





# Obituaries



**Shirley Jean Bradford**  
Shirley Jean Bradford was born March 24th, 1933, to Thomas Luther “Mack” Bradford and Lucy Jane Bradford (nee Cornish). Shirley was the 9th child in a large family of 14 children! She grew up on a farm in Howard County outside of Nashville, Ark., and graduated from Nashville High School in 1951.

Shirley was a sharp-minded young woman and, after moving to Houston, Texas, quickly settled in to a technical job as a switchboard operator for Southwestern Bell “Ma Bell” Telephone Company (now AT&T). She enjoyed a long career of 35 ½ years at Southwestern Bell, finally retiring in 1987.

Shirley remained in Houston for a few years after retirement, she felt the call to return to her childhood home of Nashville, Ark. She bought a home in downtown Nashville and reconnected with high school friends and family. Shirley volunteered at the local hospital and enjoyed an active life with her family and local seniors.

Shirley moved to Texarkana around six years ago into Windsor Cottage Retirement Center. She enjoyed life at the Cottage where her family visited regularly. She called this place home and thought of all of the employees and residents as family. She loved her flowers outside the window and watching the garden.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers, Buster Bradford, Jewell McClure, Edwin Bradford, Wayne Bradford, Larkin Bradford, Junior Bradford and R.V. Bradford; three sisters, Ruby McDaniel, Elsie Lakey and Linda Hockaday.

Survivors include a brother, J.L. Bradford; two sisters, Betty Kibodeaux and Patsy Whitehead; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will follow at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday,

Oct. 12, 2024, in the Latimer Funeral Chapel in Nashville with Randy Bradford officiating. Interment will follow in Restland Memorial Park near Nashville.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).



**Carla Louise Lee**  
Carla Louise Lee, beloved by all who knew her, was born in Malvern, Ark., on July 29, 1959. She peacefully departed this life on Oct. 7th, 2024. She is preceded in death by her mother, Peggy Byers Lee, and grandparents, Silas C. Byers, II, Eugenia Floyd Byers, Lester Otho Lee, and Frankie Lee Caruthers. She is survived by her father, Lester W. “Bob” Lee, her sister, Debra Lee (Dolph), her brothers, Robert “Buddy” (Susan), Adam (Patty), her nephews, Christopher, Ryan (Caitlin), and her grandniece (Evelyn) and grandnephew (Atticus).

Carla battled schizoaffective disorder for many years of her life, but still found joy and laughter. Her outsized personality will always be remembered by the staff at the Arkansas Health Center where she called everyone “Momma” in a booming voice with a giant smile on her face. “Persistence” was her middle name. In her youth, she loved all small creatures, especially her dog General Stephen Dill Lee, and being with family and friends. She was an artist, storyteller, and poet, making beautiful notecards and writing poems about the lives of many small creatures. In her later years, she loved coloring, bingo, and “The Price is Right.”

Her life will be celebrated with residents and staff at the Arkansas Health Center in the next few weeks. Carla did not like being alone, so her memorial service will be held jointly with that of her father, in what we hope is many years in the future. Memorials may be made to either the Schizophrenia Research Society (<https://schizophreniaresearchsociety.org/>) or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (<https://www.asPCA.org/>).

**Marshall Lee Young**  
Marshall Lee Young, 79, of Nashville died Sept. 30, 2024.  
He was born Dec. 22, 1944, in Quitaque, Texas, to the late Marshall and Violet Brumley Young.  
He was a truck driver and mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Willie and Kenneth, and sisters Kathy Cowling and Mae Queen.

Survivors include: his wife of more than of over 55 years, Barbara Gene Duckett Young; daughter Sydney Lane Roberts of Nashville; brother, Jimmy Young of Jonesboro; and sisters, Sharon Henderson of Nashville and Patricia Fairchild of Hot Springs.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at County Line Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.

**June Earl Puett**  
June Earl Puett, 67, died Oct. 8, 2024. He was born on Sept. 4, 1957, in Dallas, Texas, the son of the late June and Letha Puett.

He was a retired welder-pipefitter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Debbie Riggs Puett, originally from Nashville.

Survivors include: his wife, Colleen McWilliams Puett of Royse City, Texas; a daughter, Amanda Puett and husband Daniel Huffines of Bells, Texas; sisters Jule Maxwell of Dallas, and Patti Bozda of Pittsburgh, Pa.; also grandchildren.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at Terrace Baptist Church

Graveside services will be Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at Restland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.

**Patsy Stone**  
Patsy Stone, 79, of Delight, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, at her home.

She was born Dec. 4, 1944, the daughter of the late Jim VanCamp and Irene Rutherford VanCamp.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pat Stone, and two brothers, Jimmy VanCamp and Jerry VanCamp.

Survivors include: her two sons, Ben Stone and Timothy Stone; two brothers, Johnny VanCamp and Lonny VanCamp; two sisters Debbie Bell and Sue Peters; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.



**THE UA-COSSATOT TENT.** At Thursday’s annual Golden Gathering at the Nashville City Park, cosmetology students at the college gave manicures to tent visitors.

## Nashville youth charged with receiving items stolen from parked vehicles

Felony charges were filed Oct. 3 against a young Nashville man who is accused of taking items which were stolen from parked cars in the city.

LaCourtney Rodgers, 18, black male, 316 W. Shepherd St., Nashville, was living with his grandmother at the address at the time of his arrest.

Police received a call reporting several of the stolen items in Rodgers’ bedroom at the residence. The items included purses and wallets containing names of persons who had reported thefts from vehicles. There

were also some wallets with ID cards that had not been reported stolen.

Dates of the reported thefts go back to July. Among the recovered items was a broken rifle.

In his interview at the police station, Rodgers reportedly admitted being with someone during the thefts but denied being the one who took the items from the unlocked vehicles. He declined to name the accomplice.

Rodgers faces two class D felony charges for theft by receiving.

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recently sponsored the purchase of a 50’x22’x12’ carport for the Nashville FFA AG Program for show trailer storage. They will also use the carport as a paint booth for their ag mechanics projects they build in class. These projects are entered in the Southwest District Fair, Arkansas Youth Expo (AYE), Arkansas State Fair, and the Farm Bureau Ag Mechanics contest held at their State Convention.

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## Perfect 10-of-10 entry wins weekly football contest

Some upsets among the college games selected for last week’s contest made for interesting competition.

The week’s winner was Mike Aylett of Nashville who went a perfect 10-of-10 in predictions.

Actual scores of the games in the contest:  
Murfreesboro 28, Dierks 16  
Mineral Springs 48, Foreman 24

Junction City 41, Gurdon 6  
Malvern 52, Ashdown 7  
Arkadelphia 77, Fountain Lake 0  
Alabama 27, South Carolina 25  
Texas 34, Oklahoma 3  
Tennessee 23, Florida 17  
LSU 29, Ole Miss 26  
Nashville 26, Bauxite 13

## Corinth Cemetery meeting Nov. 2

The Corinth Cemetery is located north of Nashville at the intersection of Corinth Road and State Highway 26, and its governing body is the Corinth Cemetery Association.

The association will have a meeting and

clean-up day on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 9 a.m. at the cemetery. Persons who have family members buried there are urged to participate. Donations will be accepted.

For more information call 870-557-6295.

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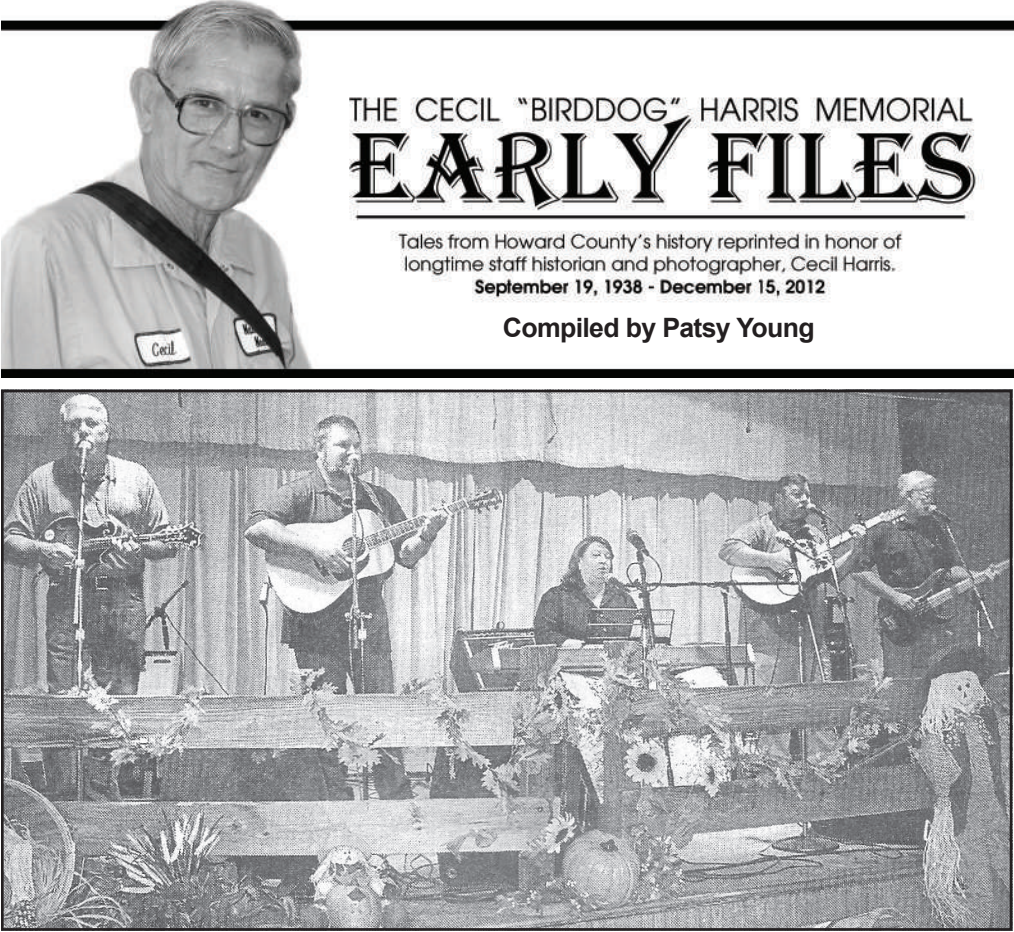
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The Testimonies perform at the 14th annual Gospel Fest at County Line Baptist Church. They include Ray Rogers, Kenny Dixon, Vicki Dougan, Ronnie Furr and Carey Short. October 2003

119 years ago: October 1905

President of the Confederacy is to be honored at last. Laying of a corner stone will take place at Richmond, Virginia, on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be of granite. An event of interest throughout seven states will be the laying of a corner stone to the Jefferson Davis Memorial Monument, which will take place at Richmond under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

(Adv.) Nashville High School opened September 11, 1905, and closes June 1, 1906. A full course with thorough training in high school work is offered, together with a course for teachers. Music is given special attention. We extend a hearty invitation to all young men and ladies who really mean business and wish to work for advancement. R.H. Kolb, principal.

80 years ago: October 1944

Trial date set in child pornography case

A Jan. 14, 2025, trial date has been set for Cameron Blake Scott, 20, white male, Nashville, who has been charged with 100 counts of child pornography possession.

Scott appeared before Judge Bryan Chesshir last Wednesday, Oct. 9, during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County. He entered a not guilty plea.

Trial dates were set for four other defendants who pleaded not guilty to felony charges.

Hunter Leecone Hughes, 28, white male, De Queen, has a Nov. 5 trial date. He is charged with fleeing with danger. Pretrial motions will be heard Oct. 30.

Edward Walker, 65, black male, Nashville, pleaded not guilty to felony charges of maintaining a drug premises and possession of controlled

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EARLY FILES

Tales from Howard County's history reprinted in honor of longtime staff historian and photographer, Cecil Harris.  
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Compiled by Patsy Young

Mrs. Harold McMullan has received from her husband, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harold McMullan, who is stationed at France US Army, a German Swastika arm band which was taken from a German soldier as a souvenir.

Four weeks from today, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the people of the nation will go to the polls to elect the President for the next four years and other officials. At present the presidential campaign is holding the national spotlight to such an extend that even the fighting on the myriad battlefields of the world is made part of the campaign.

67 years ago: October 1957

Two young hunters out in the woods in pursuit of a squirrel bagged a 20 lb. male bobcat instead. Keith Shofner, armed with a .22 rifle and Royce Tallent with a shotgun, knocked down the cat after they spotted it lying along a limb on a sloping tree in the Blue Bayou

vicinity six miles west of Nashville. The cat measured 36 inches from nose to tail and stood 20 inches high.

34 years ago: October 1990

A 24-year old Nashville man suffered the loss of an arm in an industrial accident Monday. Curtis Larson of Washington Street was flown by helicopter to Doctor's Hospital in Little Rock. Specialists there were unable to reattach his left arm. Larson caught his arm in machinery at the Nashville Crate Company at about 2 p.m. Monday afternoon. He was given emergency treatment at Howard Memorial before being flown to Little Rock. His arm was reportedly severed below the elbow.

(Adv.) The 1990 Arkansas State Fair, October 10,11, 12, 13, Entertainment Barton Coliseum Little Rock. Four Musical Super Stars; Kathy Mattea. Billy Joe Royal, Skip Ewing and Garth Brooks.

substance. His bond was set at \$10,000 and he was given a Dec. 11 date for pretrial motions.

One defendant entered a guilty plea and was sentenced.

Miguel Argenta, 23, His-

panic male, Converse, Texas, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of controlled substance. He was sentenced to five years of probation and 90 days in a regional punishment facility, plus a \$2,000 fine.

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Marriage Licenses

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Oct. 7. Robert Wayne Gray, 63, Lockesburg, and Janice E. Jones, 54, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV24-101, Oct. 2. Discover Bank vs. Daniel C. Humphries. Debt.

CV24-102, Oct. 9. Arvest Bank vs. Justin C. Henegar. Contract.

Domestic

Relations Court

DR24-117, Oct. 9. David Bohn vs. Nancy Tranham. Divorce.

Criminal Court

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

CR24-93, Oct. 3. State of Arkansas vs. LaCourtney Rodgers, 18, black male, 316 W. Shepherd, Nashville; 2 counts theft by receiving, class D felony. Offenses related to thefts from parked vehicles in Nashville.

CR24-94, Oct. 3. State of Arkansas vs. Edward C. Walker, 65, black male, 509 E. Henderson, Nashville; maintaining a POCS premises, class C; POCS, class A.

CR24-95, Oct. 8. State of Arkansas vs. Camren Blake Scott, 20, white male, 515 N. 4th, Nashville; 100 counts possession of child pornography, class B.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds

Oct. 3. Danielle Frachiseur; to Patrick Frachiseur; 10 tracts in S11/S12 T8S R29W.

Oct. Sheila M. Stone, sur-

vivor of a Joint Tenancy with Edna Marie Marshall; to Sheila M. Stone and husband Yancey D. Stone; property in S24 T9S R27w.

Oct. 9. Jacquelyn Shelton; to Jarrod Alan Shelton; 0.889 ac. in S20 T10S R27W.

Heir's Deed

Oct. 7. Hattie Beatrice Smith, Mary Ann O'Neal and Wanda O'Neal; to Hattie Beatrice Smith; property in S23 T9S R27W, and Lot 1 Block 14, Original Town of Nashville.

Trustee's Deed

Oct. 4. Lisa Gail Hearn, Trustee of the Greta Faye Hosey Irrevocable Trust; to Charles A. Smith and wife, Sue Smith; 5.74 ac. in S21 T10S R28 W. \$10,000.

Oct. 9. Jacob Sharp and wife Kaylynn Sharp; to Red River Employees Federal Credit Union; 1 ac. in S4 T6S R28W.

Beneficiary's Deed

Oct. 7. Tom Harville; to Johnny Harville; aggregate 40 ac. in S13 T8S R29W.

Warranty Deeds

Oct. 4. Kenneth Wilson and Tiffany Wilson, husband and wife; to Kenneth Wilson and Tiffany Wilson, Trustees of the Kenneth and Tiffany Wilson Trust; 3 tracts in S14 T9S R27W and S30 T8S R27W.

Oct. 4. Kenneth R. Wilson; to Kenneth R. Wilson and

Tiffany B. Wilson, Trustees of the Kenneth and Tiffany Wilson Trust; 2 tracts in S29 T8S R27W aka 226 Wilson Road, Nashville.

Oct. 4. Ramona Kay Watson; to Andrea Renee Vineyard and Allen David Vineyard; 18 act. in S20 T9S R27W.

Oct. 4. Benny Ray Reed Sr., and wife, Eartha Reed; to Virgil V. Hellums III and Frances B. Hellums, Trustees of the Hellums Living Trust; 2 tracts in S5/S6 T11S R27W. \$210,000.

Oct. 7. Julia Shankles; to Cody Tedford and Kara Tedford, a married couple; Lots 1-2, Block 4, Original Townsite of Dierks. \$100,000.

Oct. 7. Dorothy Melson and husband, Otis Melson; to Loyd Golden and Paulette Golden, husband and wife; Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, Block 12, Original Town of Dierks, and Lot 9 and part of Lot 10, Block 5, Holly Addition, to Dierks. \$25,000.

Oct. 8. (Special) Wells Fargo, N.A.; to Federal National Mortgage Association; Lots 9-10-11-12, Block 25, and Lot 1 Block 28, Original Town of Dierks.

Oct. 9. (Correction deed, correcting names) Lendell Dwight Sharp and Phyllis Sharp, husband and wife; to Lendell Dwight Sharp; 1 ac. in S4 T6S R28W.

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40 Ft. Gooseneck Flatbed w/12k Axles  
24 Ft. Bumper Pull w/Dual 10k Axles  
32 Ft. Flatbed w/Dual 10k Axles  
200 Gal. Bottomless Pasture Sprayer  
Oswald Horizontal Feed Mixer (needs bearings in one of augers)  
Miller Bobcat Welding Machine  
14 Ft. V-Nose Aluminum Boat w/Trailer  
32"x7' Gooseneck Brand Stock Trailer  
1996 Model Ext. Cab Toyota Tacoma w/Flatbed & 800lb. Bar 6 Feed Box (needs valve work)  
Lincoln SAE 200 Welding Machine  
2004 Jeep Patriot (needs valve work)  
2WD JD 5103 w/canopy, front end loader, hay spear and bucket  
7 Ft. Kuhn Hay Mower  
(2) 2017 Yamaha Vikings - one running, one not  
6 Ft. House Cutter  
2007 MF 533 Rops/w Canopy, 880 Hrs  
601 Ford Tractor (nice)  
Bushwhacker ST-180 15 FLHP Cutter  
1980 Toyota Pickup  
2002 Lincoln Towncar, 94,000 miles  
JD 1006 NT Drill  
2018 Can Am Defender HD8, 5700 miles, 30" tires, 2" Lift (not running)  
Kubota RTV X1100C Cab & Air Utility Vehicle  
Wadkin Bursgreen Shaper w/Inverter

2017 Cedar Creek 40 Ft. Camper, 4 slides, washer & dryer (nice)  
20 Ft. Pipe Top Gooseneck  
Priefert Round Pen, Cattle Guards  
Several Rolls of Misc Size Wire  
Horse Fence  
4 Bale Hay Truck (new)  
New Chains and Binder  
Skid Steer Tree Puller  
20 Free Standing Cattle Panels  
20 Ft. Container, 10 Ft. Container  
8 Ft. Gates  
4 Ft. Bull Walk Through Gates  
Scaffolding  
New Panels and Gates (all sizes)  
New Feed Troughs (Metal & Plastic)  
Skid Steer Chipper Shredder  
3 Pt. Marliss No Till Drill  
Stainless Steel Hay Feeder  
300 Gal. Lick Tank  
(65) 2 7/8 Pipe  
2 3/8 Pipe  
(2) 2011 and (1) 2012 Dodge Charger  
Police Cars not running  
Axles  
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JD 755 Diesel Tractor, 4x4 Hyd. w/belly mower  
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Husky 30 Gal. Compressor  
Rockwell Table Saw  
Troybilt Wood Chipper

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(2) Work Saver Bale Unroller - New  
6'8"x28 Ft. Neckover Stock Trailer  
560 Polaris Ranger w/Winshield  
Bobcat 5300 Skid Steer, 2100 Hrs, (nice), new A/C  
2004 Mustang  
3 Bale Hay Trailer  
Farm Wagon  
New Tires & wheels - all sizes  
New Black Ornamental Gates  
Hyd Post Privel, Hyd. Hay Bed  
Cattle Alley Way w/Gate  
(2) New Ceiling Fans  
Grass Imperial Hinges/Door Cutter  
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# Point of view

## Moaning in fear

### Why are people putting up scary stuff so early?

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and if you are reading this column today -- Wednesday, Oct. 16 -- then we are only two weeks and one day away from Halloween and that puts me in mind of a few scary things I have survived in this long life.

I survived seeing the movie “The Thing From Outer Space,” most commonly remembered as the first (of 3) versions of “The Thing.”

The original black-and-white one is still the scariest if I do say so myself. The networks often rerun it this time of year.

And it is also the main reason I joined the Navy, not the Air Force when I was 18. More on that in just a bit.

In the movie setting, it’s just after WWII and an Air Force-science expedition to the North Pole discovers a magnetic anomaly. They trace it down to a shadowy circular shape under the ice which they later discover to be a flying saucer (for years the Air Force denied the existence of UFOs just like the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission denied the existence of mountain lions).

They blast their way to the saucer and retrieve the body of a large, large, very big, and huge ‘alien being’ encased in ice.

They haul the block of ice containing this thing back to their science base.

**And now the reason I didn’t join the Air Force.**

They put the ice block on a table in one of the science rooms and leave one Air Force guy in charge.

He stoopidly puts a blanket over the block of ice and, naturally it begins to melt.

Next thing you know the Thing is loose and is killing sled dogs and Air Force guys all over the science base. The airmen can’t flee to the outside because -- well -- it’s the Arctic and there are always howling blizzards there.

I’ve never put my faith in Air Force guys since that blanket.

#### How I saw ‘The Thing’

I had never been to a scary movie and I was probably about 12-13 years old. Some Louisiana cousins were visiting, and the oldest handful of us talked my mom and Aunt Lucille into letting us go to see the movie.

We walked to the old Elberta theatre. I figure it was about six blocks from our old house on College Street.

I was scared before we even got to our seats. I heard one of my younger cousins begin moaning as soon as the lights dimmed and that scary music started.

We were so scared we almost couldn’t breathe and it got worse as all of the Air Force guys and scientists on the big screen began looking for The Thing.

They opened a door and **SUDDENLY** it was there.

Howling. Or, maybe that was one of the cousins.

Or me.

I dropped to the floor. The brothers and cousins followed suit. We literally crawled up the aisle to the theatre lobby. Screaming. Crying.

We huddled together outside the theatre. Oh, Lordy, we hadn’t counted on it being dark when we got out.

We ran the six blocks home. I’ve often said that the single bravest thing I ever did was to slow down so as not to run off from the younger ones.

We made it home without being attacked by The Thing. We stopped at the ditch at the back of our yard to catch our breath and to give the little ones a chance to stop crying.

We made a pact. We would never tell Mom or Aunt Lucille about how we ran out of the theatre; otherwise they might not ever let us see a scary movie again.

I think one of the cousins later spilled the beans, though.

Another scary thing I survived is seeing The Gurdon Light.

More on that some other time.

And something else I survived are the Haunted Houses and Horror Mazes that otherwise-responsible adults put up at this time of year for no other reason than to scare the pants off kids. And some adults.

Yes, that was me at age 25 screaming in fear deep down one of the dark passages of the Haunted House.

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SIGHTS IN THE HEAVENS. First, last week our area had several nights in which the Northern Lights could be seen.

And now people are saying that they’ve seen the comet with the unpronounceable name in the western sky shortly after sunset.

I wouldn’t know.

Sunset is after my bedtime (this is an exaggeration), and I’ve already seen the Northern Lights and a comet, anyway.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: “For those of you that don’t want Alexa or Siri listening in on your conversation, they’re making a male version ... it doesn’t listen to anything.”

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WORD GAMES. The twins: Red Beans and Rice. My Louisiana cousins.

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HE SAID: “I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way.” St. Jerome, theologian

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SHE SAID: “If you have enthusiasm you have a very dynamic effective companion to travel with you on the road to somewhere.” Loretta Young, actress

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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## Legislators begin budget hearings ahead of regular session in January

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

Legislative budget hearings have begun at the state Capitol, in preparation for the 2025 regular session that begins in January.

Members of the Legislative Council and the Joint Budget Committee will review in detail every state agency spending request. In November the governor will submit a balanced budget proposal, which will be a starting point in writing budgets for state government. According to the Arkansas Constitution, the legislature has the final say in all fiscal decisions.

The Senate and House Education Committees completed a vital first step in the budget process. They recommended a 2.48 percent increase in all the various categories that make up foundation school funding.

Public school funding is the starting point in the legislative budgeting process because the Constitution mandates that the state provide all children with an adequate and equitable education.

The state Supreme Court has ruled that the legislature’s constitutional duty is to fund an adequate education system. Legislators must first determine how much money is needed for education, rather than simply funding

schools based on how much the state can afford after it has funded other programs.

Arkansas operates under a balanced budget law known as the Revenue Stabilization Act, which requires state agencies to reduce spending if tax revenue declines due to an economic downturn. The importance of school funding was reaffirmed in 2003 when the legislature passed the so-called “doomsday law” that protects school funding from budget cuts.

State government in Arkansas spends more than \$39 billion a year. More than \$6.3 billion comes from state revenue sources such as sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes. The largest single expenditure of state tax dollars will go to public schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Last year that was \$2.57 billion.

State agencies will spend more than \$12 billion in federal funds. Last year most of that amount, about \$7.4 billion in federal funding, went to the state Human Services Department for Medicaid and other health services. State government paid for about \$1.8 billion of the DHS budget.

The state collects about \$894 million in special revenues, which

come from taxes levied for special purposes. The Transportation Department maintains highways and bridges and collects about \$673 million in special revenue from motor fuels taxes and fees.

Colleges and universities receive about \$783 million in state aid. They generate an additional \$5.4 billion in cash funds, derived from tuition and fees. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences has the largest source of cash funds, raising about \$2.5 billion a year.

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville generates about \$1.3 billion in cash funds, compared to \$212 million it receives in state funding. Arkansas State University at Jonesboro generates about \$224 million in cash funds and receives about \$63 million in state aid.

Last year the state spent \$568 million on corrections, including \$25.8 million paid to counties for holding state inmates in county jails. State prisons also generated about \$40 million in special revenue and cash funds from their farm and industry operations. In all, the total operating budget for corrections was \$662 million. That included the costs of supervising parolees who had been released early from prison.

## Taking the Man in Black to D.C.

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

Arkansas has made a monumental impact on the nation’s capital this year outside of the usual policy debates among the legislative and executive branches or landmark Supreme Court cases. Instead, the addition of two new submissions to the National Statuary Hall Collection both placed our little corner of the world into national and international headlines.

Back in the spring, we celebrated our state’s first new statue in the collection in over a hundred years when a rendering of Daisy Bates replaced one of Arkansas’s previous contributions.

Last month we had the distinct honor to welcome another great Arkansan to the ranks with the unveiling of Johnny Cash, cast in bronze and gazing down to engage with the thousands and thousands of observers who will encounter his likeness in the U.S. Capitol annually.

We’re so proud and excited that now visitors to the halls of Congress will learn of Cash’s origins and identify his life and music – which helped define a generation – as a product of Arkansas.

He was known as “J.R.” by his family, “Airman John R. Cash” to the U.S. military and “Johnny” or

“The Man in Black” for legions of devoted fans around the world. He gained further notoriety as a member of Sun Records’ so-called Million Dollar Quartet and as part of the famed Highwaymen, appealing to a massive audience beyond just country music.

Throughout his legendary career that took him from town to town and literally around the globe, Johnny Cash always carried Arkansas with him. In fact, he once planted cotton in the front yard of his California home to remind him of life on the farm back in Mississippi County.

Cash was also especially fond of another Arkansan, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, whose musical style of gospel-infused blues and rock captivated him more than most other artists he would ever encounter.

A devout believer himself, Johnny Cash spent a lifetime yearning to live up to the faith that had been instilled in him by his family from such a young age. He grew up singing the old Baptist hymns at his mother’s feet, describing them as “his favorite form of prayer – his church of choice.”

That spiritual journey led him to visit Israel on multiple occasions, write a book about the apostle Paul, and even strike up an

unlikely friendship with Billy Graham – whose statue is also part of the collection that Cash now joins.

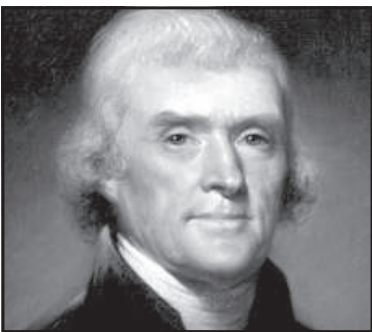
It’s been said that Johnny Cash – though he came from a little town in Arkansas – knew how to talk to all of America and that his catalogue, in essence, tells the story of our country.

So in many ways, hosting his sculpture within one of our nation’s most iconic symbols was long overdue.

It befits someone of Cash’s stature and influence as a deeply sincere and compassionate storyteller whose impact extended far beyond a musical genre or as a cultural touchstone.

Armed with his guitar and the Scriptures, the statue – sculpted by a fellow Arkansan and fixed on a pedestal of Arkansas stone – is true to Cash’s spirit and roots. And we are so gratified it is now on full display.

As his daughter Rosanne so eloquently reflected, there is something beautifully symmetrical about two true humanitarians, Johnny Cash and Daisy Bates, representing our state in this prestigious collection. It will serve as a wonderful testament to the spirit of the Great State of Arkansas for years to come.



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*Thomas Jefferson, 1787*

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Courtesy photo

**AT RIVER RANCH.** Captain Nate Hellums (left) of the Arkansas Game Wardens oversees participants who are sighting in before the hunt.

# Hunt

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knife-sharpening tutorials from renowned bladesmith Jerry Fisk.

Safety was a top priority throughout the event, with Pafford EMS on site and all necessary safety equipment provided to ensure a secure environment for everyone involved.

“This event was one of the most gratifying days

of my 27-year career,” said Captain Nate Hellums of the Arkansas Game Wardens. “It was incredible to see the excitement on the faces of these young hunters as they learned valuable skills and created lifelong memories. They are the future of our conservation efforts, and this was a day they’ll never forget.” Hellums is a Nashville High School graduate.

The event also reinforced the importance of mentorship, with game wardens and local law enforcement guiding the youth through

each step of the process, instilling the values of safe, ethical hunting and a respect for nature.

The River Ranch Mentor Hunt would not have been possible without the support of numerous sponsors, state agencies, volunteers, and donors. Their collective efforts ensured the event’s success in promoting conservation, education, and community service, all while raising funds for the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation’s “Get it for Game Wardens” initiative.



Courtesy photo

Nashville fishing team members

# Game

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Quarterback Karson Chambers “does the extra things we need. He’s a plus player. He does everything right.”

**Ashdown**  
The Scrappers will travel

# Results

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Those who said education is worse than in 2020 said schools “have decreased in educational quality ... are favoring sports over education ... are not preparing students for college ... hybrid schools have grown difficult for working parents.”

Services and infrastructure - Overall, respondents said services and infrastructure are the same as in 2020, Benson said.

There was a neutral lean in tax rates, road maintenance and internet access.

Sidewalks and paths, electrical infrastructure, water and sewer, and waste disposal all had positive leans, according to Benson.

Those who thought services and infrastructure were worse than in 2020 said property taxes “are too high. Roads are not well maintained. Water and sewer costs have increased significantly.”

Those who said services and infrastructure were better said there have been improvements “but still room to grow ... Need for funding to be moved toward infrastructure maintenance ... internet access has reached

to Ashdown Friday, Oct. 18, for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Panthers “are good up front. We can’t have false starts,” Jackson said.

“They’re getting better every week. We can’t look at records. We have to get on a roll and go one play at a time,” according to Jackson. “It’s about how we play and execute. The other night

[Bauxite], we kept playing and caught up at the end,” Jackson said.

The Panthers “are fast. They have speed all over the place. We’ve got to contain that on defense. If we miss a tackle, it’s a touchdown,” Jackson said.

Ashdown (3-3, 2-1) lost to Malvern 52-8 last Friday, Oct. 11.

a good portion of the rural areas in the county ... need for public transportation options.”

Child care - Respondents “showed a neutral lean in access to quality child care,” Benson said.

They had a “strongly positive lean in safety of children and comfort of working and raising a family in Howard County.”

Respondents with children had “a negative lean regarding the amount and quality of child care facilities.”

Households making between \$30,000-\$50,000 and more than \$200,000 reported the highest satisfaction with the amount and quality of child care facilities, Benson said.

Those making between \$100,000-\$200,000 “were the only group to have a negative lean regarding the amount and quality of child care facilities.”

Most respondents said child care has stayed the same in the county since 2020.

Those who said it has become worse said there are “limited options for daycare. Existing child care facilities are inadequate or too expensive. Long working hours extend past the hours of daycares and schools.”

# Junior Scrappers still unbeaten in 7-4A

**BAUXITE** - The Nashville Junior High Scrappers ran their District 7-4A record to 3-0 with a 56-36 win over Bauxite Thursday, Oct. 10.

Quarterback Jacoby Hopson ran the ball 15 times for 162 yards. He also completed 4 of 8 passes for 70 yards and five touchdowns.

Trendon Northcross had 23 carries for 238 yards and three touchdowns.

Gauge Applegate caught four passes for 67 yards and a touchdown.

Skyler Ramsire had one reception for three yards.

For the night, the Scrappers had 470 yards total offense, including 400 rushing and 70 passing.

Defensively, Isaiah Hawthorne and Blake Moody were the leading tacklers with 6.5 each, followed by Kamari Canaday with six. Canaday also forced a fumble which Moody recovered.

Hayden Crabtree had five tackles, with 4.5 for Bo Dean, Aiden Bradley and

Applegate, who intercepted a Miner pass.

Other Scrapper tacklers include Drew Gitchell, Bracen James, Northcross, Malik Green, Trace Troutt, Draven Weeks and Skyler Ramsire, who made one interception.

Before the ninth grade game, the eighth grade Scrappers defeated Bauxite 14-0. Seventh graders lost 28-14.

Nashville will host Ashdown Thursday, Oct. 17.

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**VETERANS APPRECIATION RIDE.** On Oct. 5, 15 veterans, mostly from Pike and Howard Counties, with the farthest participant coming all the way from California, hit the Bear Creek trails near Kirby Landing on a beautiful, but slightly brisk morning for a special Veterans Appreciation Ride. Pike County Veterans Services Officer Bob Williams said the ride wasn't the typical way they were accustomed to taking on the back woods. There were no combat boots, ruck-sacs, helmets or ships; however, it was every infantryman's dream of an assignment to a motor transport unit. Volunteers from the all-terrain vehicle enthusiast group affectionately known as the "Bear Creek Trail Junkies," sponsored by members Larry and Carol Raner of Kirby, organized a day of adventure, food, and entertainment for local veterans by taking them on a tour of their backyard playground along one of Pike County's most beautiful natural resources, the ATV trails near the Daisy side of Lake Greeson. The oldest veteran rider present, a 28-year Navy Veteran and Pike County native who checked-in at the adventurous age of 94. Following the ride he commented, "I wasn't unaware that those machines were capable of maneuvering in such terrain." He followed by stating that he has no reservations being perfectly satisfied to remain a Sailor and stick with navigating the high seas any day of the week; but he was truly impressed with the driving skills of the guys driving. The day was wrapped up with a barbecue lunch and live entertainment by the musician, singer and song writer Steve Crump.

## Howard County District Court

**Oct. 10, 2024**  
**BF=Bond Forfeited**  
**Howard County**  
Adams, Rhonda Rae, 71, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding  
Bogle, Rabekah Wylaine, 31, Conway, \$195 BF, failure to yield  
Bustos, Miguel Angel, 23, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of possessing open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, fined \$220  
Cole, Tabitha Venice, 35, Washington, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Davis, Javon C., 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,131 owed, committed to jail; guilty of contempt of court, sentenced to 10 days in jail  
Gallardo, Jairo, 34, De Queen, \$230 BF, speeding  
Halsdorf, Alex K., 27, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Haney, Shakonda L., 47, Nashville, \$195 BF, no child restraint  
Hernandez, Saul, 19, Blevins, \$195 Bf, no driver's license/expired license; \$240 BF, speeding  
Martinez-Hernandez, Jesus, 42, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Mendez, Frank, 28, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Osborne, Catherine Allye, 31, Kensett, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of speeding fined \$270; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$345  
Provence, Randall Gene, 46, Murfreesboro, \$240 BF, speeding  
Reyes Martinez, Jose Alberto, 31, Hot Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Riley, Michael E., 55, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$840 owed, committed to jail to serve out old fines; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Ruiz Valdez, Francisco, 26,

Little Rock, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, driving left of center  
Ruiz, Samantha Nicole, 18, Hope, guilty of no driver's license/expired license; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145  
Sigman, Bethany, 31, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Swecker, Justin Wayne, 26, Texarkana, \$240 BF, speeding  
Tzi Tiul, Raul E., 30, Texarkana, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Withworth, Thomas Dwayne, 29, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt

**City of Nashville**  
Abalos, Claudia E., 37, De Queen, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Halsdorf, Alex K., 27, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,025 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Henderson, Isyss Nicole, 21, Columbus, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Marcum, Joshua J., 18, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560  
Rhodes, Natasha, 27, Norman, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,115 owed  
Rodgers, Lacortney, 41, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Stewart, Corey, 46, Umpire, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270; guilty of theft of property, fined \$660; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285  
Wiley, Crystal, 37, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$245 owed

**City of Dierks**  
Cogburn, Chase A., 17, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$405; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345  
Halsdorf, Alex K., 27, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
King, Sherry L., 61, Dierks, \$45 Bf, no seat belt; \$195 BF, running stop sign or light  
Lynch, Wendy Yvonne, 53, Bryant, \$230 BF, speeding

**City of Mineral Springs**  
McClendon, Samuel S., 39, De Queen, guilty of possession of open container alcohol in motor vehicle, fined \$220  
Rhodes, Natasha, 27, Norman, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Sanchez, Kevin, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of vicious dog, fined \$340; guilty of running at large in city limits, fined \$150  
Vaughn, Rachel Marie, 46, Saratoga, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

### Pike County commodities Oct. 23-24

Central Arkansas Development Council will distribute USDA Commodities in Pike County Wednesday, Oct. 23, and Thursday, Oct. 24. Distribution will begin at 8:30 a.m. Commodities will be distributed at the following locations:  
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**BIRTHDAY RECEPTION.** John Robert Schirmer, NHS teacher, Scrapper sports writer and owner-editor of the "News-Leader" was honored at a birthday reception, Saturday afternoon. The honoree is with some of the visitors in this photo including, retired teaching colleague Connie Castleberry, left, and Patsy Young who prepares the weekly 'Early Files' column in the newspaper.

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“SOUPer Sunday is an opportunity for Howard County churches and individuals to show love to local children and families impacted by foster care,” said Jodi King who is the Leadership Chair for The CALL in Howard County.

“The idea is simple – churches sign up to participate, and individuals within their congregations make

pots of soup..”

Soup is then packaged in containers provided by The CALL and sold after church on Dec. 1 for \$8.

All proceeds fund the ministry of recruiting, training and supporting Christian foster families. This fundraiser is critical as we receive no federal or state funds for our work, King said.

To sign your church up for SOUPer Sunday 2024, contact The CALL in Howard County at 501-607-8035.

# James Black School of Bladesmithing

## Two dagger-making sessions planned next month

The James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades will hold two dagger-making courses on Nov. 11-15 and Nov. 18-20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

These one-of-a-kind courses are designed to help students learn to create a dagger or small sword. The first course will consist of making the blade, and the second will teach students to make the handle.

With a course fee of \$525 per course, students will

have the privilege of learning from world-renowned instructor J.R. Cook.

To register for the course, visit <https://www.uaht.edu/community/community-education-registration-form.php>.

For more information about the UAHT James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades, visit [www.uaht.edu/academics/james-black-school.php](http://www.uaht.edu/academics/james-black-school.php), call 870-722-8568 or email [blade-smith@uaht.edu](mailto:blade-smith@uaht.edu).



**GATHERING HURRICANE RELIEF ITEMS.** A truck from Taz Express, a trucking firm out of Delight and owned by Twana and Brian Thomason, was in Murfreesboro over the weekend to gather hurricane relief items bound for Tampa, Fla., this week. Those working to fill the truck along with the Thomasons (at right) were Chloe Hughes, Sandy Fugitt, Maryann Hughes, Brooke Cobb and Addy Lamb.

# Hempstead County Sheriff’s Department

## collecting hurricane relief items until Oct. 21

Citizens of Hempstead County are being urged by the men and women of the Hempstead County Sheriff’s Department to help meet the needs of those affected by the hurricane in Western North Carolina.

Red River Wrecker of Fulton has agreed to furnish a storage trailer that will be parked behind the old Hempstead County Courthouse to store any donated items. Or you may drop off items at the Hempstead County Detention Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“We are planning on accepting items until Oct. 21,” according to Sheriff James Singleton. “Plans are to leave on Tuesday Oct. 22 en route to Murphy, N.C. and deliver the items.

If you would like to donate any of the below listed items you may call 870-703-9213 to coordinate your donation, drop off.

Needed items:

- Heavy-duty sleeping bags
- New blankets
- Hand and foot warmers
- Cold-weather coats
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- Face coverings
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- Bottled Water
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**BENEFIT YARD SALE AT FARMERS' MARKET.** The Howard County Farmers' Market hosted a two-day yard sale last week to raise market operating funds. The market hosted its first Fall Market on Oct. 12 and will continue the fall venture ever Saturday until Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the benefit sale last week, Mike Schwartz (at right) manned the popcorn machine and market volunteer Gerry Wenta helped customers like Cherie Stewart.



# Sons of American Revolutionary War to honor patriots at state park

On Nov. 2 at 10:30 a.m., the DeSoto Trace Chapter of the Arkansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will honor three Revolutionary War Patriots at the Pioneer Cemetery within the Historic Washington State Park.

The honorees will include:

John Holman born Dec. 25, 1736 in Goochland County, V.A., and died August 1833 in Hempstead County. Holman was a Private in Captain Stokley Toes, V.A. Militia.

James Williams was born May 3, 1763 in Augusta County, V.A. and died May 2, 1851 in Washington, Hempstead County. Williams was a Private in V.A.

and served under Captains Luny, Turney and Chile and Colonel's Campbell and Sevier.

Eli Collins was born March 26, 1759 in Sussex County, Delaware and died Feb. 4, 1844 in Hempstead County. Collins was a Private in NC serving under Captains Micajah Lytle, Thomas Farmer, Wood and James Kell.

Colonel's Dozier, Stephen Moore and William Collier.

Also, a fourth ceremony is planned at 1:30 p.m. at a separate location for Benjamin Crow born 1756-57 in Newcastle, Delaware and died 1830 in Okolona, Clark County. He is buried at the Benjamin Crow Gravesite, Clark County, AR, located

2.25 miles North of Antioine on Highway 26 (Junction of Bobo Road & Arkansas Highway 26.

SAR members from the South-Central District (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) have been invited to take part in the ceremonies.

There will be an Honor Guard Salute with black powder at all four (4) ceremonies. A bag piper has been invited as well as Daughters of the American Revolution.

Period attire will be worn by SAR.

The public is invited and the group would especially like to have descendants of these patriots to attend and be a part of the ceremony.

## Free on-farm bangs vaccinations offered Oct. 21

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture will hosts a free on-farm bangs vaccination on Oct. 21 in Howard County. All heifer ages 4-12 months are eligible for the free program. Cattle must be penned and have working facilities.

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### Fall Harvest!

I keep my kitchen in apple-pie order!

How's it coming along Pinch?

Just dandy!

What are you looking at? It's my job to pinch the crust to keep the juices in!

It's time for the fall harvest! I love going to pick apples in the orchards. This very important fruit has been grown and eaten by as anyone Apples

to America by the earliest European settlers.

Thousands of different kinds have been grown all over the world. Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Jonathan and Rome Beauty are some of the favorites in North America.

Apples, including the wild and crab varieties, are used to make many other foods. Fresh apple cider (juice) with a homemade doughnut is a fun fall treat. Do you like hot apple pie or applesauce?

Apples are used for decorations and crafts, and are painted in pictures. People use apples

in games. We use apples in our sayings, stories and folktales. One of our legends is about John Chapman or "Johnny Appleseed." He was an American pioneer who traveled and gave away and planted apple seeds. Hungry yet? See you in the orchard picking apples!

I like the long "i" sound in words. Can you find and circle 8 words in Chatter's talk above that have the long "i" sound in them? Hint: two words with the long "i" sound are spelled with a "y."

Can you find and circle these words in the puzzle?

fall wild crab red Europeans apples orchard ladders basket thousands Delicious McIntosh yellow Jonathan Johnny Appleseed

Hey! Why isn't anyone picking this apple? It's really tasty!

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### Favorite Harvest Time Foods

Some crops, like lettuce or radishes, can be harvested more than once during the year, but autumn is the main season for harvesting food to put away for the coldest months. Can you fit these favorite fall harvest foods into the puzzle?

cranberries eggplant  
cabbage  
onions  
celery pears  
carrots  
cauliflower pumpkins  
potatoes

Peanuts are a huge fall crop. Do you know which state grows more peanuts than any other state? Georgia, of course!

Yummy!

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# Tricks for a Safe Halloween

## Wrap it Up with Mini Halloween Pizzas

**By Tina Munoz**  
Howard County  
Extension Agent – FCS

Halloween is thought to have originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. These traditions slowly transformed into what we know today as Halloween.

Halloween is a fun time of year. People dress up, travel door to door to receive treats, carve pumpkins, and enjoy many tasty goodies. Below are some safety tips to help you enjoy a safe and happy Halloween.

Pumpkin Carving/Preservation

- Paint or decorate pumpkins instead of carving them with younger children.
- Place lit, carved pumpkins on a flat, sturdy surface away from flammable objects.
- You can opt to light your pumpkins with battery-powered candles or lights.
- Using Vaseline can be used to buff and shine pumpkins.
- Using peppermint spray; dilute one tablespoon of peppermint dish soap in a quart of water and spray the inside of the pumpkin. The peppermint is antifungal and can help slow down the decomposition.
- Using floor wax if you don't plan on carving your pumpkin, you can use floor wax to give it shine and help it last longer.

Costumes

- Bright colors and flame-retardant material are best advised.
- Consider adding reflective tape to bags or costumes.
- Size the costume right for warm clothing if the weather is chilly.
- If you can, bypass the mask (they slip and obstruct vision) and use kid-friendly make-up.
- Limit accessories that may be dangerous such as swords and knives.

Trick or treating

- If welcoming trick-or-treaters, have adequate lighting.
- Keep pets away from the doorway to avoid any confrontations.
- Younger children should always trick or treat with a trusted and responsible adult.
- Carry a flashlight, watch, cell phone, and an extra bag in case one rips.
- Walk, don't run. Stay on sidewalks and not in the streets and cross in designated crosswalk areas.
- Only visit households or businesses with their lights on.
- Accept treats at the doorway. Never enter a residence that you do not know.
- Establish ground rules before trick or treating – time frames, travel area, etc.
- Consider giving out stickers, rubber

toys, colored chalk, or unsharpened pencils instead of sugary treats.

Examine treats

- Don't snack out of your bag of treats while trick or treating. Have dinner before heading out.
- Help your child inspect treats before consuming them. Anything unusual should be discarded. Homemade treats should be avoided.
- Inspect the treat bag before consuming if there is a food allergy.
- Choking hazards include peanuts, gum, hard candies, etc.
- Ration the treats and consider having a candy swap.

Enjoy your Halloween and stay safe! For more information on having a safe and happy Halloween, contact the Howard County Cooperative Extension Service at 870-845-7517 or visit our office located on the second floor of the courthouse.

Kids will love these mini-Halloween pizzas – especially if they get to put on the toppings themselves! These pizzas are perfect for a Halloween party or pre-trick or treat dinner.

**Mini Halloween Pizzas**

Ingredients

- 1 large pizza dough (homemade or store-bought)
- 6 pepperoni slices
- 1 black olive, sliced
- 6 ounces of pizza sauce
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Instructions

Preheat your oven to 425°F. Line or grease a baking sheet.

Roll out your pizza dough onto a floured surface. Using large Halloween cookie cutters or a sharp knife, cut out 6-7 mini pizzas (either pumpkins or ghosts or a combination of both) and place them on the baking sheet.

Spread about 1 tablespoon of pizza sauce evenly on each pizza.

Top with the mozzarella cheese.

Carefully cut a few pepperoni slices in crescent moon shapes, then cut out triangles for the jack-o'-lantern teeth. Cut a few more triangles for the eyes and noses.

Arrange the olives on the ghosts to look like eyes and arrange the pepperoni pieces for fun jack-o-lantern faces!

Bake in the preheated oven for 10-11 minutes, until the crust is crisp, and the cheese is melted. Serve!

Nutrition Information:

Yield: 3 Serving Size: 2 four-inch pizzas

Amount per serving: Calories 210, Total fat 12 g, Saturated fat 6 g, Trans fat 0g, Unsaturated fat 4 g, Cholesterol 32 mg, Sodium 619 mg, Carbohydrates 13 g, Fiber 1 g, Sugar 4 g, Protein 13 g.



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**OUTBURST FROM THE SUN.** A severe geomagnetic storm brought back out the auroras - aka The Northern Lights - the night of Thursday, Oct. 9. The lights were faintly visible to the naked eye in Arkansas and this image, taken in Pike County, was coaxed out using iPhone's 'night mode' with a 30-second exposure and a tripod for stability. The geomagnetic storm was detected early last week and on Wednesday, Oct. 8 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration(NOAA) issued an alert since such storms can disrupt power and radio signals.

### ARDOT: Keep political signs off highway right of ways

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) reminds candidates for political office and their supporters that it is unlawful to place campaign signs on highway right of ways in Arkansas.

"There are several Arkansas statutes addressing encroachment and the placing of signs or other objects on highway right of way," stated ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor.

State laws permit only official directional, informational, and regulatory highway signs on state-owned highway property; the local ARDOT Area Maintenance Office removes all other signs.

ARDOT personnel will remove any "yard" signs placed on the right of way and will contact owners of large "billboard" signs to remove them. Owners can pick up the signs during normal business hours at the nearest ARDOT Area Maintenance

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NHS students dress for Decades Day/Future You Day Thursday, Oct. 10. They include (front row) Kynlee Shackelford, Dede Robinson, Josie Clark and Madi Brinkman; (back row) Bailey Kessler, Anna Watts, Natalie Talley, Elli Wallis, Rayleigh Harmon and Landyn Tompkins. Homecoming Week was Oct. 7-11.

NHS  
Homecoming 2024



Nashville Homecoming Queen Jacee Martin and her dad, Coach John Martin, visit after her coronation Friday night, Oct. 11, before the game at Scrapper Stadium.



Senior Scrapper Logan Pennington tries on Queen Jacee Martin's crown as Homecoming assistant director Terri McJunkins takes his picture and director Lacy Britt looks on. Pennington and Dallas Cox crowned Queen Jacee during Homecoming ceremonies Friday afternoon, Oct. 11, in Scrapper Arena.



Class maid Caroline Dean waves from the back of a Corvette convertible driven by Woody Futrell during the Homecoming parade Oct. 11 through downtown Nashville. Members of the Homecoming court, cheerleaders, band and student groups participated in the parade.



Nashville High School teachers Shawn Dale and Aleshia Erwin introduced the football maids, class maids and senior Scrappers at the Homecoming ceremony Oct. 11 in Scrapper Arena.



NHS juniors Baylee Smith and Allie Sartin presented flowers to the Homecoming royalty and their escorts before the evening ceremony at Scrapper Stadium last Friday.



The Student Council sponsored a Homecoming dance Saturday night in the cafeteria.

More Homecoming photos, page 2B

*Queen*  
**Jacee Martin**

We are so proud  
of the young lady  
you are!  
We love you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Kinley.

*Madalynn Paige*  
**Rodgers**  
*2024 Class Maid*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*  
*Proverbs 3:5*

*Love,*  
*Mom, Mamaw,*  
*Brandon, Hannah,*  
*Bella, and Nathan*



# Queen Jacee and her court

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Nashville High School Homecoming Queen Jacee Martin, class maids, football maids and senior Scrappers



Class maids and football maids



Senior Scrappers



Escorts Dallas Cox and Logan Pennington crown Queen Jacee Martin Oct. 11 at Scrapper Arena.



Maid of Honor Harleigh Hill (center) and her escorts, senior Scrappers Roochie Wiley and Landon Arbuthnott.



Coach John Martin and Queen Jacee Martin



Class maid and cheerleader Maddie Rodgers



Homecoming maids and escorts bow during the invocation.

Nashville High School  
Homecoming 2024  
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6:30 p.m. Scrapper Stadium



Members of the Homecoming royalty sing the Nashville High School Alma Mater before the game against Bauxite last Friday night.





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**RATTLERS @ DIERKS.** Rattler runner Aiden Stinson (#25) drags Outlaw defender Connor Bailey for a big gain Friday night. Dierks' running game was led by Jordan Hill (#4), pictured here following lineman Kason Dougan (#52).

# Rattlers prevail over Outlaws

## 28-16 in 2A grudge match

DIERKS – The visiting Murfreesboro High School Rattlers (4-2, 3-0) were able to defeat the Dierks Outlaws (4-2, 2-1) 28-16 last Friday night in their annual grudge match.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Rattlers would take an early lead with a Brody Maroon five-yard rush, followed by a Lathan Compton conversion to make the score 8-0.

Little more than a minute later, the Outlaws would tie the score on a nine-yard rush by Jordan Hill and a conversion reception by Juan Salazar.

The Rattler would score a touchdown on a five-yard rush by Maroon with 1:14 remaining in the first half to take a 14-8 lead into the halftime break.

Murfreesboro would extend the lead on a Laytan Wilcher three-yard touchdown rush just three minutes into the third quarter. Wilcher would add the 2-point conversion, providing MHS with a 22-8 lead.

Wasting no time, Hill would keep the Outlaws in contention on a 57-yard touchdown rush 30 seconds later. Justin Humphreys would add the conversion reception for Dierks, closing the gap to 22-16.

On the next drive Maroon would conclude a Rattler drive with a two-yard TD rush, setting the final score at 28-16 after neither squad was able to score in the fourth quarter.

Offensively, the Outlaws would rush for 228 yards on 39 attempts and pass for 33 yards on a 1/6 effort by

quarterback Peyton Boeckman.

Murfreesboro would win the time of possession battle 24:46-23:14 and overall first downs 17-9, while the Outlaws forced a pair of turnovers on defense while Murfreesboro's lone take-away was an interception.

The Rattlers would rush for 305 yards on 53 attempts, while quarterback Wilcher completed 1/2 passes for 13 yards.

Hill would get 157 yards of the Outlaws' rushing yards on 26 attempts, while Grayson Kersey would add 63 yards on six attempts.

Defensively, the Outlaws were led by Kason Dougan with 14 tackles, followed by Hill with eight. Salazar would add seven stops, while Brayson Talley recorded six. Boeckman and Dougan both recorded fumble recoveries for Dierks.

Maroon would rush for 102 yards on 22 attempts for MHS, while Wilcher added 69 on 11 attempts, Compton 59 yards on 10 attempts and Bubba Stinson 45 yards on 7 carries.

Cash Lowery would catch the lone MHS completion for 15 yards.

On defense for MHS, Maroon had 14 tackles, followed by Compton and Lowery with 10 tackles each. Logan Burris and Stinson each had nine.

This week the Outlaws will host the Junction City Dragons (4-2, 3-0), while the Rattlers will return home to play the Lafayette County Cougars (3-3, 1-2).

"I thought our kids played hard. Have to give

Murfreesboro and their coaches all the credit," said Outlaw head coach Paul Ernest. "They matched our energy and physicality and out coached and out performed us down the stretch."

Ernest added that Rattler Maroon dominated the game on both side of the ball.

"He shut down our sweep game, off tackle game and even made plays on the inside. He's a heck of a player and came to play. He carried the load offensively for them as well pounding for hard yards all night," said Ernest

Ernest said he was certainly change some things if he could turn back time.

"I'd like to have the second half back. I didn't do a very good job of establishing a sequence and getting the offense in any kind of rhythm that is important in our offense," Ernest said. "A key element of using multiple backs to attack both flanks as well as the interior was lost in the 2nd half. I focused on trying to hit an explosive play and got away from fullback runs to soften the perimeter. Our kids played hard and showed grit and character. This one stings and will eat at me."

Ernest said the Outlaws "have to get back to work

fixing what needs fixed and I have to do a better job of putting our kids in positions to succeed. It doesn't get any easier moving forward with Junction City, Foreman, Mineral Springs and Gurdon left on the schedule."

"It was a good win and everything I expected it to be," said Rattler head coach Brad Chesshir following the game.

He added the atmosphere was "electric" with a very good attendance in the stadium.

"I can't say enough about the community for the support we get every single Friday, there is a ton of red on our side."

"Our kids were ready and focused ... I knew in the locker room prior to the game we were going to have a good chance just because of the focus of our team. Our guys wanted this one really bad, and we did what we needed to do to win."

Chesshir said the Rattlers had a good week of preparation headed into the game, and knew they would have to limit the big plays by the Outlaws to come out on top.

"We gave up two explosive plays that hurt us, both of them traps inside. I thought they did a really good job of getting to our linebackers, and we

didn't do a really good job of squeezing at the interior defensive line position to take on the pullers in the trap."

The Rattlers also knew they would not be able to let Hill dominate the game.

"Anytime Jordan Hill had the football, if he could find some open grass, he was explosive. We talked all week how he was a kid that could go make plays."

Chesshir was pleased with the overall defensive effort, stating that the Outlaws were productive in the first four games of the season with "tons of explosive plays" and "had put up a ton of points ... averaging around 35 per game headed into ours."

"If you take a way those two explosive plays, we were pretty solid defensively."

On offense, while MHS did enough to win the game, Chesshir said he wasn't overwhelmed with the blocking effort early in the game by the offensive line.

"We had some missed blocks early. We'll have to work on that and get things cleaned up ... we got away with some errors on Friday night. We have to do a goof job this week correcting

those things on film out on the practice field."

Chesshir gave high praise to Maroon on his efforts from the backfield.

"He's a dude that continues to be hard to tackle for opposing defenses, his effort was really, really good. Laytan Wilcher did a really good job of pulling and running, making guys miss and having big plays in the running game."

With all the hype headed into the rivalry game, Chesshir said his squad handled it well.

"I thought we did a good job in a game we knew would be back and forth, especially early in a game full of emotions. We had to control our emotions and settle down to play well – and we handled all the situations the correct way, both good and bad."

He also said the defensive effort was key in the game, adding that Hawkins Jackson's fourth down stop in the red zone and later an interception late in the game "for the highlight of his life" were crucial in the victory.

"We have to continue to improve in the turnover

**Rattlers vs. Dierks**  
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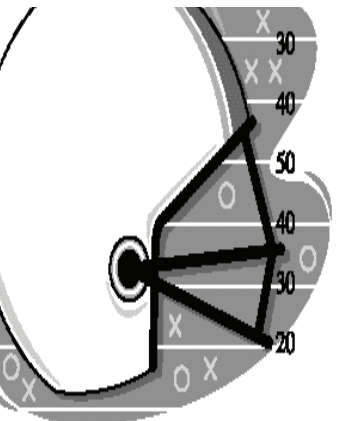
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Alabama at Tennessee

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LSU at Arkansas

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Tucker Dixon scores for the Scrappers in Nashville's 26-13 Homecoming victory over Bauxite Friday night, Oct. 12. The Scrappers trailed 13-3 at halftime before making their comeback. With the win, Nashville is 2-1 in District 7-4A. The Scrappers will travel to Ashdown Friday night, Oct. 18, for a 7 p.m. kickoff.



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**LOOSE BALL.** Outlaw Peyton Boeckman (#3) scrambles to recover a Rattler fumble as Outlaw Kason Dougan (#52) and Rattler Laytan Wilcher (#13) converge on the ball during action Friday night in Dierks.

## Rattlers vs. Dierks

Continued Page 3B

battle ... if we don't turn the ball over we have a good chance to get after them."

Now the Rattlers have to turn the page and move on to the next battle.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys being able to go into the 'Holler' and being able to take care of business with another conference win, but now we have to move on to a very athletic Lafayette County."

The Rattlers will host the Cougars this Friday in a game Chesshir said his Rattlers have to take seriously.

Lafayette County has wins over Hampton (24-14), Horatio (28-0) and Spring Hill (43-36) this season along with losses to De Queen (19-18), Dierks (32-22) and Gurdon (39-36).

"They are very big up front, with big bodies all over. They just lean on you, offensively. They are a team that is really good at getting

four to five yards. That four to five yards will turn into 60 yards if you don't tackle. They have about four to five backs that can tote it -- and all of those guys can get the ball, bounce it outside, reverse field, come all the way back to the opposite sideline, so we have to be very disciplined defensively with technique and be extremely good tacklers. We cannot let their backs break tackles or get into the open field -- because if they do that, you can't catch them."

Defensively, the Cougars base out of an even front, with "big bodies up front" and "one of the top three linebackers in the conference ... they do a good job of flying around defensively."

As such, in the afterglow of a big win over the Outlaws, the Rattlers will have to be mindful of the opponent in front of them this week.

"This is a team that if you don't go out there and play well, they can beat you. They lost to Gurdon on a last second field goal, and up two scores on Dierks at one

point in their game. This is not a bad football team ... we've got to move on from that high after winning last week and be able to reset and regain focus against a very talented Lafayette County team."

The Rattler also have a four game winning streak, providing the team some momentum moving forward.

"We knew the non-conference games would be tough games, games that would help us grow or shut it down. I think they really helped us grow as a team and now on a 4-0 run, the kids have a little confidence in themselves. I'd say winning always helps -- however, we also have to stay humble and not become complacent with where we are.

"We still have a lot of room for growth, and we still haven't peaked -- I don't expect us to peak anytime soon. This game against Lafayette County will provide us another chance to go correct a lot of those mistakes we made against Dierks."



**FOR THE SCORE.** Outlaw Jordan roars by a Rattler defender on a 57-yard touchdown run Friday night.



**BY THE TAIL.** Outlaw defenders Greyson Kersey and Justin Humphreys (#6) work to bring down Rattler runner Aiden Stinson during Murfreesboro's 28-16 conference win over the Dierks Outlaws Friday night in Dierks.

## State police ICAC rearrests former Nevada County volunteer coach on rape, child pornography charges

On Monday, Oct. 7, Special Agents from the Arkansas State Police (ASP) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, with assistance from the Highway Patrol Division and U.S. Marshals Service Western District of Arkansas Fugitive Task Force, rearrested Alejandro Mendoza, 34, of Texarkana.

Mendoza now faces a charge of rape and additional felony charges of internet stalking of a child and six counts of engaging children in sexually explicit conduct.

As a result of the ongoing in-

vestigation, evidence revealed that during the summer of 2024, Mendoza had been communicating with a 13-year-old girl he had first contacted when she was 12. The investigation revealed the two exchanged pictures and had sexual intercourse.

This rearrest follows his initial arrest on Sept. 11, after the Nevada County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the ASP ICAC Task Force in July 2024. Investigators had found that Mendoza, a volunteer coach, had inappropriate contact with juveniles, including

the exchange of explicit photos. Mendoza was initially charged with felony counts of engaging children in sexually explicit conduct and possessing of matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child.

Mendoza was taken to the Nevada County Detention Center, where Circuit Judge Duncan Culpepper set a bond of \$2 million.

The investigation is ongoing, and out-of-state ICAC task forces have been contacted to assist in locating potential out-of-state victims.

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# Bird flu’s growing impact calls for urgent action at international summit

**By Jenifer Fouch**  
University of Arkansas  
System Division of Agriculture  
Arkansas Agricultural  
Experiment Station

As highly pathogenic avian influenza continues to infect more than just birds, scientists and industry professionals want to prevent it from infecting more species and continuing to impact animal and human health, the environment and the economy.

The four-day International Avian Influenza and One Health Emerging Issues Summit hosted by the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science had a total of 1,270 registered participants from 51 countries, in-person and virtually, to share and learn more about HPAI, or highly pathogenic avian influenza, and other diseases impacting

animals and humans.

Guillermo Tellez-Isaias, the chairman of the summit and retired research professor for the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science and the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, says there are other threats to animal and human health in addition to the bird flu.

“The highly pathogenic avian influenza virus has naturally been able to adapt to species that it never infected before. If it fully adapts to humans, COVID-19 will look like a small cold compared to what this virus could cause,” Tellez-Isaias said, comparing its threat to the Spanish flu in 1918. “So, that’s why we wanted to have this summit, to create awareness for people worldwide.”

Tellez-Isaias said participants at the summit will produce a document with guidelines and recommendations for national and international health authorities, based on group discussions and expert presentations, to help guide future efforts in combating highly pathogenic avian influenza and other emerging health threats.

The Center of Excellence for Poultry Science is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. The center performs the three land grant missions of teaching — carried out through Bumpers College — and research and extension through the Division of Agriculture’s Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.

After a successful inaugural event in 2023, Tellez-Isaias said, organizers expanded the scope in the second year to include other emerging issues affecting cattle, swine, bees, humans and more as part of the One Health concept, which emphasizes that animal, human and environmental health are all interconnected.

“The first two days, we focused on highly pathogenic avian influenza, but not only in poultry. We extended it to wild and commercial animals, including dairy,” Tellez-Isaias said. “And we discussed avian influenza and other diseases, including exotic diseases like the African swine fever, which is already in our backyard in the Dominican Republic. It’s something we are keeping an eye on.”

**Urgency of collaboration**

Tellez-Isaias says it’s urgent to focus on these diseases globally, as bird flu has spread to different species in all continents including Antarctica.

“These diseases know no borders,” he said.

Members of industry, governmental and regulatory agencies, and scientists from around the world presented their work at the summit. Tellez-Isaias said their findings could improve animal health overall and potentially contribute to minimizing the impacts of bird flu and other viruses.

From the Division of Agriculture, Sami Dridi, professor of poultry science, talked about poultry production sustainability, specifically heat stress challenges and potential mechanism-based strategies. Dridi’s research includes working with chickens bred

to conserve water while maintaining growth under heat stress. He found that water efficiency is improving with each new generation and has the potential to expand with application to other poultry operations, such as turkeys and ducks.

Tomi Obe, assistant professor with the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science and the poultry science department, presented research on pre- and post-harvest strategies for salmonella control in poultry production. She discussed different methods to consider at feed mills, farms and the processors. Obe is also part of the Arkansas Center for Food Safety within the food science department.

Jada Thompson, assistant professor in the agricultural economics and agribusiness department, talked about the economic impacts of highly pathogenic avian influenza, including how the disease impacts producers and consumers.

Bill Potter, associate professor and extension poultry specialist with the Division of Agriculture, discussed One Health strategies to optimize poultry intestinal integrity and pre-harvest food safety. He discussed proposed regulations around salmonella and shared research showing the efficacy of implementing vaccines in poultry.

Adnan Alrubaye, assistant professor of poultry science, talked about management practices to mitigate lameness in broiler chickens caused by specific bacteria.

Those attending the summit included both international and local

researchers, veterinarians and private sector professionals.

Amanda Bray, a poultry science alumna and co-owner of Northwest Arkansas Veterinary Services in Springdale, said staying informed on industry trends domestically and internationally helps her learn what services to offer.

“Our primary focus is the poultry and dairy industries,” Bray said. “And [bird flu] is a very big problem. So, the more knowledge I have, the better I know how to support others in the industry and what tests we need to develop and offer.”

**United front for global health**

Liliana Monroy is founder and CEO of Natural Animal Health, a company providing gut health products to producers. Monroy said she has garnered a long-trusting relationship with researchers with the Division of Agriculture, and that “collaboration is vital” to fight highly pathogenic avian influenza.

“If you want to be successful, you have to go to the people who know more,” Monroy said. “And you need to work very closely with professors and researchers. We cannot work in silos. Since we come from different backgrounds, we need to unite efforts with doctors, environmental entities, leaders in the private sector, and so on, to stop what’s going on.”

Monroy, who also presented during the conference, says biosecurity protocols, although crucial to preventing the spread of bird flu, have also created many roadblocks for businesses and producers.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
VERNA HOCKADAY, DECEASED . . . . . No. 31PR-24-73

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Last known address of decedent:  
1004 Mission Drive, Nashville, Arkansas 71852

Date of death:   October 22, 2022

The undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above mentioned decedent on the 3rd day of October, 2024.

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

This notice first published 9th day of October, 2024.

CLAYTON TINKES, Administrator  
By:       ERIC T. BISHOP  
Attorney for the Estate  
317 NW Front Street  
Ashdown, Arkansas 71822  
(EB: 16, 17)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
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DIAMOND BANK, PLAINTIFF  
VS. CASE NO. 31CV-24-87  
JOSE O. BENITEZ, and spouse, if any, DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE

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**Notice of Availability**  
**Construction of a Large CAFO, Arkansas**  
**Draft Environmental Assessment**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the expansion of an existing poultry farm that would result in a large CAFO. The farm is located in Section 33, Township 7 south, Range 28 west, Howard county, Arkansas. The primary objective of the activity is to construct (1) broiler house.

FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 11/18/2024. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the following USDA Service Center: 101 S. Washington St. Nashville, AR 71852 and can be found online at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Arkansas/index>. Comments should be submitted in writing to Adam Kaufman at Farm Service Agency, 419 West Gaines Street, Monticello, AR 71655.

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(FSB: 17, 18)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HOWARD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
RAYMOND G. SCHWOPE, DECEASED       31PR-24-74

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 1000 Hempstead 27N, Nashville, AR 71852

Date of Death: January 23, 2023

On October 7, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Raymond G. Schwope, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101.

The real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows: 3297 Corinth Road, Nashville, AR 71852.

All persons having claims against the Estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributed or his attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate.

This notice first published the 16 day of October, 2024.

The name and address of the distributee or attorney is:  
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# Scrappers earn Homecoming win

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DJ Jefferson scores in the third quarter of the Scrappers' 26-13 Homecoming win over Bauxite Oct. 11.



Scraper defenders swarm to the loose football and make the recovery Friday night at Scraper Stadium. Nashville trailed 13-3 at halftime but came back for the District 7-4A victory.



The Scrappers take the field for their Homecoming game against Bauxite Friday night, Oct. 11.



Ja'Marion Conway runs the ball for the Scrappers in their win over Bauxite.



Jaydon Williamson joins the post-game celebration.



Caney White (77) and Jamison McIntosh (71) help clear the way for Karson Chambers (5) on a successful two-point conversion.



Team captains Alexis Brizo, Kasen Morgan, Khaleel Canaday and Dallas Cox go to mid-field for the coin toss last Friday night.



Jamison McIntosh encourages the fans to show their support during the fourth quarter.



Coach Zach Stewart and Coach Shawn Jackson confer about the next offensive play.



Bryce Perrin holds as Alexis Brizo kicks a Scraper field goal against Bauxite.



Defenders close in on the Bauxite Miner. They include Bryce Perrin (27), Lucas Aylett (21), Jailyn Staggers (28) and Josh Walker (16).



Cheerleaders perform "Final Countdown" to start the fourth quarter. Homecoming maids Maddie Rodgers (left) and Leigha Thompson joined the other cheerleaders in the routine.





District 7-4A boys doubles third place Orfael Rosas; partner Edwin Pizarro



District 7-4A girls doubles third place Allie Sartin; partner Lana Walker



District 7-4A girls doubles champion Rylee Backus; partner Addison Tate



District 7-4A boys doubles third place Edwin Pizarro; partner Orfael Rosas

District 7-4A girls doubles  
third place Lana Walker;  
partner Allie Sartin

## A female tennis player is shown in a dynamic pose, looking upwards and reaching for a yellow tennis ball. She is wearing an orange athletic shirt, a black cap, and a black wristband. Her right hand is on the handle of a tennis racket, which is positioned to hit the ball. The background features a chain-link fence and a white building.

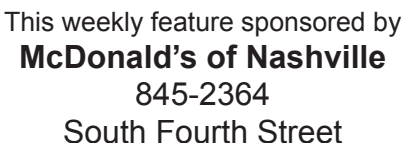
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Nashville Scrappette tennis

**Tucker, a Scrapper junior,** scored two touchdowns in Nashville's 26-13 Homecoming victory over Bauxite Friday night, Oct. 11.



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Rylee Backus and Addison Tate defeated Clinton 6-4, 6th -1 in the semifinals of the Class 4A state tournament Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 15. They were to play in the state championship game later in the day. Results were not available at press time.



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