





# Obituaries



**Jack Junior 'Bo' Johnson**

Jack Junior "Bo" Johnson, age 84, of Ben Lomond, Ark., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, in Ashdown, Ark. He was born Sept. 13, 1940, in Kirby, Ark., the son of the late Dewey Johnson and Opal Ward Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hicks. Jack was strong in his faith. He enjoyed studying the Bible and having deep in-depth conversations about the scriptures with his son Tony or anyone that he came across.

He loved fishing, hunting, his cows and being outdoors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ann Copeland Johnson; his son, Dewey Jack "Jackie" Johnson; his great-grandson, Tripp Samuel Johnson; and one sister Charlotte Buck.

Survivors include: his son, Tony Johnson and wife Lynn of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two grandchildren, Tony "T.J." Johnson and wife Tara of Northport, Ala.; Darley Norris and husband Eric of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two great-grandchildren Trace Johnson and Levi Norris; one sister, Betty Lynn Moore of Daingerfield, Texas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, with Bro. Jimmy Woods officiating; burial to follow in Ben Lomond Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Pallbearers will be Wes Ware, George Adams, Ronny Smith, Ron Smith, Russel Smith, and Tracy Gentry.

Honorary pallbearer will be Stacy Day.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff at Little River Nursing and Rehabilitation, Stacey, Barbara, Jaelin, Felecia, and Velma.

Memorials may be made in his honor to the Ben Lomond Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 52, Ben Lomond, AR. 71823, or First Baptist Church of Hicks, 507 Little River 29, Ashdown, AR. 71822

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

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**Lorita Ann Cason**

Lorita Ann "Rita" Cason, 81, of Nashville died Nov. 10, 2024.

She was born Sept. 1, 1943, in Murfreesboro.

Survivors include: her daughter, Debra Helton, and husband, Jerry, and son, Russell Cason, and wife, Betty; a brother, Lloyd Ashley; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be 10 1.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Restland Memorial Park, under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.



**Joyce Dickson**

Joyce Dickson, precious mom and grandmother, age 75, went home to be with her Lord on Nov. 7, 2024, at her daughter's home in Jacksonville, Texas. Eva Joyce McLaughlin was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, on July 26, 1949, to Calvin and Mae McLaughlin as the little sister to her brothers, John and Bill. She attended Elementary through High School in Nashville, Ark.

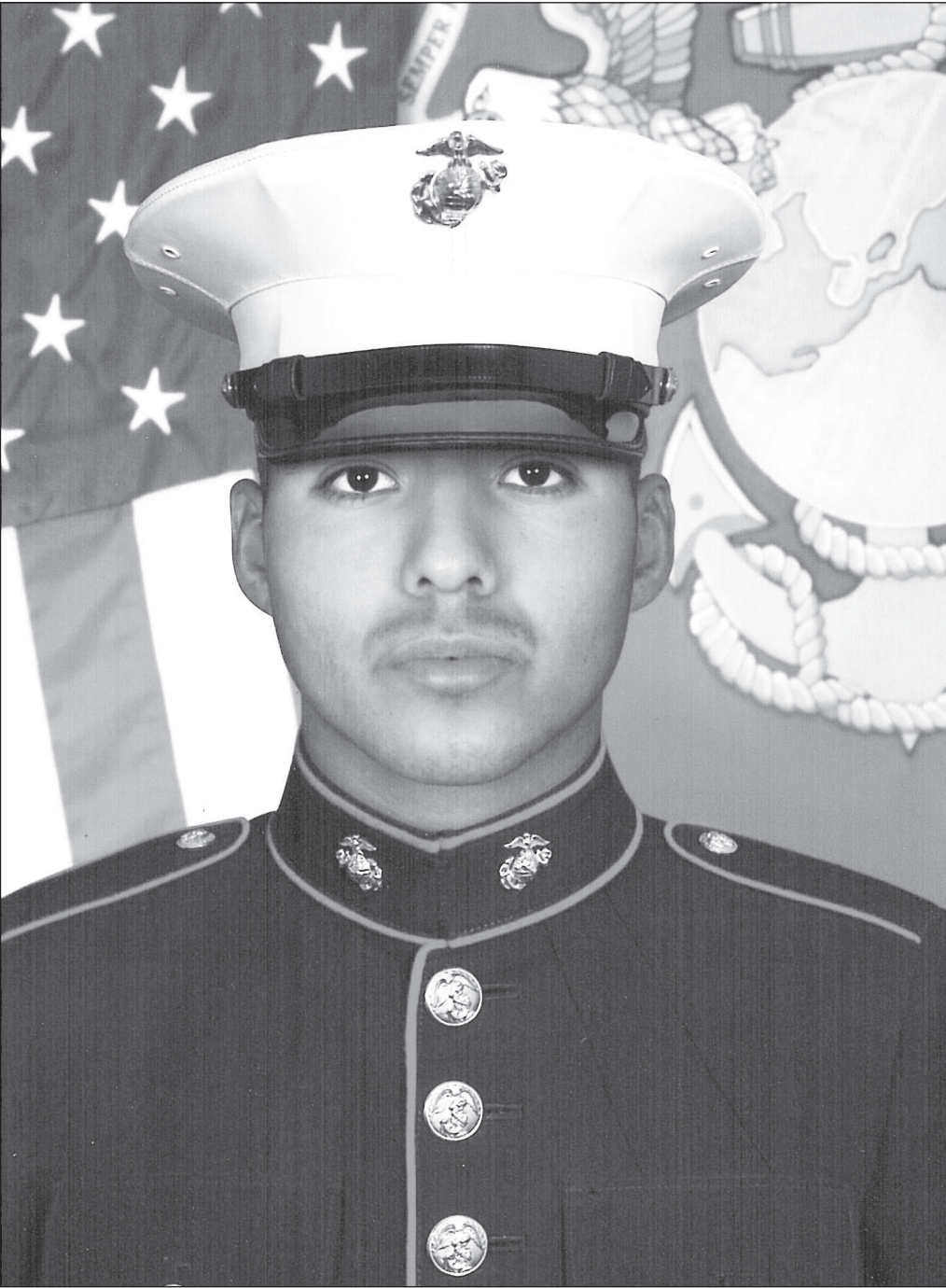
Joyce married Billy Funderburk in Dec. 1967, forgoing her last semester of high school. She earned her GED a few years later. They lived in Arkansas and also East Texas where daughter Tammy and son James were born. They were married for 17 years before divorcing. Joyce married her husband Don Dickson in 1985, and they blended their families together. In 1986 they had their only child together, Stormi Dawn Dickson. Joyce helped raise stepdaughters Missi and Traci, as Don's daughters Tamela and Candace were already grown. Joyce and Don were married for 26 years before beloved Don Dickson passed away in 2011. Joyce loved her family and was a very hard worker. She was strong and always worked heavy jobs, helping Don in construction work for many years while also bringing a lot of energy to their household, finding time for cooking, keeping house, fishing, spending time with all of the kids and her friends and being active in church. She had a no-nonsense common sense, but also had a great sense of humor, playfulness, and the ability to keep everyone laughing. She was known for

being able to express herself without holding back and those closest to her could practically read her mind by reading her facial expressions. She wasn't pushy with her opinions, but if asked would be completely truthful, even if it was hard to hear. Everyone in the family knew that about her and relied on her to give honest godly advice whenever needed. She wasn't afraid to ruffle a few feathers, when necessary, but was beloved and respected by everyone she touched. She had a long prayer list and faithfully prayed for everyone and everything on it. She was a patriot who loved shooting guns and loved animals, but she would also shoot the head off a snake if she had to. She wasn't afraid to get dirty and wanted to be outdoors all day every day if she could do it, especially in the summer.

She did not like winter. As a child, she read everything she could get her hands on, hung upside down from trees, hunted and fished with her dad and brothers. She learned how to work on everything from cars to houses. Her mother taught her to cook and to sew. As a teen, she spent time with friends at the skating rink and the drive-in movies. Yard work, mowing, and watching hummingbirds were her fun over the last few years. She cared for Don's uncle Wes, her own mother, and husband Don before they passed away, giving selflessly all that she could. She has supported her kids through thick and thin over the years and helped in any way she could. She lived a full life and was a hero to many.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, James Calvin and Nettie Mae Simmons McLaughlin; brothers, William Calvin and John Wayne McLaughlin; husband Don Dickson; daughter, Stormi Dawn Dickson; grandchildren, Justin Bell, Nick Pearson, and Josh Pearson; niece, Christy Smith; and son-in-law, Eric Meyer. Joyce is survived by her daughter, Tammy Parsons and husband John Mark Parsons; son, James Funderburk; and granddaughter, Stormi Jewel Funderburk. She is also survived by children, Missi Rickey, Traci Lehmburg and husband Gary Lehmburg, Candace Williams and husband Tom Williams, Tamela Turk and husband Mike Turk, 13 more grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held on Nov. 23, 2024, at Saving Grace Church of Gilmer. The funeral service will start at 1 p.m.



**NEW MEMBER OF U.S. MARINE CORPS.** Fernando V. Perez-Miranda, a 2024 graduate of Nashville High School, recently completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He graduated with the rank of Private First Class, and is now on active duty and headed for his next level of training. In high school he played football and soccer for the Scrappers. He is the son of Valente Perez and Brenda Ayala, of Nashville. *(photo furnished)*

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Which IRA is right for you?

By Josh Tice  
Edward Jones Investments

The individual retirement account (IRA) is celebrating its golden anniversary. Created in 1974, this savings vehicle has helped millions of people build resources for retirement. And in 1997, the Roth IRA was introduced. But which IRA is right for you?

Let's look at the basic differences between the two IRAs. With a traditional IRA, you generally invest pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Your earnings grow tax deferred, meaning you pay no taxes on them until you start taking withdrawals. (If you take withdrawals before you reach 59½, you'll be subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% IRA penalty.)

When you invest in a Roth IRA, your contributions aren't deductible, but they can be withdrawn at any time, tax- and penalty-free. And you can typically withdraw your earnings on these contributions tax free once you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. (If you don't meet these conditions, withdrawals of earnings are subject to income taxes and the 10% penalty.)

So, are you better off by taking the immediate tax break offered by a traditional IRA or the long-term benefits of tax-free withdrawals available with a Roth IRA?

If you think you'll be in a higher tax bracket when you retire, you might want to consider a Roth IRA, especially if you have a long time until retirement. This will give you more opportunities to put away funds that can be withdrawn tax free. Conversely, if you think you might be in a lower tax bracket upon retirement, you might lean toward a traditional IRA, as you'll get

the tax benefits now, when you're in a higher bracket, and can eventually make your taxable withdrawals when you're in a lower one.

Here's something else to keep in mind: Once you turn 73 (or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later), you must start taking taxable withdrawals, technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs, from your traditional IRA. But if you have a Roth IRA, you won't face RMDs and can essentially keep the money in your account indefinitely. If you don't need all the funds in your Roth IRA for your retirement, you can pass them on to your heirs.

Ultimately, though, your income may determine which IRA is right for you. You can earn any amount and contribute to a traditional IRA, though if you exceed certain income limits, your contributions may no longer be tax deductible. If you and your spouse don't have a 401(k) or other retirement plan through your employers, you can make a full, deductible contribution to a traditional IRA regardless of your income.

But you may not be able to contribute to a Roth IRA, or at least not make the full maximum annual contributions, if your income is above certain levels. Your tax advisor can explain these levels, which often increase from year to year. (In 2024, the most you can contribute to either IRA, depending on your income, is \$7,000 per year, or \$8,000 if you're 50 or older.)

Under some circumstances, you can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, though you'll need to pay taxes on the conversion. In any case, think carefully about your options and make the choices that are appropriate for your needs.

## Library trustees to meet 19th

Tri-County Regional Library System Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Sevier County Library-De Queen. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. Normal business will be conducted.

Trustees and the counties they represent include: Roger Mills and Beth Deen for Sevier County; Regina Ray and Lesa Bell for Howard County; and Jacqueline Wiseman and Jan Wilson for Little River County.

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## Another frequent winner; this week's contest will be last of 2024 football season

This is the final week of the newspaper's annual football prediction contest.

Last week the winner was Lance Pope, a regular participant and frequent winner in the contest. He was correct on nine picks and was the lone finalist to also pick Pocahontas in the playoff match with Nashville.

Scores of the games in the contest:  
Murfreesboro 52, Marked Tree 16

Des Arc 38, Mineral Springs 24  
Highland 27, Ashdown 10  
Ouachita Baptist 27, Henderson 20  
Harding 57, Arkansas Tech 27  
SAU 54, UA-Monticello 22  
Texas 20, Arkansas 10  
So. Carolina 34, Missouri 30  
Georgia 31, Tennessee 17  
Pocahontas 28, Nashville 13

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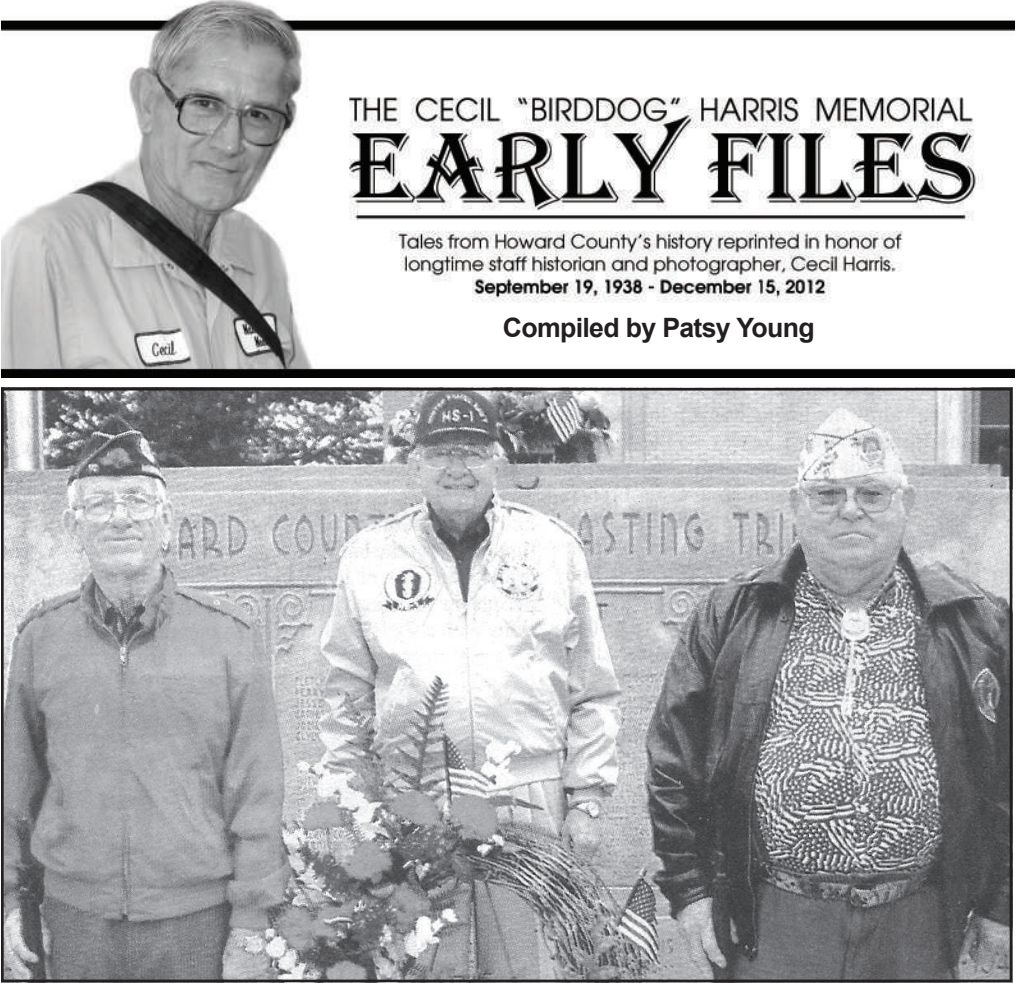
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Area veterans Pete Gathright, Don Coulter and Robert Bowles place a wreath on the Lasting Tribute Wall at the Howard County Courthouse during a Veteran's Day observance.

119 years ago: November 1905

Travis Pope of Centre Point came to town Wednesday looking for teams to work on the grade for the De Queen and Eastern Railroad. The contractor wants 100 teams to push the grading as far as possible before winter weather sets in. If any of our readers want work in this line, they should see Mr. Pope.

(Adv.) Pickles of all kind, sweet pickles, sour pickles, dill pickles, really hot pickles, sweet baby pickles, also kraut and many other good things to eat at City Grocery Store.

80 years ago: November 1944

About 10 o'clock last Monday morning, the first day of deer season, Clardy Jacques of Nashville, Route 4, killed a 5-point buck, weighing about 150 pounds. Another member of the camp also killed a buck during the day. Their camp is in Pope County.

Richard Westall of Mur-

freesboro died in City Hospital last Tuesday midnight from a head injury he had received that morning in a fight near Tokio.

Investigating officers said Westfall had been hit on the head by a blunt instrument, fracturing his skull. He was brought to City Hospital and his death occurred about midnight.

Officials disclosed last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bell of Tokio had been arrested in connection with the killing which occurred in Hempstead County, and they are being held in the Hempstead County jail at Hope.

67 years ago: November 1957

A family near Columbus Friday joined the growing group of Americans who have seen mysterious objects in the night skies.

Ray Schooley, an eighteen-year-old mechanic, would be hard to convince that he didn't see a mysterious something, not an airplane and not a reflection

on the clouds. Ray has his mother's support. She saw the object first.

Rail traffic between Dierks and Nashville will pick up in early December. That is when Dierks Forest will open its \$15, 000,000 kraft mill at Pine Bluff. The actual date to start production is December 15. Twenty miles of railroad was laid in Howard County to serve the Pine Bluff Mill with pine from this area.

34 years ago: December 1990

Leslie McCrary was named Woman of the Year by the Howard County Home Extension Council at their annual fall meeting Monday. McCrary is a member of the Baker's Dozen EH Club.

Think of the magic a personal phone call from Santa could bring to a child at Christmas. The Arthritis Foundation, Arkansas chapter, is teaming up with St. Nick for the ninth year to bring calls from Santa to the children of Arkansas.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Thursday, Nov. 7 thru Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024:

**Marriage Licenses**

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)  
Nov. 8. Cory Deshun Carthorne, 47, Nashville, and Shelby Lynn Buazard, 21, Nashville.

Nov. 8. Christopher Alan Waldrop, 25, Nashville, and Halli Jade Stinson, 23, Lockesburg.

**Civil Court**

CV24-113, Nov. 8. Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Fredrick Rhynes. Contract.

CV24-114, Nov. 8. Discover Bank vs. Casey Godfrey. Debt.

CV24-115, Nov. 8. Discover Bank vs. Jossely S. Garcia. Debt.

CV24-116, Nov. 11. In the matter of name change from Emily Rebecca Chambers to Edward Ray Chambers.

**Domestic Relations Court**

DR24-131, Nov. 8. William Lemons vs. Crystal Fa-

therree. Order of protection.

**Criminal Court**

(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)  
CR24-100, Nov. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Rashaunda LaShae Dixon, 24, black female, Texarkana, Ark.; POCS with purpose of delivery, class C felony.

CR24-101, Nov. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Kartavious Eason, 24, black male, 911 Carver Circle #32; 2 counts breaking or entering, class D.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**

Nov. 8. Mary Lynn Ford, surviving spouse of Freddie Ford, deceased; to Gary C. Harris and Lisa R. Harris Joint Revocable Trust; 40 ac. in S18 T11S R27W.

**Beneficiary's Deed**

Nov. 7. Marilyn Sue Keith, surviving spouse of Waburn Burl Keith; to Cheryl Fitzgerald and Kelly Moore; 3 tracts, aggregate 83 ac. in S10 T6S R29W.

**Deed in Lieu**

**of Foreclosure**

Nov. 7. James G. Huddleston; to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 6, Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville, aka 1320 Grove St., Nashville. \$277,500.

**Warranty Deeds**

Nov. 7. Shirley Wright, surviving spouse of Barry Wright, deceased; to Shirley E. Wright, Trustee of the Shirley E. Wright Revocable Trust; property in S24 T9S R27W in the City of Nashville.

Nov. 7. Kevin Gosnell and wife Tanya Gosnell; to Breanna Gosnell and husband Ridge Allmon; Lot 9 and part of Lot 8, Block 5, Murray's 2nd Addition Town of Dierks. \$62,684.43.

Nov. 8. Philip J. Mascarnas and wife Katelyn D. Teague; to Jeremy Wayne Linville; 2.29 act. in S30 T9S R28W. \$72,000.

Nov. 8. Kenneth Mark Deputy and wife Vicki Deputy; to Don Jones and wife Theresa Hones; aggregate 20.056 ac. in S25 T6S R28W. \$330,000.

## Two sentenced on earlier pleas

Two defendants were formally sentenced last Wednesday, Nov. 13, on guilty pleas previously entered.

On the bench for Howard County's regular day in Criminal Court was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

One of the two defendants had been picked up on a failure to appear warrant for missing his assigned court date. Bobby Gene Bowling, 25, white male, Amity, had pleaded guilty to class D felony charges of drug and paraphernalia possession.

He was sentenced to five years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC).

The other sentence was

handed down for Stanley Bailey, 56, white male, Newhope, who had previously pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of contraband possession and a class D felony charge of felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to one year in the county jail on the first count, and one year in the ADC with a further five years suspended imposition of sentence on the second count.

One other guilty plea was received. Cullen Young, 24, black male, Ashdown, will return at a later date for formal sentencing which is expected to be 12 years in the ADC plus a further four years suspended imposition of sentence. He was charged

with a class B felony -- terroristic act at an occupiable structure.

Two not guilty pleas were received.

Ivy Weaver, 39, white female, Nashville, is charged with class D drug possession. Pretrial motions will be heard April 9.

Kartavious Eason, 25, black male, Nashville has a Jan. 29 date for motions. He is in jail on \$50,000 bond.

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Devin Gadsen, 24, black male, Pensacola, Fla., who is out on bond and missed his court date to face a felon with firearm charge. The court notified the bondsman that Gadsen's bond had been revoked.

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# Point of view

## Life’s mysteries

### If lefties are ‘southpaws’ are righties ‘northpaws’?

ONE OF LIFE’S delicious mysteries is why some people are lefthanded and some are righthanded. The split is about 85-90% righthanded, no matter the race, gender, religion, favorite football team or national origin. There are a very, very few people who are ambidextrous -- that is, favoring neither hand.

Some perfessers have been studying this lefty/righty thingy and they don’t know anymore than you or I do. Whether you’re lefthanded or righthanded, it happens in the womb. Maybe you have seen pictures of fetuses with left or right thumb in their mouths. That preference for thumbs continues after birth. And you don’t change from righty to lefty during life, either. Not many other animals exhibit a preference for left or right. Apes do, but they’re split about 50-50, we’re told.

Lefthanders are often at a distinct disadvantage. In school they must sit at desks designed for righthanded writers. Most tools are designed for righties. You want to make a lefty cuss? Ask him or her to make a delicate cut with a pair of ordinary scissors. Scissors are made for righties.

Perfessers have been able to tell whether cavemen or cavewomen were righties or lefties by looking at which arm bones were developed the most. Or, upon closer study, the perfessers discovered that the teeth could indicate if the caveman tore raw meat from right to left or left to right. Who woulda thunk to look for that?

Both the neanderthals and our early human being ancestors showed evidence of being righty or lefty.

In combat and some sports, lefthanders are said to have an advantage. Righthanded boxers don’t like to fight lefties.

Golf (a truly vexing game) is a sport in which righties must emphasize the control of their left hand and arm over the right.

I am one of 10 children. Only one was a lefty. But in baseball he played first base lefthanded, and he batted righthanded. He probably played first base because Uncle Jacck bought us baseball gloves in Japan and the only lefthanded glove he could find was a first baseman’s mitt.

Since the brother batted righty, later in life I used to badger him to take up golf where he would have an advantage because he had greater control of his left arm and hand. The bats worked equally well for lefties or righties, so that didn’t influence his choice. It was probably because whoever taught him to bat taught him to bat righthanded.

The perfessers say it is an error to think that lefthanders are not as smart as their righthanded brethren. In my own case, the lefty brother was also maybe the smartest of the 10 kids. Well, it was nip-and-tuck with one of the righties. I’m mentioning no names here, only to confirm that I was not the smart righty.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. Coupla years ago a friend posted on Facebook a picture of a formation of geese flying high overhead in broad daylight. It was a big flight, maybe 60 or more birds. Maybe even more. They were flying so fast I didn’t have time to count accurately.

I told her that I hadn’t seen a flight of geese in at least 25 years. It used to be a common sight -- them winging north as warm weather approached, or headed south ahead of the cold.

Now, most of our geese are year-round residents, and not everyone is happy about that.

I have a mental picture of a flight of geese, almost out of sight high in the moonlight. Their honking was so distant and exotic. I wondered where they were going.

ANOTHER FALL NOTE. Hopefully our hardwoods will turn to beautiful colors! Some might be subtle, some blow you away with their vivid presentation. Vermont we’re not; but it’s nice anyway.

AND ONE MORE fall note: Please be careful when driving early in the morning or late in the day. There are lots and lots of deer out there just waiting for a chance to run into your buggy.

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VETERANS DAY. You think you are tough? At the 2019 Veterans Day ceremony the late Oscar Coulter of Center Point recalled spending a year in a foxhole during the Korean War. He said he was often chest deep in freezing water, and the only thing that kept him from freezing to death was body lice which made him scratch and squirm.

I sat beside Oscar at the luncheon after the courthouse ceremony that year, and he embellished his story. He said that some soldiers’ toes froze. When they removed their socks, their toes remained inside.

This year because there was a school holiday the Junior High kids who usually hand out flags and nice notes and bags of candies to the veterans were not there. It means a lot to the veterans to see youngsters showing appreciation.

Also, meant a lot to see Zack Williams dust off his trumpet for the playing of ‘Taps.’

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening (and believing) email: The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

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HE SAID: “Science fiction is any idea that occurs in the head and doesn’t exist yet, but soon will, and will change everything for everybody, and nothing will ever be the same again. As soon as you have an idea that changes some small part of the world you are writing science fiction. It is always the art of the possible, never the impossible.” Ray Bradbury, science fiction writer

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SHE SAID: “We think about education as a stepping stone into a higher socio-economic class, into a better job. And it does do those things. But I don’t think that’s what it really is. I experienced it as getting access to different ideas and perspectives and using them to construct my own mind.” Tara Westover, essayist and historian

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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# There’s a lot we can learn from OBU-HSU’s Battle of the Ravine

**By John R. Schirmer**  
Editor

It may seem strange, but I almost didn’t go to the Battle of the Ravine between Henderson State and Ouachita Baptist Saturday afternoon in Arkadelphia.

After the Scrapper game Friday night, I wasn’t quite ready for more football. It’s the only game in the United States where the visiting team walks across the street for an away game.

For a while every year, Arkadelphia is divided between OBU and HSU fans. They go to church together, shop together, go to high school games together, but BOTR week is another story.

The rivalry is legendary - OBU students guarding the Tiger, purple Jello in the HSU fountain, a future Arkansas governor allegedly being involved in a premature lighting of Henderson’s bonfire (a whole day premature), HSU reportedly kidnapping Ouachita’s Homecoming queen.

As Rex Nelson says, every Arkansan should attend at least one Battle of the Ravine. There’s nothing else like it in college sports.

Like many OBU fans, I parked at Cliff Harris stadium just ahead of the Tiger Walk, where the OBU players began their journey across Highway 67 and on to Carpenter-Haygood Stadium.

At that point, there was no doubt that going to Arkadelphia was the right thing to do.

OBU football alum Cotton Cothren of Dierks was there to watch the team start the trek to HSU.

Chris Babb, well known to many folks around Nashville, was working with his Ouachita Sports Digital Network students to livestream the walk before they left for the game. We visited a while.

Dr. Casey Motl, the “voice of Cliff Harris Stadium” (the OBU

counterpart to Johnny Wilson), was there enjoying lunch, along with the other fans.

It was a great chance to visit long-time friends and get ready for the game.

From there, it was time for the 10-minute walk to HSU. One of the first people I saw at Carpenter-Haygood was new Chancellor Dr. Trey Berry, another long-time friend, former OBU history professor and former president of Southern Arkansas University. Trey and his staff are doing a wonderful job of rescuing Henderson from the financial woes brought on by previous mismanagement.

We had a lot to catch up on before the game.

For those wondering when we’ll actually get to the battle, we’re almost there.

After the pre-game festivities, both teams took the field ready for the 97th edition of BOTR. Ouachita led the series 46-44 going into the game. There have been six ties.

The game is always close, usually going down to the proverbial wire. This one was no exception.

A few notes about the game:

Fans on both sides of the stadium supported their team all the way. OBU’s student section stood from the time the band played “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” as the team took the field until they stormed the field at the end. HSU fans did the same thing from “That Old Reddie Spirit” through the entire contest.

These were true fans, almost 10,000 of them, more than the population of Arkadelphia. They know the players, band members and cheerleaders. Many are friends.

They know how much work goes into college football in general and BOTR in particular.

No way would they demean their own players or coaches. As noted, they stood, yelled, clapped, did what true fans do.

No berating, insulting or spitting.

They graciously tried to help the

officials from time to time, quickly pointing out perceived mistakes. There were even a few smatterings of boos about particularly bad calls, in their opinion.

Notice, however, that the boos were not directed at the players and coaches on either side.

And the officials know that it’s part of the game.

There might have been an occasional bit of profanity after an interception or a missed tackle, perhaps even from the visitors side. But there weren’t verbal assaults aimed at players or coaches.

When the game was over, OBU fans stormed the field in the wake of the Tigers’ 27-20 win that secured a share of the Great American Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA D-II Playoffs.

They stayed around and congratulated Coach Todd Knight for tying legendary Coach Buddy Bob Benson for most wins at OBU with 162.

HSU fans consoled their players and showed their support.

It was a great afternoon on both sides of the stadium, in many ways a throwback to days when people went to the game, visited friends, cheered if they won, maybe cried if they lost.

But when the game was over, OBU fans went back across Highway 67. HSU fans returned to their homes.

The next day, they went back to church together, ate together, shopped together.

Monday, many HSU and OBU students were in classes together on both campuses.

Each side wanted to beat the other for three hours. Afterward, they went back to getting along with each other.

This was something that we don’t need to lose.

It was football at its best, the way it was meant to be played.

The way it used to be at Nashville.

The way we hope it will be again.

# Governor proposes pay hike for about 15,000 in executive branch

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

The governor unveiled a new pay plan for state employees that she will present for legislative approval during the 2025 regular session.

At the announcement of the pay plan, she said it was the fulfillment of a promise she made when campaigning for office. Bringing salaries more in line with those in the private sector, the state will encourage people to apply for the jobs in state government that are hardest to fill, she said.

The Secretary of Transformation and Shared Services urged people to go online and apply for jobs. “This new pay plan allows us to be flexible and competitive in the market both now and moving forward. Consider working with us – apply now at [arkansas.gov](https://arkansas.gov),” the secretary said.

The President of the Arkansas State Police Foundation Board said that the higher pay would boost morale among state troopers and would improve efforts to recruit and retain the best law enforcement officers. That will make Arkansas safer, the foundation president said.

The governor’s proposal would raise the salaries of about 14,539 state employees, who represent about two-thirds of the executive branch workforce. A stated goal of the pay raises is to bring state employees’ salaries closer to private sector salaries in comparable labor markets.

Another goal is recruit and retain employees in categories in which the state has had chronic shortages, such as nursing staff, prison officers, social services workers and the State Police.

Security officers at state prisons would see average entry-level salaries increase by 35.3%, from \$37,589 to \$50,845. Average salaries for all officers would increase by 17.1%, from \$50,461 to \$59,100.

Some agencies, such as the Department of Human Services, hire staff who work with troubled teens and young people in broken homes. They have turnover among social workers, cause by stress and by caseloads much greater than recommended in national standards.

Entry-level salaries would increase by 20.5%, from \$44,172 to \$52,442. The average salaries for

all staff would increase by 15.3%, from \$48,733 to \$55,364.

At the State Police, average entry-level salaries would go up by 19.8%, from \$56,498 to \$67,706. The overall average salary would go up by 10.4%, from \$73,318 to \$80,930.

The state hires nurses at long-term care facilities. The average entry-level salary would increase by 8.3%, from \$51,032 to \$54,661, and the average pay for all nurses would increase by 9.6%, from \$57,686 to \$61,552.

The cost of the pay plan is an estimated \$102 million, and will be included when the governor presents a balanced budget to lawmakers next week. According to the governor’s office, almost \$60 million will come from the general revenue fund, the state’s main source of spending for services. General revenue comes mostly from sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes.

Other state government funds will pay for the remainder of the costs of the pay plan. The governor said that much of the cost would be absorbed by agencies in their existing budgets, which have many positions that are vacant.

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**ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION.** Scrapperette Karstyn Scrivner was named to the All-Tournament team at the Conway Lady Cats Invitational Nov. 14-16. The Scrapperettes finished fourth at the tournament. Conway won the championship, with Springdale Har-Ber the runner-up. Little Rock Christian and Nashville rounded out the top four teams, followed by Vilonia, Lake Hamilton, Bentonville and Parkview. The Scrapperettes are playing in the Lake Hamilton Classic this week. They will take on Searcy at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, and Lake Hamilton at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

### Nashville Chamber of Commerce sets Shop Local holiday campaign

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 began Monday, Nov. 18 and will end at 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Pinkerton added that owners of participating busi-

nesses, employees of the business and family members of owners and employees 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.

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

### Incidents reported at NHS game

Several incidents marred the conclusion of Nashville’s playoff game against Pochontas Friday, Nov. 15, at Scrapper Stadium.

One individual was transported to jail for allegedly spitting on Coach Shawn Jackson after the game, according to Police Chief Amy Marion. Jackson called and requested that charges not

be filed, Marion said, and the person was released.

There were other reports of profanity being yelled at the Scrapper sideline from the Nashville stands. Some on the home side booed the team, while others walked out *en masse*.

Police were present on the field and elsewhere at the stadium.



News-Leader photo/ASHLEY STARR-THOMPSON

**BOXES READY TO SHIP.** Cornerstone Church in Nashville packed 1,705 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and put them in larger Samaritan’s Purse boxes for shipment to a processing center. The church held a dedication service Sunday, Nov. 17, for the boxes and the children who will receive them.

## Game

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Clift said he is “proud of how hard these kids worked. They played hard. The game didn’t turn out the way we wanted it to, but I’m proud of them.”

The future is “bright” for the Scrappers, according to Clift. “We’re excited for the kids we have returning. There will be eight starters back on defense.”

### Playoff parade Friday, Nov. 15 - South Park Shopping Center to Scrapper Stadium



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**SHE'S THE BOSS NOW.** Dr. Darwin Turner officially turned Murfreesboro Dental Care over to new owner Audra Rhodes last Thursday. Turner, who has been in business in Murfreesboro since 1990, plans to semi-retire.

# Sale of dental practice to NHS grad sends Dr. Turner into semi-retirement

"She's actually been the boss since July," said Murfreesboro dentist Darwin Turner as he officially turned over his longtime business to new owner, Audra Rhodes of Nashville.

Murfreesboro Dental Care will keep the name, the employees and even Dr. Turner to a certain extent. Turner, 60, said he will "semi-retire" with plans to provide part-time orthodontic services at MDC.

In 1990, Turner opened his first dental practice in Murfreesboro, where he graduated from school in 1982, "downtown on the main drag." He built and moved into the MDC's current location just a few blocks away in 1999.

According Rhodes, a 2017 graduate of Nashville High School, the purchase of MDC is her first business venture and her first dental job since graduating from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry.

Rhodes, 25, is the daughter of Andrea and Randy Hughes of Nashville. She and husband and fellow NHS grad, Triston, have a new baby girl, Layton. Triston is the son of Julie and Mark Rhodes, also of Nashville.

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce hosted a welcoming ceremony last Thursday, which was well attended by family, friends, patients and local dignitaries.

Turner said he is not sure what he plans to do in semi-retirement but working on the farm and being outdoors with youngest daughter, Kristina, 17, will certainly be in the plans. Turner's wife, Cheryl, is already retired and oldest daughter, Olivia, 23, is about the start a job in Northern Ireland.

# Homicide victim's mother looking for clues, justice

Body found in Nashville Oct. 15

**By John Balch**  
News-Leader Staff

"Somebody out there knows something," said Bonnie Winston of Idabel, Okla., as she waits for the investigation into her son's death in Nashville to provide some clues and potential justice.



**Corbin Cooper, Sr.**

ville, according to the mother, and the son had recently arrived in back in Nashville seeking gainful employment. Corbin Cooper briefly attended Nashville High School before returning to Idabel to graduate in 2020.

Cooper's body has been sent to the Arkansas State Crime Lab to determine the exact cause of death and process evidence collected from the scene.

Winston said she was told it could take up to eight weeks before any results.

Nashville Police Chief Amy Marion reported this week that no new information has surfaced in the case, which is being investigated by NPD Investigator Tim Bowlin.

Person with any information regarding Cooper or his homicide are urged to call the NPD at (870) 845-3434.

Winston is the mother of Corbin A'Sean Cooper, Sr., 22, whose body was recovered on Oct. 15 alongside the road from the 1200 block of South Price Street in Nashville.

Cooper had apparently died from a gunshot wound. Cooper, 22, was last heard from by family members on Oct. 10 and it was his mother who filed the missing persons report with the Nashville Police Department.

Cooper had missed his daily call to his mother and Winston knew something was wrong.

"It's heart-breaking, crushing," said Winston, who added Cooper was the father of three-year-old Corbin Cooper, Jr. The child resides with Winston and its mother in Idabel.

"That's all I have left is that baby."

Cooper's father, Corey Cooper, Sr. resides in Nash-

## Murfreesboro Angel Tree project now underway

The Murfreesboro Angel Tree program is again seeking to help out local families with Christmas cheer in 2024.

Forms have been left at three locations – Murfreesboro Elementary School, Murfreesboro City Hall and Murfreesboro Water Department – and must be resubmitted on Wednesday, Nov. 20 for acceptance into this year's program.

After that date, the program will create the angels and place them on trees around town – locations will be announced at a later date.

Event organizers Angie Strawn and daughter Kelsi Frachiseur said the program is accepting monetary donations for those who prefer not to shop for a specific angel.

"Last year we had a few families who asked for decorations ... so, if anyone has any old decorations, an extra string of garland, Christmas lights, or even if you have extra trees, please let us know.

"We would love to make that available for the families who are in need and to help make their Christmas Day brighter for their kiddos!" said Strawn.

For more information, call (870) 285-5269 or (870) 582-3882.

## Blevins School District official resigns amid state investigation

A Blevins School District official has resigned amid an investigation, according to reporting by Mark Keith at hopeprescott.com.

The news site reported counselor and interim principal, Justin Mishler, has resigned and that Blevins Superintendent Stephanie Dixon said Mishler had submitted his resignation and it was accepted Monday, Nov. 11 by the Blevins School Board.

Dixon said law enforcement has been advised of allegations regarding "potentially inappropriate conduct by an employee, specifically concerning images sent to students," according to message sent to parents and guardians last week.

"Upon receiving this report, we immediately notified the Arkansas Department of Humans Services, which is currently conducting a full investigation into he matter."

Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton told *The Nashville News-Leader* Monday that county investigators are conducting interviews with all parties involved.

## Nashville church's free community Thanksgiving Day dinner

Ridgeway Baptist Church of Nashville will host its 25th annual free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28.

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.

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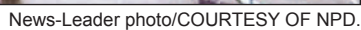
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In other school business last week, the board took the

According to the Delight church's website, Henry is original from Dumas and he has served as youth pastor at Assembly of God churches in Lacey, McGehee and

**Charge Filed**  
Natalsha Holman, 38, of Glenwood, was charged Nov. 14 with possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia following a stop by the Murfreesboro Police Department.



**CRASH AT SMOKE SHOP.** There were no injuries but plenty of damage at the Smoker Friendly Store on Main Street in Nashville when an approaching vehicle operated by Patricia Erby of Nashville lost its brakes and crashed into the store's front entrance. Bypass Wrecker removed the vehicle from the store and it was confirmed the vehicle did not have any brakes. Erby was cited for no proof of liability insurance, according to a private property accident report provided by the Nashville Police Department.

Uncooked dressing will be sold in five pound (\$15) and 10 pound (\$30) varieties, Residents may also order uncooked rolls

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## Trial date set for L’burg man charged with abuse of corpse

A January trial date has been set for a Lockesburg man accused in 2022 of improperly disposing of a newborn child that did not survive birth, according to kdqn.net.

The news site stated Matthew Hallmark, 22, is scheduled to appear in the Sevier County Circuit Court on Dec. 12 for a pre-trial hearing. If he maintains his plea of not guilty, he will appear before a jury for a two-day trial now scheduled for Jan. 21-22.

Hallmark appeared in court Oct. 31 for a pre-trial hearing and was granted a continuance in his case proceedings.

Hallmark, who is a resident of Lockesburg, was charged with abuse of a corpse following the death of his baby son in November of 2022. In Arkansas the offense is a felony and can carry a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

According to the Sevier County Sheriff’s Office, deputies received a report on Nov. 7 of 2022 regarding a baby being born at a home in Lockesburg. After further investigation, authorities discovered the baby, a boy, did not live and was disposed of. Deputies and Investigators with the Sevier County Sheriff’s Office located the baby in a nearby dumpster. Hallmark and the child’s mother, a juvenile at the time of the incident, were arrested that day.

Hallmark has since posted a \$50,000 bond.

## Holiday trash routes set for M’boro

The City of Murfreesboro has announced that the sanitation schedule for the Thanksgiving week of Nov. 24 will be modified as follows.

Tuesday and Wednesday normal pickup will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Thursday and Friday normal pickup will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The next regular collection day will then be on Monday, Dec. 2.

A pair of dumpsters will be available near the former chicken plant and will remain in use until full and then will be locked up and restricted from use.

As for Pike County rural trash, collection on Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 25-27 will remain normal, while Thursday’s normal collection will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 2. For all other rural residents collection will be a day later than normal the week following Thanksgiving.

Both Murfreesboro City Hall and the Pike County Courthouse and associated offices will be closed at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will remain closed until Monday, Dec. 2.



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## Finding a preventative solution to a billion-dollar poultry problem

**By Jenifer Fouch**  
University of Arkansas  
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The poultry industry loses up to \$6 billion annually due to necrotic enteritis, a preventable intestinal disease in poultry, including broiler chickens.

An Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station poultry science researcher is evaluating a new possible solution using a novel vaccine combined with a bile acid regimen.

Xiaolun “Jack” Sun, a researcher and associate professor for the experiment station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, was awarded a four-year, \$650,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture to advance the research. Sun is developing a vaccine and exploring the use of bile acids to fight this serious and costly disease that’s impacting producers’ productivity and profits.

Necrotic enteritis has been controlled by coccidiostats and antibiotics. Coccidiostats are a type of medication used in poultry and livestock production to prevent and control coccidiosis, a parasitic disease.

Sun said concerns of antimicrobial resistance by consumers, the poultry industry and regulatory agents have prompted restrictions on the use of antimicrobials in the U.S. poultry industry. These restrictions likely contributed to an increase in necrotic enteritis.

The disease that generally affects young broiler chickens is caused by an overgrowth of the bacteria *Clostridium perfringens* and a parasite called *Eimeria maxima* in the small intestine. The bacteria and the parasite damage the animal’s intestinal wall, impeding nutrient absorption. In chickens, symptoms include poor growth, diarrhea, depression, deformed feathers, and, in some cases, death.

Sun aims to develop a “multiepitope fusion antigen” vaccine, or MEFA vaccine, to target *C. perfringens* growth and infection in the gut.

A multiepitope fusion antigen is a type of recombinant protein, which is a protein produced by genetically engineered cells.

What makes MEFA vaccines unique is the combination of multiple “antibody-generating sites,” called epitopes, into one protein. Epitopes are the parts of the protein that trigger an immune response.

By having multiple epitopes in one molecule,

MEFA vaccines can simultaneously target several features of the disease-causing pathogen, known as virulence points. Sun said this theoretically makes the vaccine more effective by triggering a stronger and broader immune response.

In simple terms, a MEFA vaccine is like a multi-tool that can target different weaknesses in a pathogen, providing better protection against infections.

Sun will also explore how bile acids can inhibit the pathogen’s growth and chicken necrotic enteritis. Bile acids, which are synthesized in the liver and stored in the gallbladder, aid in fat emulsification and nutrient absorption in the intestine. Sun says there’s increasing evidence that bile acids are effective against bacterial pathogens.

*C. perfringens* vaccines in the field already exist with limited protection, but Sun says his vaccine will be the first MEFA vaccine developed specifically against *C. perfringens* multiple virulence sites and necrotic enteritis.

Sun’s team includes Ph.D. student Bilal Alrubaye and master’s student Janashrit Shrestha. They are focusing on different aspects of the MEFA vaccine development and bile acid research.

### Minimizing the effects of necrotic enteritis

The central hypothesis of this research is built upon the researchers’ preliminary findings that a *C. perfringens* sporulation vaccine and dietary deoxycholic acid significantly reduced necrotic enteritis in chickens.

The team will construct and evaluate MEFA vaccines in the lab and with live chickens, including through oral delivery. The research will also investigate the efficacy of administering bile acids.

Sun is hopeful his research will result in the development of an effective and low-cost MEFA vaccine and bile acid treatment that can significantly reduce necrotic enteritis.

Sun acknowledged support from various faculty and staff who contributed to the preliminary data for this research, including Rohana Liyanage, senior scientist in the chemistry and biochemistry department at the University of Arkansas; Billy Hargis, Distinguished Professor of poultry science; Hong Wang, recently retired program associate, and Ying Fu and Tahrir Alenezi, Ph.D. students at the time of their contribution.

This grant is part of the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative from USDA-NIFA.

## Artists encouraged to fuel conservation through quail, turkey stamp competition

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation and Historic Cane Hill have issued a nationwide call to artists for art to be featured on the 2025 Arkansas Northern Bobwhite Conservation Stamp and Eastern Wild Turkey Conservation Stamp.

Since their inception, these voluntary stamps have helped raise more than \$2.2 million worth of habitat work for quail and turkey through 54 projects, all on public land in Arkansas.

The competition is open to all United States residents 18 or older. The deadline for completed artwork is Jan. 25, 2025. Artists can find the full prospectus, entry guidelines, and a link to submit their work at <https://historiccanehillar.org/quail-turkey2025>.

A panel of jurors composed of both artists and wildlife management professionals will judge the quality of each piece in addition to its accuracy in depicting the northern bobwhite quail and eastern wild turkey species in traditional Arkansas habitats.

The Historic Cane Hill Gallery in northwest Arkansas will hold a public exhibition March 25, 2025, to host work from competition winners and all accepted artwork from each category. During the opening ceremony, the winners will be announced. In addition to their artwork being featured on each stamp, winners will also earn a cash prize of \$2,500 each. Second-place winners will each receive \$500, and third-place winners will each earn \$250.

The exhibition will be on display in the gallery for public viewing March 15-April 26.

The AGFC combines the proceeds from voluntary quail and turkey stamp purchases to rehabilitate and enhance upland habitat in Arkansas that benefits northern bobwhite, eastern wild turkey and a host of other ground-nesting birds and grassland wildlife species. Visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) for more information on quail and turkey habitat projects the agency is leading on both public and private land in The Natural State.

## Arkansas State Police want drivers buckled up for holiday travel

This Thanksgiving holiday, Arkansas law enforcement is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the State’s Highway Safety Office on a high-visibility Click It or Ticket seat belt awareness and enforcement campaign.

From Nov. 25 through Dec. 1, Arkansas State Police Troopers, sheriff’s deputies and local police officers will be working together to reduce the number of fatalities that occur when motor vehicle passengers fail to buckle up by enforcing the state’s safety belt laws.

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2022 (6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, to 5:59 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28), there were 326 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes across the nation, and 43% (141) were unrestrained. Not

wearing a seat belt proved to be deadly at any time of the day during the holiday weekend: 47% of those killed in nighttime crashes were unbuckled, and 38% of those killed in daytime crashes also were unbuckled. These deaths represent needless tragedies for families across America and may have been prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

“Buckle your seat belt to stay safe and to stay legal,” said Arkansas Public Safety Secretary Colonel Mike Hagar. “Whether you’re driving cross-country or across town, whether it is day or night, and no matter the type of vehicle, it is essential that drivers and passengers wear seat belts.

“The bottom line is this: That seat belt may very well mean the difference between life and death. This Thanksgiving, and every day of the year, remember: Click It or Ticket.”



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# Frosted Johnsongrass

## Cold temperatures can cause production of prussic acid

**By Dawson Bailey**  
Howard County Extension Agent – Agriculture

Colder temperatures are coming! When the growth of johnsongrass and other sorghums is depressed by adverse environmental conditions, such as drought or frost, prussic acid is produced.

If you have fields with johnsongrass you may want to watch the weather coming up and have a plan on what to do with the field.

The amount of prussic acid is higher in young plants, and the content of prussic acid is higher in the leaves than in the stems.

Upper leaves will contain more than lower leaves. Plants will have more potential to produce prussic acid if the soil is high in nitrogen and low in phosphorus and potassium.

Ruminant animals (cattle, sheep, and goats) are the most susceptible to prussic acid poisoning. Some symptoms of poisoning include anxiety, progressive weakness, labored breathing, and death may follow if lethal amounts are consumed.

There are some precautions for using johnsongrass or sorghums.

Do not allow animals to graze fields with

young, short growth. Only graze after the plants have reached a height of 18-24 inches. You should also keep animals off drought-damaged plants in any form within four days following a good rain.

Do not use frost-damaged plants as pasture or green chop during the first seven days after the first killing frost. Delay the grazing for at least seven days or until the frosted material is completely dried out or brown.

Do not rely on frosted material as the only source of feed, and do not graze at night when frost is likely. An option for using potentially toxic forage is to harvest it as hay or silage. Properly dried johnsongrass hay does not contain prussic acid and is safe to feed. Silage may contain toxic quantities of prussic acid.

If frosted forage is ensiled, allow the fermentation to take place for at least six weeks before feeding.

For more information, visit our website at [www.uaex.uada.edu](http://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.



Steve Ortiz and Kayla Marquez

# Dierks High School seniors earn Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy

Dierks High School senior Steve Ortiz and Kayla Marquez have earned the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy.

Adopted first by California in 2011, the Seal of Biliteracy is now recognized in all 50 states and Washington D.C. According to the official website, “The Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.”

In order to receive this Seal, a student must have proof of proficiency in English (ACT scores are used or other English standardized exam scores) and another language, which in this Dierks case, was Spanish.

To show proof of proficiency in Spanish, the students took the AVANT Stamps Exam which consists of the four communicative domains of language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

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...HOWEVER, THE POLITICALLY MINDED PRINCES OF JUDAH NOW GAIN HIS CONFIDENCE....

...AND IDOLATRY IS PUT INTO PRACTICE, WITH ALL OF ITS HEATHEN RITUALS....

...BECAUSE THE PRINCES SAY IT IS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT....

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# Black Friday Shopping Thinking Outside the Gift Box

**By Rebekah Hall**  
U of A System Division of Agriculture  
As Black Friday approaches, holiday shoppers should prepare a list, make and stick to a budget and consider shifting the emphasis from physical gifts to intentional gestures that don't break the bank.

Laura Hendrix, an Accredited Financial Counselor and an associate professor of personal finance and family resource management with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said it can be easy to overspend in an attempt to create an extravagant holiday experience. "But the truth is that the gifts aren't really the most important part of holiday memories," Hendrix said. "Do you remember what you got for Christmas when you were eight or 10 or 12 years old? Do you remember what you got two or three years ago? Chances are your happiest holiday memories have nothing to do with the gifts you've received."

Hendrix offers the following tips for families interested in shifting their focus from the number of presents under the tree and instead investing in the quality of holiday time spent together:

**Limit gift giving.** Hendrix said families can trim holiday spending by condensing the number of gifts they purchase or limiting the amount spent per gift. "Do you usually give gifts to everyone you know? Instead, give only to your closest family members and friends," she said. "Has the price tag become more important than the token of affection? Set a dollar limit on the amount your family will spend on each gift."

**Share time and talents.** "Give meaningful, unique gifts by using your time and talents instead of your pocketbook," Hendrix said. "Bake cookies or make candy to share. Give coupons for babysitting or guitar lessons. Throw a slumber party for your niece. Take your best friend on a camping trip. Get creative in thinking of special gifts that are tailored to the recipient."

**Build traditions.** Cherished memories come from the warmth and joy of holiday traditions that families look forward to every year, and they don't have to cost much money. "Listen to your favorite holiday music while decorating the tree together," Hendrix said. "Watch your favorite movie together and pop your own popcorn. Bake and decorate gingerbread or sugar cookies — focus on the experience."

**Plan beyond the holiday.** "Much attention is focused on Christmas morning and the opening of gifts, and it's nice to have something else to look forward to," Hendrix said. "Plan a special family time or a fun activity that goes beyond the gift-giving celebration." This could be a family

trip to the movie theater to see a Christmas premiere or driving through town to look at neighborhood Christmas lights.

**Shop smart** Black Friday traditionally falls on the Friday after Thanksgiving, and it's one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Online retailers also offer deals on Black Friday and on the following Monday, Cyber Monday. Local and online small businesses also encourage shoppers to support them on the following Saturday, Small Business Saturday.

For people who want to take advantage of Black Friday deals, Hendrix suggested going in with a plan and practicing discernment.

**Is it really a bargain?** Research the real or original price to know if the advertised price is a real discount. Ensure it's a quality product, and not just a cheaper product at a cheaper price. "Check in with yourself: is this something you really want or need?" Hendrix said. "If not, it's a waste of money no matter the price."

**Resist impulse purchases.** Be aware that advertised sale items are designed to drive customers into the store or onto the website. "Though the store display or pop-up ad may be enticing, stick to the items that are already on your list," Hendrix said.

**Make a plan.** "List the items you need, and set a spending limit for this list," Hendrix said. "Prepare in advance by checking ads, scouting for coupons, comparing prices between stores and using a store's app on your phone. Look for ways to combine discounts, such as a sale item plus a coupon."

**Read the fine print.** Be wary of sale items advertised as "door busters," "while supplies last" or "limited supplies." On Black Friday, some stores do not offer rainchecks, which is a voucher that allows a customer to purchase an advertised sale item at the sale price when it's back in stock. Similarly, price matching — when a store matches a lower price offered on the same product at another store — may not be available on Black Friday.

**Establish priorities.** Research when stores open, as some may open on Thanksgiving evening, at midnight, or they may offer "early bird" specials the next morning. "If an important item on your list is labeled 'while supplies last,' you may want to go to that store first and get in line early," Hendrix said.

When it comes to online shopping, ensure the retailer is reputable and has a secure payment system. Read through their return and replacement policies, and check shipping costs. If the company does not offer free shipping, consider if the item is still a bargain after shipping costs are added. Be sure to log out of all accounts and close browsers after completing a transaction.



## Avoid impulse buys.

Advertised sale items are designed to get buyers in the door or on the website. Store displays and pop-up ads are designed to prompt impulse buys, so stick to what's already on your list.

## Plan ahead.

Make a list of the items you need and set a spending limit. Prepare in advance by checking ads, looking for coupons, comparing prices and loading store apps on your phone. Look for ways to combine discounts, such as a sale item plus coupons.

## Shop online securely.

When shopping online, buy from a reputable retailer with a secure payment system. Log out of accounts and close browsers after completing financial transactions.

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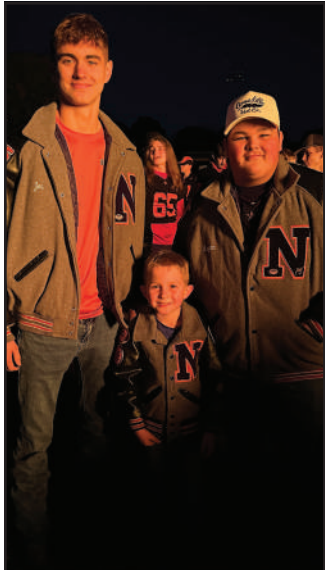
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Joe Branch (13) congratulates Kasen Morgan following Morgan's touchdown against Pocahontas in Nashville's 28-13 home loss to the Redskins in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs Friday night, Nov. 15.

# Scrapper season concludes with playoff loss to Redskins

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Chloe Keeton, Rylee Backus and Elli Wallis run the Scrapper flags after a touchdown during Friday night's playoff game at Scrapper Stadium. Pocahontas won the game and will advance to the second round this week at Warren.



Zaccheus Harris (15), Makhi Johnson (14) and Kellen Jackson (12) pursue Pocahontas quarterback D.J. Coffey.



Nashville students sing the school's Alma Mater before Friday night's playoff game at Scrapper Stadium.



The band and cheerleaders perform at halftime.



Scrapper cheerleaders wrap themselves in the NHS flags during last week's state playoff game.



Scrapper defenders celebrate after stopping Pocahontas on 4th and goal from inside the 1-yardline.



Coach Shawn Jackson follows the game last Friday night.



Peewee Scrappers hurry to the run-through poster before the kickoff of last Friday night's game.



Klaire Hendry directs the Scrapper band at the playoff game Friday night, Nov. 15, at Scrapper Stadium.



Future Scrappers grades 1-4 and their coaches were introduced before the playoff game Friday night between Nashville and Pocahontas.



Class 4A state playoffs, opening round  
Pocahontas 28, Nashville 13  
Nov. 15 @ Scrapper Stadium





**BARGING THROUGH.** Murfreesboro Rattler fullback Brody Maroon gains yardage Friday night against the Marked Tree Indians on Holloway Field at Rattler Stadium



**MHS FIELD CAPTAINS.** (From left) Lathan Compton, Brody Maroon, Laytan Wilcher and Cameron Stevens.

Round 1 Class 2A Playoffs: Murfreesboro Rattlers 52 • Marked Tree Indians 16

Rattlers to host Mount Ida Lions for Round 2

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (8-3) have successfully moved into the second round of the state Class 2A playoffs following their 52-16 (6-5) win over Marked Tree last Friday night at home.

Head coach Brad Chesshir said that the team was ready to go following their lackluster performance last week against Mineral Springs to close out the regular season.

“I was confident in what our response would be – the focus and attention to detail was obvious from Monday through the game. We just flew around.”

The win also satisfied a bit of a revenger factor for the squad after Marked Tree eliminated the then 12-0 Rattlers 28-14 in the second round of the playoffs last season.

“We wanted a little payback, and we achieved that.”

Chesshir said the Rattlers moved the ball well on offense, to the tune of 493 yards, and defensively allowed only three big plays to the normally high scoring Indians – including a long TD rush early in the second half -- who average better than 35 points per game during the regular season.

“We talked all week about how we had to limit the big plays, because I didn’t think they could consistently drive on us. The kids really responded – but I knew they’d be ready for the moment. We’ve seen the highs, the lows and the big games. Nothing fazes them and now it’s on to round two.”

Laytan Wilcher rushed for 182 yards and 3 TDs, while passing for 83 yards and a TD. Cameron Stevens rushed for 124 yards and one score. Brody Maroon added 99 yards rushing and 2 TDs in the victory.

In the second round, the Rattlers will face an old nemesis in Mount Ida. The Lions, who changed conference

this season to 1-2A, are 8-3 overall and 5-2 in conference play behind Bigelow and Conway Christian this season. They defeated Bearden on the road in the first round of the playoffs last week by a 45-20 margin.

“They are a younger team with a larger junior class that has much the same team as they did last year when we beat them 8-6 last year. We have similar ground and pound offensive philosophies that runs a lot of the same stuff,” Chesshir said of the Lions.

He said the Lions are multiple in a formation standpoint in order to “allow them to get you where they want and attack your weaknesses.”

Chesshir also said that the meeting of a familiar foe in the playoffs versus a team you rarely see was not a major factor, but that familiarity did perhaps provide a small advantage.

“I’m just not big on rematches from a team in the regular season,” said Chesshir. “Otherwise, it’s pretty much just another football game.”

Defensively, Chesshir said the Lions were also similar to the Rattlers with a four-front that “swarms to the ball and tackles well.”

So, in a even battle that features two extremely similar teams, what will separate the victor by the end of the game? According to Chesshir, it’s simply a matter of execution and physicality.

“They have a senior running back, Ben Woodfield, that deserves to be all-state. He’s hard-nosed and hard to stop ... he’s always moving forward and is hard to stop for no gain. Defensively, we will have to swarm tackle well in order to combat his efforts.”

Offensively, the Rattlers will have to avoid negative play



**HAIL MARY!** Murfreesboro Rattler receiver Kooper Caldwell pulls in a desperation pass from QB Laytan Wilcher on a fourth-down play in ther end zone Friday night at Rattler Stadium.

and secure the ball in order to win the game, said Chesshir.

“We’ve reached the part of the season where you have to play as perfectly as possible in order to win. Mount Ida is strong and tough and has a prestigious history, and I respect Coach [Mike] White and everything he’s accomplished there.”

To their credit, Mount Ida pulled off the only lower seeded upset in the first round of the Class 2A playoffs last week.

**TAILGATE**

Prior to the game, the school will host a tailgate starting at 4:45 p.m. that will soon be followed by the team’s “Walk to the Rock.”

Chesshir invited the community to come out and inject a dose of energy into the kids pregame.

“I hope to see the whole town in the stands for this game ... we love the energy and hope it will propel us to new heights as we look to move into the third round of the playoffs.”

**RANKINGS**

Scorebook Live ranks the Lions two spots behind the Rattlers in their Class 2A rankings (5/7), while maxpreps.com has the Rattlers 109th overall in the state of Arkansas, versus Mount Ida’s 116th. On3.com has the Rattlers at 124 in the state, while Mount Ida is at 127.

Perhaps the only one that sees the game with a clear-cut favorite is Hooten’s Arkansas Football (hootens.com) -- they rank the Rattlers as the fourth best team in Class 2A and predict them to defeat the Lions, the eighth best 2A squad, in a game that “could be one of the most physical games in the state regardless of classification.”

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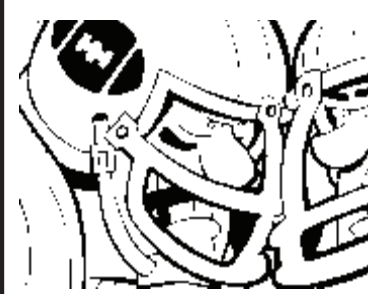
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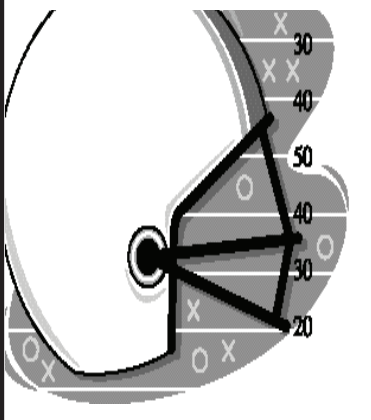
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Karson Chambers (5) runs the ball for the Scrappers as Tucker Dixon (3) provides help during the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs Nov. 15 at Scrapper Stadium. Pocahontas defeated Nashville 28-13 and advanced to the second round to be played Friday night, Nov. 22, at Warren.



# Nashville News-Leader Football Contest

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

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)

USDA – Farm Service Agency

Notice of Availability

Construction of a Large CAFO, Arkansas

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 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 can be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request. (pd: 21, 22)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORNELL TROTTER, DECEASED CASE NO. 31PR-24-65

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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 20 day of November, 2024.

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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.

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This notice first published this 13 day of November, 2024.

Estate of EARNESTINE JEFFERSON, Deceased  
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OBU wide receiver Bo Baker (2) outruns the Henderson State defender en route to a touchdown in Ouachita’s 27-20 victory in the 97th Battle of the Ravine Saturday, Nov. 16, at HSU’s Carpenter-Haygood Stadium. With the win, OBU won a share of the Great American Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA D-II playoffs.

# Ouachita earns 27-20 win over Henderson State in the 2024 Battle of the Ravine

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Henderson Chancellor Dr. Trey Berry gives a thumbs up before the game Saturday. Dr. Berry was president of Southern Arkansas University before going to HSU.



HSU quarterback Andrew Edwards (15) tries to find a way around Ouachita defensive lineman Rovell Carter (99).



The HSU defender was flagged for a horse collar tackle on Ouachita quarterback Eli Livingston (14).



OBU football alum Cotton Cothren of Dierks watches the Tigers begin their walk to HSU.



Coach Todd Knight (third from right) leads the Tigers onto the field Saturday. OBU’s 27-20 win marked Knight’s 162nd victory at Ouachita, tying the late Buddy Bob Benson’s record for the most wins in school history. Knight is in his 25th season at OBU.



Henderson and Ouachita bands join to perform the “Armed Forces Medley” to conclude the halftime show Saturday afternoon in Arkadelphia.



Ouachita’s Kendel Givens (34) runs the ball as Jake Loganbill (70) and Bo Baker (2) clear the way for him. Ouachita will play at Central Oklahoma Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. in the opening round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.



The Henderson State Showband of Arkansas plays “Reddie Spirit” before the Battle of the Ravine.

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