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Obituaries



Lillian Juanita Delaney Aylett
Lillian Juanita Delaney Aylett, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, just 5 days after turning 99 on November 4th. She passed away with complications from a broken hip at Salem Place in Conway, Ark.

Lillian is a graduate of Nashville High School where she excelled in track. She checked groceries at the Piggy Wiggly. Upon retirement, she focused her time and energy into gardening, bird watching, and sitting outside on her deck at the farm with her favorite cat. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and an avid member of the Mary Martha Sunday School class. She was a people person and enjoyed her weekly card game with her besties in Nashville. Lillian was most known in the kitchen and was known for her famous peanut brittle.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, William Ramage Aylett; and her parents, Luther and Ruby Delaney; her brother, Cecil Delaney.

She is survived by her only daughter, Brenda Aylett Faulkner and the late Richard Faulkner; granddaughter Lindsey Faulkner Merritt (Blake), grandson Clark Faulkner (Mary Catherine); and 4 great-grandchildren, Madison and Gracie Faulkner; Briley and Braylin Merritt.

She is also survived by sisters-in-law Frances Aylett and Relda Aylett and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held to honor Lillian's life at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11th at First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Graveside services will follow at 2:00 p.m., at Restland Memorial Cemetery. Mike Aylett (nephew) will be officiating. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church in Nashville. Special thanks to Sheri Brakebill and the staff at Salem Place for taking such good care of Lillian in her last days.

Honorary pallbearers will be Clark Faulkner, Blake Merritt, Briley Merritt, Madison Faulkner, Gracie Faulkner, and Braylin Merritt.

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

Mary Ann Haney
Mary Ann Haney, 54, of Nashville died Nov. 1, 2024.

She was born Nov. 30, 1970, in Nashville, the daughter of Jessie Hughes and the late Vandy Stovall, Jr.

She had been a Tyson employee and was a member of New View Church of Christ in Center Point.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Brenda

Sims.

Survivors include: her husband, Robert Haney of Lockesburg; mother, Jessie (Dennis) Edwards of Nashville; five children, Latasha Stovall of Nashville, Vandy Stovall III of Murfreesboro, Kenneth Stovall of Murfreesboro, Porche Haney of Nashville, Tenn., and Tyronda (Floyd) Haney of Lockesburg; siblings Elvert Swopes, Wayne Swopes, Mark Edwards, Mary Taylor, Tanisha White, Monica Pettus, Melinda Stovall, Melissa Walls, and Melisha Hendrix; also grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Dodson Street Church of Christ, Nashville. Burial will follow Sunset Cemetery in Nashville. Arrangements by McFadden & Hitchye Funeral Enterprises, Hope.

Billy Don Theron Womack
Billy Don Theron Womack, 87, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.

He was born Feb. 11, 1937, to Theron and Gertie (Hightnight) Womack in Amity.

He was a member of the Sunset Church of Christ and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was preceded in death by sisters Leta Fay Purdy and Perlle Mae Jackson.

Survivors include: his wife of 62 years, Patricia; a daughter, Leigh Angela Wilson and husband Jerry of Nashville; a brother, James Henry Womack of Maritta Ga; also grandchildren.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Monday, November 11, at Pleasant Home Cemetery, with Karon Baxley and Dr. Glen Lance officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

31' woman, cherished by all who knew her for her faith in God, devotion to her family, and love for her neighbors. Her greatest pride was her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Nothing pleased her more than to have all her extended family together under one roof.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings Lucy Weatherford, Donald Bissell, and Alma Sullivan.

Survivors are her children, Denise (Fern) Marin of Ft. Worth, Texas, Ken (Renee) Bissell of Searcy, and Brenda (Dennis) McCrary of Nashville; sister Glenda Evans; grandchildren Brandi Phea, Jonathan (Rachel) McCrary, Michael (Lindsey) McCrary, Jennifer Morrow, Olivia (Thomas) Stafford, Aaron (Rachael) Bissell, Zach (Sara) Bissell, Alex Marin, Julie Marin and Nick (Brandi) Marin; and 19 great-grandchildren. Among her host of friends were two special ladies, Barbara Yates and Doris Coulter, and neighbors Paul and Sandra Kemp.

Services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the New View Church of Christ in Center Point with Ken Bissell officiating. Burial will be at the Center Point Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home. Visitation is Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home.



Lena Bell Thomasson Kitchens
Lena Bell Thomasson Kitchens, of Burg, Ark., passed away on Friday, Nov. 8th, at the age of 93. She was joyously reunited in heaven with her parents, her husband of 57 years, and her brother Fray Thomasson.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1931, in Billstown, Ark., to Fred Thomasson and Elsie Bell Thomasson.

She married the love of her life, George Riley Kitchens, on Aug. 18, 1950, and together, they built a beautiful life.

Lena Bell was a Christian woman and founding member of Mountain View Missionary Baptist Church in Umpire, Ark.

Lena Bell, lovingly called "Ma" by her family, was a homemaker and farmer. She and Riley raised four sons, Terry, Dennis, Clark, and Mark.

A true nurturer by heart, Ma loved to take care of her family, lovingly cooking weekly Sunday afternoon feasts for many, many years, including her often duplicated but never replicated cornbread and homemade biscuits.

With an impressive and beautiful green thumb, she spent countless hours planting and tending to large gardens full of all kinds of vegetables. Despite her knack for growing food,



WILDLIFE OFFICERS AT ROTARY. Nashville native Nathan Hellums was one of the four Arkansas Game and Fish officers who attended and spoke at Wednesday's meeting of the Nashville Rotary Club. Hellums has spent most of his career as an enforcement officer in Nevada and, currently, Pike counties. He told Rotarians that he was inspired to a career with AG&FC by his father, legendary wildlife enforcement officer Virgil Hellums. The officers were introduced by Gary Dan Futrell. Guests at the regular club meeting at Patacakes included Woody Futrell, John Hearnberger and Tessa Dean.



VETERANS HONORED AT COLLEGE. Military veterans go through the breakfast line during the annual Veterans Day celebration held Friday morning at UA-Cossatot. College Chancellor Steve Cole told the attendees that the school was honored to host the event, and appreciated the veterans' service to the country. "We love doing this."

she was never quite able to grow the mac and cheese her grandchildren asked for. She loved to grow flowers. When she was not working on the farm raising chickens and cattle or doing her best to wrangle her family, Ma could be found quilting or crocheting for her family, always making sure each family member received a lovingly hand-stitched quilt on their birthdays. She took special care to choose each piece of fabric with a specific family member in mind.

She spent many hours watching cartoons, baking cookies, sewing doll clothes, hosting sleepovers, and being the subject of sub-par makeovers at the hands of her grandchildren.

She never missed an opportunity to show up for her family, attending countless ceremonies, graduations, and weddings. She was immensely proud of the family she created and was sure to make certain we all knew it. She made sacrifices without question and without hesitation for all those she loved.

Ma was very funny and had a quick wit and great memory. She could spend hours recalling the smallest details of times long ago. She was a great listener and always ready to lend an ear and give advice worth gold when someone needed to be heard.

Lena Bell was a strong woman and a strong matriarch. She kept everyone in line with one stern look or the threat of a sycamore switch. She was gentle and

tough, so beautiful and wise. Her love was never questioned or doubted. It was truly and perfectly unconditional. Her family will miss her deeply.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Terry and wife Linda of Umpire, Dennis and Kathy of McAlester, Okla., Clark of Hot Springs, and Mark and wife Karen of Dierks; seven grandchildren: Michelle Kitchens of Little Rock, Daniel and Danielle Kitchens of Umpire, Alicia and husband Daylon Briscoe of Paris, Texas, Nikki and husband Robert Morphew of Umpire, Dillon Cheney of Fayetteville, Kaitlin and husband Stephen Miller of Dierks, and Alison and husband Eric Wingfield of Dierks; and eight great-grandchildren: Patrick and Barron Kitchens of Umpire, Sophia Kitchens, Max Briscoe and Braylie

Anderson of Paris, Texas, and Jacob Moore, Brenten Morphew and Madisyn Morphew of Umpire; one great-grandson Camden Morphew, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kitchens will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at the Mtn. View Missionary Baptist Church with Brian Pounds and Don Vaughn officiating. Burial will follow in Burg Cemetery, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at the funeral home in Dierks.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Elite Home Health and her five very special caregivers.

You may leave a condolence online at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.

Prediction of shutout helps contest winner

For the third time this season T'Otis Trimble of Nashville has won the newspaper's weekly football prediction contest. He wins a combo meal from Starz Family Restaurant.

He only missed on one contest, and even predicted Nashville's shutout win over Genoa Central.

Scores of the games in the last regular season games for high school:

Ashdown 39, Ftn. Lake 30	Haskell HG 13, Bauxite 12
Arkadelphia 34, Malvern 23	Louisiana 55, Ark. State 19
Ole Miss 28, Georgia 10	So. Carolina 28, Vanderbilt 7
Alabama 42, LSU 18	Tennessee 33, Miss. State 14
Missouri 30, Oklahoma 23	Nashville 35, Genoa Cent. 0

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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



The late Glen House of the Fellowship Community made this turkey out of a bale of hay, November 2003.

119 years ago: November 11, 1905

The citizens of Umpire have filed a petition with the county clerk asking that Umpire be incorporated, and County Judge Holt has set December 6th as the date to hear the petition.

About a year ago H. B. Erby had a horse stolen from him in this city and had never been able to locate the animal until one day last week.

Fred Wesson, who was driving for Mr. Erby, saw the horse at Lockesburg and notified Mr. Erby, who had given up all hopes of getting the horse back.

Mr. Erby went to Lockesburg, found the man who had the horse and returned with it late Sunday evening. The horse had been traded several times, and the man who had him now had traded for him at De Queen. This horse was stolen from this city on the day Sells and Downs Circus exhibited here in 1904 and had been gone a year lacking a day or two.

80 years ago: November 1944

The National Red Cross

headquarters has advised that plans are complete for Red Cross message forms to be taken to the Philippines to be delivered to prisoners of war of the Japanese as soon as they are liberated if the correct address is known. The special form is supplied by the Red Cross, but the messages will be subject to Army censorship.

With an American Field Hospital in France, at least two Army surgeons are convinced that Hitler's "supermen" are not only great cowards under pain, but also physically weaker than Americans and therefore died more easily of wounds and infections.

"It was a great surprise to me that after operating on hundreds I am convinced that Germans of comparable age develop infections more quickly and are less able to resist them," said Maj. Robert Mansfield who heads a team of combat surgeons.

67 years ago: November 1957

A memorial committee has been formed of Methodist church members to establish a monument to the memory of John Henry, a

pioneer Methodist preacher. The monument will be in the form of a replicate of the original Henry's Chapel Church made of granite. Henry's Chapel Church was made of pine logs and was about 30 by 28 feet with a chimney at one end.

John Henry was a local Methodist preacher who migrated here from Missouri about 1817. He died September 17, 1877, and was buried in the Center Point Cemetery.

35 years ago: October 1987

Sadly, the planners of the monument on the courthouse lawn must have suspected that there would be more wars and war dead after WWII.

This weekend, that idle space was filled with the names of 11 county residents who died in the Korean War and two who died in the Vietnam War.

Those names were inscribed on the same monument which honors the 12 who died in WWI and 60 who died in WWII.

Sadly, there is enough space on the monument for another war.

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. 31-Nov. 6, 2024:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
Oct. 31. Bernardino Avila Contreras, 66, Nashville, and Ma de Jesus Grimaldo Galicia, 63, Nashville.

Oct. 31. John Charles Boss, Jr., 57, Newhope, and Leigh A. Thompson, 57, Newhope.

Nov. 4. Lauriano Pacheco Reyes, 29, Dierks, and Isabel Cristina Antonio Hernandez, 22, Dierks.

Nov. 6. Dalton Elbert Vaughn, 25, Newhope, and Caitlyn Rayne Nolen, 23, Newhope.

Civil Court
CV24-109, Oct. 31. First Tech Federal Credit Union vs. Christopher Wright. Debt.

CV24-110, Nov. 1. Forsythe Finance vs. Oscar Garcia. Contract.

CV24-111, Nov. 1. Forsythe Finance vs. Mary Mitchell. Contract.

CV24-112, Nov. 2. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Dennis Guzman. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR24-128, Nov. 5. Cobey Pintado vs. Yvette Keeney

Pintado. Divorce.
DR24-129, Nov. 5. Shelby Taylor vs. Sherri Taylor. Divorce.

DR24-130, Nov. 5. Crystal Fatherree vs. William Lemons. Order of protection.

Criminal Court
No new criminal cases filed since CR24-99, Oct. 29.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds
Oct. 31. Lonnie Alfred Neeley and Kathleen Lee Neeley, husband and wife; to NTR Land Properties, LLC; 3 tracts, Lots 14 thru 19, Block 1, Town of Nashville, 2.0234 ac. in S35 T9S R29W, and property in S26 T9S R27W in Syper's Addition, Town of Nashville.

Nov. 1. James J. Hood III, and wife, Candy A. Hood and Martha Hood Steel and husband, Sidney Steel; to James J. Hood III and wife, Candy A. Hood; property in S15 T9S R27W with exceptions.

Nov. 1. James J. Hood III, and wife, Candy A. Hood and Martha Hood Steel and husband, Sidney Steel; to James J. Hood III and wife, Candy A. Hood; 8.68 ac. in S15 T9S R27W.

Nov. 4. Dallas J. Sweeden and wife, Virginia Gail Sweeden; to Kevin Lewis Sweeden; 44.86 ac. in S35 T7S R28W.

Nov. 4. Dallas J. Sweeden and wife, Virginia Gail Sweeden; to Andrea Gail Hughes; 44.86 ac. in S35 T7S R28W.

Nov. 4. Dallas J. Sweeden and wife, Virginia Gail Sweeden; to Dallas Scott Sweeden; 44.86 ac. in S35 T7S R28W.

Warranty Deeds
Nov. 1. Donald A. Butler; to Kara Tedford; 2 tracts, aggregate 15.048 ac. in S34 T5S R29W. \$95,000.

Nov. 5. Sharon Kay Gathright, fka Sharon Kay Williamson and husband, Reginald Gathright; to Sharon Kay Gathright, Reginald Gathright, Reba Coulter and Jay Strasner, joint tenants; part of Lots 8-9-10, and part of Lots 11-12-13, all in Block 4, R.L. Hayes Addition, City of Nashville, life estate reserved.

Nov. 6. Phillip Burgess, et al; to Phillip Burgess, Skylar Driver, Joni Burgess and Eric Renfrow, Jr., joint tenants; property in S31 T7S R28W, in Town of Dierks.

Nov. 6. John M. Witherington, surviving spouse of Jane Witherington, deceased; to Kenneth Kinslow and wife, Shelia Kinslow; property in S24/S25 T9S R27W, and part of Lot 1, Block 1, Ridgeway Addition, city of Nashville, aggregate 1.71 ac. \$283,400.

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State mental hospital contacted in local case

The state mental hospital has found a local defendant not fit to proceed with his own defense, but the hospital has not picked him up for treatment.

No action was taken last Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the case of Eric White, 55, black male, Mineral Springs who was originally charged in 2020 with class B felony residential burglary. Court documents here indicate that the state hospital's attorney has been contacted.

One defendant who previously pleaded guilty returned to Judge Tom Cooper's court for formal sentencing. Elizabeth Warner, 31, white female, Paragould, pleaded guilty to a class D felony charge of drug possession. She was sentenced to a \$2,000 fine, 120 days in a regional punishment facility, and five years of probation.

Wallace Brown, 39, black male, Nashville, pleaded guilty to two charges of 3rd

degree domestic battery, class D felony. He was sentenced to two years in the Arkansas Department of Correction plus four years suspended imposition of sentence. He was credited for jail time served.

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Ricky Brooks, 60, black male, Nashville, who missed his scheduled probation revocation hearing appearance on a 2020 conviction for commercial burglary.

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Point of view

Proud veteran

And let me tell a story about a T-Town bridge

MONDAY was Veterans Day -- a day to honor all men and women who have served honorably in the military. Memorial Day was back in the Spring. It was the day for remembering and honoring the men and women who died defending the nation in time of war.

I ADMIT this whole repeat article is resurrection of an old Mine Creek Revelations Gem from 2019. It is about veterans AND veterans who died in service to our country.

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IF YOU ARE DRIVING into Texarkana on US Highway 71 you'll cross over I-30 on a bridge with an odd name: Zainah Caye Creamer Kyle Brandon Stout Memorial Bridge. There's a story in the name.

Both were soldiers who were killed in military action in Afghanistan. Creamer was killed in 2011; Stout was killed in 2010. Both were from Texarkana -- Creamer was from the Arkansas side; Stout from the Texas side. Creamer was a she; Stout was he.

Creamer was just 28 and she was a dog-handler in the Military Police. Stout was just 25 and he was a wheeled vehicle and weapons expert.

They were heavily-decorated during their active duty days and also posthumously. Someone in the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter in Texarkana had the idea of honoring these heroes. A petition started.

Creamer and Stout represented both sides of the city, so both city councils had to pass resolutions. And because the bridge was on State Line over the Interstate highway it took approval of Departments of Transportation from both states (and that apparently took some real arm-bending).

Some bordering towns even passed resolutions calling for the bridge to be named in their honor. As far as I know none of our area towns were asked to lend support, but I'm sure 'we' would have, if asked.

In April of 2012 the sign went up on the Texas side; in November the Arkansas-side sign was put up.

When you go across that fine bridge, take a moment to remember all of our nation's heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Because I know a lot of you are dog-lovers, I am happy to tell you that Creamer's dog, Jofa, survived the attack which took her master's life.

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And, yes, I am very proud to be a veteran.

When local veterans line up in ranks in front of the war memorial monument on the courthouse grounds, next week, I most likely will be on the sidelines taking pictures and jotting down quotes. But I will also be standing in spirit with my brothers-and-sisters-in-arms. There is a bond among vets that is sorta hard to explain. Thank goodness I don't have to make my living with words.

I finished my own active duty in April of 1966. To this very day I am in email contact with about a dozen of my fellow helicopter air-crew shipmates of those days. We are planning a reunion in 2020 and are arguing amongst ourselves whether to have it in Pensacola, Fla., where there is a Navy air museum, or Imperial Beach, Calif., which is where our squadron was based when we were not aboard ship. I am lobbying hard for Pensacola. I can drive there in 1.5 days. I dread the thought of flying to Southern California, but I don't know if I'm up to a three-day drive.

I keep hearing horror stories about flight cancellations and overbooking and delays and whatnot. The last time I went through security to board an airplane the guy who was checking me and my luggage had 'LOVE' and 'HATE' tattoo'd on his knuckles.

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THE GOOD EARTH. Some perffessers in Siberia found some old seeds. Real old seeds. In fact, the seeds are thought to be 32,000 years old.

The seeds had been buried by some ice age squirrel in a den that later was buried under the permafrost. And there they waited for the mastodons to go away and the perffessers to show up. This is a science story and it just amazes me.

These Russian perffessers somehow got the seeds to produce a flowering plant. It is called 'Silene Stenophylla' and it is still common to Siberia. The 'new' plants they grew from seeds then bloomed and made more seeds. It's the hand of the Almighty, in my opinion.

Before 'old' Silene Stenophylla was coaxed back to life, the plants grown from the oldest seed were some Judean Date Palms which sprang -- or sprung -- from seeds that were more than 2,000 years old and had been found in a cave in the Middle East.

The difference between the Date Palm story and Silene story is that date palms were TOTALLY EXTINCT. That is, the Date Palms existed NOWHERE else on the face of the planet. Silene had evolved some and the recent version showed some change -- the perffessers could tell.

Hopefully some American kids are studying botany instead of rap.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening (and believing) email: If you spin an Oriental man in a circle three times does he become disoriented? Is this a politically incorrect joke?

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HE SAID: "Unlike a drop of water which loses its identity when it joins the ocean, man does not lose his being in the society in which he lives. Man's life is independent. He is born not for the development of the society alone, but for the development of his self." B.R. Ambedkar, one of the founding fathers of India

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SHE SAID: "The key to nature's therapy is feeling like a tiny part of it, not a master over it. There's amazing pride in seeing a bee land on a flower you planted - but that's not your act of creation, it's your act of joining in." Victoria Coren Mitchell, professional poker player

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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LETTERS

Gardens appreciate area's support

The Nashville Community Gardens would like to thank the following people and business for helping us have a great First Annual Pumpkin Patch & Mum Sale. Obviously Diamond Bank of Nashville for providing a perfect

venue for our Pumpkin Patch. We would like to thank Karter Castleberry for loaning us the cool 1955 John Deere Tractor that so many people climbed on to have their picture made. Also Heath Molnaird, Kelly Chambers, Joe

Crawfton and Denise Woodruff.

We also want to thank the good people of Nashville and the surrounding communities that helped make our Pumpkin Patch a huge success this year!

Michael Myers

Election night in the USA 2024

**'Twas Election Night in America
By Professor William Maxwell**
'Twas election night in the USA in 2024

No one knew exactly the final score.

But everyone knew in the heart of their heart

That the tally meant that from democracy we now depart.

It was a great game we played for two centuries and a while

That all men are created equal, with none to be servile.

We played with giving women a voice in the affairs of state

And gave all votes the very same weight.

We even elected a Black man to the highest office in the land.

And gave the landless of Africa, Europe and Asia a helping hand.

We saved Europe three times in one century

And the whole world, more than that.

We even cherished the sight of older nations tipping their hats

To a nation that learned team-work with balls and bat

And sent a man to walk on the sunny side of the moon.

We fed the hungry and cured the sick

We invented new music, new

art, new sciences, new machines

But forgot God's Messages and plans

Ignored His laws, forgot His love, and lost His trust.

We turned our back on brother-hood

And alongside the devil, we proudly stood.

Our fate is sealed, our character no longer good.

Through hell we will plunge and ache with regrets

Until God again breathes soul into our clay

And teaches us the wisdom befitting a Great New Day.

State legislators explore ways to deal with cost of homeowners insurance

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Arkansas legislators have been hearing from constituents about the rising costs of homeowners insurance premiums, so during the 2025 session they will explore numerous options for holding down rate increases.

At a recent meeting of the Senate and House Committees on Insurance and Commerce, top officials of the Arkansas Insurance Department briefed lawmakers on rising rates, and what other states have done to control them.

Several nearby states have begun mitigation programs, which provide financial incentives for strengthening homes to limit damage from during storms.

For example, in Alabama homeowners can apply for \$10,000 to retrofit houses with features that can better withstand the high winds and flying debris caused by hurricanes. Insurance companies discount rates for homes with those features.

In Arkansas, wind and hail are the major weather events that damage homes. In recent years, eight insurance companies have stopped selling policies in the state. According to Insurance Depart-

ment officials, Arkansas property insurance companies had a loss ratio last year of 130 percent. That means they paid \$130 in claims for every \$100 in premiums they collected.

The largest ten companies in Arkansas provide coverage for 75 percent of the market, according to the department. In 2022 those companies collected \$1.3 billion in premiums but paid \$1.6 billion in losses. In 2023 they collected \$1.6 billion in premiums, but paid \$2 billion in losses.

If we experience a relatively good year with few tornadoes and severe storms, insurance rates will flatten out or even decrease, the officials said.

Last year, rates for insurance went up by an average of 15 to 20 percent. However, that is just a portion of the rising costs for homeowners.

Some rate increases followed similar increases the year before. Also, companies raised the value of homes, requiring owners to purchase more insurance to cover replacement costs.

Deductibles have risen too. Another new development in Arkansas is the introduction of split

deductibles, which means that a separate deductible applies to roof damage caused by wind or hail.

Arkansas was the last state in the country to allow split deductibles, which have been routine in other states. Deductibles must now be listed clearly on page one of policies, and no longer can be listed inside the policy where it is more difficult to find and comprehend.

Some options for holding down rates may not be practical, or possible, because they would conflict with the interests of banks and mortgage holders, or re-insurance companies.

For example, legislators on the committee floated the idea of allowing large deductibles of \$20,000 to \$30,000. Another idea would be to allow insurance that covers only what is left on your house note.

If you owed \$30,000 on a \$200,000 house you could purchase \$30,000 of insurance and basically self-insure for the remaining amount.

Those ideas may not be financially prudent for some homeowners, but legislators want to thoroughly explore and discuss all options for holding down rates.

Children's advocates fight hunger

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

This year the Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center (ACNC) is celebrating thirty years of its efforts to expand access to innovative pediatric research and promote healthy development for children here in our state and beyond. We are extremely fortunate to have this world-class research institution in Arkansas and benefit from the exceptional support it has offered over the last three decades.

Before entering public office, I was part of the medical community and personally understood the value of research programs to elevate the quality of treatment available to those seeking care. That is especially important in promoting the healthy development of our youngest patients who come from different backgrounds.

There is a strong partnership between the ACNC and the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service, which has allowed it to focus on studying the biology of the childhood brain and how diet can impact its development. However, we know that many Arkansas lack access to partake in innovative research studies because of the rural nature of our state.

By collaborating to offer kids

and families from both urban and rural communities the opportunity to participate in these studies, the Center, USDA and Arkansas Children's have provided a wonderful example of working together to better serve the well-being of all patients.

Investing in research on the healthy development of our nation's children is critical to the future success of our country. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I remain committed to championing federal support and critical funding for these initiatives.

As a former public school board member and now as the co-chair of the Senate Hunger caucus, I have long made it a priority to support children's access to nutritious food. In Congress, I have worked in a bipartisan way to modernize the USDA summer meals programs and permanently allow states flexibilities to reach more food-insecure children in need.

ACNC has also made significant progress fighting food insecurity. It is encouraging to hear about the success of expanded summer meal options as well as the ACNC's efforts to confirm our federal nutri-

tion guidance is rooted in science through Associate Director Dr. Aline Andres' participation on the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

Better pediatric and maternal nutrition can also help us achieve improved outcomes for families in Arkansas. ACNC's team of skilled and knowledgeable clinicians are conducting ongoing studies that continue to provide data on the importance of a healthy maternal diet for infants to meet key developmental milestones and achieve future success. As Arkansas works to improve the health and wellness of mothers and infants, research like this ensures we are on the right path.

We are privileged to have this tremendous resource right here in The Natural State. This elite institution is transferring research findings from the lab to make a real difference in communities, helping win the battle against some chronic diseases and exploring new approaches to overcome others.

We must continue to support ACNC's efforts to champion human nutrition research and accessibility in delivering sound guidance and care. Its efforts and consistent successes are a blessing that we cannot and do not take for granted.

Game

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Alexis Brizo was 5 for 5 on PATs. Coaches “worked on the extra points. We were perfect” for the night.

The Scrappers didn’t turn the ball over.

Tackling was good, Jackson said, with no penalties.

“We played football the way it was meant to be played. We threw and caught in the rain. I’m very pleased.”

Everybody on the team played, Jackson said, including the freshmen.

Fourteen ninth graders moved up to high school ball last week.

“All the pieces are there in that group,” according to Jackson.

Overall, “We played clean in the mud. That’s the whole thing,” Jackson said. “I’m impressed with how clean we played.”

Playing on a grass field wasn’t a problem for the Scrappers, Jackson said. “We practice on grass to take care of our bodies. There aren’t

near as many injuries. We got plenty of reps during that, and it carried over to the game.”

Scrapper fans “showed up in the rain” at Genoa,” Jackson said. “It was really cool.”

The band and cheerleaders “are awesome. It was a football game, a football atmosphere. I was impressed.”

The Scrappers rolled up big numbers against the Dragons.

Nashville had 300 yards rushing.

Quarterback Karson Chambers passed for 2

touchdowns, and DJ Jefferson threw for another.

Ja’Marion Conway scored 3 touchdowns and recorded “one of the best plays he’s made all year on a wet field.”

Tucker Dixon and Myles Hawthorne ran the ball well, Jackson said.

Scrapper defenders “tackled well in the rain. Effort was the big thing.”

Zaccheus Harris, Kellen Jackson, Jaydon Williamson and a host of others “made great effort plays,” Jackson said.

“Our effort was really good the other night.”



NHS photo

CONTEST WINNERS. Nashville High School office workers Maddie French and Katie East won a pumpkin decorating contest during Halloween week at the school. French and East’s pumpkin won out over entries by office workers from each class period.



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VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE. Friends and family joined Howard County veterans (above and below) at the traditional Veterans Day program Monday morning, Nov. 11 - “the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.” Milton Puryear discussed the significance of the event and noted that it was originally called Armistice Day, marking the end of World War 1. In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to include those who served since “the great war.” During Monday’s program, the area DAR chapter honored veteran T Lynn Cox as part of an effort to recognize women who have served in the nation’s military.



Chamber holiday promotion to begin

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce will kick off its Shop Local campaign with a “playing card scramble” worth a \$500 cash prize, according to NCC Executive Director Tim Pinkerton.

Pinkerton said the card scramble will involve local businesses issuing cards to participants that will either be stamped or mark with the business name. (Any card that does not have a merchant identification will be

considered invalid.) When customers purchase goods or services in the amount of \$25 or more, the customer will draw one card from that merchant’s deck.

The campaign will begin Monday, Nov. 18 and will end at 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Pinkerton added that owners of participating businesses, employees of the business and family members of owners and employ-

ees can participate in the scramble but cannot submit cards from their respective businesses.

The event will conclude at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the chamber office on Main Street when participants will present their best (highest) five-card “poker” hand from the cards they’ve collected. Any hand submitted must have a minimum of two cards from different merchants.

The winning hand will receive \$500 cash.

In the event of a tie, the winners can either split the prize evenly or draw for high card to determine a winner.

A list of participating businesses will be printed in the newspaper.

For more information, contact Pinkerton at 870-845-1262 or 845-7034.

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Pike Co. voters follow state’s lead in election

Election results for Pike County in the 2024 presidential election have been counted, with 67.85% of the 6,442 registered voters (4,371) casting ballots in the process of early voting and election day that was held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Almost two-thirds cast their ballots in the early voting process – 3,053 – versus 1,227 county voters that waited until election day, with another 91 voters casting ballots via the absentee route and one overseas voter.

In the presidential race, 3,745 voters cast their preference for Donald Trump /J.D. Vance (85.68%) over the 560 votes for Kamala Harris/ Tim Walz (12.81%). None of the other candidates for president garnered even 1% of the vote. Trump would win the statewide race with 64.23% of the vote.

Pike County also highly favored Republican Buce Westerman (3,741/85.59%) over Risie Howard (509/11.64%) in the race for Arkansas’ U.S. Congress District 4. Westerman won the district race with 72.93% of the vote.

In the statewide treasurer vote, Pike County gave 83.60% (3,654) of the vote to the soon former Secretary of State John Thurston over Democratic nominee John Pagan’s 11.76% (514). Thurston received 65.40% of the votes statewide to claim the race.

In the runoff for State Supreme Court Chief Justice Position 1, Pike County voters selected Karen Baker with a 57.17% rate (2,499) over her opposition Rhonda Wood’s 34.93% (1,527). Baker would receive 52.68% of the vote statewide.

Much of the ballot was taken up by unopposed candidates – including District 3 State Senator Steve Crowell, District 5 State Senator Terry Rice and District 89 State Representative Justin Gonzales, who all inexplicably won their races.

In local municipal races, the Delight City Council will see a pair of new faces in 2025 as Ty Sherrod defeated Jimmy Williams 58-39 for Valerie Wingfield’s number Two vacated position, while Brandi Rowton Martin won

over incumbent Chris Goodson 55-41 for Position Three.

In Glenwood, Jimmy Clark defeated Rickey Lee Driggers 351-275 for the North Ward Position One Alderman seat on the city council.

Eligible Murfreesboro residents narrowly re-elected incumbent Lewis Gills to the South Ward Position One seat on the city council overt challenger Danny Eckert 275-256.

In the statewide referendums on constitutional amendments, Pike County was heavily for Issue One (86.91%) and to a lesser degree Issue Two (57.93%).

Statewide, voters went the same direction as Pike County, with 89.54% of the electorate passing Issue One – that allows for lottery derived scholarships to be used at vocational schools and 55.78% voting in favor of Issue Two, the amendment requiring local voter approval in a countywide special election for certain new casino licenses and repealing authority to issue a casino license in Pope County.



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CHRISTMASTIME ALREADY AT SPECIAL MOMENTS. The crew at Special Moments on Main Street in Nashville hosted their open house Monday to officially kick off the Christmas season at the shop. The event included special sales, refreshments and prize giveaways. Crew members include (back) Paula Mitchell and owner Tina Carver with little helpers Chloe Turbeville and Jillian and Hallie Caldwell.

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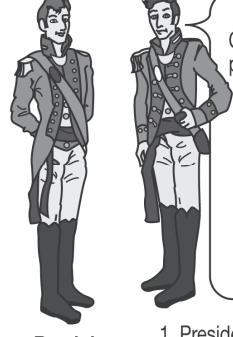
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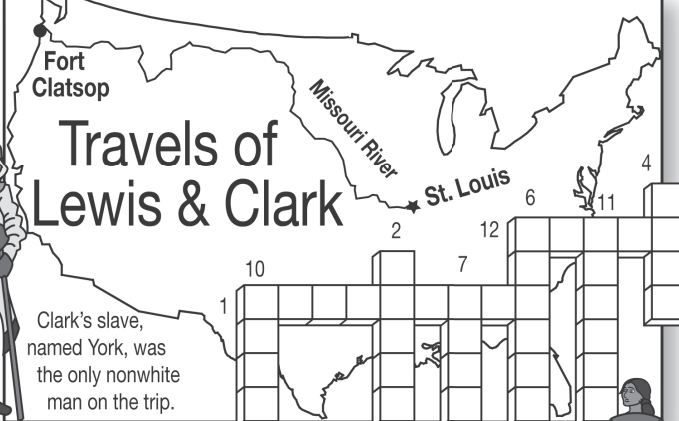


Read the clues to fill in the crossword.

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson and Congress wanted to learn about the western part of the country. They gave money to me, Second Lieutenant William Clark and Captain Meriwether Lewis to lead an expedition to the west. Our job was to:

- find a water route to the Pacific Ocean for trading
- map the "new" territory
- learn about the Native Americans we met along the route
- study plants and animals

Travels of Lewis & Clark



Fort Clatsop

Missouri River

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Clark's slave, named York, was the only nonwhite man on the trip.

1. President Thomas _____, our 3rd President, wanted a group to travel and map the route.

2. _____ and Clark became co-commanders of the "Lewis and Clark Expedition."

3. The men prepared for the trip by doing research, buying _____ and having a keelboat built.

4. In May 1804 they began their _____ in a keelboat and two pirogues (flat-bottomed rowboats).

5. The group traveled about 15-20 miles a day. They met fur traders and peaceful _____ tribes.

6. In the fall of 1804, to get ready for _____, they built Fort Mandan near Indian villages.

7. They added a trapper to be an interpreter. His Shoshone wife, _____, pointed out landmarks and helped them talk with the Native Americans they met. She had a baby boy in 1805.

8. In March, when the _____ on the river broke, the group split and went in two different directions.

9. They met the Shoshone people, who told them to travel on land and sold them _____.

10. As they traveled, the group kept _____, logs of the animals, plants and people and made maps.

11. _____ became very hard through thick woods and bitter cold and snow. The group was forced to eat three of their horses. They met the Nez Perce Indians who fed them and saved their lives.

12. They traveled on the _____, again finding it very rough. They were battered by storms.

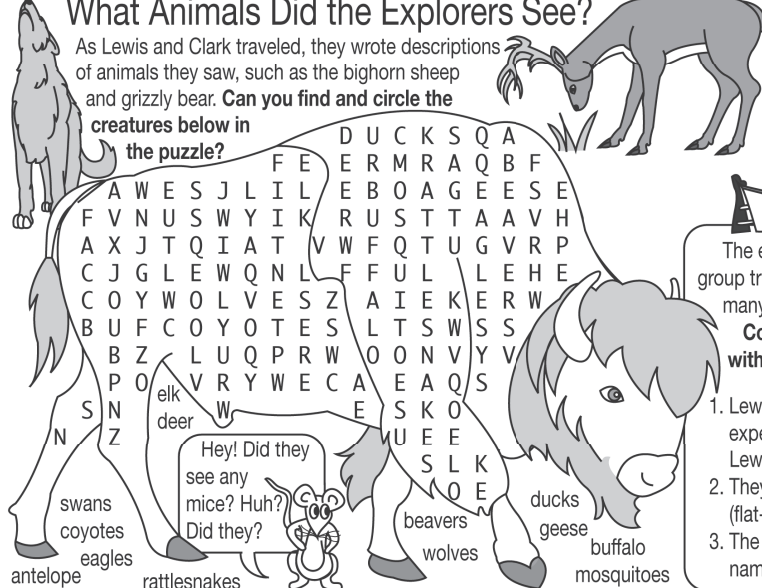
13. The group settled in for the winter in _____. They built a fort called Fort Clatsop.

14. During the winter, they prepared for their return trip. They got back to _____ on Sept. 23, 1806.

15. The group had traveled over 8,000 _____ in 28 months through what would become 11 states.

What Animals Did the Explorers See?

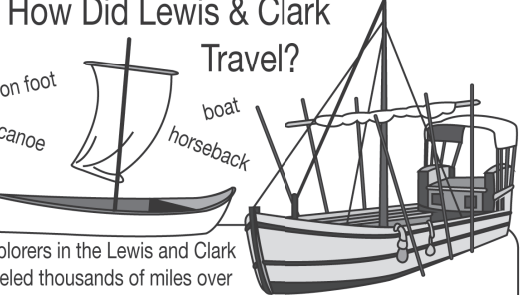
As Lewis and Clark traveled, they wrote descriptions of animals they saw, such as the bighorn sheep and grizzly bear. Can you find and circle the creatures below in the puzzle?



antelope swans coyotes eagles rattlesnakes elk deer beavers ducks geese buffalo mosquitoes

How Did Lewis & Clark Travel?

on foot canoe boat horseback



The explorers in the Lewis and Clark group traveled thousands of miles over many kinds of difficult terrain during their expedition into the west. Complete each statement below by matching the first part with the second part.

1. Lewis and Clark began their expedition in a keelboat (that Lewis designed and had built)...

2. They used red and white pirogues (flat-bottomed boats) to...

3. The Corps of Discovery, the name for their group, used horses...

A. at St. Louis, on the Missouri River.

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U.S. SENATOR MEETS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. Arkansas U.S. Senator Hohn Boozman (center) met with officials from Howard and Pike counties over lunch last week in Murfreesboro. In attendance were (from left) former Murfreesboro mayor Rodney Fagan, Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway, Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O’Neal, Pike County Judge Eddie Howard and Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton. Mayor O’Neal said he discussed the state of the local senior citizens’ centers in Pike County and the need to guarantee the continuance of the meals on wheel program. “In some cases, not only is it the only meal a homebound senior may get, it could be the only person they see that day,” said O’Neal. Other topics discussed included the resurrection of the railroad line in northern Pike County, the loss of Husqvarna in Nashville and the survival of rural volunteer fire departments. “It’s an issue, because recent possible legislation could have severely affected them. Many of them are isolated away from a medical care center, so the need for them to act as first responders and have good equipment is really important.”

November Garden Guide

By Dawson Bailey
Howard County
Extension Agent – Ag

November marks the start of the dormant season. This means it is time to winterize the garden. Taking care of a few things this month will help our garden start off strong next spring.

Cleaning up in the garden can help remove disease spores and insect eggs that overwinter in plant material. As you remove plants from the garden, you can add the healthy plants to your compost pile.

You will also need to remove diseased mulch and replenish as needed. Any hoses and irrigation tools should be emptied and stored away as well as unsealed clay pots. These pots can crack if they are exposed to moisture and freezing temperatures. Tools such as shovels, hoes, and nippers need

cleaned with a bleach solution, oiled, and stored away for the winter.

November is also a great month to plant some cool-season vegetables and flowers. You can plant greens such as collards, turnips, and salad greens along with strawberries and garlic bulbs. If the temperatures drop below 28 degrees, you will need to cover the cool-season vegetables to keep them warm. Asparagus also needs to be harvested soon. Cut the tops off of the plants about 3-4 inches above the soil.

If you want spring flowers like tulips or daffodils in your yard or garden, you’ll need to start planting soon. In south Arkansas, bulbs can be planted from late October to mid-December depending on soil temperature.

It has been a warmer fall so far so make sure the soil temperature is between 40 and 60 degrees when you

plant. Roses do not need pruned at this time of year. Pruning them now may result in them dying back over the winter. Mulch them and make sure it is up past the graft for protection.

If you want to plant or move any new trees or shrubs, November is the ideal time.

Doing it now gives them time to establish a healthy root system. Before you dig up any plants, make sure you have a hole dug and ready to keep from exposing the roots to the air for too long.

For more information on preparing your garden for the winter, visit our website at www.uaex.uada.edu or call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517.

The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Body of Delight man sent to crime lab after being found by neighbor

The body of a Delight man found deceased in his yard Monday, Nov. 4 has been sent to the Arkansas State Crime Lab to determine a cause of death, according to an incident report filed by Pike County Deputy Shaun Furr.

On the morning of Nov. 4, the Pike County Sheriff’s Department received a call from a subject reporting they just found their neighbor, Larry Jay Alford, Jr., 55, “laying out in the yard with blood on his feet and face.” Deputy Furr, Sheriff Travis Hill and Investi-

gator Jason McDonald arrived and secured the scene at the corner of Pipkins Lane and Highway 26 in Delight.

“The scene didn’t appear to have involved foul play and cause of death is undetermined at this time,” Furr reported.

Pike County man facing more than 30 game violations, \$16,000 in fines

A case against a Glenwood man charged with more than 30 state game violations has been postponed until next year in Pike County District Court.

Nicholas Lee Evans, 43, who resides on Ruby Lane in Glenwood, was cited with 34 misdemeanor violations on

July 26 by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Officer Ethan Angel.

The charges include eight counts of tagging regulations, seven counts of legal buck requirements, eight counts of game animal daily bag/possession limit, five counts of night hunting

and six counts of big game checking requirements with potential fines totaling \$16,380.

Evans is being represented by attorney John B. Hurst.

The case was originally set for Nov. 19 but was recently granted a continuance until Jan. 21.



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The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Twenty-four years ago, the church had a vision to serve residents of Nashville and the surrounding communities during Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome and are encouraged to come and share Thanksgiving Day with the Ridgeway Baptist Church family.

The meal will be available by drive-thru only. Meals will be picked up in the Activities Building located behind the church. No reservations will be required and the meal is free. Meals may be del viewed to shut-ins by calling Larry Elrod at (870) 845-8814.

The church is located on the corner of Peachtree and Hearn (Prescott Highway). Bro. Alan Cook is pastor. For more information, contact Elrod or the church office at (870) 845-1386.

Diamond City 4H collecting items for veterans

The Diamond City 4H Group's community service project this year will involve collecting items for area veterans to be gifted before Christmas.

The group is collecting items such as socks, gloves, flashlights, chapstick, soap, razors, shaving cream, hats, tissue (any size), baby wipes, canned food and snacks (nuts, candy, jerky) for Pike County veterans.

The 4H'ers will make baskets with the items and deliver them before Christmas.

Items can be dropped off at the Pike County Extension Office now through Dec. 1.

For more information, contact Shannon Ballard at (870) 285-2161 or 200-2419.



Veterans Day Celebrated @ Murfreesboro Senior Center

Murfreesboro Diamond Staff Photos



HONORING THE VETERANS. Students from Murfreesboro Elementary School (above) perform during Monday's Veterans Day Celebration at the Senior Adult Center, which included Grant Gatliff, 94, who served 28 years in the Navy and was the oldest veteran in attendance and a solo performance of "Taps" by Murfreesboro Band member Alli Synco.

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Family farms in Howard, Pike counties inducted

Two area farms were recently recognized by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who was joined by Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward to induct 41 farms into the Arkansas Century Farm Program.

M and M Timberlands Farm (est. 1919) of Howard County and Kirkham Farms (est.1898) of Pike County were among the inductees.

The Arkansas Century Farm Program recognizes Arkansas farms of 10 acres or more owned by the same family for at least 100 years. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture established the program in 2012 to highlight these families' contributions to the agriculture industry and our state. The program is voluntary, and there is no cost for participating families.

Agriculture is the largest industry in Arkansas and contributes more than \$24.3 billion to the state's economy annually. Arkansas has 38,000 farms, and 95 percent are family-owned.

"Our family farmers are the backbone of our state and that's especially true for our Century Farm families," said Governor Sanders. "We often talk about farming in terms of economics, which is absolutely critical and very important considering it's one of Arkansas' largest industries. But the importance of farming goes much deeper than that. It's part of our heritage. It's part of our history and it's part of our basic survival. Thank you for keeping our country fed, our state growing and our communities strong."

"The Arkansas Century Farm Program exists to recognize and honor the Arkansas farm families that, for generations, have dedicated their lives to serving others and providing the food, fiber, fuel, and shelter that we all depend on every single day of our lives," said Secretary Ward.

With the addition of today's inductees, there are 645 Arkansas Century Farms throughout the state.

The 41 newly inducted farms are located in the following counties: Arkansas, Baxter, Benton, Boone, Clay, Columbia, Conway, Craighead, Cross, Desha, Franklin, Howard, Independence, Izard, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Logan, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Ouachita, Pike, Poinsett, Polk, Prairie, Pulaski, Searcy, Union, Van Buren, and White.

Applications for the 2025 class of inductees will open in February 2025 and close in May 2025.



HOWARD COUNTY M AND M TIMBERLANDS FARM - EST. 1919
(From left) State Rep. Danny Watson, Joanna Howard, Michael Howard, Gov. Sanders, Halton Howard, Jack Martin, Norma Martin, Joe Martin and Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward.



PIKE COUNTY KIRKHAM FARMS - EST 1898
(From left) State Rep. Justin Gonzalez, Seth Kirkham, Curtis Kirkham Jr., Gov. Sanders, Cameron and Cami Kirkham Lane, Zane Kirkham, Jim Kirkham, Judah Kirkham, Chandra Kirkham with Estrella and Donovan Kirkham, River Kirkham, Katelyn Kirkham and Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward.
Photos Courtesy of Governor's Office

National Guard Foundation funds new military-focused high school curriculum

The Arkansas National Guard Foundation has announced the presentation of funding to support the creation and implementation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway for Arkansas high schools: the "Arkansas Military Service and Security Pathway" (AMSSP).

This innovative three-year curriculum, designed by Virtual Arkansas, focuses on history, civics, and social studies, with the goal of promoting awareness of military history and encouraging interest in careers in military service and security.

Lt. Col. Ryan Workman, President of the Arkansas National Guard Foundation, explained that the funding for this project was made possible through contributions from three key sources:


- A \$10,000 gift from Ms. Jane Stubbs, wife of Lieutenant General Jonathan Stubbs, in honor of her father, the late Lloyd Mark Berry of Bayou Meto, Arkansas.
- A \$5,000 grant from the Entergy Charitable Foundation.
- Additional funding from a 2022 grant provided by the Office of the Attorney General of Arkansas.

The purpose of the AMS-SP initiative is to provide students with in-depth knowledge of U.S. and Arkansas military history while opening pathways to future careers in military service. The curriculum will meet Arkansas Department of Education pathway standards and students will earn a CTE credit for each of the three courses. Additionally, approval is being sought for additional credits in social studies and professional communication. The AMSSP courses will be available virtually and in digital format, ensuring statewide access for all Arkansas high school districts.

The program's design is tailored to reduce the burden on local schools, making it easy for existing faculty to adopt and teach the curriculum. The first-year course content is ready and is accessible by all high school students beginning this academic year. Lt. Col. Henry Reed, Head of Recruiting for the Arkansas Air National Guard, outlined the primary goals of the project:

- Educate Arkansas students about U.S. and state military history.
- Raise awareness of career opportunities within the Arkansas National Guard and other branches of the U.S. military.
- Encourage increased participation in military service, whether immediately after high school or later through college and trade schools.

The curriculum development is being led by Virtual Arkansas; an organization recognized for its expertise in digital education. With their innovative approach, Virtual Arkansas ensures that all course materials will be accessible remotely and easily integrated by high school faculty.




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Rattlers can't hold back MS Hornets

The Murfreesboro High School Rattlers (7-3, 6-1) unceremoniously ended the 2024 regular season with a 52-36 loss at the hands of the visiting Mineral Springs Hornets (6-4, 5-2).

Rattler head coach Brad Chesshir, visibly annoyed, took credit for the defeat, stating that the team was "obviously not ready to play" and issued an apology to the community for the effort.

"[Mineral Springs] came out and played their best game all year – so full credit to them. We just didn't play as hard and come out ready to play. Full credit to them for their efforts and what they were able to do. We were not mentally prepared for that game, and that's 100% on me."

Chesshir said there was little for MHS to take away from the game, other than the fact that they can be bested if they don't bring maximum effort.

The Rattlers trailed 22-6 at half and both teams traded scores late in the fourth to balloon the final score.

Senior QB Laytan Wilcher rushed for 128 yards and a pair of scores on 12 attempts, but was 2/11 for 15 yards passing on the night.

Alex Parker had 56 yards on two rushes, while Brody Maroon tallied 37 yards and a TD on 11 attempts.

Backup QB Kooper Caldwell was 5/87 for 86 yards and two touchdowns.

Kale Burns led the receivers with four catches for 82 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, Bubba Stinson and Lathan Compton

each tallying 13 tackles. Caden Dixon and Maroon each had 10 tackles, with the former also recording three pass breakups.

"We have to use this as an opportunity to learn and grow ... obviously we now know we can be beat if we don't do every little thing right. We are in the playoffs now, so it's do-or-die, win-or-go-home. You just don't have an option but to go prepare the right way every single day. So, that's what we are doing as coaches and players and see where this thing goes," Chesshir said.

Chesshir said the film study last Friday highlighted a lot of bad and negative, but the team has "moved on and don't let it happen again ... be better focused and prepared this week."

Despite the loss, the Rattlers still reign as the 3-2A conference champions in 2024.

This week the Rattlers will host the number four seed from 2-2A, Marked Tree (7-4, 4-3) in the first round of the state playoffs. Marked Tree provided the Rattlers with their only loss in 2023 with their second round upset of the Rattlers in last season's playoffs.

Chesshir said he was excited about the opportunity to exact a little retribution.

"I wouldn't want it any other way [than Marked Tree], this is an opportunity for our kids to exact a little revenge in a payback game. If you can't get excited about that, something's wrong," Chesshir said last year's



Murfreesboro Diamond photo/PJ TRACY

PULLING AWAY FOR THE WIN. Mineral Springs Hornet runner Malik Matthews (#1) works for yardage against Murfreesboro Rattler defenders Friday night on Holloway Field at Rattler Stadium. The Hornets beat the #1 Rattlers to earn a spot on the Class 2A playoff bracket.

game was marred with many of MHS' players exhibiting flu symptoms all week.

"We weren't 100% healthy, and we had the right there on the ropes in the third quarter and then just couldn't finish and let it slip away. We have an opportunity to go get back what we lost last year, and that's what we are going to try to do."

He said the Indians return a number of starters from last year's squad, including quarterback Kenyon Carter and sophomore running back T.J. Hodges, who has received a scholarship offer from the University of Arkansas.

Chesshir said Carter was "very good on his feet and can find open receivers if you are not able to pressure him."

Marked Tree also has receivers that "can beat you over the top if you're not disciplined fundamentally with technique."

Chesshir said the Indian offensive was not the largest they had seen, outside tight end Jonah Walker, who wolehogsports.com lists as 6'6" and 270 pounds.

"He's one of the biggest kids in 2A football," Chesshir stated.

Chesshir said Marked Tree has a good running game, however Hodges reportedly may or may not be

available in the game from an injury.

"I don't know his status, but they have the number one running back in 2A football, and one of the top recruits in the state. He went down a week ago, and everyone says he's not going to play, but if he does play we have to be ready. He's very good."

Chesshir said the Indians led the "very tough" 2-2A conference in points per game, with 36.5 points per game over the course of the season.

The Marked Tree defense had surrendered an average of 29.4 points per game this season.

"All four playoff teams

from that conference are good teams, and this is a four seed team that could easily be a one seed in another conference. They had some injuries early in the year that hurt them, but offensively they are explosive."

Chesshir said the Rattlers will have to play top-notch defense this week in order to advance.

"We have to be in attack mode this week, more than we ever have been. We have to go get it."

Defensively, he said the Indians would load the box, so in response the Rattlers would have to be disciplined with multiple formations.

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“They have given up some points this year, so we have to take advantage with that. I think we will have an opportunity to move the football a bit – especially in the run game – if we will just stay on blocks. They are solid, this is the best four-seeded team in the bracket, so we will have to play our best game. We are at a point where there is not other choice and you are expected to ... from here on out, you have to play some really good football. There is no room for error, no room for mental mistakes, you just have to go play really good football.”

The head Rattler added he had watched more film than ever in his life.

“I want to win this game so bad,” he said with clenched teeth, remarking he was also hoping for a rematch with Mineral Springs in the championship game.

Almost in the same breath, Chesshir reminded to enjoy the moment.

“You have to enjoy every moment you can, you never know if this will be the last one or not – you don’t want it to be, but you have to enjoy every single minute of practice, film or weights, whatever it may be, especially

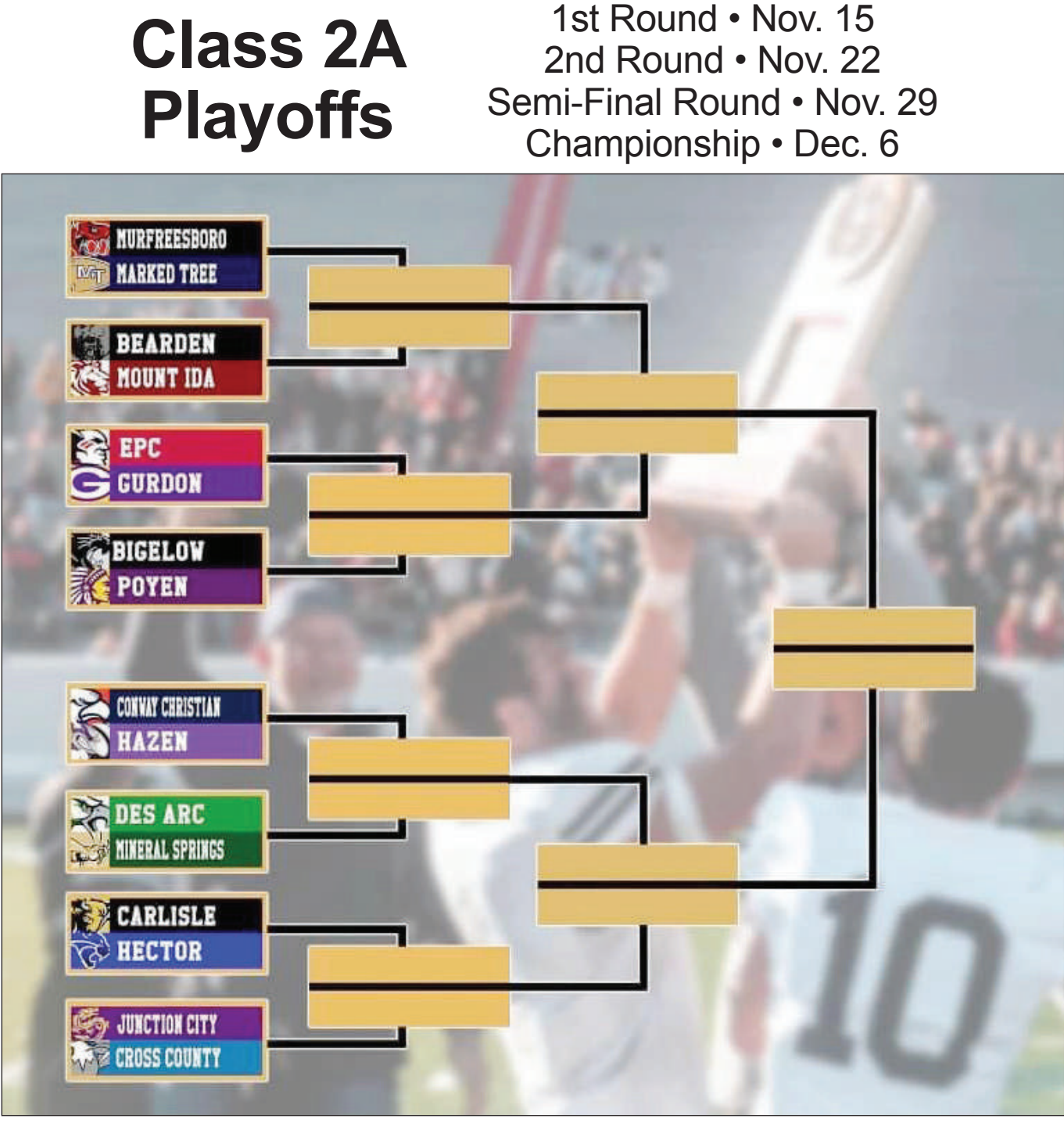
with these seniors, because it could be you last week with these kids forever. We can’t take anything that we do for granted and enjoy it all.”

Hornet QB Evan Erwin led the Hornets in the win over the Rattlers. He rushed the ball 18 times for 126 yards and passed 10/14 for 144 yards. The Hornet ground game earned 331 total yards.

Rahmaij Ware wished 16 times for 94 yards, one touchdown and one two-point conversion. Ware also caught one pass for 34 yards. Malik Matthews wished 12 times for 79 yards, one TD and one two-point conversion. Courtney Thomas added to the rushing total with three carries for 29 yards and one TD. Javeon Fricks had six catches for 67 yards and one two-point conversion. Keithan Dixon rushed three times for three yards and he and Jericho Gamble each had one pass reception.

The Hornets will have to get on the road Friday to Des Arc to face the Eagles for the first round of playoffs.

The Eagles finished second in the conference 2-2A with a 6-1/8-2 record. Their three losses came at the hands of Lonoke (21-20), Carlisle (30-8) and East Poinsett County (36-30). The Eagles’ wins included Hazen (46-8), Bald Knob (34-12), Earle (44-8), Lee (forfeit), Marked Tree (58-44) and Izard County (46-13), Cross County (24-6) and McCrory (38-36).



Go-Devils 14 Outlaws 13

Dierks Outlaws close out season with heartbreaker; Go-Devils move head

The Dierks Outlaws will sit out the football playoffs this year after dropping a deciding game 14-13 against the Gurdon Go-Devils Thursday night on Ayers Field in Dierks.

The loss, coupled with a Mineral Springs Hornet 52-36 upset of the #1 Rattlers, moves the Go-Devils to the first round of the Class 2A playoffs in fourth place.

The Go-Devils will hit the road Friday to face East Poinsett County in north-eastern Arkansas.

The Outlaws closed out the regular season with a 6-4 overall record.

The Outlaws were the first to get on the scoreboard Thursday night in the low-scoring game. Jordan Hill scored from four yards out and Kason Dougan booted

the score to 7-0 in the first quarter.

Gurdon’s offense did not respond until the second quarter when they tied the game 7-7 which stood until the second half.

The Go-Devils moved ahead in the third quarter 14-7 with Dierks’ last chance coming in the fourth quarter when Hill broke a 42-yard TD run. The two-point play failed to leave the Outlaws one point short of the playoffs.

Gurdon gained 326 yards of offense, all coming on 48 carries. Gurdon lost two fumbles and also had an interception, which was picked by Outlaw Juan Salazar, and were penalized three times for 19 yards.

Dierks earned 217 total yards with 196 from 33 carries. Quarterback Peyton Boeckman hit 2/6 passes for 21 yards. The Outlaws were penalized only one time in the game for four yards.

Jordan Hill led the Outlaws final rushing stats with 15 carries for 90 yards and two TDs followed by Greyson Kersey with 13 carries for 89 yards.

Salazar, Ben Ernest and Alex Roberts also carried the ball for Dierks.

Dougan’s 15 combo tackles led the Outlaw tackle chart followed by Kersey with 11 combo stops. Also making the chart were Drake Thatcher (5), Boeckman (4), Jordan Hill (4), Justin Humphreys (2), Salazar (80), Caleb Woodall (4), Ramirez (1), Alex Roberts (1), Treven Hill (1), Brayson Talley (1) and Jeron Hill (7).



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Junior Scrappers post big numbers in title run

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers wrapped up their season by winning the District 7-4A championship with a 28-7 victory at Malvern Oct. 31.

The Scrappers were 8-2 overall and were undefeated in conference.

Nashville players put up impressive numbers during the season.

Quarterback Jacoby Hopson ran the ball 113 times for 1,195 yards. He completed 49 of 87 passes for 923 yards and was in on 34 touchdowns. Hopson accounted for 2,118 total yards during the season.

Trendon Northcross had 80 carries for 537 yards. He caught one pass for 21 yards and scored 6 touchdowns. Northcross had 558 total yards for the season.

Gauge Applegate had 4 rushes for 4 yards. He caught 27 passes for 504 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Skyler Ramsire made 12

catches for 278 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Jakari Starr ran the ball 42 times for 362 yards and 5 touchdowns. He also had 1 pass reception.

Mack Arnold completed 6 of 12 passes for 16 yards. He also had 2 carries for 1 yard.

Draven Weeks ran the ball twice for 18 yards and a touchdown.

Parker Webb had 1 carry for 12 yards.

Khamari Canaday made 2 catches for 16 yards.

Zee Beasley had 9 receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown.

Blake Moody caught 1 pass for 13 yards and a touchdown.

Bo Dean had 1 reception for 10 yards.

Moody was the team's leading tackler with 64.5 and 1 sack.

BoDean recorded 55 tackles, with 49 for Isaiah Hawthorne.

Aiden Bradley posted 32.5 tackles and 3 sacks.

Northcross had 25.5 tackles, Malik Green 26 and a sack, Canaday 20 and Nathan Jacoby 18.5.

Other Scrappers who made tackles during the season included Applegate, Hayden Crabtree, Ramsire, Bracen James, Jace Wright, Nilson Henriquez, Drew Gitchell, Luke Wallis, Kiron Johnson, JT Smalley, Webb, Byron Murillo, Anthony Escamilla, Beasley, Bay Nolte, Trace Troutt, Landon Magee, Al Green, Trenton Johnson, Jacob Hale, Bryce Ramsire and Lonnie Coulter.

The Scrappers had 435 total tackles and 7 sacks.

Hawthorne forced 3 fumbles and had 1 recovery.

Ramsire intercepted 2 passes.

Applegate forced 2 fumbles, had 1 recovery and intercepted 2 passes.

Dean recovered 2 fumbles.



NJHS Coach John Martin (third from left) visits with his family following the District 7-4A junior high championship game Oct. 31 at Malvern. The group includes Martin's daughter Kinley, wife Kayla and daughter Jacee. The Scrappers defeated Malvern 28-7 to go undefeated in conference. Martin was the 7-4A Coach of the Year.

Northcross intercepted 3 passes, with 1 interception each for Henriquez, Green and James.

Canaday forced 1 fumble and intercepted a pass for a PAT.

Hopson returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

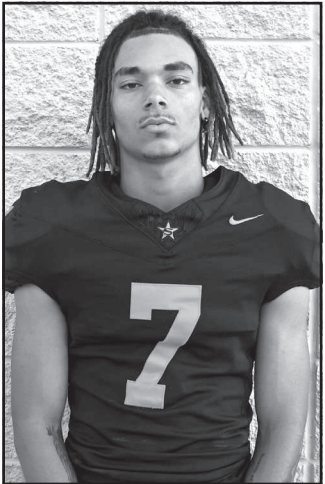
John Martin is the NJHS head coach.



Kasen Morgan



Karson Chambers



Ja'Marion Conway

Three Scrappers among Class 4A offense leaders

Three Nashville Scrappers are among the state Class 4A leaders in passing and receiving, according to MaxPreps.com.

Quarterback Karson Chambers is number one among Class 4A quarterbacks through the first nine games of the season, MaxPreps said.

Chambers completed 86 of 158 passes for 1,513 yards. He passed for 16 touchdowns and threw 7 interceptions.

Chambers averaged 168.1 yards passing per game.

Kasen Morgan is the number one receiver in 4A through nine games. He caught 32 passes for 876

yards and 13 touchdowns.

Morgan averaged 97.3 yards per game.

Ja'Marion Conway was number 12 in receiving in Class 4A.

Conway had 30 receptions for 434 yards and 4 touchdowns.

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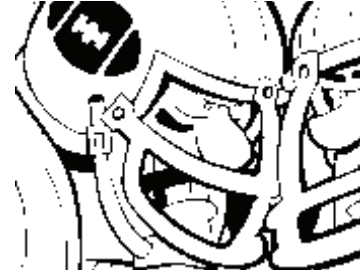
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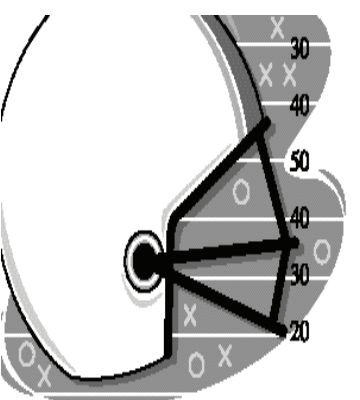
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Scrapper defenders stop the Malvern ball carrier in the Leopards' 26-18 overtime win Nov. 1 at Scrapper Stadium. Scrappers include Zaccheus Harris (15), Jaydon Williamson (68) and Bryce Perrin (27). Nashville will host Pocahontas in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs Friday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m.



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Notice of Availability
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Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment for the construction of a large CAFO located in Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 26 West in Hempstead county in 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 12/16/2024. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the following USDA Service Center: 101 South Washington Street Nashville, Arkansas 71852and 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 can be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request. (pd: 21, 22)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
NINA FLOYD, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-76

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 2562 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: October 18, 2024

An instrument dated June 28, 2023, was on the 28th day of October, 2024, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above-named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be affected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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

This notice first published this 6 day of November, 2024.

Penny Denise Lillard, Executrix
BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
Attorney at Law
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(VM: 20, 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOWARD COUNTY'S 4 YEAR CONTRACTED REAPPRAISAL

Taxpayers of HOWARD COUNTY, 5 years have passed and Howard County just finished its five-year countywide reappraisals, and the time has come to start a new reappraisal cycle. On September 24, 2024 an advertisement to bid on the county was placed in the newspaper, and five response forms were submitted to the Howard County Assessor's Office.

The contracted reappraisal firm, Total Assessment Solutions Corporation, was chosen to perform the next 4 Year Reappraisal Cycle for the County. The reappraisal will be for the time period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028. The Countywide Reappraisal is to completed in accordance to all bid specifications, for contracted reappraisals provided by the Assessment Coordination Division of the State of Arkansas.

Thank you,
Howard County Assessor

Howard County Assessor's Office is responsible for payment of this ad. Ad is \$60. Act 954 of 2021. (HCA: 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF **EARNESTINE JEFFERSON, DECEASED** \$ NO. 31PR-24-78-1 NOTICE

Last known address: 1 Evergreen Street, Nashville, Arkansas 71852
Date of Death: December 22, 2023

Notice is hereby given that MONICA MACON was appointed Executor of the Estate of the above name Decedent on November 6, 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 this 13 day of November, 2024.

Estate of EARNESTINE JEFFERSON, Deceased
c/o Robert B. Crayne
ROSS & SHOALMIRE, PLLC
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
REBECCA PICKETT, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-77
NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 224 Longview Road, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: April 15, 2024

On October 28, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Rebecca Pickett, 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:

That part of the NE-1 / 4 of the NW-1 / 4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 28 West, lying and being West of County Public Road, being triangular in shape and being situated in the Northwest corner of said NE-1/4 of NW-1/4 of Section 30, the said County Public Road being the East Boundary thereof, and containing 3 acres, more or less, in Howard County, Arkansas.

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

This notice first published this 6 day of November, 2024.

Anndra LeBre Dildy, Distributee
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Week of November 11, 2024

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Scrapper band goes to state



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Scrapper band members on Bus 1 wave at supporters on Main Street Monday morning before leaving for state competition at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. The band finished in the top 7 and received all 1's, superior ratings.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Scrapperette soccer players came with their signs to the send-off for the Nashville High School band Monday. The band traveled to Little Rock for state competition.



The Nashville Scrapperettes practice Monday, Nov. 11, ahead of their season opener at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, against Parkview in the first round of the MWC Lady Cat Invitational at Conway High School. The tourney continues through Nov. 16.



Caroline Dean goes after the ball at Scrapperette practice Monday morning.



Ava Basiliere controls the ball at Scrapperette practice. The season will begin Thursday, Nov. 14, at Conway.



Olivia Kitchens drives to the basket Monday morning at Scrapper Arena.

Scrapperettes prepare for opener

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER



Sofia McCauley (15) keeps the ball away from the defenders during Monday's practice at Scrapper Arena.



Karstyn Scrivner (24) looks for an opening after coming away with the ball.

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