served concurrently with other sentences. He is to return Oct. 23 for formal sentencing.

Edward Drent, 63, white male, Nashville, was charged with class D felony 3rd degree domestic battery. He was sentenced t a fine of \$2,000 plus five years suspended imposition of sentence.

Andrew L. Alexander, 18, black male, Nashville was charged with breaking or entering, a class D felony. His sentence was a \$2,000 fine and five years of probation.

Returning for formal sentencing was Roberta Lynn Lemons, 53, white female, Mineral Springs who had pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of possession of controlled substance, class D. She was sentenced to 60 days in a regional punish-

ment facility.

Not guilty pleas

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

Sherwood F. Jones, 54, black male, Nashville, is charged with drug possession of drug paraphernalia possession. Motions will be heard Dec. 4.

Demetrius Scott, 50, black male, Mineral Springs, has a pretrial motions date of Dec. 11.

He is charged with class A felony drug possession; possession of drug paraphernalia; and a misdemeanor, criminal possession of a prohibited weapon.

Jerome Malcom Smith, 51, black male, Nashville is charged with three counts of felony drug possession, and three counts of misdemeanor drug possession

enhanced by proximity. He also faces a future date on other criminal charges.

Shaina Kuester, 28, white female, Mineral Springs has a Dec. 4 date for motions. She is charged with misdemeanor and felony controlled substance possessions.

Failure to appear warrants were ordered for three defendants who missed court dates.

Wallace C. Brown, Jr., 39, back male, Nashville, was charged in July with 3rd degree domestic battery.

Kody Lynn Box, 32, white male, Nashville, was charged in July with theft of property and 3rd degree criminal mischief.

Jarvis Garfield, 34, black male, Wake Village, Texas, was charged in May with felony and misdemeanor drug possession.



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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2024:

Marriage Licenses

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

Sept. 20. Zachary Needom Davis, 29, Royal, Ark., and Katelyn Brooke Smith, 28, Royal.

Sept. 20. Juan Antonio Moreno, Jr., 21, Nashville, and Angel Nicole Freeman, 19, Nashville.

Sept. 20. Derrin Antavion Thomas, 22, Nashville, and Brianna Carmelina Lynn Cash, 18, Nashville.

Sept. 24. Samuel Diego Avalos, 22, Nashville, and Amber Le’Ann Ross, 21, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV24-98, Sept. 19. Peggy Robinson vs. Jennifer Murphy. Automobile tort.

Domestic

Relations Court

DR24-110, Sept. 23. Brandi Richard vs. Jason Richard. Divorce.

DR24-111, Sept. 24. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Joe Baker, Jr. Support.

DR24-112, Sept. 25. Alundre Daywenna Grinning vs. Kenyetta Nicole Young. Divorce.

Criminal Court

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

CR24-91, Sept. 24. State of Arkansas vs. Shaina Kuester, 28, white female, 155 Hwy. 355, Mineral Springs; POCS, misdemeanor; PODP, class D felony

CR24-92, Sept. 14. State of Arkansas vs. Demetrius

Lashanta Scott, 50, black male, 882 Hempstead Co. Rd. 14, Washington; POCS, class A; PODP, class D; criminal use of prohibited weapon, misdemeanor (metal knuckles).

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deed

Sept. 24. Howard Honnell; to Anita Manasco; aggregate 27.593 ac. in S36 T5S R29W.

Beneficiary’s Deeds

Sept. 23. Louise Morris and Phillip Morris, wife and husband; to Lisa Posey; Lot 9, Block 4, North Greenwood Subdivision, City of Nashville.

Sept. 24. James Maxey Walden and Anita Kay Howard Walden; to Lana Murray (20% interest), Kate Keeton (40% interest) and James Maxey Walden, II (40% interest); 3 ac. in S17 T9S R27W.

Mortgagee’s Deed

Sept. 24. Jack R. Ryan; to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., et al; Lots 9-10 and Lots 11-12, Block 25, and Lot 1, Block

28, Original Town of Dierks, aka 202 W. Front St., Dierks. \$70,118.96.

Warranty Deeds

Sept. 20. David Laine Krudwig and wife, Magdalena C. Krudwig; to Bryan Billings; Lot 4, Block 83, and part of Lot 3 Block 88, Town of Nashville. \$130,000.

Sept. 23. Doris Ann Robertson; to Mark Sillavan, Mason Sillavan and Micah Sillavan; 36.67 ac. in S25 T8S R27W, life estate reserved.

Sept. 24. Aaron Thomas Quick and Lindsay Quick, husband and wife; to Rogelio Padilla and Jessica Ivette Cruz Salazar, husband and wife; Lot 2, Corinth Estates Subdivision, Howard County, Ark. \$210,000.

Sept. 24. Mike McCullough; to Jerry White and wife, Nicole White; property in S18 T10S R27W. \$6,000.

Sept. 25. Kristopher K. Snodgrass and wife, Denise H. Snodgrass; to Tommy Garney and wife Shirley Garney, and Holly Couch, joint tenants; Lot 5, Block 3, Greenwood Addition, Town of Nashville. \$190,000.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
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Issue No. 2

(Popular Name)

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

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 100, § 4, SUBSECTION (I), TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CASINO LICENSES THAT THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE FROM FOUR TO THREE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100, § 4, SUBSECTIONS (K) THROUGH (N), TO REPEAL AUTHORIZATION FOR A CASINO IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION TO ISSUE A CASINO LICENSE FOR POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (S), PROVIDING THAT IF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY, ISSUES A CASINO LICENSE FOR A CASINO IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT, THEN SAID LICENSE IS REVOKED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T), PROVIDING THAT IF A FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF A CASINO LICENSE IN ANY COUNTY OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED NOW OR HEREFTER FOR CRITTENDEN COUNTY (TO SOUTHLAND RACING CORPORATION), GARLAND COUNTY (TO OAKLAWN JOCKEY CLUB, INC.) AND JEFFERSON COUNTY (TO DOWNSTREAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO SARACEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC), THEN THE QUORUM COURT OF EACH COUNTY WHERE A CASINO IS TO BE LOCATED SHALL CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION BY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO APPROVE OF A CASINO IN THE COUNTY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(1)-(3), SETTING THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND

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

- ☐ FOR ISSUE NO. 2
☐ AGAINST ISSUE NO. 2

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Point of view

Proud voices

Coeds gave area schools their distinctive songs

(DEAR READER: Once again I come with hat in hand to apologize for repeating an old column. I have been illegally detained by the security squad at Howard Memorial Hospital's Senior Citizens Nose and Ear Hair Clinic, and may have lost my remaining ability to think and write at the same time. I hope you'll be tolerant and will read this column from 2019.)

I ROSE for the National Anthem and the school songs, at the football game Friday night in the 'Holler' at Dierks. It was good to get up and take my broad backside off those cold aluminum bleachers.

As I stood there enjoying the student musicians from Dierks and Mineral Springs, I remembered that words for both school songs were written by coeds at each school.

I knew this because several years ago I wrote a feature article about the school songs at our local high schools. I dug out the article and refreshed my memory.

A Grand Old School

The late Jackie Simpson Dyer wrote the words to the Dierks song in 1945 or '46 during study hall. She told me she had heard other schools singing their songs, and decided that Dierks needed one, too. "We might have been little, but we were loud and we were the Outlaws," she told me. She put the words to the music of a familiar tune, "Our Director," a piece of music that is heard at all kind of school functions. Jackie told me that as they sing the song, the students and fans wave their right index finger for Number One.

*Ever will we sing thy praises
Ever will we think of thee.
As a school of pleasant hours
And a school of pleasant memories
We love you dear old Dierks High School
We think you are supreme
Because you're such a grand old school
We hold with high esteem.*

Our Colors Mean Loyalty

The late Mary Jo Gentry Green and her friend, the late Glenette Sanders, went to a Future Homemakers of America state convention in 1947. She told me that the delegates all stood and sang the FHA song which was to the tune of 'Brahm's Lullaby.'

The girls returned home determined to write a Mineral Springs school song. "The words just tumbled out," Mary Jo told me. The girls took it to the school's legendary music teacher, Marjorie Copeland, who promoted it among the student body.

Students and fans often sway side-to-side and wave their arms in time to the music.

*Dear Ole Mineral
How we love you
We will always be true.
Our colors green and gold
Mean loyalty to you.
Dear Ole Mineral
How we love you
As in days of our youth.
As we live as we work
You will guide us in truth.*

A Student's Humble Love

This Friday night, the Mineral Springs Hornets will host their rivals, the Murfreesboro Rattlers, who have their own original school song. Both the words and the tune are original, according to the late Opal Cooley, a student at about the time the student body voted in 1939 to adopt the song by the late Welton Meeks and Betty Jean Callaway.

The Murfreesboro school bookkeeper managed to save some official scrapbooks from a disastrous fire in 1997. Among the treasured papers was a copy of the student body's vote to adopt the school song.

Students are supposed to stand a certain way, holding one hand behind their back and holding the other hand palm out. Sometime over the years the students added a 'fang' signal with two fingers at the end of the song.

*A student's humble love we bring
Our Alma Mater we will sing
We'll love and cherish 'til we die.
All glory to thee Murphy High.
For faith and hope and loyalty
Fond memories that around thee cling
Our hearts are pledged to thee we sing
All glory to thee Murphy High.*

We'll be faithful and true. I'll write about the Nashville High School song at another time. Alma Mater is Nourishing Mother in Latin.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. A day or so after realizing I could hear birds singing again on my neighborhood walk, I heard an owl. Don't know if it is the same one, or not, but every 8-10 months or so I am treated to that whoooooooo whoooooo in the dark. There's no mistaking it for the coooo of a dove.

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HE SAID: "Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools, because they have to say something." Plato, Greek philosopher

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SHE SAID: "Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible - the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family." Virginia Satir, American author and family therapist

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations

By
Louie Graves

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Legislature to look at possible changes in funding of district courts in Arkansas

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

When the legislature convenes in regular session in January, lawmakers will consider changing how district courts are funded.

The outcome will be important throughout the judicial system. It will influence how judges' salaries are paid. It will impact the budgets of city, county and state governments. The legislature's decisions will significantly affect people who are ordered to pay fines and restitution.

The blueprint for change was finalized last week by the Senate and House Committees on the Judiciary, which have been working on potential reforms of court finances since last year's legislative session.

Act 38 of 2023 required the committees to study the issue and report its findings by October 1.

One proposal is to eliminate an existing agreement that has the state and local governments all share in paying judicial salaries.

Another proposal would repeal the current \$10 a month fee charged to people who pay off fines and court costs in installments.

The Judiciary Committees heard testimony that some people owe more because of accumulated

\$10-a-month fees than they owe for their original traffic fine.

County governments have a vested interest in this issue. According to the Association of Arkansas Counties, the 75 counties in Arkansas spend at least \$46 million a year on the operations of local judicial systems. The amount is likely higher, because the \$46 million figure was compiled 10 years ago.

Now, cities and counties contribute \$58,650 toward the salary of each local district judge. That is half of the base cost of judges' salaries. State government pays the other half.

Beginning January 1, there will be 70 full-time district judges in Arkansas. If the state pays their entire salaries, the state will incur an additional \$4.1 million a year in costs, and local governments will save that amount.

The current system of collecting court costs and fees, although better than it was in the past, is a confusing patchwork. Fees and court costs go into a state Administration of Justice Fund, which last year provided \$39.3 million in funding for 21 separate programs.

Some of those programs are connected to the court system, such as the Arkansas Judicial

Retirement Fund. Others are not directly connected to operations of the judicial system, such as programs for traffic safety and drug abuse prevention. As Act 38 says: "Many of the court costs, fees, and fines assessed by the court system have little or nothing to do with the operations of an individual court or the court system..."

Eliminating disparities has been a legislative priority since 1995, when the General Assembly passed Act 1256 to provide for uniform filing fees and court costs. Act 1256 was prompted by the fact that the system of fees and fines created inequity in the level of judicial services available to Arkansas citizens.

Furthermore, according to Act 1256, the judicial funding system had become so complex as to make administration impossible. This mattered to law enforcement agencies because unreliable reporting of criminal statistics made it impossible to compile accurate data on crime rates.

It mattered to ordinary people who wanted to file a civil suit, or were defendants in a lawsuit. In some counties it might take six months to get a court date, but in a different county it might take more than a year.

Maternal care 'deserts' found throughout state

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The March of Dimes released a report in early September detailing maternity care access nationwide and found 35 percent of counties are maternity care deserts. This means there is limited or no access to services such as birthing hospitals and obstetric providers. According to the data, Arkansas is one of the states with the highest percentage of maternity care deserts with more than half of our counties lacking access to these critical resources. Maternal health care is truly a crisis in our state and across the country.

The good news is we can change this troubling statistic. Among medical providers, non-profit organizations and elected leaders, there is a shared urgency to elevate maternal care in Arkansas.

In recent days, the Strategic Committee for Maternal Health, established by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders to craft a state-wide plan aimed at improving outcomes for mothers and babies, released its report recommending policies and program enhancements. These include improving access to care through telehealth and mobile units, establishing a school of midwifery and expanding prenatal services in local health units.

I am grateful for the governor's

leadership to improve outcomes for vulnerable moms and babies.

We have built momentum this year to make positive changes, starting with bringing experts together to discuss opportunities to better serve the prenatal and postpartum needs in our state.

In February, I hosted the first in a series of maternal health roundtables. It featured meaningful discussions about the state of maternal health from a clinical perspective with medical professionals. In order to address outstanding health care disparities and work toward tangible solutions in the state, we must continue having these productive conversations.

That's why we followed that up with a roundtable in Bentonville in August with a panel of experts discussing ongoing initiatives and potential solutions for improving maternal health outcomes by bolstering the workforce caring for these patients.

This dialogue is essential to moving us in the right direction. In Northwest Arkansas we discussed creating a pathway for doula and community health worker reimbursement in Medicaid. The Strategic Committee for Maternal Health recommended that very course of action, which is a welcome development.

The committee also proposed

applying for the Transforming Maternal Health federal grant. I'm pleased to lead the Arkansas Congressional Delegation in supporting this request in writing to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Administrator so expecting moms can benefit from better care and newborns have a healthy start in life.

I'm also championing federal investments to address maternal and infant health workforce shortages and enhance access to prenatal services in underserved areas of our state.

A comprehensive approach consisting of public-private partnerships that collaborate and contribute different areas of experience and expertise in pursuit of improving maternal health is underway.

There is a broad spectrum of medical providers in the maternal health space. Emphasizing the strengths of each and fostering coordination throughout the different stages of pregnancy and postpartum care is essential to improving the health and wellness of Natural State mothers and infants.

We have a long way to go, but we are on the right path. I look forward to continue working with my colleagues at the state and federal levels to support policies that can help save lives in Arkansas.



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a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government,
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Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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Glasses

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“Are there any negative side effects?”

“I’ve heard that some patients complain of glare or halos,” Dr. Tollett says. “But I’ve also heard that it goes away between three and six months.”

If that’s all, then sign me up! Who do I need to go to? “There is only one [ophthamologist] in Texarkana who does this operation regularly,” he states, “And there is a group out of the Bryant-Benton area, but in our region, that’s about it.”

With that, I am sent to Dr. Joshua Wiggins in Texarkana. After a pre-op exam, I am scheduled for surgery at the Surgery Center of Northeast Texas, on Moores Lane.

The morning of the surgery I am nervous. Once this is begun, there’s no going back. We arrive at the Surgery Center at 7 a.m. and check in.

After a brief wait, a nurse calls my name.

“I never knew you as Donald,” Vicki Reeder says with a smile as she reads from my chart. “You’re Don, not Donald.” Vicki was a long-time nurse at Howard Memorial Hospital, now living in Texarkana and working at the Surgery Center.

It’s comforting to see a familiar face. Vicki leads me to the pre-op area and begins getting me ready, hooking me up to an IV and different monitors as we catch up on where our kids are now and what they’re doing.

After a short wait and a visit with a nurse anesthetist, Dr. Wiggins comes in and asks if he can pray for me. Then, a few minutes later, it’s my turn for the laser lab and the O.R.

Here we go.

I’m awake and pain-free in the laser lab, but the anesthesia they give me in the O.R. completely erases my memory. I can’t honestly say if I was awake or not during

the surgery, but if they sold that anesthesia in 6-packs, I’d buy one.

Post-op has two nurses disconnecting me from everything and wheeling me down to catch my ride home. I’m still a little groggy, but there is NO PAIN. The worst thing about the entire experience is having to wear an eye shield for the next week when sleeping.

The morning after surgery, there’s a cloudy film in my vision, which goes away by mid-afternoon. Even with this film, my post-op visit with Dr. Tollett at 10:30 a.m. shows my vision in my right eye is 20/20! According to Dr. Tollett, I’ll never need glasses again, not even for reading.

“Your vision will continue to improve over the next month,” he says. WOW.

A week later, I have my left eye done. Now, for the first time in almost seven decades, I don’t need glasses. For a week or two after the surgery, my hands reflexively go to my face several times a day to adjust my glasses. What a shock to find that I’m not wearing any!

We live in a remarkable time, when such a thing as this is possible. My wife’s grandmother had cataract surgery in the 1950s, and it involved four weeks of lying flat on her back in the hospital with her head immobilized by sandbags.

For the rest of her life she wore glasses that were as thick as the bottoms of Coke bottles.

Contrast that with 2024: 15 minutes of out-patient surgery, no pain, and you’re on your way home the same morning and rid of glasses forever.

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Thank you, Doctors Aaron Tollett and Joshua Wiggins, and thank you, God, for making this possible.

Hunt

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practice range/hunters meeting is mandatory for participation in the Oct. 5 hunt.

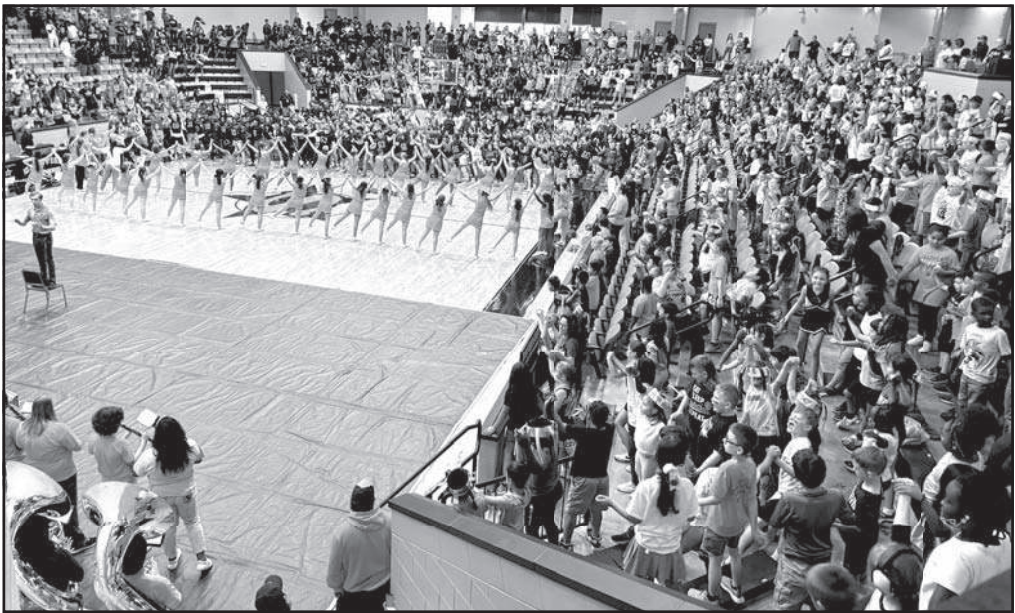
The raffle will close Oct. 4.

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, NWF, Jerry Fisk, AGFF, DDK Forestry and Real Estate, R&J, FCA Outdoors and LL Bean.

River Ranch Mentor Hunt
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BEFORE THE GAME. Nashville students, faculty and staff sing the Alma Mater during a district-wide pep rally before the Arkadelphia game Sept. 30 at Scrapper Arena.

HMH

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I have a mentor to reach out to,” Harberson said.

Serving as COO from February until now, along with her training, helped prepare Harberson for her new job, she said.

She is currently enrolled in the American College of Healthcare Executives training program.

Her final site visit will be to Atlanta Oct. 20-23. “I will graduate during this visit. The friendships and networking opportunities I have been presented with during this program are unmatched,” she said.

The program has helped Harberson with the transition, she said. Some of the most beneficial sessions included one about strategic planning and another about board governance. “They helped to prepare me.”

Sixty-five people from all

over the United States and internationally are in her executive program cohort, she said. “I have other people to bounce ideas off” through the network.

Harberson said she will continue to have an open door policy in her new office.

One of her main goals is to have “a positive culture. This is one of the premier workplaces in the county. We have the right people in place. Our leadership team is strong,” she said.

Harberson wants “employees to feel valued [and] know they are being heard.”

Harberson said she is “just excited” about the CEO post. “I’ve worked really hard from high school on. I never dreamed five years ago that I would be doing this.”

Before becoming COO, Harberson was radiology director at HMH. “I want to keep my licensure up,” she said.

When the need arises,

“You’ll still see me in scrubs. I’ll still do mammograms. If they need my help, I will help,” she said.

As she transitions from “all things radiology to everything,” Harberson said her healthcare background “will only help me. I’m here to serve.”

Harberson wants HMH “to offer the best care possible.”

The hospital recently received a number of awards, include listing among the nation’s top 100 Critical Access Hospitals.

“To qualify, we had to have at least 100 returned surveys from patients. A lot of patients are returning them and have positive experiences,” she said.

Dr. Hearnberger said Harberson “is doing a great job and will continue to do a great job. Pretty much from day one, she began to do CEO-type work. I was simply there for support and guidance. Pretty much what I’m going to continue to do.”

Howard

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Developing Howard County board.

Friends was designed to “give people the chance to be part of something that makes the county better,” Revels said.

The group completed its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in 2019 and is in the process of implementing it, according to Revels.

Parts of the study have already been put into place, including a new hospital, improved broadband service and voting Sevier County wet as a means of improving the economy, Revels said.

Sevier County has applied for and received several grants, including one

for \$1 million.

Revels said the Howard County group should “manage the expectations of the community. Nothing happens overnight.”

Developing Howard County board chairperson Paul Britt said the group has already delivered in several areas, including the selection of Vanessa Weeks as economic development director. “She’s our point person,” he said.

Making the county better is one of the group’s goals, according to Britt. “We want to make this county a place people want to come to.”

Earlier in the meeting board members discussed transportation-related issues. “We need a study of what to do to get in and out of Cassidy Street,” Britt said.

Highways 371, 27 and 26 were also discussed.

Nashville native Andy Tackett, who works with the Arkansas Department of Transportation, attended the meeting on his own time to hear about the county’s needs. “This is home,” he said.

In other business, Weeks discussed National Manufacturing Month held in October. “We need to do something to recognize our manufacturers,” she said.

Weeks will have a booth at the Golden Gathering next week at the Nashville City Park.

Election

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US President/Vice-President

Peter Sonki / Lauren Onak, American Solidarity Party

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. / Nicole Shanahan, Independent

Michael Wood / John G. Pietrowski, Prohibition Party

Jim Stein / Rudolph Ware, Green Party

Donald J. Trump / JD Vance, Republican Party

Chase Oliver / Mike ter Maat, Libertarian Party

Kamala D. Harris / Tim Waltz, Democratic Party’

US Congress

District 04

Cong. Bruce Westerman, Republican

Risie Howard, Democratic

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Sec. of State John Thurston, Republican

John Pagan, Democratic

Michael Pakko, Libertarian

State Supreme Court Justice

Non-Partisan Position 1

Justice Karen Baker

Justice Rhonda Wood

State Senate

District 04

Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr., Republican

Lonny Mack Goodwin, Libertarian

State Representative

District 86

Bill Bradshaw, Democratic

State Rep. John Maddox, Republican

State Representative

District 87

State Rep. DeAnn Vaught, Republican

Marc Rosson, Libertarian

State Representative

District 88

Dolly Henley, Republican

Tammy L. Goodwin, Libertarian

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BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
Alexander, Matison Kyle, 24, Gilmer, Texas, \$220 BF, drinking on highway
Bailey, Bobby W., 29, Newhope, \$260 BF, speeding
Balderrama, Dakota Joe, 29, Socorro, Texas, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$185; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Bargain, Ramon, 26, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Crossno, Erica M., 38, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Davis, Christopher E., 33, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,535 owed
Diggles, Alicia R., 21, Ashdown, guilty of possession of open alcohol container in motor vehicle, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Forehand, Donna Renee, 36, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding
Green, Joe Thomas, 68, Nashville, \$260 BF, speeding
Gunby, Dalton Clay, 29, Gilmer, \$220 BF, drinking on highway
Guzman, Isidro Salvador, 38, no address listed, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Kesterson, Charles D., 57, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Larson, Lucky Coles, 27, Alexander, \$240 BF, speeding
Morgan, Brittney Roesanne, 33, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Morris, Merle J., 72, Newhope, \$240 BF, speeding
Nematollah, Nima, 42, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., \$560 BF, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$195 BF, failure to transfer driver's license
Stanford, Tamela Kay, 53, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Vazquez De Leon, Manolo, 38, Hope, \$195 BF, no child restraint
Ward, Tiffany J., 21, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Warner, Brian Christopher, 46, Lubbock, Texas, \$230 BF, speeding
Weaver, Ivy, 39, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no motorcycle helmet/eyewear, fined \$145
White, Bailey M., 26, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$185 owed; guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$210
Whitmore, Porsha R., 36, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of no

proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Wise, Derick D., 31, Texarkana, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Woody, Sarah Lois, 66, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
York, Eric Wayne, 45, Hatfield, \$570 BF, overload
City of Nashville
Alba, Hector, 27, Richardson, Texas, \$290 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Burns, Ricky D., 29, Lockesburg, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of possessing open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, fined \$220
Carter, Samuel Edward, 17, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Davis, Christopher E., 33, Dierks, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
Flatt, Douglas Leon, 39, Hugo, Okla., guilty of littering, fined \$370
Gilliam, Donte R., 20, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Grimm, Eric Dorian, 49, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Hernandez Solano, Maria, 62, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Hickey, Rachel R., 45, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Horn, Vanessa G., 38, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$820 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Lee, Calvin R., 65, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Luna, Maria, 60, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Martin, Terry, 39, Hope, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Moore, Ereyanna Nichell, 22, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Muldrew, Orlando D., 37, Hope, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$850 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of protection from second hand smoke, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Padilla, Luis Javier, 20,



SERVING UP SOLUTIONS MINI GRANT. Each year, Arkansas state legislators volunteers to serve a meal to guests of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance annual Serving Up Solutions fundraiser. When legislators participate in the event, they get to nominate a hunger relief organization in their district to receive a mini grant. Representative Danny Watson nominated the local Beard of Life Soup Kitchen as his mini grant recipient in the amount of \$475. The funds can be used for operating costs, food and other services that support the agency and the people it serves. A check presentation was made last week and included (from left) Phillip Walton, Kathy Yates, Charles Yates, Geneva Walton, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Advocacy Director Lance Whitney, Rep. Watson, Jimmy Gosnell, Don White, Pearlie Snell, Martha Armstrong, Kevin Brazil and Sheree Ware.

Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Record, Brenda, 53, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Reed, Christian S., 22, Ashdown, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,010 owed
Rojo, Ramirez, Jesus, 41, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Smith, Matthew Kahyden, 18, Murfreesboro, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/expired tags
Tollett, Beverly Lynn, 61, Lockesburg, \$145 BF, using phone while driving
Troxel, Marcella Ann, 41, De Kalb, Texas, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50; guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Walker, Quortez, 29, Texarkana, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Weeks, James W., 48, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,605 owed
Whisenhunt, Bradley Dakota, 25, Ozan, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Whisenhunt, Nicole Alein, 52, Ozan, \$45 BF, no seat belt
White, Jeremiah, 48, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Wilkerson, Teresa K., 52, Nashville, guilty of obstructing government operations, fined \$370
Williams, Devin Markel, 29, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
City of Dierks
Barnett, Daniel L. III, 17, Dierks, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for

six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Hernandez, Antonio E., 17, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, running stop sign or light
Hill, Lorie A., 49, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$230
Ragland, Marvin Jamar, 39, Fulton, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Reyes, Filemon P., 37, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$45 BF, no seat belt
City of Mineral Springs
Fry, Erica Lynn, 47, Nashville, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration
Johnson, Melanie S., 40, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Jones, Nicholas D., 33, Mineral Springs, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
City of Tollette
Thornton, Christopher D., 50, Saratoga, \$230 BF, speeding
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Alexander, Charles L., 20, Vandervoort, guilty of hurting/fishing with suspended license, fined \$870
Bench Trials
Howard County
Murillo, Josue Gerardo, 15, Nashville, guilty of tinted windows, fined \$195
Rodriguez, Ana Gabriela, 35, Nashville, guilty of allowing unauthorized driver, fined \$235
City of Nashville
Michael, Christie Edith, 49, Camden, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of obstructing government operations, fined \$370
Williams, Tavis D., 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$300; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95

Sign up now for Dierks Lake youth deer hunt

DIERKS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dierks Lake Project Office, is accepting applications for a youth deer hunt at Dierks Lake on Nov. 2-3. Seven permits will be issued to hunters ages 6-15. Applicants must submit a completed form by Oct. 12, available at the Dierks Lake Project Office, 246 Jefferson Ridge Road, Dierks, or by calling (870) 286-2346. A random drawing and hunter notification will occur on Oct. 16. Participants must have

guardian consent and be accompanied by an unarmed adult over 21 years old, who has completed hunter education and holds a valid Arkansas hunting license. Youth hunters are limited to modern guns, must provide their own firearms and

be skilled in their use. Access and hunting blinds will be provided. This event promotes conservation, outdoor interest and ethical hunting while improving the local deer herd.

Local book signing reset

The book-signing event for Tim Pinkerton's first book, A Pastor's Story, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Howard County Library.

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 94th General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 5, 2024, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2023 Session by Representative Lundstrum and filed as HJR 1006.

ISSUE NO. 1

Popular Name
A Constitutional Amendment to Provide that Lottery Proceeds May Be Used to Fund or Provide Scholarships and Grants to Arkansas Citizens Enrolled in Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Institutes.

Ballot Title
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY PRO-

CEEDS MAY BE USED TO FUND OR PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

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

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

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

fund or provide for scholarships and grants to citizens of this State enrolled in public and private non-profit two-year and four-year colleges and universities the following higher education institutions located within the State that are certified according to criteria established by the General Assembly:
(A) A public or private non-profit two-year or four-year college or university;
(B) A public or private vocational-technical school; or
(C) A public or private technical institute.
(2) The General Assembly shall establish criteria to determine who is eligible to receive the scholarships and grants pursuant to this Amendment.

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

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



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37th HCCC Ken Young Classic set for Oct. 12 at country club

The 37th annual Howard County Children's Center Ken Young Classic charity golf tournament and auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Nashville Country Club. To register for the tournament or make a donation, call (870) 845-1211.

Nashville Farmers Bank & Trust's Community Appreciation Day Oct. 3 includes chance at lifetime hunting/fishing license

Farmers Bank & Trust will host a Community Appreciation Cookout on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place at the Nashville Branch, located at 420 S. Main Street, and is open to the public.

The event will feature a come-and-go community lunch featuring fresh-grilled hot dogs, chips, and drinks. As a special highlight, attendees will have a chance to win an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Resident Sportsman's Lifetime Combination (hunting and fishing) License and Permit, valued at \$1,000. The drawing will be held at 1:15 p.m., and entrants do not have to be present to win.

Pike County Public Record

Domestic Relations

DR-24-73-- OCSE, vs. Ashley Markham, support/OCSE, Aug. 26

DR-24-74 -- Katelyn Leann Freeman, vs. Scott Anthony Freeman, divorce, Aug. 26

DR-24-75 -- Angela Brooks, vs. James Anthony Brooks, divorce, Sept. 5

DR-24-76 -- Lisa Godwin, vs. Chelsea Hoover, order of protection, Sept. 6

DR-24-77 -- Star Kirkham, vs. Seth Kirkham, divorce, Sept. 9

DR-24-78 -- OCSE, vs. Shannon Gosnell, support/OCSE, Sept. 16

DR-24-79 --Lisa Clay, vs. Brandon Watts, order of protection, Sept. 23

DR-24-80 -- Lorie Pennington, vs. Anthony Pennington, divorce, Sept. 23

DR-24-81 -- OCSE, vs. Deairrane Carter, support/OCSE, Sept. 26

DR-24-82 -- OCSE, vs. Brenнын Ursery, support/OCSE, Sept. 26

DR-24-83 -- Christy Terrell, vs. John Terrell, divorce, Sept. 27

DR-24-84 -- Cody Smith, vs. Sheri Smith, divorce, Sept. 27

Civil Court

CV-24-57 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Andrea S. Harris, debt collection, Aug. 30

CV-24-58 -- Commerce Bank, vs. Justin Simmons, debt collection, Aug. 30

CV-24-59 -- Arvest Bank, vs. Justin Hengar, contract/other, Sept. 5

CV-24-60 -- American Express, vs. Stacy Collins, contract/other, Sept. 6

CV-24-61 -- Velocity Investments LLC, vs Patricia Bennett, debt collection, Sept. 10

CV-24-62 -- LVNV Funding LLC.,vs Suzanne M. Canar, debt collection, Sept. 17

CV-24-63 -- State of Arkansas, vs. Taylor Renee Corl, pet. to seal arrest record under Act 1460 of 2013, Sept. 20

CV-24-64-- Citibank NA., vs. Shelia Clift, debt collection, Sept. 20

CV-24-65 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Harley D. Keys, debt collection, Sept. 23

CV-24-66 -- Credit Acceptance Corporation, vs. Malique Taylor, contract/other, Sept. 23

CV-24-67 -- Diamond Bank, vs. Victoria and Trevor Humphry, mortgage foreclosure, Sept. 23

CV-24-68 -- Credit Acceptance Corporation, vs. Terrick Hulvey, contract/other Sept. 24

Marriage License

James E. Parker, 47, Campti, LA.; Crystal G. Cross, 47, Campti. LA., Sept. 13

Micheal Scott Evans, 26, Murfreesboro; Awdra Tenneil Hignight, 25, Murfreesboro, Sept. 13

David Eric Rodgers, 57, Amity; Michelle Renee Anderson, 48, Amity, Sept. 13

James M. Wright, 36, Amity; Laken M. Kirby, 39, Amity, Sept. 16

Paul Gene Edwards, 51, Langley; Randee Tenille Reid, 42, Amity, Sept. 27

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AMOS • THE SHEPHERD TURNED PROPHET

DELIVERING THE LORD'S WARNING TO SINFUL ISRAEL IN THE TEMPLE AT BETHEL, AMOS HAS NOW BEEN CONFRONTED BY THE HIGH PRIEST AMAZIAH AND TOLD TO LEAVE, BUT AMOS CONTINUES HIS SPEECH...

...AND THE LORD HATH SAID ISRAEL WILL BECOME CAPTIVE TO HER ENEMIES AND ALL THE MIGHTY SHALL FALL !

WOE UNTO ISRAEL, SAITH THE LORD - I WILL SMITE THEE, FROM THE GREATEST TO THE VERY LEAST !

BUT IN VAIN ! AMOS' WORDS FALL ON DEAF EARS....

GO! PROPHECY IN THINE OWN LAND - BUT NOT HERE IN BETHEL !

AND SO, WITH HOOTS, CATCALLS, AND JEERS FOLLOWING HIM, AMOS LEAVES THE TEMPLE! HE HAS DONE HIS JOB! ALL ISRAEL HAS BEEN WARNED, AND IF THEY WILL NOT LISTEN, THEN LET THEIR BLOOD BE UPON THEIR OWN HEADS - BUT AMOS KNOWS THAT HE REALLY HAS DELIVERED THE LORD GOD'S WARNING !

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Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: GROW - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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845-3241

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Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Minister: Jim Pinson

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Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m.

South Pike County School Board approves 2024-2025 budget at September meeting

The South Pike County School Board approved the district’s proposed 2024-2025 budget during its September meeting.

The district’s operating fund ending balance for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was \$1,003,352 and is projected to end in 2025 with a balance of \$806,743. The building fund’s ending balance for 2023-2024 was \$5,313.245 and is projected to end in 2025 with a balance of \$3,132,740.

The motion to approve the proposed budget was approved by a 6-0 vote.

The board also heard reports from Elementary Principal James Riley about the “High Intensity Tutoring Grant” update, the Dawson Foster Grandparent Program, the after-school tutoring and “Rooms Positive Behavior” update.

The high school report was presented by Chey-anna Burns. She updated the board about the new “HQIM” curriculum purchased for high school science, math and ELA. There are standards in social studies and the high school received new textbooks and online resources to use.

Burns also reported a “Student of the Month” program is in place and she discussed the criteria for the honor and how is chosen.

In other business, the board approved a resolution with the town of Delight concerning property on the old campus that is still in the district’s name and used by the district for bus parking.

The board then approved a motion to accept a quit-claim deed for the Delight land still in the school’s name.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 992

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES 909-92-923 AMENDING THE CITY OF NASHVILLE PERSONNEL POLICY

This Amendment is to provide that prior ordinances that amend the City of Nashville Personnel Policy, specifically Ordinances 909-922-923, are amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Nashville Personnel Policy is in need of certain modifications; BE IT SO ORDAINED:

Article One: Prior Ordinances, 909-922-923, and the Nashville Personnel Policy is modified only as is set forth herein:

Subsection C of the “Job Posting, Advertising and Recruitment” is modified to read as follows:

C. No Person under the age of fourteen (14) will be employed in any part-time or temporary position.

“Orientation Period” section is modified to read as follows:

An orientation period is required for all new employees. Evaluations will be completed and discussed with the employee addressing the progress of the employee and the employee’s feedback about the job.

“Hours of Work” section is modified to read as follows:

Employees will work the hours designated or assigned by the department head. There is a shift differential pay for those employees who work swing shift or graveyard shift.

Employees who work for the Police Department and / or Fire Department shall refer to those respective handbooks.

“Rest Periods” section is modified to read as follows:

Employees will be entitled to two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods each working day. Such rest periods shall be considered a privilege and not a right, and shall never interfere with proper performance of the work responsibility and work schedules of each department. Employees scheduled for non-paid meal periods should be completely relieved from work for at least 30 minutes.

“Pay Periods and Time Records” section is modified to read as follows:

Time records are signed by employees and department heads and turned in every other Monday to the Finance Director. A pay period is a two-week period beginning 12:01 a.m. on Sunday and ending Saturday at 12:00 a.m. two weeks later.

Employees will be paid every other Thursday, following the close of the pay period.

Employees will have the option to have some, or all of their wages direct deposited.

“Overtime and Compensation” section is modified to read as follows:

Overtime pay for non-exempt (hourly) employees is required by federal law, the Fair Labor Standards Act. Hourly employees will be paid at an overtime rate of one and one-half times their regular base pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one week. Non-productive paid time (vacation, sick leave, etc.) is not considered as hours worked for calculating overtime. Holiday pay is considered productive time; however, the employee must work the day before and after the holiday to be paid holiday pay.

Overtime hours must be authorized, documented, and processed by Department Heads. If an employee refuses to work overtime hours as required (unless excused by personal emergency) or works overtime hours without prior approval, the employee will be subject to corrective action.

Salaried employees are those employees at the Supervisor level, or at a higher level, and are included in this section. The City does not have, nor does it authorize, the use of compensatory (comp) time for salaried employees. Comp time is defined as the receipt of paid time off at a later date for hours worked in excess of the normal work schedule. In the event a salaried employee is required to work excessive hours due to unusual circumstances, the immediate department head of that employee may approve a time period which will be considered as rest time for the salaried employee to be excused from work. Rest Time must be taken within 30 days of the date the excessive hours were worked. Rest time cannot be accumulated nor will rest time be paid, it is used only in the event of unusual circumstances when the employee has been required to work excessive hours and is in need of rest.

“Holidays” section is modified to read as follows:

The following shall be designated as official holidays with pay for all full-time employees occupying permanent positions and completing the orientation period, subject to the following conditions:

NEW YEAR’S DAY	JANUARY 1
KING’S BIRTHDAY	3 RD MONDAY IN JANUARY



WELCOME TO MURFREESBORO’S HAUNTED HOSPITAL. The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce's Haunted Hospital starts Friday, Oct. 4 and will be open every weekend in October and Halloween night, which will include ‘kid friendly” times of 6:30-7:00 and fully open from 7-10:30. Admission will be \$5 for kids 5 and below and \$10 for ages six and up. The MCC is also seeking volunteers to work inside and outside the event and selling tickets. For more information, call (870) 557-1860.

PRESIDENT’S DAY	3 RD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY PRECEDING EASTER
MEMORIAL DAY	LAST MONDAY IN MAY
JUNETEENTH	JUNE 19
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4TH
LABOR DAY	1 ST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER
COLUMBUS DAY	2 ND MONDAY IN OCTOBER
VETERAN’S DAY	NOVEMBER 11
THANKSGIVING	4 TH THURSDAY & FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS EVE	DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS DAY	DECEMBER 25

EMPLOYEE’S BIRTHDAY

A. Department Heads may revoke or restrict the observance of any holiday in order to provide necessary function and services of their Department

B. Employees who are required to work on a holiday shall be paid double time or granted a subsequent day off, which must be taken or forfeited within thirty (30) calendar days after a holiday worked and at a time approved by the Department Head. An employee may also choose to be paid for the holiday worked.

C. When an employee reports in sick on the day before or the day after a holiday, a signed sick slip may be required before holiday pay is made. Holiday pay is given to all regular employees provided they work the last scheduled workday prior to and the next scheduled work day after the holiday or prior approval from the immediate supervisor to take annual leave is granted. Employees who have a birthday on an observed holiday shall be permitted to take the holiday and an additional day for the birthday.

“Vacations” section is modified to read as follows:

1. Each full-time employee is eligible for one (1) week of vacation after one (1) year of service.
2. Each full-time employee is eligible for two (2) weeks of vacation after two (2) years of service.
3. Each full-time employee is eligible for three (3) weeks of vacation after five (5) years of service.
4. Each full-time employee is eligible for four (4) weeks of vacation after fifteen (15) years of service.
5. Each full-time employee is eligible for five (5) weeks of vacation after twenty-five (25) years of service.

Vacation schedules must be worked out with the supervisor.

Vacation time is not cumulative from one year to another.

No vacation time shall be earned by temporary or part-time employees.

Each full-time employee can request to be paid for eighty (80) hours of unused vacation one time during each 12-month period.

Vacation time shall be based on date of hire

The City of Nashville Police Department’s law enforcement officers and the City of Nashville’s Fire Department’s full-time employees shall receive vacation benefits as set forth by the State of Arkansas.

“Sick Leave” section is modified to read as follows:

Each full-time employee shall receive twelve (12) days of sick leave per year, accumulated to a total of ninety (90) days. After a minimum of sixty (60) days of accumulation, full-time employees are fully vested. Any unused accumulation will be paid at the time of retirement or resignation of the employee, after a minimum of sixty (60) days is accumulated, according to the employee’s date of hire as described below:

Employees hired prior to September 23, 2003, will be paid for the total days accrued up to ninety (90) days at their full rate of pay.

Employees hired after September 23, 2003, will be paid for one-third (1/3) of the total number of days accumulated.

Sick leave will be granted for the following reasons only:

1. When an employee is incapacitated by reason of a disease or illness.
2. When an employee contracts a contagious disease.
3. When medical, dental, or optical examination or treatment is necessary.
4. Maternity leave of six (6) weeks shall be allowed. Unused vacation time will be used if required.
5. Each full-time employee shall accumulate sick leave at the rate of one (1) day (or eight hours) each month. This is to be accumulated at the end of each month.
6. An employee is allowed to use up to three (3) days of accumulated sick pay for personal use.
7. Employees may use sick leave days for care of immediate family members.
8. Police Department and Fire Department full-time employees shall receive sick leave benefits as set forth by the State of Arkansas.

No terminal pay will be authorized for sick leave for employee termination.

Intemperate habits, immoral conduct, or intentional self-inflicted injury shall not be chargeable to sick leave.

A break in service permanently cancels all sick leave accrued to an employee’s records, if re-employed, such employee begins a new sick leave accumulation.

“Retirement” section is modified to read as follows:

All employees must participate in the federal social

security system. The City of Nashville is a member of the ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS) or the LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT (LOPFI) . All new hires will have the amount required by APERS held out of their wages. The City will continue to pay the percentage as required by APERS or LOPFI.

“Resignation” section is modified to read as follows:

Any employee leaving the service of the City, for any reason, shall be required to return to the department head any records and /or property of the City which may be in their possession or custody.

- A. RESIGNATION: Any employee resigning shall be encouraged to give two (2) weeks’ notice to his department head.
- B. Unauthorized absence from work for two (2) consecutive working days shall be considered by the department head as a resignation.

“Other Miscellaneous Expenses” section is modified to read as follows:

Where not otherwise paid from line item accounts where designated for employees training or education, items such as tuition, conference registration fees and parking are reimbursable at actual costs. Receipts for all miscellaneous expenses (manuals, tapes, publications, etc.) must be submitted with actual Cost Travel Form

- D. Advance travel expenses shall be obtained as follows:
 1. The traveler shall submit the required number of completed Travel Expense Forms showing estimated expenses to the Supervisor. The Supervisor shall evaluate the request and forward it to the Mayor for his approval. When form is approved by both parties it shall go to the Finance Director for issuance of travel expense check.
 2. Requests for advance travel payments must be submitted to the Finance Director a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the date of departure.
 3. The Finance Director shall make no advance travel payments if there are outstanding post-travel recapitulations or refunds owing from the individual requesting the advance.
 4. Requests for advance travel for lodging in excess of \$150.00 (plus tax) per night must be approved by the Mayor.
 5. Where possible, air reservations should be made 45 days before departure in order to maximize discounts.
- E. Submission of actual expenses recaps shall be as follows:

- C. Rental Vehicles
Employees who intend to rent vehicles for official City travel must secure prior written approval from the Mayor. Written justification for renting vehicles, as well as cost estimates for doing so, must accompany all pre-trip requests. Actual costs of mid-sized vehicles rented from recognized car rental agencies (Avis, Hertz, National, Budget, Dollar, etc.) are reimbursable, with receipts.
2. FOOD

A \$50.00 per diem maximum allowable for food shall be provided per day for employees. Receipts must be provided upon return of the trip or the expense will not be considered. **THE CITY SHALL NOT REIMBURSE THE COST OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

3. LODGING
Actual costs of lodging, not to exceed \$150.00 (plus tax) per night, are reimbursed, with receipts. Actual costs in excess of this amount for lodging at designated hotels shall be reimbursable, with receipts, if approved by the Mayor.
4. TIPS

Expenses for miscellaneous non-food tips are reimbursed, if properly itemized on the Travel Expense Form.

- 6.PARKING
Expenses incurred for parking are reimbursed, with receipts. Any airport parking shall be reimbursed at the long-term parking rate.
- CITY VEHICLES, VEHICLE ALLOWANCES, GASOLINE ALLOWANCES

- I. City vehicles are not to be taken home by employees unless that employee is a Department head/ supervisor considered to be on call at all times, or by an Employee who is on call.
- II. City vehicles are not to be utilized for personal use. Refer to PD and Fire Policy.
- III. Unauthorized persons should not be in City vehicles. City vehicles are for the use of City Employees only, anyone not employed by the City of Nashville or doing official business with the City of Nashville is considered to be an unauthorized person.

That in no other manner are Ordinances 909-922-923 modified except as specified herein. The remainder of Ordinances 909-922-923 remain in full force and effect.

This amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed this the 26 day of August, 2024.

Larry Dunaway, Mayor
Lauren Hoen, City Clerk

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Pike County deputy cleared in shooting death of woman

On Monday, Sept. 23, 9th West Judicial District Prosecutor Jana Bradford determined that the use of lethal force by a Pike County Sheriff's Deputy was justified in the officer-involved shooting on Aug. 29, which resulted in the death of a Pike County woman, according to a press release Tuesday morning.

The Pike County Sheriff's Department asked the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) of the Arkansas State Police (ASP) to investigate the shooting.

On Aug. 29, a Pike County deputy, identified as David Walker by Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill, responded to a location on Highway 84 West near Lodi following reports of a woman with a knife. An ambulance was notified and was on standby nearby when the deputy arrived on the scene.

The woman, later identified as Jennifer Provence, 43, did not comply with a deputy's commands to drop the knife.

Walker fired his service weapon, hitting Provence, who died from her injuries at the scene.

Pike County Sheriff's Department are required to wear body cameras and Walker's camera was activated during the incident, according to the sheriff.

ASP CID prepared an investigative file and submitted it to the prosecuting attorney, who determined the use of deadly force was consistent with Arkansas laws.

Walker is one of two school resource officers employed by the Centerpoint School District and was called to the scene due to his proximity, according to Sheriff Hill.

Glenwood man sentenced Sept. 23 in Pike County

A Glenwood man listed as homeless has been sentenced to prison concerning numerous Pike County charges involving drugs, theft and possessing a firearm.

Joseph Pumilia, Jr, 43, entered guilty pleas on Sept. 23 and was sentenced to a total of 18 years.

Charges against Pumilia date back to 2023 with drug charges with theft and drug

charges along with being a felon in possession of a firearm were filed in 2024.

Also on Sept. 23 in Pike County court, Chauncey Charges, 44, of Malvern, was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with two years suspended. He plead guilty to the charges of criminal conspiracy and fleeing stemming from an incident in June involving the 9th West

Unattended death of M'boro woman reported in HoCo

The unattended death of a Murfreesboro woman is being investigated in Howard County.

The body was Sonya Fugitt was discovered Sept. 21 in a camper trailer on Highway 278 near Centerpoint.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department received a call on Sept. 21 concerning a deceased female and arrived at the scene and located Fugitt on the floor of the camper.

Fugitt's body has been sent to the Arkansas State Crime Lab.



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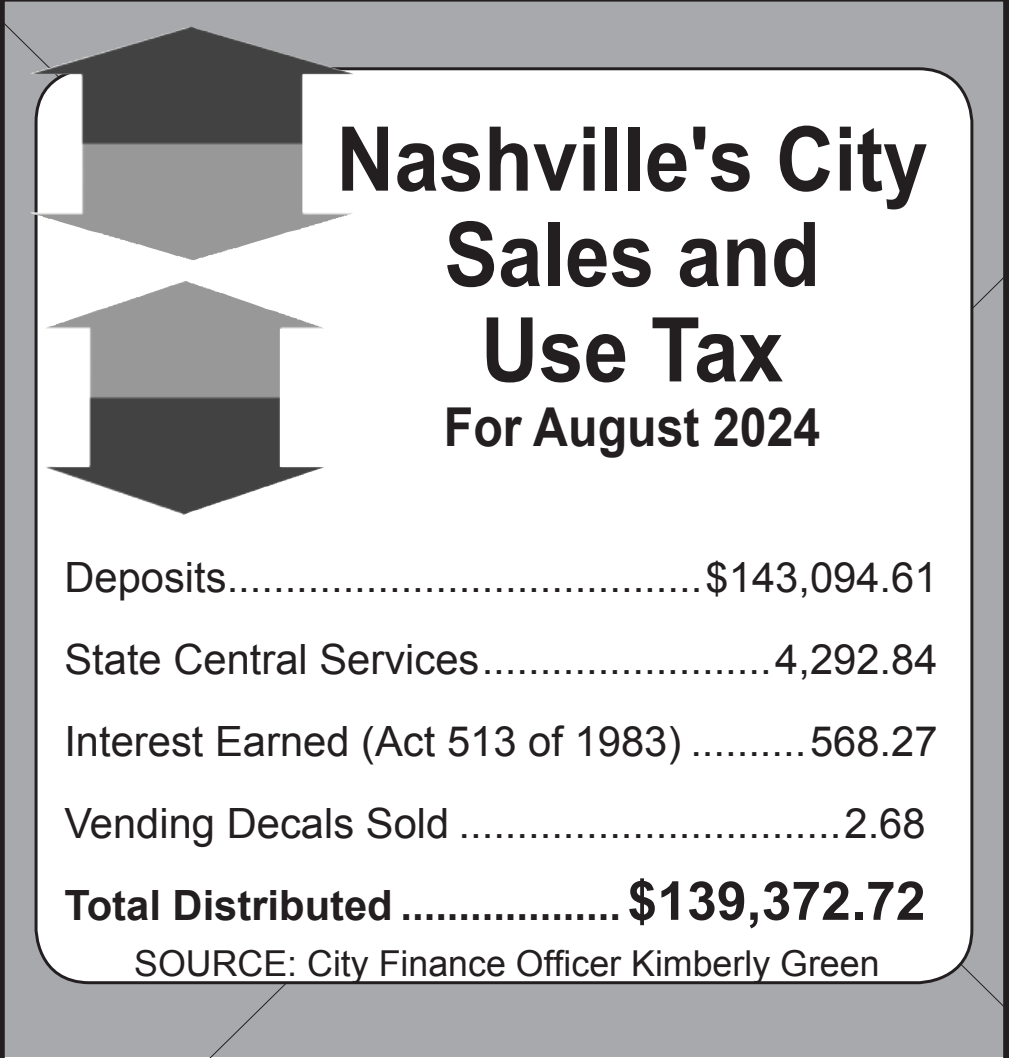
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Delight VFD benefit Oct 26 wil include chances on deer blind, grill, deer corn

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

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

Proceeds of the event will go toward equipment for the fire department.

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

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

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

Rattler fishing team raising funds for this year's events

The Murfreesboro Rattler Fishing team is raising money for the new tournament season.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, the group will draw a winner for the Savage Axis II CP 350 Legend w/Bushnell scope and box of ammunition from Peoples Pharmacy in Murfreesboro.

Go by and check it out at 317 E 13th Street in Murfreesboro. These straight-wall cartridge rifles are now legal for use during the Arkansas muzzleloading season.

Tickets may be purchased at Peoples Pharmacy or from Rattler Fishing Team members at \$5 each or 5/\$20. Tickets are also available via Venmo (@RattlerFishing), Paypal (@RattlerFishing), CashApp (\$1RattlerFishing) or Chime (\$Rattler-Fishing). Checks can be made out to Rattler Fishing Booster Club.

Tickets purchased remotely will receive a text or email with confirmation. Participants need not be present at the drawing to win, however the winner must be 18 and capable of passing background check for firearm purchase.

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500 Years of Change!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

For many years people have talked about - and argued about - the impact of explorer Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas. Many people view his journeys as opening up an exciting "New World." But, others point out that the lands Columbus found had many people already - with their own ways of life - and see his coming to these lands as destructive. In the end, we all can agree that Columbus' voyages to the Americas beginning in 1492 set in motion a period of massive change that continues today - over 500 years later!

New World to the Old World

The items in this puzzle were brought from the Americas to other countries. Study the clues (below) to fill in the puzzle:

- 1. "chocolate bean"
- 2. bean for hot drink; from Asia first
- 3. gold
- 4. corn
- 5. cacao
- 6. squash
- 7. peanuts
- 8. pumpkins
- 9. potatoes
- 10. tomatoes

Old World to the New World

The items in this puzzle were brought to the Americas from other countries. Study the clues below. Use the words to the left to fill in the puzzle:

- 1. sugarcane
- 2. bananas
- 3. horses
- 4. cattle
- 5. coffee
- 6. sheep
- 7. wheat
- 8. pigs
- 9. used for meat, hides
- 10. SUGAR

East to West - West to East

After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The voyage sped up the exchange of people, culture, maps and writings, which spread new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

1. food and animals

2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle

3. Native American words + Spanish words

4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures

5. disease, medicines

A. health

B. religion

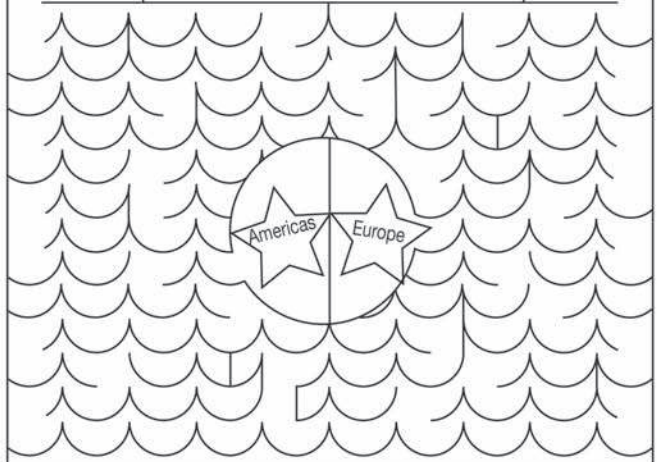
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DIERKS XC. Twins Carlee and Kalee Mounts (top) ready to run; Outlaw Dylan Moore (at left) and junior Lady Outlaws (below) Taigen McCauley, Scarlett Nuttall and Braylee Foran with their runners-up trophy.

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Dierks XC

The Dierks cross country runners recently competed in two events including the Genoa Central Dragon Invitational and one in Mena.

At GC, Outlaw Dylan Moore, senior high's lone competitor this season, placed ninth while the seniors girls team placed first.

Lady Outlaw finishers included Carlee Mounts 5th, Kalee Mounts 115, Gracie Thigpen 13th, Hannah Kirby 15th, Lilly Hogg 16th, Ally Sayre 34th, Valeria Marquez 57th and Abbie Vaughn 62nd. Junior boys finishing at the meet included Justice Burton 12th, Macclane Smith 17th, Auston Mathis 44th and Nash Hill 78th.

The junior Lady Outlaws placed second at GC with finishers including Scarlett Nuttall 1st, Dallie Graham 3rd, Sophie Younger 9th, Taigen Collins 12th, Emma Manasco 57th, Breezy Faulkner 59th, Braylee Foran 61st and Elizabeth Parker 74th.

At Mena, the senior girls finished as meet runners-up and the junior girls finished fifth.

The top 10 finishers for Dierks included Dallie Graham 4th, Carlee Mounts 2nd, Scarlett Nuttall 1st and Justice Burton 9th place.

Nuttall, a seventh grader, set meet records for the Buck Fever Showcase with a time of 9:59 and for the Dragon Country Invitational with a time of 11:38.

Partnership brings threatened species back to Cossatot River

Threatened leopard darter released, only found in Oklahoma, Arkansas

By Randy Zellers
AG&FC

UMPIRE — The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission last week released 80 leopard darters into the wild thanks to the help of many partners at the state and federal level, as well as Conservation Fisheries, LLC, a private hatchery specializing in propagating rare and threatened species.

According to Chance Garrett, fish ecologist for the AGFC, this release is the first of two scheduled for the Cossatot River in western Arkansas this year and is the first historical reintroduction effort of leopard darters anywhere.

"We plan to release another 250 leopard darters in early October," Garrett said. "All of the fish were grown from broodstock that originally came from the Mountain Fork River which

flows from Arkansas into Oklahoma."

The leopard darter was added to the Endangered Species Act's threatened status in 1978. It is only found in Oklahoma and Arkansas and has seen substantial declines in its remaining populations.

"They originally thought it was only found in Oklahoma, but some populations were found in the Rolling Fork and Cossatot after its listing," Garrett said. "Those two populations are thought to no longer exist, so this effort to re-establish them is extremely important."

Garrett says if the effort is successful, it may change the way the species is managed in the future.

"This is actually the second year of the project," Garrett said. "The first year we saw low survival at the hatchery level, but those fish

that did survive were added to the broodstock for this year's effort. The people at Conservation Fisheries have been doing this sort of work longer than I've been alive, so they've really been a key source of information on how to move forward with the project with the success we've seen so far."

Additional partners in the effort included Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Arkansas State Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives from Oklahoma and Arkansas, USDA Forest Service's Ouachita National Forest, and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

The fish, all measuring only an inch or two at stocking size, were transported from the hatchery to their final destination in under a day.

"They left the hatchery

in Knoxville, Tennessee that morning, and Jeff Quinn, AGFC Rivers and Streams Program supervisor, and I met them in Memphis," Garrett said. "Then I drove them to the Cossatot on the other side of Arkansas by 6:30 p.m. or so."

Once at the river, the fish had to be tempered to the water they would call home.

"It's similar to how you'd add fish to an aquarium at home," Garrett said. "They're in bags, so you have to let them slowly acclimate to the temperature of the river water by floating the bag in it. Then you let some river water in to help them adjust slowly to the chemistry of that location. After a while, they're ready for the final release."

Staff worked well into the night to make sure the fish had the best chance possible of surviving. The



LEOPARD DARTER. AGFC released 80 leopard darters into the Cossatot River last week, marking the first reintroduction effort in history. Photo by Mike Wintroath.

morning after the release, they scanned the pool where the fish were introduced.

"We found some still in the pool, but the rest had already dispersed," Garrett said. "Hopefully we'll see them in future survey efforts. I'll be out there as much as

I can to keep an eye out for them. Ultimately our goal is to see some spawning activity in spring."

With a little luck, perhaps the partnership can turn the tide for one of the longest-standing members of the Endangered Species Act.



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Chicken house electricity audit provides clues to curbing ‘peak demand’

By John Lovett
University of Arkansas System Division of Agri
Today’s meat chickens were bred to grow faster with higher feed conversion ratios, but that also makes chicken house climate control even more important. Demand for better climate control, especially ventilation, has increased over the past decade as poultry companies have moved to require fully enclosed chicken houses that support those genetic abilities of the nation’s largest meat protein sector.

Following an 11-month study of a modern broiler chicken house’s electric load pattern, researchers with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture showed the most significant room for energy cost savings for poultry producers lies in avoiding “peak demand” charges associated with ventilation fans.

“We really need to look at the energy efficiency of fans because that’s the biggest energy user,” said Yi Liang, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering for the Division of Agriculture. “There are also many other components. Lights, for example. However, in the last 10 to 15 years, they have passed from incandescent to fluorescent to LEDs. Now, lights are just a small percentage of electricity usage. Energy efficiency can have a lot of benefits.”

The study, “Measurement of dynamic electric consumption trend in a broiler house in Arkansas,” was published earlier this year by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and was co-authored by Thomas Costello, associate professor. Costello retired from the biological and agricultural engineering department in January.

Liang conducts research and outreach through the Division of Agriculture’s Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. Her work is also part of the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science.

The chicken house equipment that was monitored included sidewall fans, end-wall fans, circulation fans, compact fluorescent lamps, dimmable LED lamps, feed-bin cross-auger motors, feed-line motors, blowers on radiant-tube heaters, and well-water pump motors for an entire farm. The sump pumps used to deliver water to the cooling cells were not monitored since their electricity consumption is small, Liang said. End-wall fans create high air speed through the house, typically referred to as the “tunneling effect,” to help cool the chickens.

Due to the difficulty in obtaining real-time measurements, the researchers did not measure fuel usage to heat the production houses.

Costs of peak demand
Their yearlong investigation sought deeper insights into chicken houses’ daily and seasonal energy load,

Fast Facts

- Ventilation fans contribute to largest electricity use, peak demand in broiler house
- Electricity demand four times higher in summer than winter for chicken production
- Future studies to look at variable speed drives, electric motor programming

which can be used to assess if incorporating solar arrays on site is feasible to offset peak demand.

Many farm electric accounts, Liang explained, are charged not only for total energy usage but also extra for power used during periods of peak demand. The study used 15 minutes as its peak demand period — the amount of time which utility companies use to compute the most power within a billing cycle.

Liang’s previous published research showed that peak demand charges can account for close to 50 percent of the monthly electricity bill for some farms.

Having investigated chicken house energy consumption for many years, Liang expected ventilation fans to be the biggest user. But even she was a little surprised at just how much. Throughout four growth cycles of heavy broilers, the study showed that ventila-

tion fans accounted for 88 percent of the electricity demand and were the most significant contributor to peak demand on the farm.

Electricity costs over the 11-month production period ranged from \$5 per metric ton of chicken for winter flocks to \$22 per metric ton for summer flocks respectively.

The results led Liang to a few ideas for further studies.

Controlled power
To offset peak demand, Liang said she would like to work on programming the electric feed motors in a chicken house so they avoid running continuously for 15 minutes when ventilation demand is peaking.

For example, if the ventilation fans are peaking, Liang said she would like to try programming the well water pump to refill at off-peak hours to avoid influencing the peak demand charges.

“Commercial chicken houses have a controller with software guiding the equipment operations as the birds grow” Liang said. “Basically, the controller needs a little bit of an upgrade.”

Liang would also like to test variable speed technology on the chicken house ventilation fans to decrease electricity demand, by slowing them down during months when the required air exchange rates are lower than the design airflow rates. Unfortunately, Liang said, slowing the fans down using variable speed technology means additional capital investment so an in-depth cost benefit analysis is warranted.

This work was supported by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative-Sustainable Agricultural Systems, project award no. 2019-69012-29905, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



GET PINK NOW. Orders are being taken on “Rattler Pink Out” t-shirts for \$12 each at the South Pike County School District. Orders must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 9. The shirt will be a light pink 50/50 cotton/polyester blend. Submit orders with name, size and phone number along with the \$12 fee to either Murfreesboro High School or Murfreesboro Elementary School offices.

Rattler mini-cheer camp Oct. 15-17

The Murfreesboro Cheerleaders will hold their mini-cheerleader camp Oct. 15-17.

The camp is open to South Pike County students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and students can be registered at <https://forms.gle/aMd05kfEwDvBP2Hu9>.

Camp practices will be held after school until 4:30 p.m., culminating in a performance at halftime of the senior high football game against Lafayette County on Friday, Oct. 18.

Cost of the camp is \$35, which includes camp fees, t-shirt, cheer bow, and admission into the game the night

of the grand performance. The admission is good for the camper only, any family members attending the game to see the cheerleaders must pay the regular \$5 gate admission fee.

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SENIOR NIGHT. Six NHS tennis players were recognized during Senior Night activities Monday, Sept. 30, at the Nashville City Park. The seniors include Addison Tate, Jamie Wallace, Colby Clay, Chloe Keeton, Lana Walker and Marisol Perez. Scrapper and Scrapperette netters wrapped up the regular season Monday. They will compete at the District 7-4A tournament Monday, Oct. 7, at Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. The Class 4A state tournament will be played Oct. 14-15. The Scrapperettes were runners-up in 2023, with Reese Worthington and Esmarelda Aguilar winning the state doubles championship.

Netters wrap up regular season

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

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GIFTS FOR THE SENIORS. Teammates presented gifts to the six seniors on the Nashville High School tennis team Monday afternoon, Sept. 30, before the final home match of the season against Arkadelphia. The seniors include Marisol Perez, Lana Walker, Chloe Keeton, Colby Clay, Jamie Wallace and Addison Tate.



AT THE CITY PARK. Colby Clay eyes the ball against Fountain Lake.



FOCUSED ON THE BALL. Jamie Wallace competes against Fountain Lake in girls singles Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Nashville City Park.



WATCHING HER SHOT. Allie Sartin plays Sept. 26.

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Rattlers improve to 2-2 with 22-7 conference win over Gurdon Go-Devils

GURDON – The Murfreesboro Rattlers won their second consecutive game, a 22-7 win at Gurdon, last Friday night.

The victory puts the Rattlers at 2-2 on the season and 1-0 to open conference play.

Coach Brad Chesshir said the second half was a crucial turnaround for his squad after entering the mid-game break down 7-6.

“I’m absolutely happy with the solid win – but we were not great in the first half defensively. I was not pleased with that.”

Chesshir said the offense was moving the football, and they just didn’t get enough opportunities in the opening two quarters.

“Defensively we just couldn’t get off the field ... so we just didn’t have many offensive possessions in the first half and that killed us.”

Then the lightbulb came on collectively for the Rattlers.

“In the second half we were a completely different team, mentally and physically. After halftime our guys responded to what we were trying to do -- what we needed them to do. In the second half we came out and played better than we have all year.”

Chesshir noted this was in contrast to the first three games of the season, where the third quarters have provided the team their greatest challenges.

“We haven’t done a very good job of coming out and playing strong in the second half. We came out with a lot of energy and effort Friday night – playing hard and making big defensive stops. Our offense was able to drive and score.”

After the Rattlers were forced to punt to open the second half, the defense forced a three and out deep in Go-Devil territory that would turn into a score following the ensuring change of possession and good field possession.

“For the first time this year, we started playing together as a team and as one unit. I could hear them motivating each other, encouraging each other and you didn’t see any selfish football. Bubba Stinson and Lathan Compton, getting big numbers rushing per game [in the first three contests] and neither one of them got over 20 yards rushing Friday night. Brody Maroon rushed for 134 yards and 3 touchdowns. Lathan and Bubba were the first ones there to help [Maroon] get up and back to the huddle. We just played selfless football in the second half, and that was good to see – playing as a team, communicating with each other, getting each other up and going. That was really good to see.”

Now, it is incumbent that the Rattlers are able to maintain that attitude and focus going forward.

“I told them after the game that watching their performance in the second half, I think they got an idea about how good they could be. We still have a long way to go. Obviously a win over Gurdon doesn’t make our season, but it was a good win.”

Chesshir feels the Go-Devils are a better squad that could play a part in determining the ultimate conference champion.

“Gurdon is very much improved from last year, a very tough football team that in my opinion will give some teams in our conference some fits.”

He added his Rattlers need to take the momentum of the victory and build upon it.

“We need to take some of that swagger we had in the second half and take it into this week, and continue to improve in that area.”

Chesshir was also complimentary of the local resi-

dents.

“It doesn’t surprise or shock me, but I can’t say enough about the continued support of our community. Our people show up and support these kids and Rattler football, as well as Rattler athletics as a whole. We’re at an away game, and you look around and there’s more people in red than in purple. We just travel very well, and I just want to make sure I express my gratitude over their continued support.”

VERSUS FOREMAN

This week in the annual homecoming game, the Rattlers will host the 0-4 Foreman Gators.

Foreman has been outscored 149-62 over the course of the season, with their lone competitive loss coming two weeks ago against Horatio 26-22.

Chesshir said that despite the Gators being in a tailspin for the most part since their 2017, the team’s fourth coach, Ed Baker, has them trending in the right direction.

“He’s doing a good job, and although they still have low roster numbers at the senior high level, they are building with an undefeated junior high team.”

The head Rattler said the

Gators had good athletes, size and speed at the ready.

He added that RBD.J. Anderson (#9) was the team’s biggest threat.

“They have talent, and by watching film you can see they are being coached up. They will do a good job and have some good ones coming up.”

Taking his statement as gospel, improvement over time will be great for the Gators ... but that won’t necessarily come to their aid this Friday night against the Rattlers at home in a festive mood.

“We just have to continue to get better and let our momentum carry over – we have to take care of business this week,” Chesshir concluded.

HOMECOMING WEEK

The homecoming pep rally will be held at the school at 2 p.m. on Friday, while the evening session prior to the football contest will start at 6:20 p.m.

The MJHS Rattlers, who collected at 6-0 win over Gurdon last week to move to 2-1-1 on the season will travel to Foreman to take on the undefeated junior Gators at 7 p.m. this Thursday. The seventh grade contest between the schools will start at 6 p.m.



Arkansas hunters check 1,231 deer during inaugural early buck hunt

Arkansas bowhunters harvested 1,231 deer during the state’s first statewide early buck hunt earlier this month. The jump-start to deer season was added during the biannual regulations-setting process this spring to offer hunters the opportunity to pursue a buck still “in velvet.”

Ralph Meeker, deer program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said the hunt’s harvest was within the range expected by biologists when the hunt was announced.

“When we look at historical harvest for the first three days of archery season, hunters typically check between 2,000 and 4,000 deer, depending on the weather,” Meeker said. “But a lot of those deer are does, so when you look at only the buck component of that harvest, it’s around 800 to 1,500 antlered deer.”

Arkansas’s regular archery season has traditionally begun on the fourth Saturday in September.

Meeker says the results of Arkansas’s first statewide early deer hunt also fall fairly close to those found in Tennessee and Mississippi, two neighboring states with similar hunts.

“We had great weather during the hunt, and a lot of hunters were able to enjoy a cooler morning in the stand than anticipated,” Meeker said.

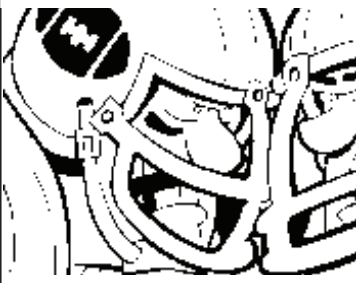
While many hunters enjoyed harvesting an early deer, the timing of this year’s hunt did fall slightly outside the peak time for the deers’ antlers to be shrouded in velvet.

“After talking to meat processors and hunters I know, I’d estimate that only about 10 to 15 percent of the bucks were still in velvet and I’d lean closer to that 10 percent side,” Meeker said. “The hunt is set for the first full weekend in September, and this year it happened to land on the latest possible calendar date for that criteria. As the calendar rotates, we’ll begin to see earlier hunts in future years. We see several bucks “in velvet” harvested in the first few days of the urban hunts, which typically open Sept. 1.”

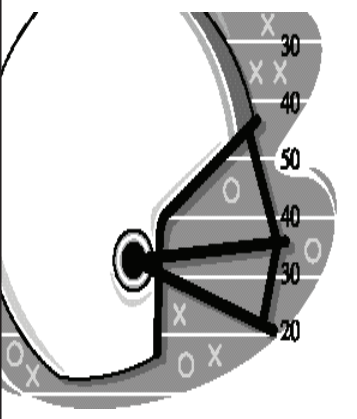
The hunt also shouldn’t take much of the excitement out of the opening weekend of regular archery deer season, as many hunters still have tags and freezers to fill.

Regular archery season in Arkansas is Sept. 28-Feb. 28. Visit www.agfc.com/deer for more information.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE Issue No. 3 (Popular Name) Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2024 (Ballot Title) THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION EXPANDS ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY QUALIFIED PATIENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016, AMENDMENT 98 AND RATIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT AMENDMENT AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED AND AS AMENDED BY ANY LEGISLATIVE ACT, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(4)(B) TO DEFINE “CULTIVATION FACILITY” AS INCLUDING SALE AND DELIVERY OF USABLE MARIJUANA TO A PROCESSOR; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(12) TO REPLACE THE DEFINITION OF “PHYSICIAN” WITH “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER,” WHICH INCLUDES MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC DOCTORS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS’ ASSISTANTS, AND PHARMACISTS AND TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL CONTROLLED-SUBSTANCES REGISTRATION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 4(F), 5(A)(1), 5(F)(1), 5(H), AND 15 TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIANS WITH REFERENCES TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS; 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The News-Leader's 2024 PIGSKIN PREDICTIONS



This week's top games

Dierks at Spring Hill

Fouke at Murfreesboro

Junction City at Mineral Springs

Malvern at Haskell Harmony Grove

Bauxite at Arkadelphia

Central Florida at Florida

Missouri at Texas A&M

Ole Miss at South Carolina

Tennessee at Arkansas

Nashville at Fountain Lake

John R. Schirmer (70%)

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Myles Hawthorne runs the ball for the Scrappers Friday night, Sept. 27, in their District 7-4A opener against Arkadelphia. The Badgers defeated Nashville 42-12. The Scrappers will play at Fountain Lake Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.



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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PUMPED UP IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY. Dierks Outlaw Jordan Hill (#4) and Greyson Kersey (#5) celebrate Hill's touchdown against the Cougars Friday night while cheerleader Lilly Hogg fires up the crowd.

GROUND-GAINER. MS Hornet senior Javeon Fricks moves the ball against the Spring Hill Bears.

Dierks Outlaws come back for 32-22 conference win at Lafayette County

The Dierks Outlaws improved to 3-1 on the season Friday night with a 32-22 comeback conference win over the Lafayette Cougars.

The loss evened the LC Cougars evened out at 2-2 with a 0-1 conference mark.

Dierks will travel to Spring Hill to take on the 1-3 Bears, who dropped their game Friday 56-20 to the Mineral Springs Hornets. The Bears' sole win came over over Genoa Central (34-6) with losses to the Hornets and Mount Ida (14-0).

The Cougars scored the game's first 16 points, leaving the Outlaws to play catch-up in the second half. Dierks' first points of the game came in the second quarter when Juan Salazar capped an Outlaw drive with a one-year touchdown run with Jordan Hill adding the two-point play. LC led 16-8 at the half.

The Outlaw defense blanked the Cougars in the third quarter while the offense gained ground when Hill scored from 10 yards out and Salazar rushed for the two-point play to knot the game at 16-16 heading into the fourth quarter.

Dierks added more points in the fourth when Greyson Kersey broke a 16-yard TD run and Justin Humphreys pulled down the two-point pass from quarterback Peyton Boeckman.

LC responded with a

drive that added six more points before Hill added another TD and the two-point play to set the 32-22 final.

Dierks' offense earned 259 yards total with 237 yards on 50 Rishes and 1/5 passes competed for 22 yards.

Hill led the Outlaw rushers with 23 carries for 99 yards and two TDs followed by Kersey with 13 carries for 90 yards and one TD.

Salazar wrapped up the rushing total with 12 carries for 52 yards and one TD.

Hill collected Boeckman's only completion for 22 yards.

Dierks was penalized four times for 34 yards while the Cougars were flagged five times for 33 yards.

Both teams lost one fumble.

LC posted 334 yards of offense with 78 yards on 3/10 pass competitions and 256 yards on 33 rushes.

Kason Dougan led the Outlaw tackle chart with seven combo stops followed by Treaton Alexander with five combined stops. Jordan Hill, Jeron Hill, Kersey and Tristen Godwin got in on four tackles each and Boeckman and Humphreys were in on three stops each.

Drake Thatcher, Thomas Salgado and Salazar added stops to the tackle chart.

Next Game
Dierks @ Spring Hill
Friday, Oct. 4
Conference Game



LOOSE BALL. Dierks Outlaw Kason Dougan (#52) and another Dierks defender knock the football loose during action Friday night in Lafayette County.

Hornets roll over Spring Hill Bears for homecoming

The Mineral Springs presented Homecoming Queen Dhanya Wright with a 56-20 win Friday night.

The win moves the Hornets to 2-2 on the season and they will play host to the Junction City Dragons this Friday night for another conference match.

The JC Dragons are also 2-2 on the season with wins over Smackover (17-15) and Foreman (49-6) and losses to Harmony Grove (30-20) and Carlisle (41-20).

Friday night, Mineral Springs' ground game earned 396 yards on 53 carries with five touchdowns and three two-point conversions.

Javeon Fricks ran 10 times for 236 yards and one TD and collected three passes for 24 yards and one TD.

Quarterback Evan Erwin hit five of 11 passes for 48 yards and one TD and rushed the ball five times for 48 yards and one TD.

Amarrion Stuart carried the ball 13 times for 59 yards and three TDs and one two-point conversion. Rahmaij Ware had two pass receptions for 34 yards. Keithan Dixon carried four times for 19 yards and Brandon Allen had three carries for 27 yards and caught one pass for a TD.

"Another physical night on the ground," said Hornet Head Coach Jason Hathcock.

"Kids played with aggression - wasn't a perfect game but we made up for it with effort."

Hathcock's player of the week honors go to R. Ware, who recovered two onside kicks, played offense and made some big catches at crucial times.

Ware also contributed key blocks that sprung big plays, led the team in tackles and got a defensive TD with a 40-yard scoop and score.

Hornet Nadairus Vaughn added an interception to the defensive stats.

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Senior Scrappers receive travel pillows

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Payton Hill (right)



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Phillip Longtin (right)



Joe Branch (center)



Alexis Brizo (right)



Ja'Marion Conway (center)



Brady Dixon (right)



Khaleel Canaday (right)



Quentin Thrower (right)



Mason Nelson (right)



Logan Pennington (center)



Roochie Wiley (center)



Jaquan Swift (right)



Jayden Scoggins (right)



Kellen Jackson (right)



Kasen Morgan (center)



Manager Jacee Martin (second from left)



Manager Harleigh Hill (right)



Manager Natalie Nolte (center)

Family and friends presented travel pillows to senior football players, cheerleaders and band members at a September pep rally. Pictures of the presentations to band and cheerleaders will be included in next week's News-Leader.

Mistakes prove costly in Scrappers' 42-12 loss

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Mistakes took their toll on the Scrappers Friday night, Sept. 27, as Arkadelphia mercy-ruled Nashville 42-12 at Scrapper Stadium.

An incorrect route on the second play from scrimmage led to the Badgers' first touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

Miscues popped up throughout the game.

"We've got to eliminate selfish penalties," Coach Shawn Jackson said. "False starts, personal fouls - you can't win that way."

The Scrappers must also "protect the ball better," Jackson said.

Nashville's defense "played well enough to bin the last two games, but we had seven 15-yard penalties on defense the last two games," according to Jackson.

Several Scrappers avoided the mistakes from Friday night's game and drew praise from Jackson. Ja'Marion Conway, Jaquan Swift, Mikhail Johnson and

Roochie Wylie "played as good as people can play on defense," Jackson said.

Lucas Aylett "did a good job at linebacker for Zack Harris. Khaleel Canaday had one of his best nights. Wylie made one of the best plays I've seen at the end of the game," Jackson said.

Going into the remainder of the season, Jackson is focused on improvement and eliminating mistakes. "You've got to correct it. You either coach it or allow it, and I won't allow it."

Jackson said Arkadelphia scored 28 points on fourth down, with the Scrappers called for a 15-yard penalty or a false start on each one.

For the game, Nashville was penalized nine times for 85 yards. Arkadelphia had four penalties for 50 yards.

The Scrappers had 11 first downs, with 15 for the Badgers.

Nashville ran the ball 35 times for 115 yards. Arkadelphia had 35 carries for 67 yards.

The Scrappers completed

seven passes for 120 yards, while the Badgers had 24 completions for 360 yards.

Total offense amounted to 235 yards for Nashville and 427 for Arkadelphia.

The Scrappers committed three turnovers, with two for the Badgers.

Nashville punted six times for an average 29 yards per punt. Arkadelphia punted once for 52 yards.

Fountain Lake

Nashville (1-3 overall, 0-1 district) will travel to Fountain Lake for a 7 p.m. kickoff Friday, Oct. 4.

This will be the first meeting for the teams since 2021. The Cobras played eight-man football in 2022 and 2023.

Bauxite defeated Fountain Lake 78-72 last week in the conference opener for both teams.

"Their quarterback was lights out. He can run and throw. He's a playmaker. One of their receivers is the best we've seen, and they have another good receiver," Jackson said.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

A host of Scrapper defenders converge on the Arkadelphia ball carrier Friday night, Sept. 27, in Nashville's 42-12 home loss to the Badgers. Nashville will visit Fountain Lake Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.



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Hayden Gray (14) watches for Arkadelphia defenders as kicker Alexis Brizo tries to run the ball after an errant snap on a point-after attempt last Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.



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Karson Chambers (5) looks for a receiver as Jamison McIntosh (71) keeps the Badger defender occupied Sept. 27 at Scrapper Stadium.

Junior Scrappers earn wins at Arkadelphia

ARKADELPHIA - The Nashville Junior High Scrappers recorded a 3-0 night against Arkadelphia Thursday, Sept. 26, at Badger Stadium

Ninth graders won 28-8. The eighth graders defeated Arkadelphia 36-14, and the seventh graders posted a 24-8 win.

In the ninth grade game, Jacoby Hopson completed three of four passes for 75 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran the ball

nine times for 87 yards.

Trenton Northcross had 13 carries for 77 yards. He had one catch for 21 yards and scored a touchdown.

Gauge Applegate ran once for five yards.

Bo Dean, Blake Moody and Zee Beasley had receptions of 10, 13 and 31 yards, respectively.

Dean was the Scrappers' leading tackler with eight, followed by Isaiah Hawthorne with seven and Northcross with six.

Other tacklers were Moody, Luke Wallis, Bayron Murrilo, Drew Gitchell, Skyler Ramsire, Aiden Bradley, Jace Wright, Beasley, Bay Nolte, Nilson Henriquez, Malik Green, Trace Trout, Applegate, Al Green, J.T. Smalley, Draven Weeks and Kamari Canaday.

Applegate, Northcross and Green had one interception each.

The Scrappers will host Fountain Lake Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.



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Members of the Scrapper band present their halftime routine during Nashville's home game against Arkadelphia Sept. 27.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Nashville Scrapperette golf



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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF
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MINOR CHILDREN
CASE NO. 55PR-2024-57

WARNING ORDER

The petitioners, Darrell Dunson and Jacklene Dunson (“Petitioners”), hereby warn all interested parties that a petition for permanent guardianship of the person and estate of Michael Mohl and Amaranth Campbell has been filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas. Any objection to such petition must be filed with the Pike County Probate Clerk within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of this Warning Order and upon failure of respondent to do so, the petition filed herein will be deemed to be admitted and the Court may so grant the petition as it is pending.
WITNESS my hand and seal as Probate Clerk of Pike County Court, Arkansas, on this date: September 25, 2024.
Randee Reid, Probate Clerk
(RL: 15, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERMA LOUISE SAVAGE, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-67

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR
AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 707 North 4th Street, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: September 5, 2024
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 TO BIDDERS

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THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OR BIDDERS will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible surety company authorized to do business in the State of Arkansas that is satisfactory to the Owner.
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THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any or all informalities, and to award the contract to the bidder or bidders who, in the opinion of the Owner, offers the proposal to the best interest of same.
CONTRACTORS are cautioned that qualified bids will be subject to rejection.
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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.
Jay Brown, Executor
BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DYANN MCMASTER, DECEASED
NO. 60PR-23-592

Name of Decedent: Dyann McMaster

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

Date of Death: August 5, 2022

NOTICE
On March 20, 2023, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with the affidavit is as follows: 1701 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076, Lot 8 Block 4 Sub-Keaton WW Addn. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is: Hollie McMaster, 42 Byrd Ln Cabot, AR 72023. This notice first published the 28TH day of March, 2023. DR21-3/28/4/23

Week of September 30, 2024

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Mini cheerleaders, halftime, and football made for a Busy night at Scrapper Stadium

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Captains Khaleel Canaday, Ja'Marion Conway, Skylar Gibson and Brady Dixon enter the field for the coin toss Sept. 27 before the home game against Arkadelphia.



Cheerleaders Leigha Thompson, Maddie Rodgers and Landree Green perform during the game.



Drum major Klaire Hendry directs the Scrapper band during last week's game.



Coach Tyler Clift (left) congratulates Joe Branch (13) after Branch intercepted a Badger pass.



Scrappers huddle before the next play in the 42-12 home loss to Arkadelphia Sept. 27.



Allie Sartin, Jayla Hendrix and Roland Schwope made the sportsmanship presentation before the game.



Mini cheerleaders present their routine before the game. About 150 girls participated in the mini cheerleader camp last week.



The Scrapper offense (right) awaits the snap Friday night, Sept. 27, in the District 7-4A game against Arkadelphia.



Ja'Marion Conway takes the opening kickoff for the Scrappers last Friday night.



Madi Brinkman cheers for the Scrappers in their game against Arkadelphia.



D.J. Jefferson (8) runs past the Badger defender Sept. 27 at Scrapper Stadium.

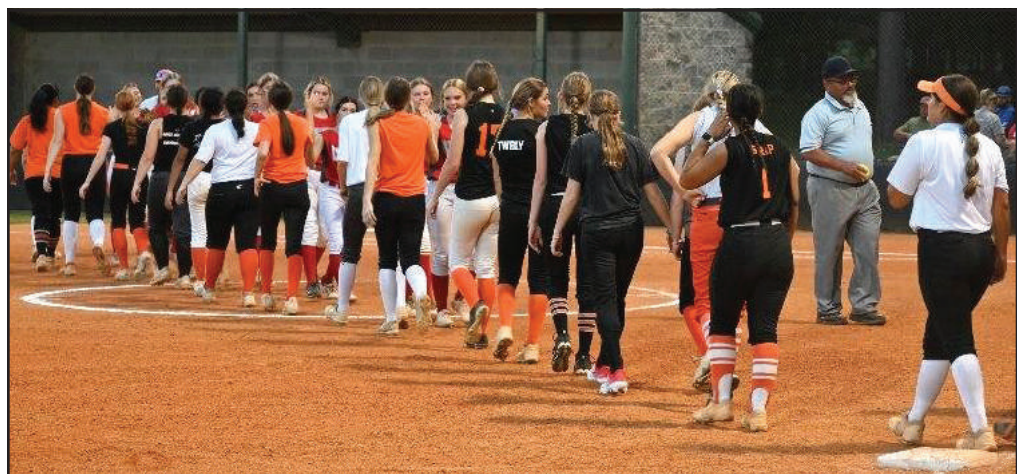


The Scrappers and Badgers line up head to head in their game last week.



Band members perform at halftime Friday, Sept. 27.

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Scrapperettes and Horatio meet following their game Sept. 24.



Landyn Tompkins pitches during fall ball last week in Nashville.



Players gather between innings.



Gabby Williams bats for Nashville Sept 24 at the Nashville City Park.



Courtesy photo

The Nashville Scrappettes won the District 7-4A golf championship last week at Hot Springs. The team includes Coach Aaron Worthen, District 7-4A Medalist Parker Tate, Rayleigh Harmon, Kinley Martin and Cassie Stephenson.



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Former Nashville resident Cameron Alexander and family attended Ouachita Baptist University's win over UA-Monticello Sept. 28 at Cliff Harris Stadium, where the 2014 Tiger football team of which Alexander was a member was inducted into the OBU Sports Hall of Fame. The Tigers went 10-0 during the 2014 regular season, the first undefeated team in school history, and advanced to the NCAA D-2 playoffs for the first time. Cliff Harris Stadium opened at the start of the 2014 season. Pictured are Alexander's daughter Lizzy, age 14 months; Cameron Alexander; his wife Kimberly; and son Connor, age 3. Alexander is principal at Magnet Cove Elementary School.



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