





# Obituaries



**Kirk Alan Bell**  
Kirk Alan Bell, age 59, of Mineral Springs, Ark., passed away Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, in Nashville, Ark. He was born June 9, 1965, in Decatur, Ga., the son of the late Glenn A. Bell and Dorothy Hunter Bell.

Kirk was a member of First Baptist Church in Nashville. He served as an EMT for Howard Memorial Hospital for 12 years. He also was the Business Operations Manager for United Ag and Turf. Kirk loved farming and raising cattle on his farm, he and his family were selected in 2005 as Howard County Farm Family of the year. He also served his community over the years serving on numerous boards which included Farm Bureau, Mine Creek Soil and Water, as well as serving the city of Mineral Springs as mayor.

Kirk loved duck hunting, spending time at squirrel camp, deep sea fishing, gardening and just being outdoors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Rebecca Gay Bell.

Survivors include: his wife Lesa Bell of Mineral Springs, Ark.; one daughter, Megan Worthen and husband Aaron of Nashville, Ark., one son, Chad Goss of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandsons, Brayden Worthen and Parker Goss; one brother Greg Bell and wife Diane of Mineral Springs; one sister Joy Bell Norris and husband Todd of Hot Springs Village; three nieces, Kimberly Denise Bell of Garland, Texas, Emily Bell of Bryant, Ark., Caroline Bell of Elko, Nev.; one nephew, Trevor Norris of Garland, Texas; one aunt, Joyce Bell Hammond Hesselbein of Bryant, Ark. Kirk loved telling everyone that he was the youngest of 33 first cousins.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28, at First Baptist Church in Nashville, with Bro. Kevin Sartin officiating. Burial will follow in Mineral Springs Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

**James Robert ‘Jim Bob’ Steel**  
James Robert “Jim Bob” Steel was born on July 31, 1948, to Bobby and Daisy Steel in Nashville, Ark.

Jim Bob graduated from Nashville High School in 1966. Through Jim Bob’s grade school years, he was

elected by his classmates yearly into Who’s Who for titles such as best personality, class favorite and Mr. NHS. After High School, he attended the University of Arkansas, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1971. He attended the University of Arkansas School of Law and graduated in 1974 with his Juris Doctorate degree.

He returned to Nashville to serve as City Attorney and entered into the practice of law as a 5th generation Steel attorney. In 1982 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the 9th West Judicial District encompassing Howard, Little River, Pike & Sevier counties. He served in that capacity for 12 years and went on to serve as Pike County District Judge, while continuing to serve clients through the practice of law. Jim Bob was the epitome of a servant leader. His service to others was not dependent on their family name, social status, their ability to pay or return the favor. His service was not limited to a professional capacity, as service to his family was always his priority.

He took his family on numerous memorable trips and vacations, bringing away great stories and memories from the travels. As grandchildren were born, he became “Bob Bob” and had great fun spending time with his grandkids. Even as his body became weak and his health was failing, he maintained his sense of humor, and graciously expressed his appreciation and thankfulness to his nurses and caregivers.

He passed away on Oct. 21, 2024. Preceding him in death were his parents: Bobby and Daisy Steel. He is survived by his sister, Betty Fletcher (Billi) of Lonoke, Ark. His daughter, Jessica Steel Gunter (Tem) of Nashville, Ark. His daughter, Megan Steel Sullivan (Jarrod) of Siloam Springs, Ark. His grandchildren: Cole Moore (Emily), Daisy Sullivan, Ethan Gunter, Anna Claire Furr (Slade), Jackson Sullivan, Emma Gunter, Audrey Gunter. His great-grandchildren: Treston Moore, Eli Moore, Jovi Moore and Gunter Furr and numerous other family members and friends to whom he would say “Hey ol’ buddy.”

Services will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at 11 am at Nashville Funeral Home with Judge Ted Capehart, Bro. Kevin Sartin and Bro. Joe Kelly officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until service time on Saturday morning. Interment will follow in Restland Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Elva Audine Butler**  
Elva Audine Dowdle was born to Andrew Tilden Dowdle and Ola Wyatt Dowdle

on Aug. 7, 1929, in the Milford Community at Lockesburg. She passed away on Oct. 23, 2024, in Texarkana, Texas, surrounded by her loving family.

Audine graduated from Lockesburg High School in 1947. She married the love of her life, John H. Butler, on Nov. 12, 1949. Audine worked at Red River Army Depot. They made their home in Texarkana until they retired and moved to their farm in Lockesburg. They loved raising a big garden and sharing their veggies.

Although Audine had no children of her own, she always said she had a lot of children and grandchildren because she loved her nieces and nephews and their children as if they were her own. And they all loved their “Aunt Sook”.

Audine was a member of Lockesburg United Methodist Church and also loved attending Milford Community Church as long as she was able. She had a beautiful alto voice and loved the Sunday afternoon singing at Milford.

Audine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; one brother, Andrew Dowdle, Jr., and two sisters, Ellen Revels and Bobbie Butler.

She is survived by two sisters, Irma Friday of Lockesburg and Sammie Winton and her husband, Wayne of Dierks; one sister-in-law, Ginger Dowdle of Lockesburg and her two niece caregivers, Brenda Brackett and Joni Clay, both of Lockesburg, and many other nieces and nephews all of whom she loved dearly.

Funeral services for Audine will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at United Methodist Church in Lockesburg with Bro. Tommy Halsell and Karon Baxley officiating. Burial will follow in the Belleville Cemetery in Lockesburg under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at the funeral home in De Queen.

You may leave a condolence online at [www.wilker-sonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wilker-sonfuneralhomes.com).

**Steve Randall Dixon**  
Steve Randall Dixon, age 73, a resident of Dierks, Ark., passed away on Oct. 24, 2024, at his home.

Steve was born on Dec. 16, 1950, in Nashville, Ark. He was retired from Weyerhaeuser and was a farmer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff Davis Dixon, Jr. and Oleta Faye Kitchens Dixon.

Steve is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Molly Dixon of Nashville, Ark., Don and Jennifer Dixon of Shreveport, La.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Shelia and Steve Richardson of Hodgen Okla. Graveside funeral service for Mr. Dixon will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct.

## Nashville's City Sales and Use Tax

For September 2024

Deposits.....	\$156,914.32
State Central Services.....	4,707.43
Interest Earned (Act 513 of 1983) .....	662.56
Vending Decals Sold .....	21.15
<b>Total Distributed .....</b>	<b>\$152,870.60</b>

SOURCE: City Finance Officer Kimberly Green

## City to replace some solar panels; turf on ballfields at park is talked

Nashville’s ‘solar farm’ needs replacement of some of the broad panels which absorb sunlight and convert it to electricity.

At the Nashville City Council meeting, Monday, Mayor Larry Dunaway told council members that about 26 out of the 100 panels needed to be replaced. “We’re not in a bind,” he said. The city’s cost for replacement is expected to be \$22,000.

The solar array is located north of Nashville on the rural Old Center Point Highway.

In his position of Public Works Director, Mayor Dunaway also gave an update on the ongoing sidewalk project in the city. The next stretch of sidewalk will start at the South Main intersection with Russell St., and will go north toward the Central Business District. The Arkansas Department of Transportation will pay for most of the project, and the city’s share will be \$79,000.

Even though a motion passed 5-2 for accepting the low bid of almost \$300,000 the mayor said he would take no action the issue until next month so he could examine some of the council’s questions about bid subsection amounts.

Mayor Dunaway also gave an update on the \$6 million water improvements which will help meet Tyson’s future water needs.

Most of Phase 1 involves expansion of the city’s water intake at the Little Missouri River.

In her monthly report to the council, Parks and Recreation Director Meghan Floyd introduced the topic of replacing infields with artificial turf.

She said she wanted to know if the council wanted her to go ahead with talks to vendors and advertisers.

Police Chief Amy Marion said that Patrolman Greg Parker would attend the December meeting of the council and bring Thor, the city’s new K-9 officer.

The council’s November meeting will be on the 25th, and the December meeting will be on the 16th.

Budget meetings will be Nov. 14 and Dec. 2.

Aldermen present for Monday’s regular meeting for October included Freddie Horne, Nick Davis, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Charlie Pinkston, Herbert Turley and Lynn Dyer.

### Ribbon-cutting for new business will be Thursday morning

There will be a ribbon-cutting on Thursday, Oct. 31, for Lockhart Tax and Consulting Services.

The event will be at 9:30 a.m. at the business, located at 410 N. Main, Suite 1, Nashville. The public is invited.

### CP fire department to benefit from red beans-rice supper

A red beans and rice supper will benefit the volunteer fire department at Center Point.

The event will be in the Center Point Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 2, with serving beginning at 5:30. Cost is a minimum donation of \$10.

All proceeds go to offset the expenses of the VFD.

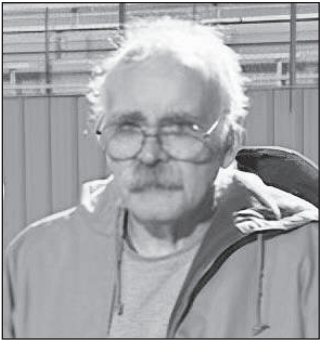


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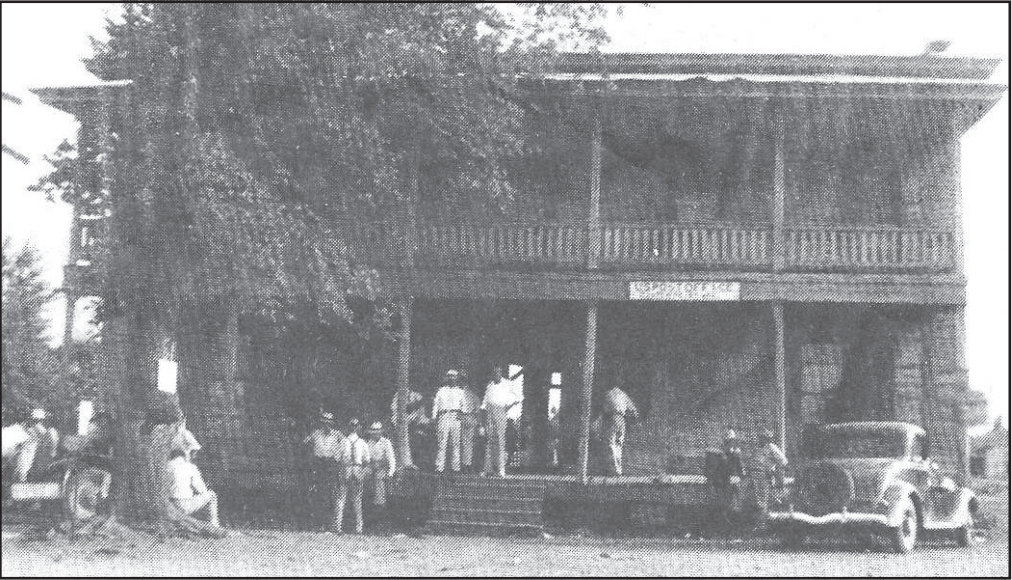


THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Howard County's first courthouse. County commissioners bought this building from James Clardy in 1873. The building was demolished in 1945. The county seat moved from Center Point to Nashville in 1905.

119 years ago: October 119

The suit for damages against the Arkansas & Louisiana and the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railways for injuries sustained by Willie Sparks at Hope resulted in a \$13,000 settlement. Willie Sparks was on his way from school when he was run over by a train, and his foot was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. He is a nephew of Mrs. R. P. Ivens of this city.

Joe Wesson, colored, was fined \$5 and costs in Mayor Skillern's court Monday morning for stealing two plugs of tobacco at the Depot.

An infant was found on the front steps of the residence of State Senator T. C. Jobe at Hope yesterday morning. An investigation was made and the supposed mother of the child, a young woman, was found at one of the boarding houses and the child returned to her.

80 years ago: October 1944

The Radio Barn Yard Jam-boree, America's finest stage and dance organization, has been engaged by the American Legion of Nashville to present a three-hour show at the courthouse October 28. This show is clean and wholesome and will be enjoyed by both young and old. The proceeds will be used for the welfare and entertainment of our boys in service.

Talton Lyons, a mechanic in the Nashville Motor Garage, last Thursday received a very painful injury to his foot, when a large electric drill he was operating slipped from his hands and fell, the drill bit striking the top of his foot and going entirely through into the sole of his shoe. Fortunately, the drill bit did not strike a bone.

67 years ago: November 1957

Each year the Nashville Jr. Auxiliary tries to bring a Merry Christmas to as many

children as possible. This year the Nashville Army Reserve Unit commanded by John L. Shaddox will help in the toy drive. The Nashville area folks will donate old toys and clothes. The toys will be repaired and put in first class condition by Herman Stavely's Vocational Agri Class and then be distributed to the children, who might otherwise miss Santa.

34 years ago: November 1990

Five freight cars were derailed here late Saturday afternoon, possibly by youths playing with a nearby switch. There were no injuries to humans and service was restored to the Union Pacific Line leading into the Nashville switching yard.

The cars were uprighted and returned to the rails by employees working for the Fulcher Professional Service of Pine Bluff. The service used three pieces of heavy equipment for the restoration process.

## Seven defendants receive sentences

Seven defendants were sentenced after giving guilty pleas Oct. 23 during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

One defendant pleaded "nolo contendere" or no contest which has the same result as a guilty plea or a finding of guilty. Mark Brooks, 43, white male, Dierks, was charged here with second degree battery, a class D felony. His sentence is to run concurrently with one from Oklahoma. He was sentenced here to four years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with credit for jail time served.

One defendant who had previously pleaded guilty returned to the court Wednesday for formal pronouncement of his sentence. Robert Rockenbach, 60, white male, Nashville, was sentenced to a combined 15 years in the ADC with a further 15 years suspended imposition of sentence. His most recent charges were possession of weapon during a controlled substance violation, class Y; possession of controlled substance with purpose of delivery, class A; felon in possession of firearm, class D; and maintaining a drug premises, class C.

**Sentences given**  
On the bench Wednesday was Judge Tom Cooper. Sentences were given to defendants who pleaded guilty or true:

Elizabeth Warner, 31, white female, Paragould, was charged with drug possession, class D. She was sentenced to 120 days in a regional punishment facility, five years of probation, and a fine of \$2,000. She is to return

Nov. 6 for formal sentencing. Lavell Washington, 45, black male, Mineral Springs, actually faced two separate criminal charges, both dealing with possession of drugs with sentences enhanced by the location of the offense. He was sentenced to a combined total of 10 years in the ADC with a further five years suspended imposition of sentence.

Both true and guilty pleas were given by Sherwood Jones, 53, black male, Nashville, who was charged with drug and paraphernalia possession while still under probation. He was sentenced to a combined total of five years in the ADC with a further five years suspended sentence.

Heather Tweedle, 55, white female, Nashville,

pleaded guilty to a class C felony drug possession charge. She was sentenced to five years in the ADC with a further five years suspended sentence.

**Trial dates set**  
Two defendants pleaded not guilty or not true.

Wallace Brown, 39, black male, Nashville, was facing two separate cases in which he is charged with third degree domestic battery, a violation of his probation on a previous probation. His probation revocation trial will be Nov. 6, but he will have to be transported or televised from the ADC.

Andrea Seng, 31, white female, Hope, will have a Jan. 17, 2025 trial date on a charge of DWI #1, an unclassified felony. She is represented by the public defender.



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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 Oct. 17-23, 2024, include the following:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)  
Oct. 21. Aaron James Bagwell, 33, Dierks, and Crystal Dawn Whisenhunt, 48, Dierks.

Oct. 21. Tanner Lane Harris, 21, Nashville, and Qwensea Rose Heifner, 20, Nashville.

**Civil Court**  
CV24-105, Oct. 19. Cavalry SPV 1, LLC vs. Richard Smelser. Contract.

CV24-106, Oct. 21. State of Arkansas vs. Charles Pounds. Property forfeiture.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR24-123, Oct. 17. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Cedrick Smith. Support.

DR24-124, Oct. 18. Patricia Boor vs. Randy Boor. Divorce.

DR24-125, Oct. 23. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Antonio Mata. Support.

**Criminal Court**  
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance;

PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)

CR24-96, Oct. 21. State of Arkansas vs. Andrea Louise Seng, 31, white female, 4489 Hempstead Co. 3, Hope; DWI #4, unclassified felony.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**  
Oct. 17. Corey Piggee; to Maria De La Luz Gonzalez Lopez; Lots 3-4-5-6, Block 2, Sybert Addition, Town of Nashville.

Oct. 18. Jimmie Miles; to Jimmie Miles, Mary Ferguson, Jason Miles and Teresa Miles, Tenants in Common; 1 ac. in S28 T5S R30W.

**Redemption Deeds**  
Oct. 21. State of Arkansas; to Jessie L. Dowell, c/o Jessie Mason, Nashville; Lot 4 part of Lot 5, Block 5, Holly's Addition, town of Dierks, also known as 505 Allen St.; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$351.31.

Oct. 21. State of Arkansas; to Jimmy G. and Otessa Little, Umpire; 1 ac. in S14 T5S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$1,789.68.

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Little, Umpire; 0.81 ac. in S14 T5S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$233.33.

**Distributee's Deed**  
Oct. 17. Sandra Kay Gilbert, Distributee of the estate of Matthew Chanc (sic) Gilbert, deceased; to Joey Lane Gilbert; 5.46 ac. with exceptions in S31 T8S R28W.

**Warranty Deeds**  
Oct. 17. Nina Nema Tollah, Heidi Soltani and Mike Morteza Mohtashami; to Michael Aaron Ramzy; 5.85 ac. in S14 T5S R28W. \$44,000.

Oct. 18. Kenneth R. Wilson; to Kenneth R. Wilson and Tiffany B. Wilson, Trustees of The Kenneth and Tiffany Wilson Trust; 3 tracts in S29/S30 T8S R27W.

Oct. 21. Normal Self; to Crystal Starkey; property in S8 T5S R28W. \$146,350.

Oct. 21. Jeffery Mosley and wife, Jami Mosley; to Cody Wayne Colby and wife, Kaela Brook Colby; part of Block 7, Murray's 2nd Addition; and part of Block 22, Murray's 1st Addition, all in Town of Dierks. \$20,000.

Oct. 23. Martha Ruchalski; to Matt Staggs; property in S26 T9S R27W. \$210,000.

## Numerous races on ballot

There are several races on the General Election ballot for 2024.

Early voting is underway through Nov. 4.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The contested races include the following:

**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 Party

**State Treasurer**

Sec. of State John Thurston, Republican

John Pagan, Democrat

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

Although candidates are listed on the ballot for municipal offices in Tolle, Mineral Springs and Nashville, and for Howard County Justice of the Peace, there are no contested races.

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Lucy and Bob have lived in the area for several years and have recently downsized and moved to northern Arkansas. Bob is known to many as the "jam man" for his homemade jams while Lucy is active in her church and other hobbies. This is an auction you don't want to miss, lots of nice items in good condition.

**VEHICLES:** 2005 Dodge Caravan approx.179,868 miles, 2022 Ford Maverick 8,717.2 miles XLT Crew Cab - Factory Warranty until 11/2025, **GUNS:** Browning 22 Long Rifle w/scope - disassembled, Marlin 22 Lever Action model #59A, Marlin #336 30/300 Micro-groove barrel, Remington 22 Short or Long Lever Action, Jukar Spain 45 Cal Black Powder Rifle, Remington 30-6 Automatic w/scope, Reloading Scale.

**ITEMS:** Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower MZ6128 w/Sweeper- 61 inch deck- 28HP Briggs, Craftsman Tiller Rear Tire 18 inch, (2) Ford Ranchero Stationwagon - non working, '64 Ford disassembled, New Galvanized Metal, Skateblast #97-DXL-like new Dry Sand-blast System, Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor - Standup Electric, Misc Channel Iron, 16 Ft. Tilt Steel Floor Trailer Pipe Top - (2) 3,500lb axle, Antique Maytag Washer - working & nonworking, Vise on Stand, (2) Like New Parts Washer, Gas Pressure Washer, Several Shop Vacs, Lincoln Gas Welder, Poulan Chainsaw, Craftsman Up Right Rolling Toolbox, Ladders 24 Ft Alum Extension, Radial Arm Saw, Table Saw, Router Table, Engine Hoist, Dewalt Chop Saw, Bench Grinder on Stand, Shop Fans, Craftsman 12 in. Bandsaw, Milwaukee Rotary Hammer, Craftsman Work Bench, Lots of Misc. Woodworking Equipment, Craftsman Upright Air Compressor - 60 gal, Moto Guzzi Police Motorcycle - restorable, Lawnmower Lift, Metal Cutting Band Saw, Lawn Mower w/Lift Table, Misc. Air Hoses, Greenworks Pro 82V Electric CR2428 Zero Turn, Craftsman Electric Weedeater, Yard Decor, New Hose Reel, New Winch 2500 ATV, New Chain Hoist, Mini Refrigerator, Misc. Hand Tools, Shop Tools, New Shop Vac, Craftsman 34 in. Radial Drill Press, Ax Setting Torch & Cart, Misc. Paneling and Lumber, Misc. Bolt Bins, Part Bins, Tool Boxes, Misc. Handheld Tools, Dewalt Chop Saw, Ryobi Elec Chainsaw, Craftsman 30x24 Table Saw, Scaffolding, Engine Hoist, Creeper, Sewing Machines, Planer Craftsman 12.5 inch, Appliance Dolly, Rechargeable Battery, Walk Behind Weedeater - DR Trimmer, Live Trap, Several Weedeaters, Pull Behind Spreader, New Milwork Table, Elevation Table, (2) Small Chicken Coops, (2) 5 Ft. Gates, New Metal 16Ft Sheet Metal, Misc. Lumber 2'x6' New, Portable Carport Frame, New 4x4's, Golf Cart - Club Cart - Electric 36V, Ice Chest, Cast Iron Wapshot, Chest Freezer, New & Old Quilts, Lots of material, Fabric, Double Knit, Sewing Items, Storage Containers, Lots of Books, Vacuum, Lamps, Small Appliances, Tupperware, Kitchen Items, Pop Up Canopy, Trucks, Misc. Fishing Gear, Chest, Antique Polaroid Cameras, Dresser, Antique Mirror, Dlds Antique Chair, Washer/Dryer, Couch, End Tables, Lamps, Curio Cabinets, China Hutch, Table & 8 Chairs, Buffett, Black & white tv - works, Small Marble Top Table, Black Refrigerator, Glider Rocker, (2) Metal Chairs, Weber Charcoal Grill, Set of Silverware, Misc Christmas, Antique Glass Ornament, Cast Iron Dutch Oven, Meat Grinder, Shoe Last, 12'x24' Davis, Storage Building w/porch & lofts, Old Apple Boxes, Glass Door Knobs, Antique Table, (2) New Cabinets Wood, (2) Refrigerators, New Gas Coleman Propane Stove, Dishes, Stereo, Crock, Dressers, Vanity, Full Size Bedroom Suite, Several Sewing Machines - working & not, Old Comic Books - Marvel Vintage 1970's, VCRs, Dressers, Typewriter, Record Player/Tape, Small Stereo, VCR/DVD movies, New Puzzles, 1956 Sears Catalog, Old Records, King Size Bed w/Dormayo Mattress Pad.

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# Point of view

## Two ballot issues

### Lottery scholarships and an unwanted casino

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I want to thank the Arkansas Supreme Court for eliminating one of the three General Election ballot issues which was begging me to make a decision and cast my vote.

The court struck down the marijuana issue (No. 3). Oh, well, we'll see it another day. I don't think marijuana is going away. This newspaper explained all three of the ballot issues in an article last week.

In the meantime. **Issue No. 1** was whether Arkansas lottery funds could be used for scholarships to technical schools. Currently, the funds can go only for scholarships for Arkansans at two and four-year colleges.

I voted FOR Issue No. 1 because anything that stimulates people to learn is a good thing. Plus, I might get lucky playing Lotto.

That left **Issue No. 2**. I admire the people of Pope County who were offended when some out-of-state bigshots decided Russellville would be blessed with a casino. The unhappy residents went out and got enough signatures so that it was on the ballot for the whole state to decide.

I figure that if those local folks don't want a casino, then one shouldn't be shoved down their throats.

I voted FOR Issue No. 2. Vote FOR it if you support the wishes of the people of Pope County. The issue doesn't affect casinos at Crime Bluff or at Oaklawn or at the West Memphis dog track.

I hope you'll get out and vote. And let me thank the county clerk's office and all of the election workers for their tireless work.

In some places the crazies are actually threatening election workers. That's a real shame, and I am fearful that this kind of behavior will remain after the election is over.

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TWO THINGS you might not know about the late Kirk Bell who was buried Monday after a war against cancer.

First, when you see the county sales tax and use graphic which is printed in this newspaper once a month, you'll note that Mineral Springs is second only to Nashville in sales tax turnback.

You can thank Kirk. The sales tax income is based on population, and at the time Mineral Springs was third largest in the county. When he was mayor of Mineral Springs he said he thought his town was under-counted in the census, and he got the city council to pay for a special census.

They did, and it worked. The town's monthly sales tax turnback jumped from number 3 to number 2 in the county.

Over just a little bit of time the increase in turnback more than paid for the cost of the special census.

Second, when he was working as an EMT for Howard Memorial Hospital, he participated in a county-wide drill for a mock tornado disaster.

His drill assignment was with 'injured' folks at Tollette. I was there for the newspaper and I took a picture of him dealing with an injured person.

That picture won first place in the Arkansas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Sorry, I don't know the year.

Kirk was, not-surprisingly, a great mayor and great EMT.

Peace to his family and friends, and thanks to the Almighty for putting such people among us.

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THE GOOD EARTH. Frankly I'm tired of hearing rural people from the north outskirts of Nashville brag about the rain they got Saturday that partially settled the dust.

I've been writing weather articles for this newspaper for more than 50 years and I've never seen a month go by without a single drop of rain.

But that's about to happen unless we get a sprinkle late this week.

Officially, there has been zero precipitation in Nashville for October of 2024. None. Our normal rainfall for October is 4.37 inches.

I am not asking the Almighty for one of those North Carolina floods.

You have to go back to Sept. 12 to find any kind of rainfall measured at the radio station on South Fourth Street where rainfall measurements are recorded for the National Weather Service.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: "Some of my friends exercise every day. Meanwhile I'm watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor."

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WORD GAMES. Not triplets, just twins: Up Up, and Away. What Superman said in comic books. Or, was it Mighty Mouse?

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HE SAID: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go." Dr. Seuss. Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American children's author and cartoonist

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SHE SAID: "When you sing gospel you have a feeling there is a cure for what's wrong." Mahalia Jackson, America's great gospel singer

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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By  
Louie Graves

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# State's tourism industry continues to grow, will pass \$10 billion mark

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

The Arkansas tourism industry continues to flourish and is soon to surpass \$10 billion in economic impact, according to the most recent report from the state Parks, Heritage and Tourism Department.

The department closely monitors the effectiveness of promotion campaigns paid for with revenue from the state 2 percent tourism tax, which last year generated \$25.8 million. That was a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

Advertising campaigns funded by the tax were expanded into 15 new media markets, mainly in western states and Illinois and North Carolina, according to the department director.

Traditional markets include Texas and other adjacent states. Now, California is one of our top ten markets. So is Iowa.

The marketing campaigns emphasize that the Arkansas outdoors can be enjoyed all year, regardless of the season.

Marketing efforts target three major categories. One is directed at people who like to hunt and fish. The second category is closely related. It focuses on people who

like outdoor activities such as hiking, riding bicycles, bird watching, camping, floating rivers and boating in waterways.

The third category is known as the "travel-lifestyle" market. In contrast to emphasizing outdoor activities, it advertises the availability of art galleries, food, dining, historical and cultural events.

The "lifestyle" market includes people who plan trips around motorcycle rallies, blues music and barbecue. Those people are interested in historical locations such as Civil War battlefields and the sites of famous events in the civil rights movement.

The Arkansas tourism industry slumped during the pandemic, but has recovered strongly. The 2 percent tourism tax is an accurate gauge of the strength of the tourism sector. From 2019 to 2020 revenue dropped from \$17.9 million to \$14.2 million. However, since then it has increased steadily to more than \$25 million. It is levied on hotels and tourist attractions.

Visitor spending in 2023 was about \$9.9 billion, an increase of 7.5 percent over spending in 2022. Spending categories include

transportation, retail, lodging, food and beverages and entertainment. Arkansas tourism supported more than 70,000 jobs last year, an increase of 2.8 percent over 2022.

In addition to revenue from the 2 percent tourism tax, visitor spending generated \$574 million in state taxes and \$232 million in local taxes. Those figures represent increases of about 7 percent over the previous year.

State parks had 8.4 million visitors and national parks registered 4.3 million visitors last year. The state operates Welcome Centers on the major highways near the state's borders. Those centers had almost 1.2 million visitors last year, a 5.6 percent increase over 2022.

The state spent \$20.7 million on marketing campaigns last year. Digital advertising continues to grow in importance, and last year helped prompt 4.6 million online searches for information about Arkansas hotels. Those searches led to 311,000 actual bookings.

Arkansas tourism officials say they want to expand marketing campaigns nationally and internationally, so that people consider visiting the state in every season.

# Cybersecurity must be a state, national priority

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

The digital age has benefits and disadvantages that we are perpetually balancing, but one clear downside is the opportunity for bad actors to access, steal and even hold hostage individual and collective data. This a lesson we continue to learn and why our practices should always adapt to better protect sensitive information or critical networks and systems.

October is designated as Cybersecurity Awareness Month to promote the importance of taking action to safeguard against these threats.

Right here in Arkansas, we have seen the impact cyberattacks can have in the public and private sectors. Unfortunately, hackers and scammers have exploited certain vulnerabilities with great effect.

A recent presentation to the Arkansas Joint Legislative Auditing Committee revealed that, over the last two years, there have been more than 250 cases of cyberattacks against state and local governments across our state. That includes a data breach of a major third-party software provider that exposed files on students and retirees as well as ransomware strikes against higher learning institutions, state and local agencies as well as a local school district.

These incidents can pose serious challenges not just for individuals whose sensitive, identifying information is compromised. They also have the potential to jeopardize the

delivery of essential services unless the criminals behind this digital sabotage have their demands met.

Not only does that fallout sow uncertainty – it can also be costly and demoralizing.

The good news is that in addition to taking simple steps like using strong passwords, regularly backing up data and constantly being vigilant against impersonators seeking to steal information or infiltrate networks, the level of alertness to defend against cyber threats in The Natural State is rising.

That was evident most recently in the Cybersecurity Summit convened by Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin this month. The event brought experts, stakeholders and policymakers together to discuss the current landscape and highlight efforts to enhance preparedness against risks posed by foreign adversaries and domestic criminals.

One key takeaway was to take cyber defense seriously, because failing to do so could have major implications personally, disrupt broader economic activity and even threaten national security. As Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly warned, anything connected to the internet is capable of being compromised.

Attacks targeting pipelines, food suppliers and water treatment facilities have demonstrated the crucial need to invest in capa-

bilities and resources to improve our ability to prevent them.

I have been proud to support the growing push to develop the tools and workforce aimed at countering cyber crime. Higher education curricula at UA Little Rock, the University of Central Arkansas, UA Pine Bluff and through the University of Arkansas System Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) are all expanding cyber instruction and helping train more professionals to fortify critical infrastructure, protect networks and systems, and better prepare individuals to avoid falling prey to this evolving phenomenon.

Last fiscal year, I secured federal funding for the Forge Institute – an initiative based in Arkansas – to seed a pre-accelerator program that will foster innovation and entrepreneurship to develop business models and products geared toward cyber resilience. I also continue supporting investment in the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, which partners with CJI to deliver research-based cybersecurity training to local jurisdictions, counties and the private sector across Arkansas and the nation.

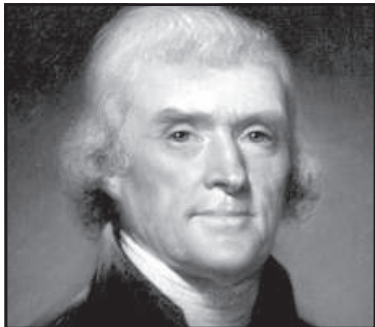
These efforts and others all indicate how serious this issue is, as well as the commitment in Arkansas to defend against it. I will continue working with partners in government, education and private industry to ensure we are protected now and into the future.

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# Voting

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Issue No. 2 would repeal the Pope County casino license, and would require local elections for the placement of any future casinos. A vote for the issue means

# Fall

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display of colors, and this is one of the best times of year to see what she’s been painting.

You don’t have to drive to the mountains to see God’s spectacular work; all you have to do is open your eyes and look around you in Howard County.

# County

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with Dr. Steve Cole, UA-Cossatot chancellor who was instrumental in the formation of Developing Howard County.

“We’ll review the survey results and look at focus groups,” Britt said.

He plans to hold the

# Blevins High School club holding fund-raiser

The Blevins High School Beta Club is conducting a shoe drive fund-raiser from until Jan. 5 to raise funds for Beta Club conventions.

Blevins Beta will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes.

Those dollars will benefit both junior and senior high Blevins Beta.

Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at the following locations:

# Football contest winner missed 1, close on tie-breaker

Murfreesboro’s upset win over Junction City played havoc with many pickers’ lists, but the winner of last week’s contest only missed on one prediction.

T’Otis Trimble, a winner in previous years, missed on that one upset win, and even predicted an almost exact tie-breaker final Nashville-Haskell score.

Scores of the games in the contest:



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the question to be placed on the ballot.

**Issue No. 3**

The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled last week that votes on Issue No. 3 will not be counted.

Issue 3 proposed sweeping changes to the medical marijuana program approved by Arkansas voters in 2016.

the ditches or between the sidewalks.

The colors we see in southwest Arkansas this time of year are beautiful but brief.

Turn off the air conditioner—we have a limited amount of time when we don’t need it. Get outside before it’s heater weather and look at the world like you did when you were a child. You’ll be amazed at what there is to see.

quire a unanimous vote, Britt said.

New members include Stephanie Harrison and Nick Brooks. They replace Andi Reeves Green and Luis Maya Sr.

Board members looked at increased sales tax revenue in Little River and Sevier counties after residents voted the counties wet.

The issue likely will be discussed at the planned workshop.

enterprise partners.

Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families.

For more information, contact Andrea Woodruff National Beta Club 870-845-6240 or by email at andrea.woodruff@blevinshornets.org

State 25

Nashville 42, Haskell

Harmony Grove 9



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# Win

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Harmony Grove scored a late touchdown on a 5-yard run for the final 42-0 margin.

The Scrappers played well on defense, according to Jackson. Canaday “had a good night” against the Cardinals. He recorded three tackles, a fumble recovery and a touchdown.

Brayden Erby and Kajuan Swift “had their best games on the defensive line. They played great,” Jackson said.

Cooper Jackson and Jai-lyn Stagers played well, according to Jackson. “I’m proud of them.”

Skyler Gibson “keeps playing better and better. He’s tackling really well.”

Scrapper tacklers included Erby, Kellen Jackson, Swift, Gibson, Aylett, Dixon, Williamson, Conway, Johnson, Staggers, Perrin, Canaday, Harris, Cooper Jackson, Wiley, Arbuthnott and Teague.

Offensively, Chambers “played really well,” completing 12 of 16 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns. He ran the ball three times for 37 yards and a TD.

Morgan was the leading receiver with four catches for 85 yards and two touch-

downs.

Myles Hawthorne caught one pass for 34 yards.

Jefferson had one catch for 29 yards and a score.

Ja’Marion Conway had two receptions for 27 yards.

Josh Walker made two catches for 20 yards.

Joe Branch caught the ball once for 19 yards.

Dixon had one reception for 12 yards and a touchdown.

Canaday had one catch for six yards.

Jefferson was Nashville’s leading rusher with eight carries for 39 yards, followed by Chambers with 37 yards and a touchdown.

Conway ran once for 25 yards.

Dixon had two carries for 13 yards.

For the night, the Scrappers ran 41 plays to 54 for Harmony Grove.

Nashville had 345 yards total offense, including 232 passing and 113 rushing.

The Cardinals had no passing yards and 198 rushing.

Nashville’s offensive line “was really good. They’re getting better week to week. They’re starting to play as a unit. I’m happy with those guys. They’re becoming brothers,” Jackson said.

The Scrappers posted 14 first downs to 10 for Haskell.

The Scrappers converted on four of seven third downs and two of three fourth

downs.

Harmony Grove was three for 11 on third and two of five on fourth.

The Scrappers did not commit a turnover. Haskell lost two fumbles.

Nashville was penalized seven times for 25 yards.

The Scrappers did not punt for the second straight week.

**Malvern**

Malvern (8-0 overall) will come to Nashville ranked sixth in Class 4-A by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

“They’re a good team,” Jackson said. “They’re undefeated for a reason.”

The Leopards have “a good quarterback and good receivers,” according to Jackson. “I’m also impressed with their defensive ends.”

The Scrappers “have to go play well” Friday night, Jackson said. “We’ve got to emphasize that every play is important. It’s not the game; it’s the play.”

Nashville’s motto for the season is “There were two,” Jackson said. “It goes back to the L’il Scrapper story” told by the late Danny Howard. And it reminds players that there are “always two roads - the hard way and the easy way. Taking the hard way is better. It’s hard to do what’s right. We want to choose the hard way this week and do right.”

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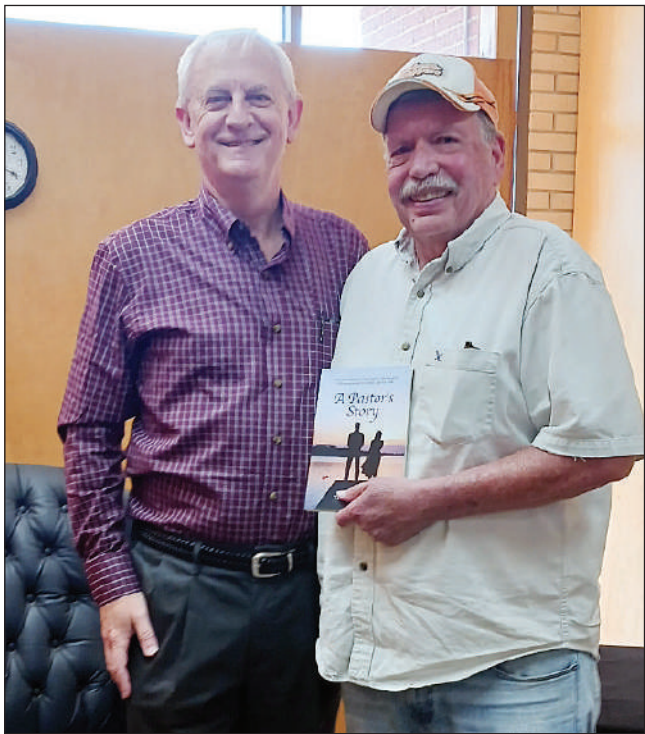
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## Howard County District Court

**Oct. 24, 2024**  
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**Howard County**  
Aguilar, Roberto Carlos, 27, Lowell, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Brown, Vernon J., 51, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Bunch, Fred Lee, 21, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding  
Cheatham, Lemetric D., 32, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Davis, Deangelo D. June, 27, no address listed, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70  
Garland, Chales L., 62, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$170 owed  
Hutchinson, Eric S., 41, Horatio, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,265 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Jaramillo, Juan C., 50, Irving, Texas, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$240 BF, speeding  
Johnson, Isaac K., 22, Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$125; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Lee, Eden K., 33, De Queen, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license  
Morgan Elnora, 50, Hope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195  
Parker, David A., 46, Dierks, guilty of possessing open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, fined \$220  
Perez, Crystal Denise, 50, Horatio, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$125  
Smith, Calista Dawn, 39, Grannis, \$240 BF, speeding  
Spencer, Chrisaiya, 24, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$230  
Timmins, Anthony, 35, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$305 owed  
**City of Nashville**  
Couch, Cameron A., 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$595 owed  
Gordijn, Teara Janean, 21, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,455 owed  
Hollingsworth, Lonnie, 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,180 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Jacoby, Taylor Lane, 17, Hope, no motorcycle endorsement, under advisement for three months to dismiss  
Rivera, Cristian, 23, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no

driver's license/expired license  
Szafir, Kolten J., 18, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding  
Ventura, Lizeete A., 20, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710  
Walker, Timotheus I., 48, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285  
**City of Dierks**  
Gladman, Kimo, 31, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Hale, Mark A., 50, Horatio, \$260 BF, speeding  
Li, Alicia, 23, Alhambra, Calif., \$240 BF, speeding  
**City of Mineral Springs**  
Craft, Tamera J., 22, Heavener, Okla., guilty off expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of no tail or brake lights, fined \$195  
**Bench Trials**  
**Howard County**  
Henderson, Dakota, 20, Delight, possession of controlled substance, under advisement until Dec. 13 to dismiss, fined \$100  
Snowden, Jamico, 21, Delight, possession of controlled substance, under advisement until Dec. 31 to dismiss, fined \$100  
**City of Mineral Springs**  
Sanchez, Kevin, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445



**GETTING HIS COPY.** Mike Pinegar (at right) was on hand for Tim Pinkerton's book-signing held last weekend at the Howard County Library. Pinkerton's book, A Pastor's Story, is now available from the author or through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Pinkerton, the current Nashville Chamber of Commerce executive director, grew up in the northern Howard County town of Umpire.  
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## M'boro man gets probation for sex assault from 2000-2005 timeframe

A Murfreesboro man charged with sexual assault was sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court. Zachary Ray Collins, 38, of Murfreesboro, entered a guilty plea to second-degree sexual assault by minor with person under 14 and was sentenced to six years of probation and fined \$500. Collins must also register as a sex offender and have no contact with his victim. Collins was arrested and booked into the Pike County jail on July 29 on suspicion of rape that occurred between 2000 and 2005. According to case information, Collins' victim was a minor during the five-year timeframe and she stated the assaults occurred so many times that she could not provide an accurate count. She also claimed one en-

counter had been witnessed by family members and was not reported to law enforcement. "The disclosure of this case came during an investigation into a separate sexual assault case," according to the July 26 affidavit of arrest prepared by David Shelton, special investigator for the Ninth West Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney.

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## Last commodities of year for Pike County Nov. 6th

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along 2nd Ave & Owens St. towards First United Methodist Church. Food boxes will be loaded directly into vehicles from the back of the Municipal building. The next mobile pantry is scheduled for Jan. 22. Recipients must bring photo identification or proof of address to verify they are a resident of Pike County. Distribution is limited to one box per household and two households per vehicle.

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### Pike County early voting ends Monday at 5:00

Early voting in the 2024 presidential election cycle will close Nov. 4 at 5:00. Those wishing to early vote in Pike County can go to either the County Clerk’s office in Murfreesboro or to the Bainum Library and Learning Center in Glenwood during the following dates:

Oct. 30-Nov. 1

8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Scholarships offered locally for International Conference on Thinking in Tucson, Ariz.

Area students have a chance to receive a scholarship to attend the International Conference on Thinking (ICOT) in Arizona, according to Professor William Maxwell of Mineral Springs.

Maxwell, who is the president of ICOT, said full scholarships have been pledged to children to attend the 2024 ICOT in Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 26-29. The locals providing funds for the scholarships include:

- A Howard County banker who grew up in a time when families frequently shared meals with relatives and neighbors, hopes that the new generation will return to such healthier customs. The banker has pledged a scholarship to the highest scoring student in Nashville, said Maxwell.
- Several descendants of Thomas and Lula Boles, landowners in Center Point have also provided a full scholarships to students in Sevier and Howard counties and North Little Rock.
- A former student of Cleola Boles, a former first-grade teacher in North Little Rock has donated a full scholarship in honor of Ms. Boles. The scholarship is for any student in the world with roots in Arkansas.
- Other pledgers include a retired couple from Hot Springs Village; members of a De Queen family that began in the 1940s; a Harvard graduate; a former student at Howard university; a former Harvard professor; and a Nigerian businessman.

Maxwell said more scholarships are expected to be announced shortly.

For more information, contact Maxwell at 404-323-1403.



**AWARDED FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS.** The Arkansas Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation Committee has named two local students as recipients of the \$7,000 Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. The local recipients include Sara Sweat of McCaskill (left) to Southern Arkansas University and Molly Parker of Ben Lomond (right) to the University of Arkansas. Scholarship recipients are Arkansas residents, members of a Farm Bureau family and enrolled as juniors or seniors in pursuit of an agriculture-related degree at a state-accredited university. The scholarships are based on financial need, academic achievement, career plans, and character and leadership potential. The 15 scholarship recipients will receive paid installments of \$3,500 per semester for the 2024-2025 academic year.



## Amity babysitter arrested after leaving kids alone

Charges are expected to be filed this week against an Amity woman arrested for allegedly endangering the welfare of children she was hired to babysit.

Megan Davidson, 38, was arrested last week and has since bonded out from the county jail. She is expected to be charged with two counts of first-degree endangering the welfare of a minor, according to Pike County Investigator Jason McDonald.

McDonald said an investigation began on Oct. 2 in Amity when Nicole Carpenter alleged Davidson, who had babysat Carpenters’ kids since birth, had left her children home alone.

Carpenter stated that she had dropped off her kids with Davidson on the morning of Sept. 30 and then went to the post office when she noticed Davidson’s vehicle at a nearby store. When confronted about the kids’ location, Davidson said the kids were in the car but the mom found only the four-year-old inside the car. Davidson said the other kids were with her husband at home.

Carpenter went to the home and found the home unlocked and allegedly found her eight-month-old “strapped and restrained” in a bouncy chair inside a dark closet with the door closed. The other child, a two-year-old, was found in the back room in the dark.

Carpenter told law officials that the kids had told her before that Davidson had locked them in the closet but she wasn’t sure to believe them “because kids exaggerate things.”

Davidson made a first appearance on the charges Monday and a Nov. 15 date was set for formal arraignment.

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Pike County District Court

**Oct. 1, 2024**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Pike County**  
Ashley, Jay Michael, 49, Adrmore, Okla., \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Bailey, Jansen Ross, 44, Bonnerdale, \$205 BF, failure to pay, \$945 owed  
Baker, Adela Recenidz, 31, Glenwood, \$125 BF, speeding  
Balderas, Pedro Marcos, 35, Horatio, \$249BF, overweight  
Booth, Brittany K., 37, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$75; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125  
Canals, Stephanie Nicole, 32, Bonnerdale, guilty of speeding, fined \$165; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125  
Carroll, Robert Douglas, 74, Amity, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$635  
Castro, Hortencia, 37, Fort Smith, \$135 BF, speeding  
Cates, Alicia Lynne, 29, Umpire, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45  
Cates, Rhonda K., 53, Murfreesboro, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Chamberlin, Catrina L., 54, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Chaney, Tammy E., 58, Benton, \$135 BF, speeding  
Clay, Lisa Marie, 36, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,365 owed  
Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 20, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver’s license; \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Cupples, Braden Kristopher, 30, Nashville, \$160 BF, registration of gross weight/ license  
Darling, Dana Lauren, 39, Nashville, \$125 BF, speeding  
Emmert, Joshua Lee, 21, Emerson, \$135 BF, speeding  
Engle, Clinton Ryan, 34, Springdale, \$135 BF, speeding’  
Fant, Jerry Wayne, 38, Glenwood, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$7; guilty of speeding, fined \$125  
Fatherree, Kylie Nikole, 20, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$485 owed  
Forney, Stephanie L., 38, Caddo Gap, guilty of no driver’s license, fined \$125  
Frawley, John Fortuscue, 56, Jacksonville, \$135 BF, speeding  
Garner, Sarah Dawn, 26, Newhope, \$145 BF, using handheld phone while driving  
Garza, Delia, 33, Glenwood, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license  
Golden, Cassandra Austin, 30, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,285 owed  
Gray, Robert Don, 52, Di-erks, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,030 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Hammock, Brandon Deril, 26, Mount Ida, \$215 BF, overweight  
Hampton, John Thomas, 62, Blevins, \$245 BF, overweight  
Hanratty, Dana Dupuis, 45, Hot Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$125  
Hernandez, Miriam, 41, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver’s license  
Johnson, Isaac Keshawn, 22, Nashville, guilty of driv- ing with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Jones, Natasha E., 41, Hot Springs, \$205 BF, failure to pay; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Kerr, Johnnsie D., 62, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, speeding  
Kesterson, Lloyd, 51, Don-aldson, \$245 BF, overweight  
Kirkham, Zane Arthur, 24, Delight, \$170 BF, violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act  
Lamb, Jarrod D., 35, Mur- freesboro, \$245 BF, overweight  
Laurent, Brittany Anne, 21, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF, speeding  
Liberelle, Marie Caroline, 27, Austin, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding  
Light, Conner Lee, 21, Amity, guilty of violation of re- stricted driver’s license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125  
Lynn, Zachary Wade, 32, Caddo Gap, \$135 BF, speeding  
Mars, Bethany L., 23, Mal- vern, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125; guilty of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, fined \$220  
Martinez, Frank, 40, Pharr, Texas, \$125 BF, no driver’s license; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
McGee, Troy O., 79, Glen- wood, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
McKin, Brian C., 41, Arka- delphia, \$543 BF, overweight  
Meeks, Randall Lee III, 17, Caddo Gap, speeding, under advisement for three months to dismiss  
Mota, Ismael Morales, 63, Nashville, \$125 BF, no driver’s license; \$125 BF, speeding  
Murillo, Reshelle Marie, 47, Glenwood, guilty of driv- ing with suspended license, fined \$325  
Myers, Justin C., 29, Hunts- ville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Nations, Jack Jay, 57, Kirby, \$125 BF, no child restraint  
Neighbors, Whitney Lea, 23, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Oliver, Rachele Monique, 19, Hot Springs, guilty of fail- ure to pay, \$925 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Pandit, Dorothy, 75, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$165  
Parish, Jamie Taylor, 21, Caddo Gap, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Patterson, Donald K., 39, Amity, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license  
Phillips, Timothy Mason, 53, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$215  
Pierce, Johnny Lee, 30, Ozan, guilty of failure to pay, \$570 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Prouse, Kendra Lynn, 29, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125  
Reyes, Sofia Kamil, 19, Moore, Okla., \$125 BF, speed- ing  
Schobey, Madison Blake, 27, Hope, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Smedley, Evan, 31, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding  
Smith, Nathaniel Hunter, 18, Amity, guilty of defective lights, fined \$125; guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$125; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Solano, Victor, 44, Glen- wood, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Stoughton, Amber Brooke, 27, Fountain Inn, S.C., \$125 BF, improper passing  
Sullins, Michael L., 56, Delight, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired. \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45  
Swain, Blake Tyler, 23, Amity, \$165 BF, speeding  
Tigue, Caleb Allen, 18, Glenwood, speeding, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss  
Vaught, Dillon Dewayne, 28, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Vick, Jason L., 46, Amity, \$165 BF, speeding  
Ward, Natasha N., 33, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Washington, Sheritta L., 50, Memphis, Tenn., \$170 BF, false report of log duty status  
Welch, Robert W., 53, Bon- nerdale, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Wesley, Annaliese Alexis, 27, Glenwood, \$125 Bf, no child restraint device  
Whitaker, David J., 48, Nor- man, guilty of careless prohib- ited passing, fined \$125; guilty of improper lane change, fined \$125; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educa- tional course  
Whitley, Richard Wayne, 60, Hope, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of li- ability insurance, fined \$125  
Wood, Logan John, 26, Greenbrier, \$135 BF, speeding  
Zellner, Brittany Lakyn, 31, Glenwood, \$125 BF, failure to register/expired  
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Baugher, Hayden Russell, 18, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225  
Branch, Deborah T., 67, Murfreesboro, guilty of pass- ing stopped school bus, fined \$655  
Clay, Lisa Marie, 36, Nash- ville, guilty of failure to reg- ister tags/expired; guilty of driving with suspended li- cense, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335  
Lewis, Joshua William, 34, Prescott, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired  
Moore, Dannette L., 47, Emmet, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,880 owed, commit- ted to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225  
Owens, Peyton James, 17, Glenwood, \$205 BF, speeding  
Rhodes, John Welton, 62, Ashdown, \$145 BF, speeding  
Stangler, Heatehr Gail, 46, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45  
Townsend, Jason Wade, 43, Hope, \$145 BF, speeding  
Tum, Van Cung, 20, In- dianapolis, Ind., guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$33; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225  
**Arkansas Game & Fish Commission**  
Davis, Edmund M., 52, Amity, guilty of criminal tres- pass, fined \$190  
Giles, Thomas M., 38, Keithville, La., \$220 BF, insuf- ficient PFD; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Lancaster, Kelsey L., 42, Benton, \$220 BF, insufficient PFD; \$220 BF, insufficient PFD; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Owens, Charles J., 43, White Oak, Texas, \$870 BF, non-residential possessing residence license; \$205 BF, failure to appear

100th birthday event Sunday at Delight

Family and friends are invited to attend the 100th birthday of Zenobia Craig of Delight.  
The celebration will be held Sunday, Nov. 3 at the Delight Church of Christ from 2-4 p.m.



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**Nashville Kindergarten Students Celebrate Red Ribbon Week @ Corn Maze, Miracle Farm Market in Bodcaw**

(Top) Teacher Shannon White and her students at Jack's Corn Maze

(Middle) Nashville Kindergarten students with foster grandmother Lillian Hutchison and teacher Krissie Talley

(Bottom) Foater grandmother Phyllis Blanchard and teacher Jennifer Pinkerton

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# The History of Red Ribbon Week

## The Enrique (Kiki) S. Camarena Story

Enrique (Kiki) S. Camarena was born on July 26, 1947, in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, California in 1966, and in 1968 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving in the Marine Corps for two years, Kiki was a Calexico fireman, Calexico police officer, and an Imperial County Deputy Sheriff. Kiki joined the Drug Enforcement Administration in June of 1974. His first assignment as a Special Agent with DEA was in a familiar place - Calexico, California.

In 1977, after three years in Calexico, he was re-assigned to the Fresno District Office in Northern California. Four years later, Kiki received transfer orders to Mexico, where he would work out of the Guadalajara Resident Office. For more than four years in Mexico, Kiki remained on the trail of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. In early 1985, he was extremely close to unlocking a multi-billion-dollar drug pipeline. However, before he was able to expose the drug trafficking operations to the public, he was kidnapped on February 7, 1985. On that fateful day, while headed to a luncheon with his wife, Mika, Kiki was surrounded by five armed men who threw him into a car and sped away. That was the last time anyone, but his kidnappers would see him alive.

It is believed that Special Agent Camarena's death actually occurred two days later, but his body was not discovered until March 5, 1985. He was 37 years old and was survived by his wife Mika and their three children—Enrique, Daniel, and Erik. During his 11 years with DEA, Kiki received two Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award and, posthumously, the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by DEA.

Shortly after Kiki's death, Congressman Duncan Hunter and high school friend Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, California. Hundreds of club members including Calexico High School teacher David Dhillon wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Kiki Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later across the United States. In 1985, club members presented the "Camarena Club Proclamation" to then First Lady Nancy Reagan, bringing it national attention. Later that summer, parent groups in California, Illinois, and Virginia began promoting the wearing of red ribbons nationwide during late October.

The campaign was then formalized in 1988 by the National Family Partnership, with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons. Today, the eight-day celebration is an annual catalyst to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, workplaces, and communities. Each year, on October 23-31, more than 80 million young people and adults show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing or displaying the red ribbon.

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**ON THE WAY OUT.** The comet C/2023 A3 Tsuchinshan-ATLAS was visible to the naked eye for much of October as it zoomed across the night sky and disappeared into the western horizon. The comet, dubbed “The Comet of the Century,” is now getting out of range and will not return for another 80,000 years. The solid white lines in this picture near the horizon are aircraft operating lights as the planes moved across the sky for the 30-second time exposure.

## Pike County 4H Color Run results

The Pike County 4H 5K Color Run and Walk to benefit suicide prevention in Pike County was held last Saturday in Murfreesboro.

Kurt Caldwell, 40, was the overall male winner with a time of 21:07, while Kynlie Snyder, 15, won the women’s division with a time of 22:22.

Placements in division order are as follows:

Females 5-8: Brielan Caldwell, 31:15

Females 9-17: Sadie Tolle-son 33:05, Natalie Simms 33:41

Females 18-24: Codie McAlister 44:45

Females 25-29: Bailey Terrell 32:50

Females 30-39: Katherine Williamson 33:11

Females 40-49: Dianna Self 40:33, Kristy Wolfe 40:34, Lisa Harvill 45:46

Females 50-59: Betty Par-rish 40:03, P.J. Cox 45:57

Females 60-69: Rhon-da Harmon 42:58, Sherry Whisenhunt 43:00, Jan Fun-derburk 45:45



**AFTERMATH.** Eva Langley and Codie McAlister.

Females 70+: Debra Nich-ols 47:35

Males 5-8: Weldon Caldwell 31:49, Chandler Cox 45:56

Males 9-17: Caleb Terrell 47:29

Males 20-24: Sean Rohein 27:17, Kage Fore 42:29

Males 40-49: Jacob Gold 28:17, Lee Hart 45:58

Males 70+: David Samuel 47:29

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‘Superior’ performance for Scrapper band

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Scrapper band members perform at halftime Friday night, Oct. 25, at Haskell Harmony Grove. The band received all Superior ratings at the regional marching competition last week. With the Superiors, the band will participate in the state marching contest Monday, Nov. 4, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.



Color guard members Kaylee Santamaria and Leilani Vargas perform Oct. 18 in Ashdown.



The Scrapper band performs during halftime at Ashdown Friday, Oct. 18.



Nashville bandsmen present their halftime routine at Haskell Oct. 25.



Ben Gregory and Kaden White (seated) and drum major Klaire Hendry (standing) are ready for halftime at Haskell.

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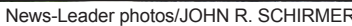
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The Scrapper seventh graders defeated Haskell 24-22.



Scrapper defenders stop the Cardinal ball carrier Oct. 24.



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# Rattlers to defend undefeated conference record at home Friday

**By PJ Tracy**  
Murfreesboro Diamond  
JUNCTION CITY – The Murfreesboro Rattlers moved to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in conference play with a 30-14 win over Junction City (5-3, 4-1) on the road last Friday.

The Rattlers are now in the catbird’s seat as far as conference play goes – with two more games remaining, Murfreesboro can claim the 2024 3-2A title by winning out –by virtue of being the lone undefeated team in conference play.

Senior QB Laytan Wilcher had his most impactful game of the season in the statistics department, rushing for 146 yards and two touchdowns on 12 rushing attempts while going 3/6 in the passing game for 21 yards, along with a touchdown and an interception.

Brody Maroon acted as the team’s workhorse, getting 98 yards on 20 carries, while Lathan Compton added 58 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.

Kooper Caldwell had a reception for eight yards and a TD.

As a team the Rattlers garnered 339 yards on offense (318 rushing, 21 passing) in the game.

Bubba Stinson would lead the team in tackles on defense with 12, followed by Cameron Stevens (11), Maroon (10), Compton (8) and the trio of Logan Burris, Caden Dixon and Caldwell had seven stops each.

Compton would also nab a key fourth quarter interception that would allow the Rattlers to control the clock for much of the quarter.

“Going into the game, we knew that we were facing a really good football team and it would be a really big test for us. It was probably the best football team, on paper I guess, that we have seen all year,” said head coach Brad Chesshir.

He credits a good week of preparation heading into the victory, along with the team coming into themselves as the season progresses.

“The big thing is – the confidence our team has right now and the way they are playing together – I

felt really good about our chances all week. I told our guys last week before the game that I knew we were better than them [Junction City] and if we would just go do what we do, don’t try to be someone we’re not, offensively and defensively, I knew we’d have an opportunity to win the game.”

While playing “extremely hard” Chesshir said that defense was “not so great, getting a feel for what they do” on the first drive of the game that led to a Dragon score.

“In the second half the defense played lights out ... and the offense was as good as they have been all year long – they couldn’t stop us.”

Chesshir was especially pleased that the offense, following the late Compton interception, was able to salt away the clock.

“There was a lot of time left on the clock, and we just lined up and played big-boy football. We just went right at them and ate up the whole clock. That makes me extremely proud. Our kids continue to handle every situation the right way, good or bad. I’m excited to see how far this group can continue to grow.”

However, he insists that it’s not a finished product.

“There is still room for growth – we still have things we can clean up and do better. We still have plenty of room for growth.”

Chesshir was also complimentary of the fans in attendance despite a 2:15 drive to “pretty much Louisiana.”

“It was good to see our crowd, as soon as we walked out for kickoff you could tell they were there. I’m proud to be a part of a community that supports their team like they do. I know our kids feed off that.”

He added that the team had a lot of guys play well, including Wilcher with “his best game offensively all year.”

Chesshir laughed telling the story of how a Junction City coach said they would do all they could to stop #13 (Wilcher) from running the football.

“It didn’t seem to help,”

Chesshir deadpanned. “You can see that in the stats.”

He admitted it was nice to have choices.

“If you stop Brody [Maroon] then there is Laytan [Wilcher], and if you take away Laytan, then there is Lathan [Compton]. With our offensive philosophy, there is options. This is only the second game of the season Brody didn’t have any touchdowns, but as you can see, we have other weapons. Brody did a good job of getting four yards a carry and first downs when we needed them.”

Chesshir credited Compton with a significant amount of growth since the season began.

“His leadership skills have gotten unbelievably better since the beginning of the season, what he brings to the football field, the unselfish player he is. I can’t tell you how proud I am of Lathan.”

Chesshir said the offensive line had a “pretty good night” and while they missed a few assignments, “if you look out there at Junction, there’s some pretty big dudes.”

“You hear coaches label victories as a ‘team win’ ... I think coaches say that just to say it ... but I think we had an ultimate team win Friday night, and I believe that.”

He said it was an important win for the standings, but that his team must maintain focus.

“Moving forward, we still have two games to go in conference play and we have to finish, but it does put us in the driver’s seat for the conference championship.”

Now, the team has to come off a crucial victory and get prepared to play a (2-6, 1-4) Spring Hill team that doesn’t exactly remind anyone of the Junction City team the Rattlers just defeated.

Spring Hill defeated Geo-na Central 34-6 to open the season and beat Foreman 48-14 two weeks ago for

their pair of wins. They lost a close game to Lafayette County 43-36 a couple of weeks ago, but were easily dispatched by Gurdon 49-12 last week.

Chesshir said the formula wasn’t difficult.

“We come to work on Monday and focus on what we can do to improve to get better, and not look forward, like you are [newspaper interviewer] and all the rat poison on Facebook. We’ve won six games controlling what we can control. We’ve won six games doing what we do. We [the coaches] haven’t sit in here and schemed up people and said ‘we have to do this this week’ or ‘hey, we have to run this play this week.’ We haven’t done that ... we’re going to line up and do what we do, and be really freaking good at it. Do we have little things in terms of adjustments each week, yeah. But we don’t install a new defense or a new offense each week, so we will continue to do what we do. We don’t stop, and we will be consistent with our beliefs and our habits and get better at the little things.”

He said ultimately it was a question of perspective.

“I am not coaching to beat Spring Hill ... I am coaching to have my defensive end squeeze in week 15, or having the right technique on a block in week 15. We have to get better at those little things because at some point that’s going to matter. We have done a good job fundamentally over the past few weeks, but we can’t let up on those things. Just because you won a big game doesn’t mean you can let up. We have to stay humble and just keep being us.”

He said that marks a difference over last year’s squad.

“Last year we were thrilled to win a conference championship. Which is good, you want to win the district ever year. If we do it again this year, that’s awesome, because nobody

**Murfreesboro Rattlers**  
**(6-2 overall/5-0 conference)**  
Friday, Nov. 1  
Holloway Field @ Rattler Stadium  
**Opponent: Spring Hill Bears**  
**(2-6 overall/1-4 conference)**

thought we could do it again. But, the ultimately goal, for us, is not that.”

Also, there is still almost as much football potentially ahead for the Rattlers as behind in 2024, should the team check off it’s ultimate goal of playing in a state championship.

“If we had the opportunity to go do that, that’s in six weeks. That’s almost like playing this whole season thus far over again. That’s a long ways away ... it’s not like it’s three weeks from now. We have to continue to get better.”

Thus, in dutiful progress toward that goal, this week it all about Spring Hill.

Chesshir said the Bears employ a flexbone offense for the triple option.

“Coming from eight-man [in 2023] they are still trying to figure it out, going back to 11-man. They have a lot of young players in seventh grade and junior high and they are really looking forward, so they are trying to build the program back to an 11-man mindset because of those kids.”

Chesshir said Spring Hill had committed players with good size, a few backs with speed and a linebacker that ranks in the top five of 3-2A.

“They play extremely hard, I know coach [Greg] Smith from working with him at the all-star game this past summer, and I know he’s doing a good job with them. Hopefully, they will stick with him and keep growing.”

Chesshir switched back

to coachspeak and said that his team will have to be disciplined while facing the Bears.

“Just like every week – we have to be disciplined, we have to play hard, we have to do the little things right, we have to be good tacklers, and we can’t turn the ball over.”

Defensively the Bears base out of an odd front.

**JUNIOR HIGH**  
The seventh grade game will kick off at Spring Hill at 5:30 this Thursday night, followed by the junior high Rattlers at 7 p.m. This will mark the final action for the 2024 season for the two schools, and with a win, MJHS will finish as runners-up in conference play for the season – behind champion Dierks Outlaws.

“This is a group that plays extremely hard -- every game,” said Chesshir about his MJHS squad. “I have been very pleased with the growth from the group, and I look forward to seeing how they finish the season out.”

**SENIOR NIGHT**  
Usually reserved for the final home game, celebration of 2024 seniors will be held this week and not prior to the season finale next week versus Mineral Springs.

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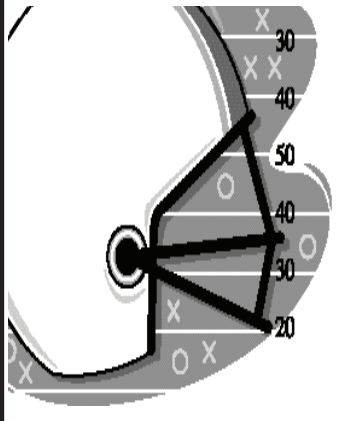
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**This week's top games**

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Ashdown at Bauxite	Ashdown	Bauxite	Bauxite
Haskell Harmony Grove at Fountain Lake	Haskell	Fountain	Fountain
Spring Hill at Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro
Florida vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Vanderbilt at Auburn	Vandy	Auburn	Vandy
Kentucky at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Texas A&M at South Carolina	A&M	SCarolina	A&M
Ole Miss at Arkansas	Arkansas	Ole Miss	Arkansas
Dierks at Mineral Springs	Mineral	Dierks	Mineral



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Kellen Jackson (12) and Bryce Perrin (27) stop the Haskell Harmony Grove ball carrier in Nashville's 42-9 road win Friday, Oct. 25. The Scrappers will host Malvern Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the last home game of the regular season. The game will be Senior Night.



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# Survey Says: SW Arkansas loaded with lithium

**US Geological Survey News Release**

Using a combination of water testing and machine learning, a U.S. Geological Survey-led study estimated between 5 and 19 million tons of lithium reserves are located beneath southwestern Arkansas. If commercially recoverable, the amount of lithium present would meet projected 2030 world demand for lithium in car batteries nine times over.

The study's novel methodology, carried out collaboratively by the USGS and the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment's Office of the State Geologist, made it possible to quantify the amount of lithium present in brines located in a geological unit known as the Smackover Formation. Extracting lithium from brines co-produced during oil and gas operations provides an opportunity to extract a valuable commodity from what would otherwise be considered a waste stream.

"Lithium is a critical mineral for the energy transition, and the potential for increased U.S. production

to replace imports has implications for employment, manufacturing and supply-chain resilience. This study illustrates the value of science in addressing economically important issues," said David Applegate, USGS Director.

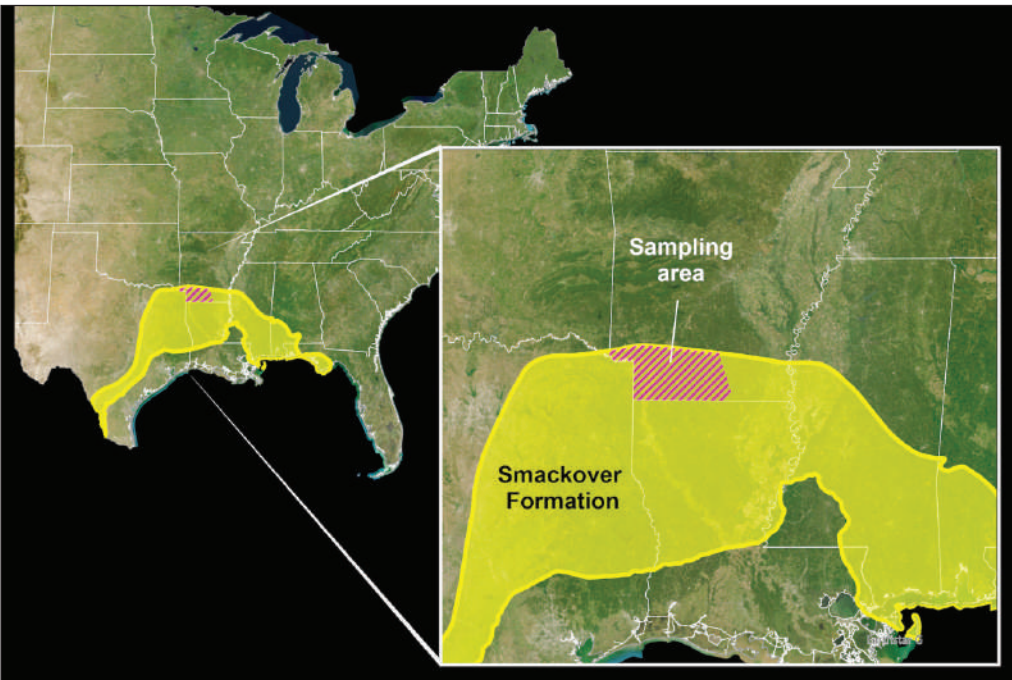
The Smackover Formation is a relic of an ancient sea that left an extensive, porous, and permeable limestone geologic unit that extends under parts of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. It dates to the Jurassic geological time period and is known for its rich deposits of oil and bromine. In recent years, the Smackover Formation has also gained attention for potential lithium in brines—high-salinity waters associated with deep salt deposits.

"Our research was able to estimate total lithium present in the southwestern portion of the Smackover in Arkansas for the first time. We estimate there is enough dissolved lithium present in that region to replace U.S. imports of lithium and more. It is important to cau-

tion that these estimates are an in-place assessment. We have not estimated what is technically recoverable based on newer methods to extract lithium from brines," said Katherine Knierim, a hydrologist and the study's principal researcher.

Global demand for lithium, a critical mineral essential for battery production, has increased substantially in recent years. This trend is projected to persist as the transition from fossil fuels to electric and hybrid vehicles intensifies, underscoring the mineral's growing significance in energy technology advancements.

The U.S. relies on imports for more than 25% of its lithium. The USGS estimates there is enough lithium brought to the surface in the oil and brine waste streams in southern Arkansas to cover current estimated U.S. lithium consumption. The low-end estimate of 5 million tons of lithium present in Smackover brines is also equivalent to more than nine times the International Energy Agency's projection of global



lithium demand for electric vehicles in 2030.

The USGS predictive model provides the first estimate of total lithium present in Smackover Formation brines in southern Arkansas, using machine learning, which is a type of artificial intelligence. Samples from Arkansas were analyzed by the USGS Brine Research Instrumentation and Experimental lab in Reston, VA, and then compared with data from historic samples within the USGS Produced Waters Database of water

from hydrocarbon production. The machine learning model was then used to combine lithium concentrations in brines with geological data to create maps that predict total lithium concentrations across the region, even in areas lacking lithium samples.

"The USGS – and science as well-- works best as a partnership, and this important research was possible because of our strong partnership with the Office of the Arkansas State Geologist," said Dr. Knierim.

Since 1879, the USGS has been the nation's primary source of impartial scientific information on geologic, energy and mineral resources. The USGS also tracks lithium production, demand and imports in the U.S. as part of its role mandated by the Energy Act of 2020 to maintain the whole of government List of Critical Minerals.

The study, which was published in Science Advances, can be found at [www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.adp8149](https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.adp8149).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ESTHER L. AMONETTE, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-49

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 403 County Line Road North, Nashville, AR 71852  
Date of death: May 10, 2024

On July 9, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Esther L. Amonette, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

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This notice first published this 23 day of October, 2024.

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USDA – Farm Service Agency  
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 establishment of a large CAFO. The farm is located in Sections 7 and 8, Township 9 south, Range 28 west, Howard county, Arkansas. The primary objective of the activity is to construct (4) broiler houses.

FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 11/22/2024. 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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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 17, Township 9 south, Range 28 west, Howard county, Arkansas. The primary objective of the activity is to construct (5) broiler houses.

FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 11/22/2024. 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.

All written comments will be carefully considered, and no action concerning the project shall be taken until the agency has completed an environmental review and issued a final decision. All who provide written comments will be informed of the decision when it is made. The Final Environmental Assessment will be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request. (FSB: 18, 19)



# Scrappers win at Haskell

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The Scrappers run onto the field for their District 7-4A game at Haskell Harmony Grove Friday night, Oct. 25. Nashville (5-3 overall, 4-1 district) defeated the Cardinals 42-9.



Nashville juniors Allie Sartin, Elli Wallis and Rylee Backus arrived at Haskell dressed to build a Scrapper victory last Friday night.



Kasen Morgan (1) makes the catch for a Scrapper touchdown against Haskell Harmony Grove. Morgan had two touchdown receptions in the win over the Cardinals.



Myles Hawthorne (24) runs past the Cardinal defender Friday at Harmony Grove.



DJ Jefferson slips between two Haskell defenders on his way to a big gain last Friday night.



Scrapper quarterback Karson Chambers looks for a receiver in the 42-9 conference victory.



Superintendent Doug Graham (right) signals Nashville TD after the Scrappers recovered the ball for a touchdown when Harmony Grove bobbled a kickoff near the goalline.



The Scrapper band performs at halftime last Friday night. The band received a 1 (Superior) rating in all areas during the regional marching assessment Oct. 22 and qualified for state Nov. 4 at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.



Team captains Peyton Hill, Quentin Thrower, Logan Pennington and Dallas Cox return to the sideline following the coin toss at Haskell Harmony Grove.



Ja'Marion Conway (7) picks up yards on the ground as DJ Jefferson (8) and Luke Lacie create an opening for him.

Nashville 42, Haskell Harmony Grove 9



## Arkansas All-Star games to be discontinued

The Arkansas High School Coaches Association executive committee has informed the Arkansas Activities Association board of directors that the annual All-Star games will be discontinued.

That decision comes after declining participation from both athletes and coaches in recent years.

In place of the All-Star game contests, the AHSCA will name All-Star rosters for each sport and recognize those athletes and coaches for their accomplishments.



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Scrapper cheerleaders perform at Haskell Harmony Grove Friday night, Oct. 25, during Nashville's 42-9 conference victory over the Cardinals.

Cheerleaders are set to welcome the Scrappers onto the field at Harmony Grove last Friday night.

Senior Night Friday, Nov. 1, before the Malvern game at Scrapper Stadium. Senior cheerleaders, band members and football players will be recognized.



Courtesy photo

Emmie Gregory of Nashville, a freshman at Arkansas State University, is a member of the A-State band color guard and has been featured as an advanced rifle line member as well. Gregory is a Psychology major with a double minor in Children's Advocacy Studies and Sociology.



Courtesy photo

Mike Aylett and Dr. Glenn Lance are the announcers for Nashville Junior High football on KMTB, 99.5-FM. Aylett handles play by play; Lance is the color commentator. Their final broadcast of the season will be Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. from Malvern.

Thank You

To our family, friends and many supporters, you have truly touched our hearts with your love, friendship, offers of help and assistance, and the generous support you showed at the benefit held in aid of the Kirk Bell family.

It was a wonderful dinner and auction and showed us clearly how joy can be found in even the darkest of situations. We deeply appreciate those who coordinated the event, each and every contribution, and we wish to especially thank Todd Morris and his team for conducting such a special auction. Thank you to the many men and women who cooked a wonderful meal and provided the delicious desserts. Your outpouring of love and support has provided us with enormous comfort.

With our love and heartfelt thanks,  
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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by  
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Khaleel Canaday, Nashville



Khaleel, a Scrapper senior, recorded a scoop and score in the third quarter of Nashville's 42-9 victory at Haskell Harmony Grove. He also had one solo tackle and two assists against the Cardinals.



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