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Obituaries

Fred L. Miller

Fred L. Miller, beloved husband of Ida Ellen (Miller) was born on June 23, 193, to Lewis M. and Fannie (Miller) Miller at Kalona, Iowa.

He peacefully passed away on Nov. 22, 2024, at his home at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 30 days from kidney and heart failure.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized in his youth, being a faithful member of the Mineral Springs Amish Mennonite Church until his death.

On Oct. 11, 1962, he was united in marriage to Ida Ellen Miller, daughter of Joe and Barbara Miller, sharing the joys and sorrows of life for 62 years.

This union was blessed with 7 children; 5 sons and 2 daughters: John and wife Lorretta, Nashville, Ark., Marlin and wife Karlene, Milford, Neb., Alma and husband Merlin Miller, Parsons, Kan., Jeffrey and wife Sharon, Columbus, Ark, Christina and husband Eldon Swartzentruber, Buffalo, Mo., Jacob and wife Regina, Hartford, Ark, James and wife Amy, Parsons, Kan. Also surviving are 42 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters: Katie Ann (Dennis) Shetler, Mattie and husband Joe Yoder, sister-in-law Ruby, Mrs. Jr. Miller. He was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Nevin and Yalonda, 1 great-grandson, Kyler, his parents, 3 brothers: Wilson, Menno and Junior and 1 sister: Cleola.

In May 2006, he had a stroke which left him partially paralyzed on his right side. He dealt with that handicap the rest of his life. In July of this year, he was diagnosed with kidney failure and congestive heart failure.

He was faithfully cared for by his wife and family. A special thanks to John and Jeff for their many hours of unselfishly giving of their time in caring for him.

A sincere thank you to the Elite Hospice nurses for their support and care in the last few months.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks for the prayers, sympathy and help during this time of sorrow.

Visitation with the family will be available for two days. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville. Family will also receive friends on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Nashville Christian Day School (Mennonite School).

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024 at the Mineral Springs Amish Menno-

nite Church, interment will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville, Ark.



Keith Allen Self

Keith Allen Self, age 86 of Murfreesboro, entered his eternal home on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024 at his home. He was born on Sept. 17, 1938, in Murfreesboro to the late Clarence Self and Otis Hughes Self.

Mr. Self was a lifelong member of the Pleasant Home Church of Christ. He loved reading his bible everyday. He planted many trees around the area, including, pine, oak and took great pride in his chinkapin trees. In an article published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, it was stated the Mr. Self was responsible for bringing back the Native Arkansas Chinkapin tree to this area. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and cat-fishing on the White River with his friends. He will be remembered as a man of his word and being community-minded.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Keith Allen Self, Jr., a brother, William Self, a sister, Janice Womack and an infant sister, Gail Self.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 65 years, Pat Self; his son, Alan Self; a daughter, Ginger Clayton and her husband Todd; five grandchildren, Kristyn Michelle Self, Jaden Leigh Self, Brady Alan Self, Sophie Elizabeth Clayton and Ethan Charles Clayton; one brother, Steryl Self and one sister, Beryl Branch. He also leave a host of nieces, nephews, other relative and friends to cherish his memory.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

There will be a homegoing celebration held to honor Mr. Self at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at Pleasant Home Church of Christ near Murfreesboro with Buddy Ray officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Home Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

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



Ronald 'Ronnie' Hayward Peek

Ronald "Ronnie" Hayward Peek, 68, of Cabot passed from this life on Nov. 20, 2024. He was born Oct. 24, 1956, in De Queen, Ark., to the late Hayward Huel and Autherene (Cowling) Peek. Ronnie was a 1975 graduate of Dierks High School. He went on to a career as a Firefighter, spending more than two decades with the Jacksonville Fire Department before his retirement as Battalion Chief. After retirement form fire service, Ronnie went on to become a Registered Nurse. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding dirt bikes. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, "Paw Ron" to his grandchildren, brother and friend to many.

On June 26, 1982, Ronnie married the late Mary Margaret (Scherrey) Peek. Over the next 37 years they built a life and family until her passing in 2020. Mary was his everything and his life revolved around her. Although his passing brings much sadness, knowing they are together forever is a source of comfort to those left behind. In addition to his wife and parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Moore.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Charlie Peek and Kristi of Ennis, Texas, Gene Neumeier and Amy of Greenbrier, Scherrey Young and John of Cabot, Suzanne Washburn and Allen of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, MacKenzie Neumeier Greene and Dre, Kayden Peek and Gracie, Hope Peek, Isabelle Washburn and Jake Washburn; great-grandchildren, Paisley Greene and Jaycee Greene. Other survivors include sister, Brenda Brannan (Sandy) of Rogers, his beloved Beagle, Stevie; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and dearly loved friends.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home. Memorials in Ronnie's memory may be made to the UAMS Multiple Myeloma Center at the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, 449 Jack Stephens Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Arrangements by Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home, 1504 N. JP Wright Loop Road, Jacksonville, AR 72076

Nashville Kindergarten

Student Thankful Lists

Kindergarten students at Nashville wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

•Angela Dodd's Kindergarten Kiddos are thankful for: Benjamin Adams is thankful for everyone, my Daddy, and my Momma. Carter Cobbs is thankful for Dr. Pepper Zero, MineCraft, my family, and Halloween.

Charlee Cupples is thankful for my teacher, Mrs.Dodd, my family, and my cousins.

Declan Davis is thankful for my Daddy, my dog, and Mrs. Dodd.

Tay'sean Germany is thankful for my Momma, Papaw, and my Granny.

Kingston Gulley is thankful for zero, spaghetti, and noodles. Sharleen Hanson is thankful for my Mom, my friends, my dog, and my family.

Adilynn Hernandez is thankful for things that make me happy, food, and playing outside.

Julia Jones is thankful for love, my church, and my Mom and family.

Arabella Lima is thankful for giving food, giving gifts, and my family.

Levi Lingo is thankful for my Dad, Momma, and my big brother Lawson.

Ella Morrow is thankful for my Momma, my Daddy, and my brother and sister.

Liam Poulter is thankful for my family, my teacher Mrs. Dodd, and my dog.

Jamie Singleton is thankful for my Mom, my Dad, and my sisters.

Andres Wesson is thankful for my Daddy, my Momma, and for living in a big house.

Mrs. Dodd is thankful for a group of boys and girls that are eager to learn, my family and friends, and my Savior Jesus Christ.

•Amber Mishler's Kindergarten class is thankful.

Gabriel Childers -- I am thankful for Among Us, Choo-Choo Trolls and Scary Sonic.

Kambrie Davis -- I am thankful for my family, my toys and my mom and dad.

Jazmin Garcia -- I am thankful for my dad, my mom and my big brother.

Jameson Goolsby -- I am thankful for my mama, my Spiderman game and Raven giving me hugs before I get on the bus.

Isaac Gracida -- I am thankful for Paw Patrol, my family and my friends.

Everleigh Hillard -- I am thankful for my cat, my Uncle Dave and Aunt Momo.

Gatlin Kinkade -- I am thankful for my mom, my dad and my Papas.

Isaias Mar -- I am thankful for my bike, my necklace and my coloring pencil.

Mattie Miller -- I am thankful for my dogs, my cat and for my mom and dad.

Hadley Pack -- I am thankful for my mom, my baby brother and my Uncle Jacob.

Dixie Pinegar -- I am thankful for my family, my friends and for school.

Cristina Ruiz -- I am thankful for my family, my dog, my Abuelo.

Isaiah Smith -- I am thankful for my family, my friends and Iron Man.

Trenton Smith -- I am thankful for my mom, my dad and my little sister.

Jorja Hayes-Trotter -- I am thankful for my aunt, my Mommy and Mrs. Mishler.

Kane Williams -- I am thankful for my family, my purple car and going to the lake to swim.

•Mrs. Goodwin's Kindergarten Thankful List

I am thankful for...

My sister, my dad get happy and my mom. - Yareli Almazan

My cat is still alive. - Brett Barfield

My momma, playing with my brother, my daddy, my daddy giving sweet candy. - Iva Chambers

My mom because she helps me to get me food and keeps me healthy and takes me to McDonald's if I be good, my dad, my brothers. - Lazaro Chavarria

Jesus, homeless people, that Jesus died, and my parents. - Kyler Dixon

My family and a clean house, fixing the clothes, being healthy, for buying things for my mom - Alondra Espino

My mom, my dad, my sister and my grandma, my papaw. - Aubree Hopkins

My mom, my dad, my big brothers, my grandma, my auntie. - Clarah Hopson

Happy that my grandma is in the place that she's supposed to be. - Tinlee Jamison

My dinosaurs, my cars, my animals, my iPad, my mom, my brother, and my day. - Alexander Maldonado

Help people up, Jo-Jo, Jules, Kyler. - Dax McElyea

My family, my brothers, my grandma, and my friends, cotton candy, my teacher, swings, crystals, and flamingos. - Caroline McRae

My mom and dad, my brother and dog, Caroline and Tinlee. - Carter Michaud

Kyler, Lazaro, my brother. - Emir Nava

Being nice to my family, love my family forever, making my family nice and have so much fun. - Mckynzie Parks

My dad, my mom, and my toys. - Cesar Sanchez

Being kind to my friends and letting everyone get a turn. - Avery Sunderman

•Cynthia Bailey's Kindergarteners are thankful for..

Sienna Adams is thankful for her toys, mom and dad.

Ma"Kynzee Goodloe is thankful for her mom, dad, and grandparents.

Darion Gray is thankful for his sister, his home, and his toys.

Ethan Haney is thankful for his dog, mom, and his house.

Kiyair Hopkins is thankful

for Mrs. Bailey, his class, and his sister.

Arianna Martinez is thankful for her sister, brother, and dad.

Jose Morales is thankful for his family, house, and friends.

Lloyd Moultrie is thankful for his puppy, mom, and dad.

Pepper Parker is thankful for her mom, dad, and brother.

Giovanni Perez is thankful for his teacher, home, and cat.

Casalyn Ramsey is thankful for mom, sister, and brother.

Josie Reed is thankful for her mom, dad, and sister.

Ensley Rosenbaum is thankful for Nonnie, mom, and friends.

Adriel Schooley is thankful for Simba, dad, and mom.

Cataleya Scoggins is thankful for her class, friends, and family.

Kamrie Wakefield is thankful for friends, mom, and dad.

Christopher Waller is thankful for his kitty, his parents, and stepdad.

•Ginger Blue's Class is Thankful for:

Adilynn Ackley is thankful for my home, food, and my family.

Zariunna Alexander is thankful for my brother, my sister, and my mom.

Adrian Bustamante is thankful for my family, my home, and for food.

Layla Capetillo is thankful for my family, food, and my house.

Brahm Chambers is thankful for Case, Joey, Dutton, and my Mom and Dad.

Rylee Galente is thankful for cat food for my cat, my cat name JassyBell, and for cleaning the living room.

Cartier Gaston is thankful for my mom, my brother, my sister, my new trailer house, and for McDonalds.

Amelia Herndon is thankful for my God, my family, and my food.

Haizleigh Hill is thankful for my school, my mommy, and my playset.

Aubrie Jefferson is thankful for my family, my grandma, and my cousins.

Oshea Jordan is thankful for my brother, my nephews, and my dad and mom.

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M'boro, Pike County holiday schedule

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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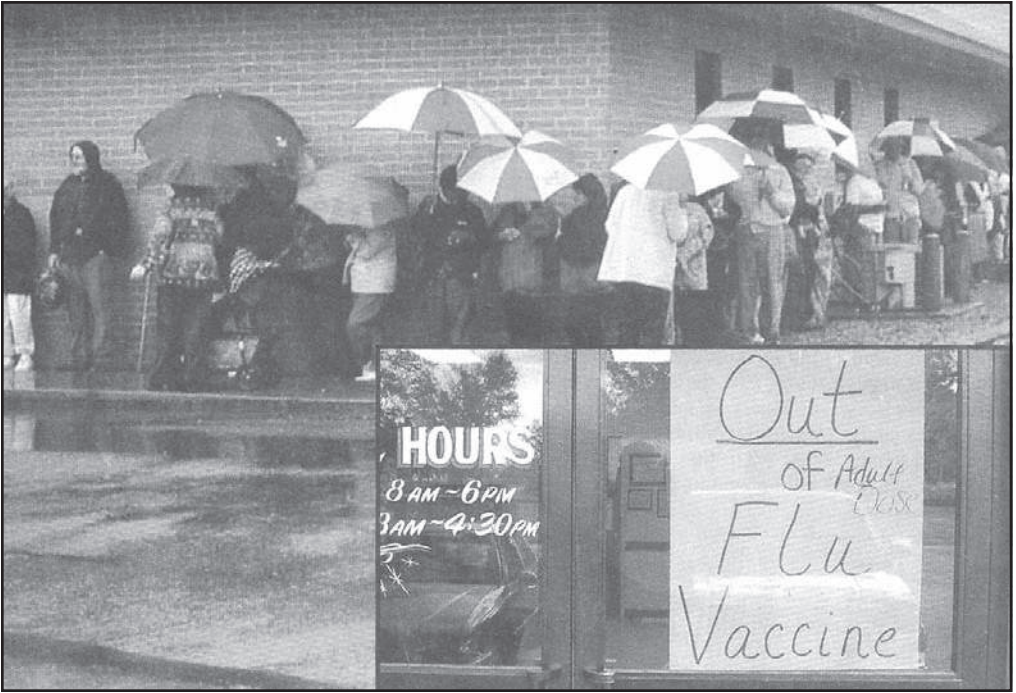


THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



A long line of locals wrapped around the Howard County Health Unit for flu shots early on a Wednesday morning in November 2004. The supply ran out by noon.

119 years ago: November 1905

Booker T. Washington, the most prominent colored man in the United States, will be in Little Rock November 15. The colored citizens of Little Rock are making great preparations to entertain him. Washington will give an address at the park. He will also visit Pine Bluff and Ft. Smith.

Notice to the local trade: I will furnish you with chickens, eggs and butter. E. L. Bost. Leader in low prices.

80 years ago: November 1944

Carroll D. Tollett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Tollett, left Thursday morning for Camp Chaffee, Ft. Smith for induction into the Army Air Corps. After a ten-day stay there, he will go to Keesler

Field, Mississippi for basic training.

67 years ago: November 1957

John L. Anderson, former resident of Center Point who later became a prominent merchant in Willington, Texas, died November 9 while visiting in the home of his daughter in El Paso, Texas. He was born in Mississippi on January 27, 1872, but came as a boy to Center Point where he grew up.

Hunters in Howard County woods last week bagged more than 100 deer despite heavy rains in the latter part of the week. Successful kills were checked in at the Sheriff's office in Nashville and at Dierks.

Dan Futrell of Nashville has been elected as a director of the Arkansas Tech Alumni

and former Student Association at Russellville.

34 years ago: November 1990

It was a lucky discovery for Nashville's James Archer who found the 15,000th diamond at the Crater of Diamonds State Park. Among the honors to come his way was a weekend for two at the DeGray Lake State Park. He and Gladys, his wife, were guest at the park last week.

An attorney who has practiced law in Southwest Arkansas for 50 years will be honored for his achievements at a reception here. George "Jetty" Steel will be recognized by the city, court and many of his colleagues Wednesday at the Howard County Courthouse. Steel has practiced law consistently in Nashville since 1940.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse Thursday, Nov. 14 thru Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024:

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

Nov. 15. Jeremy Lee Davis, 36, Nashville, and Katelyn Lynna Cunningham, 31, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV24-117, Nov. 14. Marvin Johnson vs. Buddy's One Stop. Civil.

CV24-118, Nov. 18. Jefferson Capital Systems vs. Rick A Cole. Debt.

CV24-119, Nov. 18. LVNV Funding vs. Jonathan Bush. Debt.

CV24-120, Nov. 18. Citibank N.A. vs. Kyle Slayton. Debt.

CV24-121, Nov. 20. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Charles Hopkins. Debt.

CV24-122, Nov. 20. Discover Bank vs. Bryant Hein. Debt.

CV24-123, Nov. 20. HS Financial Group LLC vs. Sarah Frachiseur. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court
DR24-132, Nov. 11. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Andrey Whitley. Support.

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

stance)
CR24-102, Nov. 18. State of Arkansas vs. Jaydon Pope, 21, white male, 380 Jones Road, Nashville; 1st degree terroristic threatening, class D felony; PODP, misdemeanor.

CR24-103, Nov. 19. State of Arkansas vs. Marissa Delarosa, 28, white female, 808 S. Mill, Nashville; theft of property, class D.

CR24-104, Nov. 19. State of Arkansas vs. Brandon Joe Fontenot, 28, American Indian or Alaska Native, Beaumont, Texas; POCS, class D; 2x POCS, misdemeanor.

CR105, Nov. 19. State of Arkansas vs. Ivy Catrice Weaver, 29, white female, 173 Hempstead Road 351, Nashville. PODP, class D.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds
Nov. 15. Andrew Cole Reeder; to Karleight Brock Reeder and Jackson Kyle Reeder; aggregate 39.66 ac. in S17 T9S R27W.

Trustee's Deed
Nov. 15. Arthur S. Baker and Anita A. Baker, Co-Trustees of the Arthur S. Baker and Anita A. Baker Revocable Trust; to Darwin Baker and wife, Victoria Baker; 5.94 ac. in S22 T9S R28W. \$13,000.

Warranty Deeds
Nov. 14. Evelyn Wimbs, surviving spouse of Hansford Wimbs, deceased, through her attorney-in-fact, Walter Thomas Wimbs;

to Hermilio Organista and wife, Teresa Organista; Lots 1 thru 12, Block 1, Dierks Heights Addition, Town of Dierks. \$45,000.

Nov. 14. Victor Glenn Hartness, Jr., and wife, Lindsey Hartness; to Rogelio Orozco and wife, Cristiana Orozco; 1.65 ac. in S29 T9S R27W with exceptions. \$240,000.

Nov. 15. Susan Renee Hamilton, Surviving Spouse of Jim Edward Hamilton, deceased; to Darwin Baker and wife, Victoria Baker; 12.67 ac. in S22 T9S R28w. \$385,000.

Nov. 18. Donald L. Hall and Jaree E. Hall, a married couple; to Donald Lynn Hall and Jaree Hall, Trustees of the Donald and Jaree Hall Living Trust; 5.77 ac. in S1 T9S R27W. \$0.

Nov. 18. Sammy Coleman and wife Laurie Coleman; to DMC Investment Properties, LLC; part of Lots 10 thru 15, Block 46, 0.56 ac. in City of Nashville. \$40,000.

Nov. 18. Janet Suzanne Brown, thru her attorney-in-fact Samantha A. Shepherd; to Suzanna May and Greg May, wife and husband; 2 tracts in Howard County, S35/S36 T11S R27W, and 1 tract in Hempstead County in S1/S2 T12S R27W, aggregate 94 ac. with exceptions. \$713,000.

Nov. 20. Brandon L. Chambly and wife, Wittney R. Chambley; to Maria Elena Malo Hernandez; 4.69 ac. in S36 T5S R29W. \$12,000.

Judge issues show cause order

A show cause order for the Arkansas Department of Human Services was ordered last week by Judge Tom Cooper during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

The orders were for two jail inmates held here awaiting admission to the state mental hospital after being found unfit to proceed with their defense.

Apparently there has been no room for new admissions at the state hospital, and one of the two inmates has spent more than a year in jail here awaiting transport and treatment.

The defendants are Donatarius Block, 33, black male, Nashville, charged Dec. 27, 2022, with residential burglary, theft by receiving, and felon in possession of firearm; and Eric White, 55,

black male, Mineral Springs, charged Sept. 2020 with residential burglary. Mental exams were sought for both by their defense counsel soon after the time they were charged.

Court records show that no person from DHS was present for court, last Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Four enter pleas
The court received not guilty pleas from four defendants, and their dates were set for pre-trial motions and for jury trials.

The defendants included: Jayden Pope, 21, white male, Nashville, charged with 1st degree terroristic threatening, along with a misdemeanor drug possession charge. Motions are to be heard Jan. 29, 2025.

Ivy Weaver, 29, white female, Nashville, charged

with possession of drug paraphernalia, class D felony. Motions are to be heard April 9 along with motions for another case for the defendant.

Brandon Fontenot, 28, American Indian/Alaska Native male, Beaumont, Texas, charged with class D drug possession. Motions set for March 6.

Rashunda Dixon, 24, black female, Texarkana, Ark.; charged with possession of controlled substance with purpose of delivery, class C. Motions are scheduled for Jan. 29, although she may come back Dec. 4 for a plea.

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Mary Ann Sowell, 46, white female, Manchester, Tenn., who missed her court date on a charge of possession.


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Point of view

Going Postal

Repurposing ATM site to serve handicapped

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I am almost sorry that I’ve made a career out of suggesting weird solutions to faux-vexing problems such as the Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officer and the Senior Citizens Ear and Nose Hair Clinic.

I’m almost sorry because today I’d like to suggest something in all seriousness, and you might think I’m still joking.

I’m not.

It has come to my attention that handi-capped persons dread trips to the post office.

The reserved handicapped parking space is almost under the stoplight at the intersection of Main and Shepherd Streets. They should call this Suicide Corner because you risk life and buggy when you try to return to Main.

The parking space is nearly a football field’s length from the handi-capped ramp entry to the post office.

And it is a real mistake to park in the space because once you get there you’ll never get out. Almost seriously, if you parked in the handicapped space (or just about ANY space at the Post Office corner) at midnight you’d still have to wait a half-hour for a break in the traffic so you could back out safely.

Here’s my idea.

Since Regions Bank is cowardly leaving our town (“You’ve Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me, Lucille” -- the late Kenny Rogers) what is going to happen to that iconic building at the Main Street corner?

And what is going to happen to the bank’s ATM on Second Street between Howard and Clark Streets?

My great idea concerns the future of the ATM site.

Why can’t the Post Office buy this site from Regions and turn it into a drive-thru mail box?

Or, why couldn’t Regions donate the site to the Post Office as an apology for leaving our town in its dark hour?

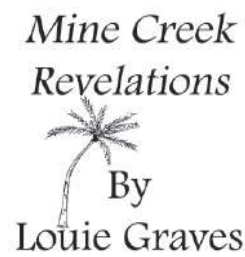
The ATM area is well-lighted and offers easy entrance and exit for vehicles. It is even covered. All postal patrons -- handicapped or not -- would be protected from rain.

Maybe this makes too much sense.

Once before there was an effort to get a new post office for Nashville. But the site, a half-block off Main on West Hale Street, was horrible. There was so much public opposition that the idea was dropped.

Well, once there were a number of blue mailboxes around town where citizens could safely and conveniently leave small mail.

The Post Office took most of them up in an effort to cut back on customer service.



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Call the Howard County Health Unit -- 845-2208 -- to get your FREE shot.

A graphic featuring a cup of pumpkin-spiced beverage with a straw and a leaf, next to the text "HAPPY FALL Y'ALL" in a playful, handwritten-style font.

It’s autumn. The weather is cooler, and we’re inside more.

Keep yourself and those around you safe -- please get your free Covid-19 vaccination. If you’re already fully immunized, remember to get the booster shot.

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Are we really who we claim to be?

On November 12, 1959, a now well-known Peanuts cartoon shows Lucy telling her brother, Linus, that he could never be a doctor because he does not love his fellow man. “I love mankind,” was his irate response, “it’s people I can’t stand!” It is not hard to find Linus’ mentality today, alive and thriving, among people from all walks of life. Over the past few decades and especially the last three presidential election cycles, American culture has shifted almost as far away from the second greatest commandment given in the Bible as it was during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.

For most people, it is easy to claim to love the whole wide world as love is understood from a secular viewpoint. However, it may be very difficult to love one specific person based on differences in personality, beliefs, sporting preferences or political parties. Yet, long before the divisive turmoil that exists today in our nation (and even our community) and long before Linus’ response to Lucy, a Pharisee, who was also a Jewish lawyer, asked the Son of God a question that still plagues humanity today—“which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus’ response, found in Matthew 22:37-38, is clear and concise, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.” But, Jesus didn’t stop there and continues, “And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

In just four sentences Jesus summarized the entire Law of the Old Testament. He gave the Pharisees (and us) the Ten Commandments condensed down to just two directives: love God and love other people. In truth, love for God and love for neighbor are two sides of the same coin—one cannot happen without the other. What does this look like in practice? The love that we are called to live out is a practical, personal kind of love that is expressed primarily to individuals, not groups of people. It is a love that reflects the love of God in Jesus Christ to our fellow man.

This love is not expressed merely in saying the words, “I love you,” but by making sacrifices in one’s life to help someone else in need, whether that be a physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual need. That is what God did in His One and Only Son when Christ laid down his life for us. God’s love was expressed to us emphatically and definitively when He put His Son on the cross on our behalf. The Apostle John writes “By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers...little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:16,18).

The even harder reality is this—the love (or lack of love) that we express to others, regardless of the circumstances of the moment, is an expression of what we really believe about God. Why? Because every person born is made in the image of God (cf. Genesis 1:26-27). Therefore, how we think about and act toward one of God’s image bearers is tantamount to how we really think about and act toward God Himself. A person cannot have true genuine love and respect for God if that person has no true genuine love and respect for God’s image bearers.

Some people might say, “Well, so-and-so doesn’t deserve my respect.” That will not hold water before our holy, just, and righteous Heavenly Father. Why not? Because the first and second greatest commandments are exactly that—*commands*. This means that as believers and followers of Jesus Christ, these commands are obligatory, not optional. The love and respect we are commanded to express toward others has nothing to do with whether they deserve it or not based on their choices and actions. Nobody in the whole wide world deserves respect because we are all low-down, bottom of the barrel, wretched sinners (cf. Rom 3:10, 23). So, this is not about whether a person deserves respect based on one’s barometer for such a thing. People, who are image bearers of God, deserve respect and honor because God has commanded us to give it to them.

So... what does the love and respect (or lack thereof) that you have shown in the past or show to other people in the present really say about what you believe about God? Do your words and actions honor Him and point others to His Son, the only Way to the Father (cf. John 14:6)? What about our actions as a community? Perhaps, and unfortunately, we are finding ourselves more and more like Linus in that we “love” mankind, but we just can’t stand people. These are serious questions for the serious time in which we live—a time in which people say and do “what is right in their own eyes,” especially behind the curtain of social media.

May we turn our faces back to the Lord, repent of our lack of love for each other, get right with one another, and walk forward together as followers of Jesus—not being merely hearers of the Word, but doers also.

For God’s Glory Alone,
Brent Thompson
Pastor-Teacher, Cornerstone Church Nashville

State’s proposed budget provides more for private school vouchers

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The governor proposed a balanced budget for legislators to consider during the 2025 session when they set spending levels for state government agencies.

Arkansas operates under a balanced budget, but the governor’s proposal is important because it outlines her spending priorities for Fiscal Year 2026. We are now in the middle of Fiscal Year 2025, which ends on June 30, 2025.

Under the governor’s proposal, state government would grow 2.89 percent next fiscal year. The governor listed her priorities as education, maternal health, public safety and government efficiency.

Next year all Arkansas students will be eligible for Education Freedom Accounts, which were created by the legislature in 2023 when it approved the LEARNS Act. The EFA program helps families pay tuition at private schools.

Because of high interest in the EFA program, the governor said, her budget proposal includes \$90 million in additional funding to accommodate new students. Another \$90 million in one time “set aside” money would be available in case demand exceeds expectations.

The Public School Fund would be almost \$2.5 billion. Institutions of higher education would receive \$777 million in state aid.

About \$50 million would be added to the budget of state prisons, bringing the total to about \$483 million.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) would receive almost \$1.9 billion in state funds. Its total budget is much larger because it receives federal matching funds. The agency’s total budget is more than \$11 billion.

The Division of Youth Services would receive an increase in state funding of \$4.3 million, raising its budget to \$53.4 million.

Legislators questioned whether the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services would get a budget increase. Administration officials said that employees within the division would qualify for raises under the governor’s proposed pay plan.

The governor has announced a proposed pay plan for state employees that would pay for salary increases for frontline workers.

The governor’s proposal includes \$13 million in new Medicaid funding to pay for improvements in maternal health care recommended by the Strategic Committee on Maternal Health. The division that administers Medicaid is slated to receive about \$1.4 billion in state funding. Federal funding accounts for about 71 percent of Medicaid spending in Arkansas, which totaled more than \$9 billion last fiscal year.

Under the state Constitution the legislature has ultimate authority to approve budgets for state government. Arkansas operates under a balanced budget law known as the Revenue Stabilization Act, which prioritizes state agency spending requests.

The state’s general revenue budget comes mostly from sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes. Under the governor’s proposal, next year’s general revenue budget will be an estimated \$6.8 billion, with a surplus of almost \$300 million.

Setting budgets is one of the legislature’s most time-consuming duties. During the legislative session that begins January 13, the Joint Budget Committee and its subcommittees will meet more often than any other committees.

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Jaree Hall of Nashville stands at the entrance of the Hershey Museum.



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Kitty and Milton Hershey honeymooned in Hot Springs.

Hershey

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Hershey was an innovator. He created automation to make milk chocolate, which was formerly labor intensive and expensive and only available to the wealthy, suddenly affordable for the average American. But beyond that, he created a company and a town unlike any other.

Hershey didn't just build a town; he built a community. He built company housing, then made those houses affordable for his employees to buy. He started a trolley company, which he subsidized to make the rates affordable. Numerous parks, sports teams, free education from elementary through junior college, stores, groceries, a hotel, a country club for golfers, a pool for swimmers, a ballroom for dancers, a theater, an amusement park, and even a zoo, he made sure that the town that carried his name had everything that would be needed to be what he termed, an "ideal town."

At the age of 41, in 1898, Hershey married 27-year old Kitty Sweeney, an Irish-American Catholic from

New York, and they honeymooned in Hot Springs, Ark. Suffering from poor health throughout her life, Kitty passed away in 1915 at the age of 44, but not before she and Milton started something even more important than Hershey Chocolate.

Milton and Kitty started the Hershey Industrial School (now Milton Hershey School), a boarding school for orphaned boys, in 1909, with an initial class of four. The school now has more than 2,000 students, both boys and girls, who are orphans or whose families are impoverished. All of their educational, health and dental needs, housing, food, and clothing is provided for the students, but that's not the end of the story.

In 1919, four years after the death of his beloved Kitty, Milton Hershey, who had no children of his own, transferred the majority of his fortune—\$60 million then, \$15 billion in today's dollars—to the trust of the Hershey Industrial School. They immediately became, and remain to this day, the majority owner of the Hershey company.

Today, the Hershey legacy continues. In 1963, the Milton Hershey School's trust approached Penn State University with an offer:

we'll give you \$50 million for a teaching hospital if you build it in Hershey.

Today, the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center is a 611-bed hospital that shares a campus in Hershey with the Penn State Cancer Institute, Penn State College of Medicine, and Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

Milton S. Hershey showed that wealth, instead of something to be hoarded, can be used to help others. As one of his contemporaries said upon Hershey's death in 1945: "He measured success, not in dollars, but in the usefulness of those dollars for the benefit of his fellow men." (Gordon Rentschler)

Is visiting Hershey, Penn., the town that chocolate built, worth a 1,200-mile drive from Nashville, Ark.? Maybe.

Is it worth driving out of your way a bit if you find yourself in that part of the world? Absolutely.

And the next time you enjoy a Hershey's kiss or a Hershey's chocolate bar (with almonds!), think about the legacy of the man who started it all.

A man with no children who continues to impact children and adults with how he used his wealth to help others.

Community Thanksgiving service



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AT THE SERVICE. The Area Pastoral Fellowship led the community Thanksgiving service Sunday night, Nov. 24, at First Assembly of God in Nashville. Pictured are Shawn Cooper, Wade Eggers, Anita Baker, Arthur Baker, Ellis Floyd, Lankford Moore, Mary Alice Moore, Marvin Edwards, Terry Goff and Charles Green, who delivered the Thanksgiving message.



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MUSIC. Pastoral Fellowship members at right join the praise team and congregation in singing at the Thanksgiving program.

Focus

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Economic Development Director Vanessa Weeks reviewed the financial report.

She said Husqvarna has paid the \$10,000 it agreed to give for Developing Howard County.

After payments to UA-Cossatot and other expenses, the development group will have a balance of about

\$28,720 to end 2024, the report said.

The board will not meet in December.

Members will return in January for the focus groups meeting and the regular January meeting.

School

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but parents want to know to plan vacations," Graham said.

Feedback on the hybrid calendar now in use "has been really positive. I polled the PPC [Personnel Policies Committee]. They want to stay with a very similar calendar."

Small changes are under consideration, Graham said. "We may start the first week of August and finish at the end of May. That would eliminate church camp conflicts and summer travel league conflicts."

Some of the breaks would be slightly shorter if the later start date is approved, according to Graham. "We'll

let the PPC make recommendations on the breaks. We still want the breaks for students and teachers."

If changes are approved, classes would begin around Aug. 4, Graham said, with the year ending after Memorial Day.

PPC members told the board that the response to the hybrid calendar has been "overwhelmingly positive" on their campuses among both students and teachers.

Graham said a grandparent told him that "being able to see the kids during the year has been a blessing."

In other business, the board approved a \$1,000 Thanksgiving bonus for each district employee. The bonuses were issued last Friday, Nov. 22, at a total cost of \$271,000.

The extra money is not on

the salary schedule, Graham said, "but in the spring, we will add the bonus into the schedule" if finances remain strong. Currently, "The money is there, but we're not sure about LEARNS," the state's education program.

The board approved a restroom partition upgrade for Nashville Primary School at a cost of \$46,000. "Primary has the oldest restrooms," Graham said.

Following a 53-minute executive session, the board accepted the following resignations: Shawn Jackson, head football coach and other duties at Nashville High School; Irene Carrillo, special ed self contained; and Kimberly Torres, ESL aide. The board hired Paul Edwards as custodian at a the ABC building and Kayla Harris as special ed aide.

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NOWHERE TO RUN. The Murfreesboro Rattlers and ball carriers DJ Barnes (#34) and Laytan Wilcher (#13) were pursued all Friday night by the Mount Ida Lion defense during Round 2 of the Class 2A playoffs on Holloway Field at Rattler Stadium.

Mount Ida 48 Murfreesboro 16

MI Lions run Rattlers out of playoffs

By P.J. Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

For the second consecutive year, the Murfreesboro High School Rattlers lost a second-round Class 2A playoff game they were hosting. Last year, it was to Marked Tree, and this season it was versus Mount Ida by a 48-16 score.

The loss ends the Rattlers' season at 8-4. After winning the initial coin toss and deferring to the second half, not much went the Rattlers' way. Mount Ida would take the opening short kickoff and travel 55 yards for a touchdown on Ben Woodfield's rush from the one-yard line. Woodfield would hit the extra point attempt to give the visiting Lions a 7-0 lead with 6:40 remaining in the first half. The Rattlers would attempt to respond on their initial possession, which also started around midfield. Brody Maroon would carry the ball three times straight to move the Rattlers to the Lions' 40-yard line, but a false start penalty by Murfreesboro began to unravel the effort. On third and six, a

sweep attempt was derailed by Ty Speer for negative yardage and the Rattlers were forced to punt. Dakota Beechy would attempt to wrangle the bounding punt attempt inside his own five yard line, and was forced to cover up the effort, placing the ball at the one yard line. Undaunted, the Lions would drive 99 yards to score on a drive that spanned into the second quarter. Woodfield again would score on a two-yard rush and hitting the extra point to give the Lions a 14-0 lead. Perhaps the only thing to go wrong in the evening for Mount Ida was an injury to QB Beechy on the drive that would place him out for the rest of the game. The Rattlers showed some fight on the ensuing drive. After the kickoff went out of bounds, MHS began at their 35-yard line. Senior QB Laytan Wilcher set to pass on first down, and after being harassed and forced to scramble he would reverse field for a 13-yard gain. The Rattlers would cross midfield two plays later on a offsidess penalty against the

Lions. After six consecutive rushes found MHS at the 15-yard line, Brody Maroon would gain 13 yards on a fourth and one play, and then score a touchdown a play later. Wilcher would successfully cross the line for the two-point conversion placing the score at 14-8. Murfreesboro nearly secured the bounding onside kick attempt, but the referees indicated that Mount Ida recovered at their 44-yard line. Woodfield would break loose on the next play, and only a valiant effort by Caden Dixon to run him down at the two yard line saved the score. However, no defensive rally would materialize, and Jackson White would score on a two yard plunge on the next play. White also would add the two-point conversion on a rush, placing the score at 22-8. Murfreesboro would fumble the ball away on their next possession, giving the ball to the Lions at the 37-yard line. With the second quarter waning, the Rattlers looked set to make a critical de-

fensive stand. Holding the Lions to a fourth and seven attempt at the 34 yard line, the pass downfield went incomplete. However, a pass interference penalty on MHS would give the Lions new life with a first down at the 19-yard line. A pair of Woodfield rushes later Mount Ida was in the end zone again, and his extra point kick was good to give the Lions a 29-8 lead. With 1:45 remaining in the half, Murfreesboro set out to score again before the halftime break. After a pair of rushing attempts gained 11 yards, Wilcher connected with Kooper Caldwell to cross midfield on a 16-yard reception. A fumble on the next play was recovered by Mount Ida, who milked the clock to the halftime break. The Rattlers would get the opening kickoff of the second half and were set up promisingly by Wilcher's 50 yard return to the Lion 35-yard line. The Rattlers would advance to the 29-yard line before a pair of consecutive infractions by the Rattlers

would place the ball behind the chains and lead to a turnover on downs at the 42-yard line. Mount Ida would score on their next possession in eight plays, intercept a pass on the Rattler's next drive and score two plays later to end any possible dramatic endings with a then 41-8 lead. Both teams would find the end zone once more in the game to cap the final score. Mount Ida (9-3) will ad-

vance to the semifinals, traveling next week to face East Poinsett County, the number one seed from 2-2A, who defeated Bigelow 36-12 last week. The Lions are the number three seed from 1-2A. In the other semifinal, Conway Christian will face Junction City in a battle of perennial powers. Conway Christian defeated Des Arc 50-36, while Junction City (the two-seed from 3-2A) upset Carlisle on the road by a 43-14 score.

Rattler 2024 Season

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Scrapperette defenders Ava Basiliere (44), Caroline Dean (33), Sofia McCauley and Karstyn Scrivner (24) disrupt the Lake Hamilton offense in Nashville's 45-43 win Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23, in the Lake Hamilton Classic at Wolf Arena.

Scrapperettes win 2 of 3 at Lake Hamilton Classic

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Ava Basiliere (right) runs around the Lady Wolf defender Saturday afternoon at the Lake Hamilton Classic. Nashville won the game 45-33.



Caroline Dean (left) maneuvers around the Lady Wolf in Nashville's win at the Lake Hamilton Classic.



Olivia Kitchens (left) keeps the ball away from Lake Hamilton last Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23.



Karstyn Scrivner puts up a basket from well beyond the three-point line against Lake Hamilton.



Mercy Hagler (25) shoots in the Scrapperettes' victory Saturday.



Ava Basiliere hits a free throw against Lake Hamilton Nov. 23.



Sofia McCauley (15) deflects a Searcy pass Nov. 21 in the second round of the Lake Hamilton Classic.



Angel Watson eyes a three-pointer against Searcy in Nashville's 59-36 victory Nov. 21.



Coach Paul Dean watches his team against Searcy.

Lake Hamilton Classic
Nov. 19 Greenwood 63, Nashville 61
Nov. 21 Nashville 59, Searcy 36
Nov. 23 Nashville 45, Lake Hamilton 43



The Nashville Junior High Scrappers won the Nashville Insurance Tournament Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23, at Scrapper Arena.

Nashville wins junior high tourney

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Coach Aaron Worthen presents the championship trophy to the Nashville Junior High Scrapperettes after their win over De Queen Nov. 23.



Lucy Hagler puts up a shot against De Queen in the championship game Saturday afternoon.



Jacoby Hopson (2) controls the ball Saturday in the Scrappers' victory over Lake Hamilton.



Blake Moody (22) protects the ball against Murfreesboro Monday night, Nov. 18.



Jacoby Hopson (2) goes up for a shot in the opening round win over Murfreesboro.



Emma Hill (left) keeps the ball away from the Lady Rattler defender.



Maddie Lovelis moves the ball for the Scrapperettes against Murfreesboro.



Junior high cheerleaders perform at the tournament.



Emma Hill (left) maneuvers around the De Queen defenders as Lexi Kitchens moves in to help.



Trendon Northcross (1) against Lake Hamilton.

NJHS schedule
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Gauge Applegate (11) holds on to the ball in the win over El Dorado Wednesday, Nov. 20.

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Karstyn Scrivner, Nashville

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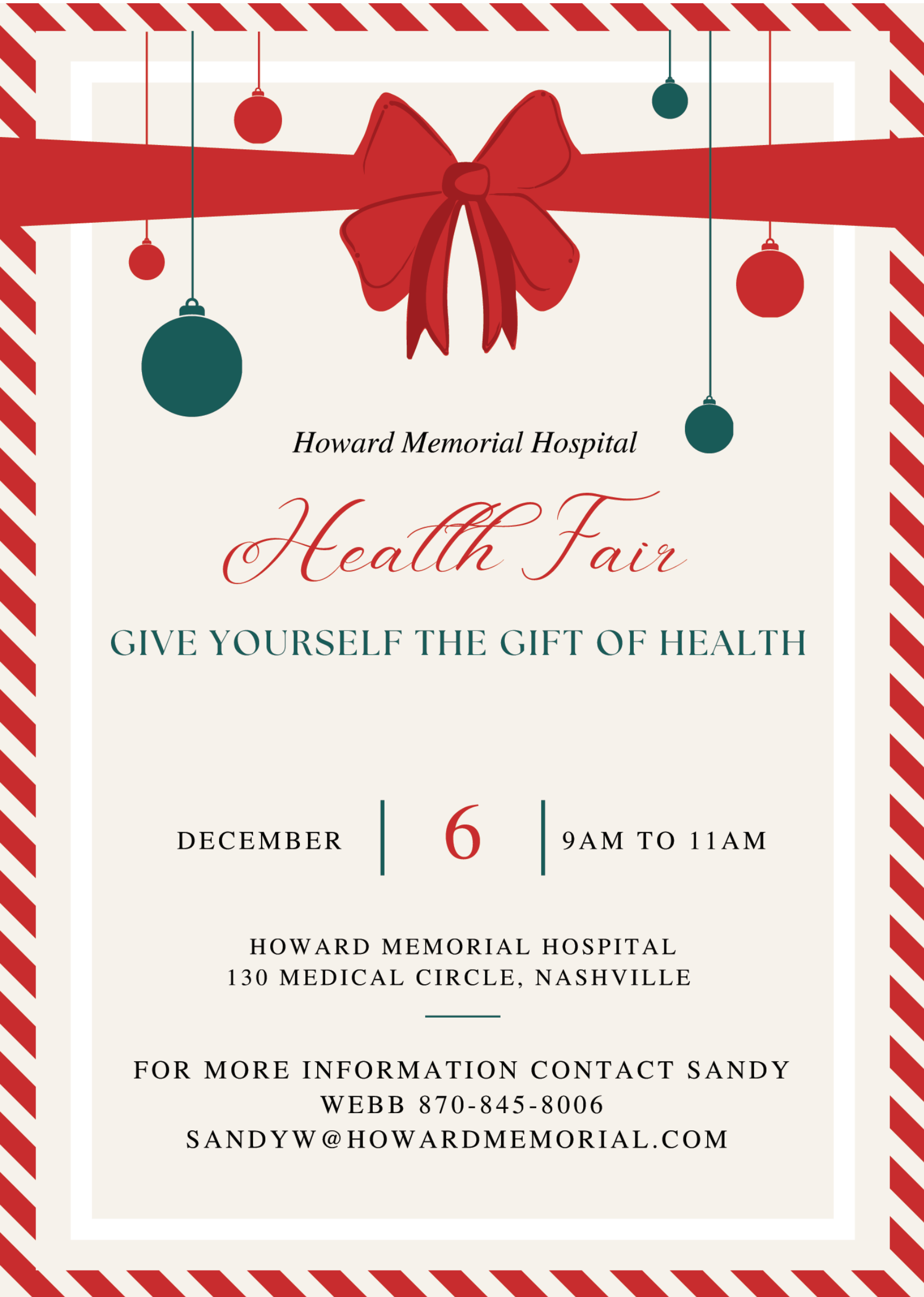
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INSPECTING THE PUMPERs. Jeremy Nixon of Fire Streams of Arkansas (at left) conducts the yearly inspection of the pumper system of a Nashville Fire Department truck Friday morning at the fire station. Pumper trucks from other departments in Howard County also got their annual check-up on Friday from the service's mobile apparatus.



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Pike County

Sales tax being considered for funding of two senior centers

By P.J. Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

Vickie Hutson, director of the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center, told the Pike County Quorum Court on Nov. 18 that the changes in management of the center were far from ideal.

"It's not as bad as it could be, but it is a mess," she said.

The Arkansas Agency on Aging (AAA) took over the center after the funding provider Central Arkansas Development District officially dropped the location at the start of November.

Also impacted by the move is the senior center location in Glenwood.

Hutson said the AAA was the supervising agency now, but was not a funding provider, telling the quorum court that for long term health, the county would have to likely take care of its own.

That will include the investigation of placing a sales tax referendum before the voters of Pike County in a special election that could take place in 2025.

"Between the two centers, if we don't take care of them, we could lose them," she said succinctly. "We'll have to take care of our own or lose [the centers]."

Hutson told the board of cuts that the center had experienced in November, including the removal of hot meals for delivery in the first two weeks of meals on wheels. She said last week at the Quorum Court she was able to add a hot meal to the deliveries that week, but at the cost of a frozen meal. She said the center was only able to deliver five meals a week to the homebound.

"That's five meals, not seven," Hutson said, adding that some delivery recipients in town declined the frozen meal options. "I don't look for it to get better," clarifying that under the CADC operation, they would previously deliver three hot and four frozen meals to recipients inside Murfreesboro.

She said there were around 60 recipients for meals on wheels, 40 of which were teetering on the verge of entering a nursing home.

"That's beds that they don't have locally [at nursing homes] ... they need us to keep the going at home as long as possible."

Hutson also added that the visits by delivery people were often the only person that many of the meal re-

cipients would see during the week.

"This is how we take care of them – the local churches [from which volunteer members to make deliveries] are our lifeline."

She relayed a story of how a local meal recipient was found recently after falling in their home.

"While she did die from her injuries, at least she got to spend time with her family at the hospital as opposed to passing away by herself."

In addition to changes in the delivery sector, meals served in the center will also face limitations. Takeout meals had been prohibited, and in person diners would face cuts as well.

"From what I have been able to piece together, we'll be able to serve 55 hot meals a day (in their three opening per week on Mondays-Wednesdays) and have to turn away seniors thereafter. It's really hard to have to turn seniors away and tell them we can't help them. I did ask the AAA if they eat on the weekend."

Hutson asked for the ability to utilize the county attorney as she begins to navigate the procedures of an election.

"We take pride in being a retirement town, but that means we have to take care of the seniors. We need to know the steps [for an election] so the voters can decide – and if there's a better alternative, I'm willing to listen. It's just that the reality is here, and the end of next year might call for tough decisions. The AAA has been seeking a provider for four months now and hasn't found one. We're to the point of change or perish."

Hutson told the board that both Pike County senior centers cost around \$700,000 together per year to operate.

The Murfreesboro center receives some funds from the City of Murfreesboro and both centers get some funds from Pike County via the Quorum Court. "They are the only ones trying to help," Hutson said in commending the local governmental organizations."

Also, in addition, both centers are now receiving donated chicken from Tyson's and have applied for a grant from Tyson Foods that could total up to \$50,000.

Justice of the Peace Paul Baker said that without exact figures, there was little the Quorum Court could di-

rectly do, but the court under general consensus (no vote was taken) did give Hutson their blessing to talk over the tax issue with their attorney.

"I just keep thinking that one day we will be that age," Baker said.

J.P. Johnny Plyler said a one-cent sale tax increase would raise more than 1 million dollars a year, with a half cent measure bringing in around \$600,000.

"These [seniors] helped build the county for the last 50 years – we need to help all we can," said Pike County Judge Eddie Howard. "We understand this is a desperate situation."

Huston said the effect of the centers' services shouldn't be underestimated in Pike County.

"It's not just about money, it's about peoples' lives. We're going have to all get on the same page and come up with a solution, ultimately being unified or die. It's not going to get better by itself, and our residents aren't getting any younger."

The court was told that CADC formerly had grant-writers to seek additional funds, but neither the centers nor the AAA had them.

In a separate interview, Huston told the newspaper that no fault should be directed toward the AAA, but rather toward the federal government, who has allowed the situation they now find themselves in to transpire.

"In the big picture, we were dumped into the laps of the AAA after CADC decided not to be our funding providers any more. The current situation is not their fault, even though it's hard on the community. If we can't get some change, if this is the norm, who gets hurt? If someone doesn't step up, and we can't take care of our seniors, it will break my heart. This situation goes back to lack of continued funding from the federal government, and the blame falls squarely on their shoulders. The AAA is doing all they can do under the circumstances, but it is an expensive proposition."

Ultimately, she said it was not a good time for seniors.

"There's not enough beds at nursing homes, there's no grocery store in Murfreesboro and there's no hope for better funding from the federal government – and those truths don't change the fact we are providing less



News-Leader photo/JOHN BALCH

BELL TOWER RESTORATION. The past 10 years have been rough on the "castle boxes" atop the bell tower of the Howard County Historical Society's EA Williams Chapel Museum, according to the group's president, Freddie Horne, who said work is now underway to make an estimated \$32,000 worth of repairs. The Society is asking the public for financial help to assist in the project through tax-deductible contributions with a goal of \$10,000 to be matched with a \$20,000 state grant. Branch Construction of Murfreesboro is the contractor for the job. For more information, contact Horne at (870) 451-4288.

meals. Limiting meals is detrimental, and it's borderline unacceptable for hot meals to be prohibitive."

However, she wants people to know she's not lost hope.

"I'm not throwing my hands up ... we are in trouble, but we were already in trouble for a while now. I'll just be as patient as possible until we see how this all sorts out."

She said one solution to the current situation was simple – take care of each other.

"If you know someone who is having issues, reach out to your neighbor and help take care of their needs. There are two things a person must have to survive – food and water. They are a must to live. Help others and look out for your neighbors all you can. We can't ask the churches to do everything, and there aren't many other avenues."

Hutson said the Pike County Quorum Court has always been good to the centers, and said the people of Pike County have always stepped up to take care of

their own.

"I'd love to hear any ideas about a solution, so just call us to help," Huston said.

The senior center in Murfreesboro can be reached at (870) 285-2312.

She said call she's gotten in the last few weeks have been encouraging.

"We have good hearted people willing to help, and all the calls tells me the

community cares about us. I want to thank the people of the town for their concern – I appreciate it.

"We're all we have got. We are a retirement town and we need to take care of our elderly – I just want to see that. We need a place for them to come to, they have so much life left. If we lose the centers, what will we have left?"

90th birthday party at Dierks

There will be a 90th birthday party for Billy Tom Young of Dierks on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. in the Dierks Community Building, 102 West Second Street.

90th birthday party at Umpire

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On The Farm, In The Yard Dealing with Fall Spurweed (stickers!)

By Dawson Bailey
Howard County Extension
Agent – Agriculture

Spurweed is a tiny winter annual with parsley-like leaves that grows close to the soil line. It may also be called stickers or burweed.

Spurweed will germinate in the fall and winter and remains small. It normally will go unnoticed until the plant matures.

White flowers will bloom in late winter. As the temperatures increase in the spring, the pollinated flowers begin to set fruit. The fruiting structures look like small rosette buttons developing in the leaf axils. In mid-to-late spring, the seed in the fruit structure develops spines that become sharp when the fruit dries out.

This is the part that gets stuck in your or your pet's feet.

Spurweed can be prevented by maintaining a healthy turf. Healthy turf competes for water, nutrients, and space. A healthy turf can be encouraged by fertility, irrigation, and mowing height. It will act as a physical bar-

rier, choking out many opportunistic weeds. If you have warm-season grass (like bermudagrass or zoysiagrass), it may help to use the highest cutting setting for the last cut of the season in the fall. This will ensure a thick canopy is present over winter. If you do not like having a deeper yard during the winter months there are other options to control spurweed.

If the spurweed is already present in your lawn, it is critical to control it before the fruiting structure develops in the spring.

The best time to apply herbicides for spurweed control is in the winter months of December, January, and February. During these months, the warm season turf species are dormant and not sensitive to many herbicide applications.

In most areas of Arkansas, you can also effectively control spurweed in March.

The best option for homeowners to control spurweed is a post-emergence application of one of the various two and three-way mixes of

2,4-D, dicamba, and MCPP. One of the most common trade names for herbicides in this category is Trimec. These products may be used on tall fescue, fall overseeded bermudagrass in which the overseeded cool-season grass has been mowed four to five times, and non-overseeded bermudagrass.

The post-emergence herbicides should be applied on a sunny day when the air temperature is at least 55 degrees.

Spurweed should be evaluated two to three weeks later. If the control is not acceptable, you may make additional applications.

Always read the label to make sure the formulation and percentage of chemicals are appropriate for your lawn.

For more information, you can contact the Howard County Extension office at 870-845-7517 or find helpful fact sheets on our website at www.uada.edu.

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



THIRD AT NATIONAL COOK-OFF. Sarah Lamb (at left), a member of the Howard County 4-H Teen Leaders Club, recently competed in the National Poultry BBQ Cook-off in Louisville, Ky., where she placed third. Lamb, who is pictured here in Kentucky with Howard County Extension 4-H Agent Samantha Horn, won the state cook-off in June to earn her spot at the national event. During the competition, cooks were judged on safety, taste and appearance. Lamb is the daughter of Beth and Jim Bob Lamb.

AG&FF ‘12 Guns of Christmas’ to raise conservation funds

The Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation has the perfect opportunity to contribute to conservation efforts in Arkansas and maybe pick up a fantastic gift for that someone special on your holiday shopping list. Tickets for their annual “12 Guns of Christmas” membership drive are available now.

“We only have 1,000 of these tickets available, and each one gets you in 12 different drawings, each for a great firearm you can give to a loved one or put under the tree with your own name on the card,” Tyler Lawrence, director of events and programming for the AGFF, said. “Tickets are only \$35, and you’ll also be added to the AGFF’s Gun Club membership, receiving a window decal and subscriptions to the AGFF’s newsletter.”

Lawrence says proceeds from this membership drive will go toward supporting the year-round work of the

Foundation, which works closely with the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation to promote outdoor activities and support many AGFC programs such as Youth Shooting Sports, Archery in the Schools, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman and the many nature centers across the state, including the recently developed Simmons Family Farm, which specializes in providing mentored hunting experiences for youths and other beginning hunters.

Drawings for the firearms will be held Dec. 10-21, with one gun given away each day. Winners will be posted on the AGFF Facebook page and notifications will be sent via phone and email to the lucky winners. All winners must pass a federal background check to claim their prize.

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The Pilgrims:

- were from this country _____
- wanted religious _____
- sailed on this ship to America _____
- landed here in Massachusetts _____
- lost almost one half of their people during the first, cold, hard _____
- were shown ways to grow food by Squanto, a member of the Patuxet _____, who could speak English _____
- in the fall of 1621, shared a harvest _____
- with _____ members of the Pokanoket tribe _____
- had races and _____

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turkey

walks

table

winter

feast

parade

family

tribe

contests

England

football

Today:

10. Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday of _____

11. people will travel many miles to visit _____

12. most families will roast a _____

13. they gather around the dinner _____ and enjoy a feast in our lives and to be _____

14. it's a day to think about all of the good things _____

15. turn on the T.V and watch the huge balloons, bands and floats in the famous Thanksgiving _____

16. go for long _____ with the family

17. head outside after dinner and play touch _____

18. have _____ pie for dessert

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- Ask each person to write things that he or she is thankful for on the feather.
- Paste the turkey with its feathers on a big piece of paper.
- Hang it up for all to read and enjoy!

Draw your favorite fruit here:

On Thanksgiving We . . .

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give thanks

roast turkey

remember friends

visit neighbors

watch football

prepare food

decorate tables

march in parades

eat pumpkin pie

VERBS are **“ACTION”** words. Find and circle all the action words that are underlined above.

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Ozark Foundation’s second annual Arkansas Graveler, a five-day bike journey across county and forest backroads from Ouachita National Forest in western Arkansas to scenic Greers Ferry Lake in north central Arkansas, will take place June 3-8, 2025.

The event will begin in Mena on June 3 and finish in Heber Springs on June 8. The course is known as The Bigfoot Route.

Approximately 400 touring and recreational cyclists from across the country are expected to participate in the ride which will include four stops in host communities along the route.

- Day 1 – Mena to Glenwood (61 miles)
- Day 2 – Glenwood to Hot Springs (63 miles)
- Day 3 – Hot Springs (participants can opt to ride in the Ouachita National Forest or explore historic Hot Springs and Hot Springs National Park)
- Day 4 – Hot Springs to Morrilton (72 miles)
- Day 5 – Morrilton to Heber Springs (73 miles)

“Arkansas Graveler will showcase and celebrate the best of Arkansas – its natural beauty, culture, and hospitality – in a most unique and magnificent way,” said Scotti Moody, Director of Events and Development for Ozark Foundation. “While this route will present an

incredibly epic challenge for cyclists from around the world, we hope they return home having felt that the Arkansas Graveler is so much more than a ride.”

The inaugural 2024 event, which ran through northern Arkansas, attracted 265 touring and recreational cyclists from 35 states.

Approximately 25% of the participants were female, which is higher than the average cycling event.

Ozark Foundation learned lessons from the first event that Moody believes will make the 2025 event even more successful.

“First of all, this year’s Arkansas Graveler will happen a few weeks earlier so as to attempt to avoid the stifling heat and humidity of Arkansas summers,” she said.

“We are also shortening the event by a day and offering a flex day for rest and relaxation at the midway point.”

As with the 2024 event, host communities will benefit greatly from the economic impact of cyclists seeking food and unique experiences within each community.

Last year, the Arkansas Graveler giveback program donated bikes to rural communities through the non-profit organization, Pedal It Forward. Graveler participants also helped pack more than 15,000 meals for residents in Searcy County.

Arkansas has approximately 69,000 miles of unpaved roads, according to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

Gravel is one of cycling’s fastest-growing sectors. Shea Lewis, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, says Arkansas is well-positioned to become a leading destination.

“We are proud to be a partner in this event because cycling, especially on unpaved surfaces, presents an outstanding way to grow

5-day Arkansas Graveler bike event to traverse state on county, forest backroads; Glenwood selected for destination

the tourism and outdoor economy in some of Arkansas’ more rural counties,” said Lewis. “Each county in our state has a system of gravel roads that can become tourist attractions and offer a one-of-a-kind view of the outdoor beauty and small-town charm that makes Arkansas special.”

Growing Arkansas’ outdoor economy is a priority for Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, and she established the Natural State Initiative to help coordinate public and private resources

to enhance the outdoor recreation sector.

Those efforts have resulted in further development of the Trails at Mena project with more than 100 miles of trails on and around Rich Mountain and the near completion of the Delta Heritage Trail in east Arkansas.

Moody said a common theme from 2024 participants was the friendliness of the people in Arkansas

“I’ve personally ridden through each community on the 2025 Bigfoot Route and can attest to the unmatched

hospitality of the people,” she said. “I’m excited to reveal how amazing our gravel is and to showcase the Arkansas outdoor experience to the world.”

Registration for the Arkansas Graveler event will begin on Jan. 1, 2025, at <https://www.bikereg.com/arkansas-graveler>.

Committed partners with Ozark Foundation for the 2025 event include Arkansas Department of Parks Heritage and Tourism and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Pike County deputy unhurt in rollover

A Pike County deputy trying to make a turn-around on a speeder Sunday on Highway 27 slipped into a washout and overturned his patrol unit, according to Sheriff Travis Hill.

Hill said Deputy David Walker, who was being followed by Deputy Adriana Laurent, was traveling on Highway 27 on the straight stretch

near the Laurel Creek turn when he clocked a speeder exceeding the posted limit. Hill said Walker was making a shoulder to shoulder U-turn when his 2020 Durango slipped into a washed out area of the shoulder. Sheriff Hill said the washout was a virtual drop-off and added that Walker, who was not injured, told him the rollover

“happened in slow motion.”

The accident caused Walker’s radio unit to go out and Deputy Laurent reported the rollover.

Sheriff Hill along with several deputies and an ambulance went to the scene. “Whenever you hear the word ‘rollover’ you think the worst, but this wasn’t the case here,” Hill added.

Sex offender charged in Clark County

A Pike County registered sex offender with a history of exposing himself has been arrested and charged in Clark County.

Geral Bashard Gentry, 37, of Delight, was charged Nov. 21 with indecent exposure, a Class D felony.

According to case information, Gentry is a registered sex offender

under the jurisdiction of Pike County who has within the past 10 years been convicted on three separate occasions for indecent exposure in Arkansas. He also has multiple previous charges for indecent exposure and indecency with a child by exposure in Texas.

Gentry was arrested Nov. 4 by the Arkadelphia Police Department after

he allegedly exposed himself to two female victims while masturbating in one of the victim’s yards.

Gentry is currently being held in the Clark County Jail on \$50,000 bond. His arraignment date is Dec. 3. A no-contact order was issued related to his two alleged victims.

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*Indian Trail Run- Runner-Up
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1st- Scarlett Nuttall
2nd- Dallie Graham
4th- Sophie Younger
7th- Taigen Collins

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Aspen Pugh
Lilly Hogg
Ally Sayre
Sophie Younger
Breezy Faulkner

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*Tom Stuthard Stampede- Runner-Up
*Buck Fever Showcase- Runner-Up
*Dragon Country Invitational- Champions
*The Leopard Run- Runner-Up
*Tom Stuthard Top 25- Champions
*Indian Trail Run- Champions
*7AA District Meet- Champions
1st- Carlee Mounts
3rd- Kalee Mounts
4th- Hannah Kirby
5th- Gracie Thigpen
6th- Aspen Pugh
7th- Lilly Hogg
9th- Ally Sayre
*Class 2A State Meet- Runner-Up

Senior Boys Roster

Dylan Moore
Landen Young
Jacob Runyan
Bryar Janes
Kolten Gadbury
Hunter Glasgow

Season Accomplishments

*7AA District Meet- Runner-Up
2nd- Dylan Moore
8th- Hunter Glasgow

Continued from 2A
More Thanksgiving Lists

Owen Lovelis is thankful for money, all my friends, my parents, and that I am not sick anymore.
Ada Morrow is thankful for my sister, that my daddy killed a deer, that my uncle got to stay the night with me, and for my Grandma that died.
Melissa Najera is thankful for my dog and my mom.
Sterling Parker is thankful for my Daddy, my Mommy, and my sister.
Harper Pham is thankful for my family, my mom working, and Jesus.
Liam Soto is thankful for my family, my cat, and my dog.
Cristal Marrufo is thankful for my brother, my Daddy, and Momma.
•Jennifer Pinkerton's Kindergarten class is thankful for:
Angel Bustamante – turkey to eat.
Julio DeLaRosa – feeding my dog.
Keylee Hallmark – Jenny and Karla and Cocomelon.
Brandon Hill – pumpkin pie and pumpkins.
Eden Johnson – Jesus and help with my homework.
Kylie Jones – food and my whole family.
Easton Marshall – pumpkin pie with cream.
Beckett Mason – God and Jesus and my food.
Tommy Payton – my puppy, God and Jesus, and my mama and daddy.
Samantha Pintler – my dad, my mommy, and my dog Josie May.
Joely Pryor – Caroline helping me up when I'm hurt.
Taylin Smith – getting snacks before we leave for the bus.
Stewie Stroud – my dad, my mom, and my brothers.
Mariyah Swift – my friends and my family.
Ellie Witherspoon – my mama, my sister, my dog, and my cousins.
•Krissie Talley's Kindergarten class has a thankful list:
Connor Brown- I am thankful for cats, my granny, my pawpaw, my dog, my mom and my two sisters.
Della Crump- I am thankful for my family, my cousins, my stuffed animals, my toys.
Rowen Faulkner- I am thankful for soldiers, police officers, firefighters, my daddy, and my momma.
Liam Garcia- I am thankful for the army mens who died for us, my friends, my dad and my mom and all

my family, my three dogs.
Ezequiel Hernandez-I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my family and my grandma.
Karla Hernandez-I am thankful for my mom, my dad and my brothers.
Keelan Johnson- I am thankful for my family, a smiley face and school.
Jenny Markcum-I am thankful for my mom, my dad, pretty girls and Michael.
Kayden Miller-I am thankful for my dad, my mom, my brothers and my pawpaw.
Jaylynn Murphy-I am thankful for my mom, candy, my dad and my sister.
Brooklyn Parker-I am thankful for the army, my mom, my dad and my grandma.
Michael Ramos Almazan-I am thankful for my family, my house and furniture, and my toys.
Carter Singleton-I am thankful for my mom, the soldiers, my dad and my brother.
Ashton Williamson-I am thankful for my friends, my mom, my daddy and my brother.
Ava Witherspoon- I am thankful for my family, my teacher, my friends and school.
Legend Wroblewski-I am thankful for my family, my friends and myself.
Mason Barnes-I am thankful for my mom and my dad and my friends.

•Shannon White's class is thankful for...
Najih Ali: my mom, Mrs. White, my school and God.
Everlynn Childs: my mommy and Mrs. White.
Noah Ganous: my sister.
Kason Green: my parents, food and my school.
Chloe Grissom: the pumpkin patch.
Justice Madison: my family.
Jasmine Haney: turkey.
Avery Lowrey: my family and my horses.
Landen Nevarez-Arce: my family, my house and school.
Adrian Pioquinto: my family.
Melanie Pioquinto: my mom and dad.
Rex Reeves: Carter, my mommy and daddy and my pet bull.
Ivy Slaton: my mom.
Jolee Stanley: my mommy and daddy.
Julianne Stanley: my whole family, my house and my calf.
Zane Teague: my school.
Preston Wakefield: my family and turkey.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

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

NOTICE

Last Known Address: 604 Oak St, Mineral Springs, Arkansas 71851

Date of Death: September 11, 2019

The undersigned was appointed Administratrix of the estate of the above decedent on September 11, 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 20 day of November, 2024.

Brenda Porter

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Telecommunications Tower: Public Participation

Harmoni Towers, LLC is proposing to construct a new monopole style telecommunications tower approximately 0.03 miles south-southwest of West Clark Street and North 3rd Street, also known as 302 W. Howard Street, Nashville, AR 71852. 33° 56' 38.8" N, -93° 50' 59.7" W. The height of the tower will be 47.2 meters above ground level (133.8' above mean sea level) and 50.9 meters above ground level including appurtenances (184.7 feet above mean seal level with appurtenances). The tower will not require FAA lighting. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling T-Squared Site Services at 724-308-7855 during normal business hours. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Registration (Form 854) file no. A1302873 and may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR § 1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Request for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Request for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmental-request. If the filer is unable to submit electronically, or if filing electronically would be unreasonably burdensome, the request may be submitted by mail to FCC Request for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 with a request for waiver under 47 CFR § 1.1304(b). A copy of the Request should be provided to T-Squared Site Services, Attn: Todd Marimpietri at 2501 Shenango Valley Freeway, Suite 3, Hermitage, PA 16148. (pd. 22, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER T CUMMINGS

55 PR-24-65

NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 1404 N Washington Ave, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas.

Date of death: November 16, 2020

Wesley Cummings I was appointed the Administrator of the Estate of Walter T Cummings, by order dated October 18, 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 the 27 day of November, 2024.

Wesley Cummings, Administrator, by Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138

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Howard County District Court

Nov. 21, 2024
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
Beaty, Randy W., 43, Hatfield, \$270 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Bickerstaff, Tommy Lee, 21, Texarkana, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving
Black, La Keyla D., 30, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Burchette, Juliyah Ametria, 16, Nashville, \$260 BF, speeding
Burton, Lee Artis, 33, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$350 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Camacho, Samuel Elias, 17, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Couch, Travis Scott, 66, Columbus, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Davidson, Stephanie Michelle, 46, BrokenBow, Okla., possession controlled substance, deferred adjudication to dismiss, fined \$1,075; possession of drug paraphernalia, under advisement to dismiss
Dinger, Kenneth A., 60, Dierks, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210
Faulkner, Alex, 27, Dierks, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Finley, Shaunelle D., 46, Nashville, guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Graves Marlon Deon Jr., 21, Washington, \$290 BF, speeding
Gray, Richard, 27, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$995 owed
Hendrix, Ayanna L., 20, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding
Jefferson, Miltja, 27, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$260
Jewell, Kason Lane, 19, Dierks, \$195 BF, driving left of center
Johnson, Javen Mekhi, 21, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Johnson, Martell Devon, 30, Texarkana, guilty of no

proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Johnson, Steven Reed, 35, Dierks, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$248
Munoz, Rene, 39, Prescott, guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Ramirez Alvarado, Manuela, 42, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Scott, Bobby Ray, 37, Hugo, Okla., \$230 BF, speeding
Sillavan, Katelyn P., 32, Lockesburg, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Smith, Christian, 20, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Sotomunoz, Joshua, 24, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding
Thomas, Derrin, 22, Nashville, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195
Venancio Lopez, Cristobal, 37, De Queen, \$230 BF, speeding
Weaver, Ivy, 39, Nashville, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Yerger, David S., 66, Nashville, guilty of failure to yield, fined \$195; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Nashville
Barbre, Tyler W., 24, Ozan, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Batts, Drevian, 23, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710
Brown, Cedrick, 19, Huttig, guilty fo possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Bustmante, Ernesto, 25, Nashville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Casiano, Jose Martin, 40, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$5347 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Cheatham, Reginald D., 54, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for

time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Davis, Stanley A., 66, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Flores, Ayala, 50, Nashville, guilty of unlawful burning, fined \$220
Gilliam, Saniya Lashae, 18, Saratoga, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Henderons, James E., 58, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Hopkins, Alicia Y., 44, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$705 owed
Kuester, Cody G., 31, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Magee, Lisa M., 41, Nashville, \$245 BF permitting unauthorized driver

Maldonado, Elder Pine-da, 23, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Markcum, Michael, 32, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Martin, Nicholas Ray, 27, Texarkana, \$345 BF, not licensed for type of vehicle being operated; \$245 BF, failure to appear
McGhee, Timothy O., 33, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$660
Ornelas, Roberto Miguel, 36, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Padillo-Aley, Jose, 20, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Pierce, Ryan B., 32, McCaskill, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145
Robinson, Matthew W., 43, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,775 owed, committed to jail-

suspended conditions
Ross, Lonnie, 24, Lewisville, \$215 BF, improper or prohibited passing
Ross, Tiffany N., 33, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710
Sanchez, Juan, 18, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Terrell, Caysha, 37, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Wesson, Andy R., 58, Nashville, \$220 BF, drinking in public
Zuniga, Alfredo Jr., 30, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
City of Dierks
Asbury, Herbert J., 59, Mitchell, Ind., \$195 BF, running stop sign or light
Gray, Richard, 27, Dierks, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Johnson, Steven Reed, 35, Dierks, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$410; guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270

Stokes, Chassity P., 34, Dierks, guilty of use of wireless phone while driving, fined \$145
City of Mineral Springs
Finley, Ashley Monique, 35, Mineral Springs, guilty of contributing to delinquency of minor, fined \$425
Green, Chester Ray, 72, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Iacovell, Nicolas T., 20, Mineral Springs, guilty of contributing to delinquency of a minor, fined \$425
Bench Trials
Howard County
Adams, Shawn Jerome, 53, De Queen, guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$215
Lewis, Vanessa A., 55, Nash, Texas, guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$215
City of Nashville
Linville, Christopher, 44, Nashville, guilty of expired license, fined \$195



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FISHING THE FALLS. The emerald pools of the low-flowing Little Missouri Falls in the Ouachita National Forest tempts an angler to try his luck on a sunny Saturday afternoon. The falls are located in the ONF near the Polk/Montgomery County line and is part of the Little Missouri Trail.

Blevins driver killed, four locals hurt in crash last week on bypass

A Blevins driver was killed and four other people were injured in a four-vehicle accident Thursday, Nov. 21 in Nashville, according to the Arkansas State Police.
Melody Kiley, 49, died in the crash, which was reported around 5:40 p.m. on the Highway 27 bypass.
Kiley was driving a 2018 Dodge Caravan east on Cassady Street when she allegedly failed to yield the right-of-way at the highway and collided with a 2005 Peterbilt traveling south on Highway 27, causing the big rig to spill its cargo onto the roadway. The cargo collided with a Jeep Renegade driven

by Vincent Gamble, 48, of Nashville and a 2024 Chevrolet Trax, whose driver was not listed in the report.
Gamble and the driver of the Peterbilt, Kelly Starr, 34, of Oden were both injured in the wreck.
Two passengers in Kiley's vehicle were injured and included Hannah Salazar, 28 and James Drummond, 18, both of Blevins.
The injured and deceased were transported by ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital.
ASP Cpl. Travis Hale reported conditions were clear and dry at the time of the accident.

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