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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

Soup kitchen to be open Dec. 11 at MS church

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ will provide its last soup kitchen and pantry box event of 2024 Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 3-6 p.m.

The soup kitchen will be carry out only. The menu will include taco soup, fritos and cookies.

Organizers "should have meat to distribute along with the pantry boxes, but it will be limited to first come, first serve," a statement from the church said.

The soup kitchen is offered the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month but will not be open Christmas Day.

The church is located at 318 Bridgeman Drive, Mineral Springs.

For more information, call 870-451-4441.

Cross Point Church plans Live Nativity Dec. 13-14

Live animals and 100 costumed participants are among the features of the Cross Point Cowboy Church 2024 Live Nativity.

The event will be in the covered arena at the church located seven miles west of Nashville on Hwy. 371.

The event is free, and the public is invited to attend from 6-8 p.m. on the nights of Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14. Golf cart rides will be available for persons who have difficulty walking.

The streets of Bethlehem will be re-created, including some of the kinds of businesses which would have existed at the time of the birth of Christ.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the entrance of the arena.



NHS band director Jacob Happy
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Three-time state champ to prowl sidelines again, this time as head coach

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

A three-time state champion will be back on the Scrapper sidelines this fall.

Brad Chesshir was named head football coach Monday night, Dec. 9, during a special meeting of the Nashville School Board.

Members voted 5-0 to hire Chesshir as assistant athletic director, football coach and teacher.

"Welcome back home," board president Tem Gunter said. "We're excited about your enthusiasm, and we know what you'll bring."

The next day, Chesshir met with the Scrapers for the first time.

A Nashville native, Chesshir played on Scrapper teams that won back-to-back state championships in 2005 and 2006.

He's remembered fondly in Nashville and not so fondly in Warren as the defender who stopped Lumberjack Jarius Wright on a two-point conversion attempt in the finals at War Memorial Stadium, securing the 2006 state title for the Scrapers with a 21-20 victory.

In 2015, Chesshir was defensive coordinator when Nashville won another state championship, this time a 39-20 decision over Prairie Grove at War Memorial.

Chesshir will come to Nashville

from the South Pike County School District, where he served as athletic director and head football coach at Murfreesboro.

Chesshir and his wife Phylicia have three children - Paisley, 9; Bailey, 6; and Parker, 4.

Superintendent Doug Graham said a recent listing of state playoff victories showed Nashville with more wins than any other team in Arkansas. "There's a standard when we talk about Scrapper football. There's something special about Scrapper football," Graham said.

Chesshir "embraces Scrapper spirit, pride, tradition, the brotherhood and knows it's something special. He's somebody the community can relate to and rally around," according to Graham.

A 2007 graduate of Nashville High School, Chesshir received his Bachelor of Arts in physical education in 2012 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He earned his Master of Science in Education in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State at Jonesboro in 2022.

Chesshir's teaching and coaching experience includes the following:

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

BACK HOME. Scrapper football alumnus Brad Chesshir was named Nashville's head football coach in a special school board meeting Monday night, Dec. 9. The new coach and his family attended the meeting. They include (front) daughters Paisley, 9; and Bailey, 6; (back) Coach Brad Chesshir, wife Phylicia and son Parker, 4. Chesshir played on two state championship teams at Nashville and was defensive coordinator on another.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

CLASSIC OPENER. Bo Bell (12) comes away with the ball in the Scrapers' victory over Acorn Monday, Dec. 9, in the Nashville Bankers' Classic. The Scrapers (2-0) will play Nevada at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Classic, following the Scrapperettes' 6:15 p.m. game against Cossatot River.

Holiday event set at Washington

Historic Washington State Park will host its 38th Annual Christmas and Candlelight on Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14.

Luminaria lighting and music programs will begin at 5 p.m.

Tour venues will open earlier at 1 p.m.

Homes and buildings within the historic town will be decorated with period decorations, and thousands of luminaria will

light the streets.

A horse-drawn surrey will be available for rides.

Williams' Tavern Restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per adult and \$6 per child (up to age 12).

Parking is \$5 per vehicle (cash only).

For more information about the event, contact the park at 870-983-2684.

Christmas parade Dec. 14 at MS; community gathering afterward

The Mineral Springs Christmas parade will be Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at 4 p.m.

There is no charge for parade entries.

The line-up will get underway at the Mineral Springs Volunteer

Fire Department building.

After the parade there will be a community gathering at City Hall with soup, chili and sides. There will also be games, gifts and prizes.

The public is invited.

Mount Nebo provides attractions for everyone

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Mount Nebo State Park is unique.

Perched on the flat-topped mountain that gives it its Biblical name, and only five miles from Dardanelle, you'll need to steel your nerves and get ready for a drive up to the top that you aren't soon to forget.

With 11 switchbacks in only two miles, you'll climb 1,350 white-knuckled feet above the valley and be greeted at the top by breathtaking views of the Arkansas River Valley.

Originally developed in 1889, Mount Nebo quickly became a destination for people from all over the nation.

With four steamboats carrying guests weekly from Little Rock to Dardanelle, with the resort sporting two luxury hotels with more than 100 guest rooms each, with a ballroom and a 10-piece jazz band, and even an on-site bowling alley, it was quite the place to go if you were wealthy and wanted to escape the heat and mosquitoes of lower altitudes.

Up to 5,000 people called Mount Nebo home during

the summer months.

Then in 1918, the resort began a decline when one of the luxury hotels burned to the ground, never to be rebuilt.

The community of Mount Nebo continued to exist but had difficulty, and in 1924 local women who were not pleased with the local government (all male), put forward a slate of candidates (all female) for all of the local offices.

They were all elected, and Mount Nebo became the first municipality in Arkansas to be run completely by women.

As the resort continued to decline, local interests in Dardanelle began the push to establish Mount Nebo as a state park. In 1928 Arkansas began purchasing the land, establishing it as the second state park in Arkansas, after Petit Jean.

In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps began its work on Mount Nebo. Over the next two years, workers built roads, bridges, hiking trails, cabins and pavilions, many of which remain in use and are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Interestingly, private own-

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Jaree Hall of Nashville stands in front of the first cabin for rent in the state park system.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Great Depression-era historic marker telling the story of Mount Nebo

Obituaries



Marjorie Irene Kirby

Marjorie Irene Kirby, age 90, a resident of Umpire, Ark., died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at Dierks Health and Rehab.

She was born Aug. 7, 1934, in Board Camp, Ark. She was a member of Mt. View Baptist Church. She graduated from Mena High School where she played basketball and scored 52 points in one game. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed visits with her parents and siblings. She was an avid Arkansas Razorback Basketball fan and enjoyed gardening. She also enjoyed going to basketball games with Reese and watching her girls play ball.

Mrs. Kirby was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Irene (Looney) Bryan; her husband, Reese D. Kirby; sister, Armel Waddell; brother, Durward Bryan and daughter, Joyce Ann Kirby.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Jan and Charles Loyd of Cabot, Ark., and Kay and Terry Adams of Umpire, Ark.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, June and Dudley Henderson of Fort Smith, Ark., Brenda and Gene Hodges of North Little Rock, Ark.; two granddaughters and their spouses, Kim and Clint Morgan of Fayetteville, Ark., Lauren and Braden Pennington of Umpire; three great-grandchildren; Drew Morgan of Fayetteville, Sloane and Slate Pennington of Umpire, one niece and one nephew.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Kirby will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at Burg Cemetery in Umpire, Ark., with Clint Morgan officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks, Arkansas.

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

Taft Cephas Bell, Jr.

Taft Cephas Bell, Jr., 65, of Nashville died Nov. 15, 2024.

He was born Nov. 21, 1958, to the late Taft Bell, Sr., and June E. Lewis Coulter in Ft. Smith.

Survivors include: children Shavon L Matthews of Benton, Shakala Johnson of Lockesburg, Taft C. Bell,

Jr., of New York; siblings Ruth Lewis, Juanita Morgan, Dianna Lawrence, Renita Harris, Charity Benson, Nathaniel Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Flavors Mosley, Sidney Mosley, and Danny Durry; also grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 14, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home.

Terry Dean

Terry Dean, 77, of Nashville died Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, in Shreveport, La.

He was born Dec. 6, 1946, in Murfreesboro, the son of the late Fred Dean and Bessie Adcock Dean.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Dearl, Gary, and Ray Dean and one sister Patsy Pipkins.

Survivors include: his children, Angie Dean, Gary Dean, Becky Schooley, and Karen Dean; a sister, Judy Sanders, also grandchildren.

Visitation will be 12-1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services will begin at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at Mt. Tabor Cemetery, with Scott Feemster officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

William Glen Edwards

William Glen Edwards, 91, of Mineral Springs died Dec. 5, 2024.

He was born on April 25, 1933, the son of the late John Kirkland Edwards and Ida Bell Arnold Edwards.

He was a US Army veteran and was retired from Georgia Pacific.

He was preceded in death by wife, Lucille Edwards, his brothers Jamie, J.K., and Bud Edwards, and his sisters Marion Edwards, Dorothy Nutt, and Elaine Cowart.

Survivors include: his children, Sherry Stoneking and her husband Robert, and Leaman Edwards and his wife Rebekah; his siblings, Mary Lou Shofner and Clarence Edwards; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, from 10-12 at Nashville Funeral home with a graveside service to follow at 12:30 p.m. at Bluff Springs Cemetery.



Kathryn Jean Kirby

Mrs. Kathryn Jean Kirby, age 91, a resident of Dierks, Ark., died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2024, in CHI St. Vincent in

Sherwood, Ark.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1933, in Dierks, Ark. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Kirby was preceded in death by her husband, George Virdo Kirby, and one son, John Steve Kirby; her parents, Harmen Chandler, Sr., and Addie Lee Clark Chandler; one brother, Harmon Chandler, Jr., and one great-grandbaby, Koe Kirby.

She is survived by: one daughter and son-in-law, Janette and Gary Bearden of Dierks, Ark., one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Pam Kirby of Dierks, Ark.; one daughter-in-law, Penny Kirby of Dierks; grandchildren and their spouses, James and Laken Wright of Kirby, Roger and Laci Collins of Nashville, Ark., Tammy and Kenny Williams of Yellville, Ark., Derek and Cassie Kirby of Dierks, Ark., Devin, and Neesha Kirby of Umpire, Ark., Marty and Becky Bearden of Umpire, Ark.; Billy Bob Kirby of Dierks, Ark.; 16 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren; one special caregiver, Judy Walters and a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Kirby will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at Burg Cemetery with David Bailey officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks.

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

Patricia Sue Snyder Shirley

Patricia Sue Snyder Shirley, age 84, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 in Texarkana, Texas. She was born Oct. 25, 1940, in Carmi, Illinois, the daughter of the late Brady Patrick "Pat" Snyder and Mary Lucille Hayes Snyder.

She was survived by her daughters Felicia Dee Shirley Buchanan (Doug), Monika Maria Shirley Tipton (David), grandchildren Rachael, Mathew, Tara Tipton Moore, and William Tipton; her great grandchildren; and her cousins Carlin Snyder Barbatti, Christopher (Katherine) and family.

A small family gathering will be held at a later time in Ocala. Interment will be next to her parents there.

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



HOSPITAL'S LOBBY WAS FULL OF VENDORS for the health fair, Friday. Above at left, Melissa Sackette, director of the Patient Care Unit, with Sandy Webb, Administrative and Marketing Director for Howard Memorial Hospital.



At the HMH Health Fair

AT THE HOSPITAL'S HEALTH FAIR. One of the vendors in the hospital lobby for the health fair, Friday, was Elite Home Health represented by Tonya Haddan, left, and April Lampkin.

Methodist cantata is Sunday

The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church of Nashville will present the Christmas cantata "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m.

A reception will follow. There will be a special display of nativity sets from around the world, along with activities for children.

Jaree Hall is the music director at First United Methodist.

FUMC is on West Sunset, Nashville. The public is invited to attend.

Blood drive at Center Point, 12th

The Moonlighters Extension Homemakers Club will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 12.

The drive will be 2-7 p.m. at the Center Point Community Center. Donors are asked to bring their donor card or other identification.

For more information, call Cindy Harding at 870-451-3179.

Following the drive, a drawing will be held and one donor will receive a certificate for two free burgers, fries and drinks compliments of the Center Point Store.

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The event is free and open to the public.

Hot chocolate and cookies at the entrance.

Thank You

We wish to extend a heartfelt Thank-You to all who showed their sympathy in the loss of our loved one.

A sincere thank you to all who brought food, drinks, & supplies. And to those who came to visit and offered your help-It didn't go unnoticed and we appreciate it very much. Your expressions of love & prayers will always be remembered.....

May God bless each one of you!
The Family of Fred Miller

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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



Georgia and Dub Pinegar light the luminaria in front of the Presbyterian Church at "Christmas and Candlelight" at Old Washington, December 1993.

119 years ago: November 1905

Jim Cowling has recently bored a well on his farm in the Blackland which is part of the Joe Cowling old homeplace, and at a depth of 150 feet he struck a fine vein of water which flows out in a one-half inch stream. He said he went through a veil of coal, probably lignite, twenty feet thick and the water carries a considerable amount of oil.

J. E. Goodlett, a well-known merchant at Ozan, stepped backwards off a counter in his store on Tuesday and cut a large gash on the side of his face. He had a narrow escape from serious injuries.

80 years ago: November 1944

From Washington comes news that rationing or other restrictions on the consump-

tion of sugar in this and other importing countries may last for a year or so after the war with Japan is won.

It is expected the report said that sugar supply situation will be more critical in 1945 than in 1946. It is expected the world's shortage of sugar will not be overcome until the Pacific areas are liberated and have an opportunity to rebuild and be rehabilitated.

(Adv.) If you are bothered with Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, Athletic feet, Prickly heat, Poison Oak or Itch. Hale and Hale druggist will sell you a jar of Black Hawk Ointment. Price 50c

67 years ago: November 1952

A twenty-one year-old resident of Mineral Springs is recovering in Memorial Hospital from a knife

wound, sustained in a fight in a pool hall late Monday afternoon.

The victim, Leslie Bernard an employee of the Case-Shear Knife Plant, was in good condition Thursday despite damage to this lung. He was brought to the hospital by the Latimer ambulance service.

34 years ago: November 1990

Kevin Rose of Nashville is a cheerleader this year at the University of Central Arkansas. A sophomore biology major, he is the son of George and Kathy Rose of Nashville. The twelve-member UCA cheerleading unit prepared for this coming year by attending a sports camp for college cheerleaders at Middle Tennessee University and won the most awards ever by UCA cheerleaders.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Nov. 27 -Dec. 4, 2024, include the following:

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

Dec. 2. Triston Gage Shurden, 22, Nashville, and Christina Lynn Cochran, 19, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV24-129, Nov. 26. Crown Asset Management vs. Jerrod Miller. Debt.

CV24-130, Nov. 25. Ally Bank vs. Jossely Garcia. Contract.

CV24-131, Nov. 27. Financial Group LLC, vs. Gilbert Thomas. Contract.

CV24-132, Dec. 4. Glenn Grubbs, Sr., vs. Corey and Shawna Cooper. Civil, jury

trial demanded; alleged dog bite during a service call.

Domestic Relations Court

DR24-133, Dec. 3. Odali Hernandez vs. Guillermo Hernandez Espino. Order of protection.

Criminal Court

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

CV24-106, Dec. 2. State of Arkansas vs. Jason Lavar Stewart, 46, black male, 68 Kadoha Rd., Murfreesboro; 2 counts DOCS, both class C felony.

Land/Property Transactions

Distributee's Deeds
Dec. 2. Jacquelyn Stewart, Distributee of the estate of Phyllis V. Schuck, deceased;

to Jacquelyn Stewart; 17.35 ac. in S34 T8S R28.

Dec. 2. Jacquelyn Stewart, Distributee of the estate of Phyllis V. Schuck, deceased; to Jacquelyn Stewart; Lot 1, Tolton Clardy Estate in S34 T8S R28.

Warranty Deeds

Nov. 27. (Special) Weyerhaeuser Co.; to Pro-Fab of Northwest Arkansas, LLC; aggregate 463.42 ac. in S1/S2/S35/S36 T8S R29W, plus easement. \$1,853,680.

Dec. 2. Ali Whisenhunt and Sydney Grant; to Phillip C. Mitchell and Regina Y. Mitchell, husband and wife; 2 tracts, aggregate 4.93 ac. in S15 T7S R29W. \$50,000.

Dec. 3. Terrell Crabtree and wife, Becky Crabtree; to Monica Jean Wallace; property in S13 T9S R27W. \$143,500.

Defendants sentenced after guilty pleas

In a busy day for criminal court in Howard County last week, Judge Tom Cooper heard seven guilty or true pleas and pronounced sentences for the defendants.

Rashunda Dixon, 24, black female, Texarkana, Ark., was charged with drug possession with intent to deliver.

Her six-year ADC sentence is in abeyance upon completion of drug court requirements. She was fined \$1,000 and was also sentenced to six months in a regional punishment facility. She must attend rehab.

Michael Benson, 57, black male, Nashville, pleaded guilty to a class B felony charge of delivery of controlled substance. He was sentenced to two years in the ADC (Arkansas Department of Correction) and a further two years suspended imposition of sentence.

Samuel Avalos, 23, white male, Nashville, was charged with drug possession. He is to return Jan. 22, 2025, for formal sentencing which is expected to be six years of probation and a \$6,000 fine.

Wilbur Vasquez, 18, Tex-

arkana, charged with theft by receiving plus two misdemeanors, was sentenced to three years probation and a \$2,500 fine. The misdemeanors were not pursued by the state.

Delano Polite, 32, black male, Mineral Springs, was in front of the judge on two separate cases, one of which was not pursued by the state. He pleaded guilty to a charge of possession with intent to deliver. He was sentenced to five years in the ADC plus five years suspended imposition of sentence.

Quentin Witherspoon, 26, black male, Fulton was charged with a pair of felony drug counts in 2019. He was sentenced to four years in the ADC with a further two years suspended imposition of sentence.

Trial dates set

Trial dates and dates for pretrial motions were set for defendants who pleaded not guilty or not true.

Isaiah Homan, 24, white male, Nashville, was charged with failure to meet the probation terms on a 2016 conviction for second degree battery and resisting

arrest. His attorney requested a mental examination and no probation revocation trial date was set.

LaCourtney Rodgers, 18, black male, Nashville, pleaded not guilty to two counts of class D felony theft by receiving. Motions will be heard March 5.

A not true plea was given by Bonnie Hulbert, 61, white female, Lockesburg, charged with failure to meet the terms of her 2015 conviction. Her trial date is Jan. 22.

Marissa Delarosa, 28, white female, Nashville was charged with theft of property. Motions will be heard March 5.

A probation revocation trial date was set Jan. 22 for Allen Marckum, 49, white male, Nashville. A felony charge against Marckum was not pursued by the state.

A mental exam has also been requested for Stacie White, 44, black female, Nashville, charged with six counts of possession of contraband enhanced by proximity.

Failure to appear warrants were ordered for three defendants.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Poinsettias purchased from our local Schools Fundraisers! Thank you to those students that helped deliver these to Dierks Lumber!



Each employee was given a local grown Poinsettia to take home and enjoy with their family.

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Point of view

Christmas spirit Some leniency is shown to those J-Turn offenders

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I am so full of the Christmas spirit that I've loosened up and started giving warning tickets to J-Turn offenders.

First, of all, there are so many Christmas community coffees that no one should go hungry. Thanks to the businesses that keep up with our town's tradition.

Second, thanks to Howard Memorial Hospital for caring for our community's health by conducting last week's health fair. Yes, I know I need to lose some weight, but there's no way I can avoid all of those community coffees. Somebody's got to take their picture.

Third, I can now die a happy man because I got to pull the rope and ring the tower bell at the E.A. Williams Chapel Museum. Historical Society president Freddie Horne offered me the chance during their Christmas Open House, Sunday. He warned that the rope was hard to pull and he was right. I pulled as hard as I could but I barely made the bell do more than just a weak tinkle. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the Open House -- and the museums -- special, once again.

Fourth, thanks to the Nashville police officers and the Nashville firemen who raised \$9,500 and treated 77 schoolkids to Shop with a Cop for Christmas. Walmart tossed in a grant, and -- wonder of wonders -- guess where it was all spent.

Fifth, (not the kind you buy at Bogey's in Ashdown or the Party Factory in T-Town) thanks to Tim Pinkerton and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, and the volunteers for giving our community one of the best Christmas Parades ever!

Sixth, my Christmas decorations are limited to a ceramic Xmas tree made a number of years ago by daughter Julie. I'm so lazy now that I no longer bother to stick those colored plastic birds into their holes on the tree so that it looks like a decorated tree.

The inside of the 'tree' is white. There is one lightbulb inside, and it shines through the holes that were made for those birds.

I just tell visitors that the tree only has white lights.



AN OLD SAYING attributed to a wise old Indian: No one is truly dead until there is no one left who remembers his or her name.

Kinda morbid.

But if it is true, then final death will come early for some football players whose last name(s) are squeezed into the space between the shoulders of their jerseys.

There are many hyphenated names, and some that at least look as if they originated in another country.

There was a college quarterback who played at three bigtime colleges. He got demoted on his first team; then transferred to another; then got demoted on his second team and transferred to another; then got demoted on his third team where he finished his eligibility in merciful anonymity on the bench of a losing team.

All because his momma gave him a name that no tv sportscaster could pronounce. His respective schools were glad to see him go because they had to pay extra to get so many letters sewn onto his jerseys.

I'm thinking that the same fate awaits the current quarterback of the Tennessee Volunteers.

Unpronounceable name.



MY CHRISTMAS TRADITION. My late wife won our Christmas tree argument easily. She wanted 10 strings of lights; I wanted one.

Okay, I said admitting defeat. But you put up the lights and I'll take them down.

That seemed fair enough to her. She covered the tree with strings of lights, grinning at the thought of me trying to untangle the 10 or more entangled strings later.

A few days after Christmas she reminded me of my de-stringing duty.

So I went and got the scissors and started cutting the strings. "Wait," she said in a panic. "You're ruining the strings."

Yes, I agreed. I'll throw these pieces away. New strings only cost about a dollar apiece.

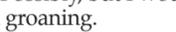
Somehow my solution did not make her happy.

And as usual I would pay a price.

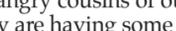


THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: When I lost a finger on my right hand in a freak accident, I asked the doctor if I'd still be able to write with it. He said, "Possibly, but I wouldn't count on it."

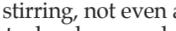
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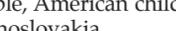
WORD GAMES. Two angry cousins of our national political scene: Divide and Conquer. They are having some success.



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SHE SAID: "I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph." Shirley Temple, American child actress, later US Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia



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By
Louie Graves

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Supervising parolees, probationers among jobs of Correction Department

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The state Department of Correction has been in the news recently because of its efforts to build additional prison space, in order to improve public safety.

Much less public attention has been paid to the Department's agency that supervises parolees and people on probation, even though Arkansas has many more offenders out of prison than inside. The number of parolees and probationers is more than triple the number of inmates inside prison walls.

The Division of Correction operates state prisons and has in its jurisdiction almost 20,000 inmates. As of early this week the official count was 18,989 inmates, with 2,046 of them being held in county jails. The state reimburses counties for the cost of housing inmates at a rate of \$40 a day per inmate.

The Division of Community Correction is in charge of supervising people on parole and probation. At the beginning of December the Division had 70,148 offenders under various levels of supervision.

In the most intense category of

supervision there are 4,244 people. About 23,000 were in the medium-risk category and about 27,000 in the minimum-risk category. Almost 4,000 were in a program for substance abuse treatment.

The state has 17 licensed facilities for transitional housing, with a total of 569 beds. Last month 248 of the residents had found a full-time job and 312 earned a GED.

Numerous others achieved smaller, but significant successes that most people take for granted. For example, 37 residents got a driver's license, 99 got a government-issued ID, 114 got a Social Security card and 30 got copies of their birth certificates.

Similarly, the Division operates six licensed re-entry programs to improve the chances of success of former inmates when they get back into society.

In October the facilities housed 164 residents. Two earned a GED and 10 completed a job training program.

The legislature created the Division of Community Punishment in 1993, and has since changed its name to the Division of Community Correction. Before creating the

agency there was a two-year study by law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors' offices, the judicial system and parole officers.

Elected officials and representatives of the criminal justice system said in 1993 as they say today, it's imperative to close the revolving door of crime that endangers public safety and drives up the cost of operating prisons. One method of achieving that goal is treatment and rehabilitation in re-entry programs.

The agency has requested an appropriation of \$123 million for the next two fiscal years. It has 1,141 employees. In comparison the Division of Correction, which operates prisons, has 3,017 employees.

In 1993, when the legislature created the first Community Corrections agency, it was authorized to spend \$13.4 million in state tax revenue. Prisons spent \$90 million. Combined, their spending amounted to 4.56 percent of all state general revenue spending.

Now, according to legislative budget analysts, the two agencies' combined budgets are \$540 million and represent 8.69 percent of general revenue spending.

U.S. consumers pay for higher tariffs

By Jordan Scoggins
Student at UCA

Donald Trump's proposed tariffs aim to protect American industries, but not without a significant cost; increased prices of imported goods. Tariffs serve as taxes on imported goods and would increase the production costs for businesses that depend on imported goods. This would consequently increase the price of the goods. According to the Peterson Institute for International Economics, when steel and aluminum imports came into effect in 2018, the cost of washing machines went up by 12%. The higher prices deter customers from making purchases.

To fully understand the economic implications of tariffs you must understand supply and demand.

As the price for imported goods increases, fewer goods become available at lower prices. This leads to the average price of the item to increase and the quantity to decrease.

When consumers face higher prices, they become less willing to purchase as many goods.

Trump's plan focused on the idea that his proposed tariff policy, which imposed taxes on imported goods like steel, aluminum, and

consumer electronics, would promote domestic production. He aimed to protect American industries from foreign competition by raising the costs of imports. But by raising these costs, they actually indirectly harmed American industries reliant on imported materials.

For example, in 2018, U.S. automakers faced increased costs of production. This then was passed on to consumers in the form of higher vehicle prices.

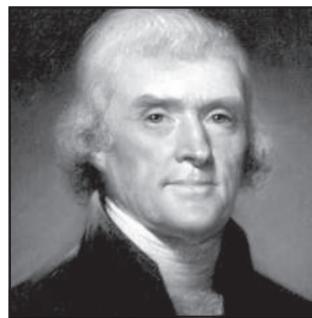
The people who benefit from these tariffs are mainly the domestic producers in the related industries. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. steel manufacturers saw their profits increase after the implementation of these steel tariffs. Also, workers in these industries benefited because they had more job opportunities in the short term. However, an unintended benefit emerged. The increased costs encouraged innovation in alternative materials and other sourcing methods to circumvent the price increase. This led to new opportunities in competing markets.

The obvious cost of these tariffs falls on consumers, which face higher prices for goods. According to the American Economics

Association, these tariffs led U.S. consumers and the firms that import foreign goods to face an additional \$3.2 billion per month in added tax. These tariffs cost the average American household over \$1,000 annually. Industries like automotive and construction also faced significant financial burdens due to the cost of inputs increasing. An unintended consequence of Trump's tariffs involves the retaliatory efforts by trade partners. This would reduce exports and harm manufacturers and American farmers dependent on the global markets. After the U.S. imposed tariffs on Chinese goods, then China imposed tariffs on American soybeans. This lowered the demand for U.S. agricultural exports.

Given the significant costs of these tariffs, I recommend against implementing them in Trump's second term as president. Instead, the government should work on investing in workforce training programs and technology to enhance competitiveness.

Note: Jordan Scoggins, a 2024 graduate of Nashville High School, attends the University of Central Arkansas, where she wrote this column in Modern Political Economy taught by Dr. Joseph McGarrity.



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Nebo

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ership of property at Mount Nebo continues to this day. Some of the houses you'll see are residences or summer homes, some are Vrbo's, and they range in price from the sublime to the ridiculous.

You'll see simple, run-down cottages, and multi-million dollar weekend get-a-ways. What they share in common is an amazing view of the river valley.

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NEW COACH AT NASHVILLE. Coach Brad Chesshir (third from left) visits Assistant Superintendent Tate Gordon, Superintendent Doug Graham, NHS Principal Ashley Riggs and Athletic Director James "Bunch" Nichols. Chesshir was named the Scrapper head coach at a special school board meeting Monday night, Dec. 9.

Coach

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South Pike County School District 2022 until he resigned to accept the Nashville job. He was athletic director and head football coach at Murfreesboro High School.

De Queen 2020-2022, assistant athletic director, head football coach

Jonesboro 2018-2020, teacher Jonesboro High

School, defensive coordinator/strength and conditioning coordinator

Nashville 2014-2018, defensive coordinator/strength and conditioning coordinator

Alexandria, La., head football coach 2013; defensive coordinator/strength and conditioning coordinator 2012

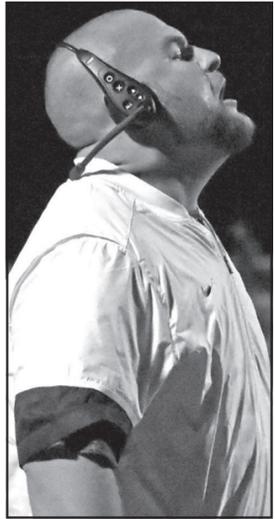
Graham expressed his "appreciation for the interest" shown by local applicants Brian Bearden and Tyler Clift, both of whom

interviewed before the district's search committee. "They brought ideas for the program and some needs to think about. Both had done their preparation."

The district received about 14 applications, according to Graham.

Chesshir will be introduced to the community Saturday night, Dec. 14, before the final game of the Nashville Bankers' Classic at Scrapper Arena.

Nashville will play El Dorado at 6:30 p.m.



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IN 2017. Brad Chesshir instructs his defenders against Bauxite.



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FROM SUMMER 2017. Then-defensive coordinator Brad Chesshir congratulates C.J. Adams after a play during team camp.

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Nashville man among seven defendants sentenced Monday in Pike County

Seven defendants were sentenced during the Monday session of Pike County Circuit Court including a 73-year-old man that arranged to meet who he thought was a 14-year-old girl for sex.

Gary Eugene Johnson of Nashville plead guilty to the charges of internet stalking of a child and computer child pornography. He was sentenced to a total of 25 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with 10 years suspended. Johnson will return to Pike County court Jan. 6 for formal sentencing.

In August 2023, Johnson took the bait of Pike County Investigator Jason McDonald's undercover social media account, designed to catch sexual predators. The account portrays a 14-year-old female.

Johnson, who resides on Rankin Road, was 72 at the time and sent the account several pictures and videos of himself masturbating before setting up a meeting with the phantom 14-year-old. When he was arrested at the meeting place, he was found to be in possession of two cellphones and loaded pistol.

Also Monday, Micah Timothy Mitchell, 35, of Murfreesboro plead guilty to the amended charge of distributing, possessing, viewing matter depicting child sex and a single count of rape.

Mitchell was sexually involved with a 13-year-old female who had been sending nude images of herself to various men. He was sentenced to a total of 20 years in the ADC with 10 years suspended.

Clifton Lee Nash, 57, of Delight was sentenced to a total of eight years with five years suspended after he plead guilty to charges of possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Nash was arrested in December of 2023 after warrant was executed at his home on Billstown Road.

Justin Stone, 31, of Delight, was sentenced to seven years with one years suspended on drug charges and three concurrent sentences of five years on three probation revocation charges. His sentence totals 11 years.

Brittany A. Smith, 39, of Delight plead guilty to drug and firearm charges and felony fleeing Monday. She was sentenced to six years with four years suspended on each of the two charges for a total of two years in the ADC.

Austin M. Swanger, 27, of Glenwood plead guilty to the charge of breaking or entering. He was sentenced to six years probation, fined \$1,500 and ordered into a recovery program.

Brandon Lee Watts, 44, of Delight plead "true" to the charge of probation revocation and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.



FROM HORNETS TO RED WOLVES. Mineral Springs Hornet football standout senior, Javeon Fricks, has signed up to play football with the Arkansas State University Red Wolves in Jonesboro. Fricks was recruited as a tight end by Nick Grimes, ASU TE coach, and Butch Jones, ASU head football coach. Fricks is pictured here with his parents, Eddie and Sharetta Fricks, during a ceremony held last week.



Retirement reception Dec. 20 for Pike County deputy clerk

There will be a retirement reception honoring Pike County Deputy Clerk Susan O'Neal on Friday, Dec. 20, from 1-3 p.m.

The reception will be held on the second floor of the Pike County Courthouse

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 2. lighting outdoor trees and singing carols to spread _____
 3. going to holiday _____ and craft shows to join in fun with their neighbors
 4. kids and their families are collecting coats, _____ and hats to keep others warm
 5. boxing treats, letters, cards, personal items for _____ serving in other countries
 6. may be adopting a _____ cat or dog (if conditions are good for this)
 7. filling and delivering baskets and bags with _____ for a Christmas dinner
 8. gathering small toys, books, pens, etc., to put in shoeboxes to send to needy _____ across the world
 9. selling "photos with Santa" at a special breakfast to raise _____
 10. wrapping toys and other _____
 11. shopping to help police officers "fill their cruisers" with _____ to bring joy
 12. visiting the _____ to bring plants or treats

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- Motorists should never drive over a downed line, as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment and cause other hazards.

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PLAYERS OF THE GAMES. Ali Shelton vs. Ashdown; Kaylynn Coulter vs. Center Point; and Scarlett Nuttall vs. Nashville in championship game. The awards were presented to the players by Shelton, who is the granddaughter of the late Steve Martin.

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Antoine church to host singing Dec. 14

The Antoine Baptist Church will be hosting a gospel singing on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 5 p.m. The service will feature Ron Kelley and the Kelley's from Benton. Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is invite to attend this fellowship.

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Jacob Happy directs the Nashville High School band at the Christmas concert Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Scrapper Arena.

Bands, choir perform at Christmas concert

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Weller Chesshir and Emiline Petty perform with the NJHS band.



The Nashville Junior High band led by Zachariah Hopkins (left) performs at the Christmas concert.



Choir members sing during their portion of last week's Christmas program.



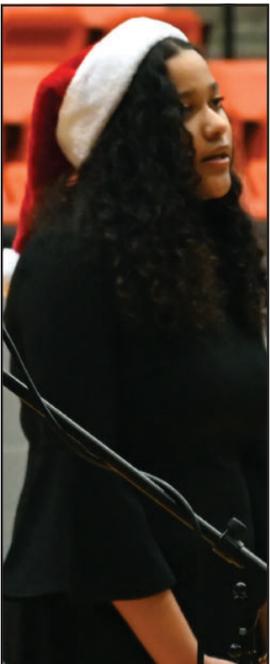
Beginner band students directed by Zachariah Hopkins play at the holiday concert.



NHS band



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Kady Hupp sings her solo part during the choir concert.

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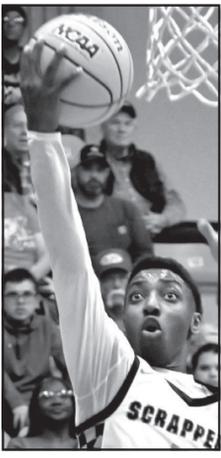
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South Pike County School District

Coach's departure not ideal, but timing allows ample time to hunt for replacement

The South Pike County School Board accepted the resignation of head football coach Brad Chesshir at their December meeting on Monday night.

Chesshir has been announced as the new football head coach at Nashville High School earlier Monday. Chesshir was a graduate of NHS in 2007, where he was an award-winning linebacker and part of the Scrappers' two consecutive state championship teams in 2005-2006. Chesshir was also Nashville's defensive coordinator in 2015 when Nashville won another state title.

In his three years at Murfreesboro High School following his hire from De Queen in the spring of 2022, the Rattlers went a combined 22-11 and won first round playoff games the past two seasons after being back-to-back 4-2A regular season conference champions.

The board accepted the resignation of Chesshir by a 6-0 vote. In addition to his coaching duties, Chesshir also served as the district's athletic director. After the meeting, Superintendent

Tanya Wilcher voiced both disappointment and hope for the future.

"Well, I hate it personally and I hate it for our district -- he has been wonderful and brought a culture to us that I feel like will keep us growing for years to come. I totally understand [his decision] -- it's his family and his hometown. He wants to go [there] and build what he has done for us. He feel like he needs to go to his hometown and do that. We will definitely miss him, but I hope we will bring someone in that will just pick up and keep going stronger. I feel like we have the type of program going now that will get some good applicants, and I think someone will love to come join our team. That's what we are -- a family -- and we want someone to come be a part of our Rattler tradition."

Wilcher said there was no timetable for the process to hire a new coach, other than it would begin immediately.

"I will open it up tonight [Monday] and it will be online. We are basically

going to accept applications until we find that person. I don't want to put a time on it, because I don't want to rush it, and I also don't want to have to extend it in order to find the right person."

Wilcher said that while the decision by Chesshir was not ideal, the timing was as good as it gets, allowing the district to find a new coach prior to both spring practice and summer workouts -- when the pool of possibilities would be much lessened.

"In March and April you have off-season going and everything rolling, you need somebody in place to help you get all that done."

She also wished to put a good spin on the overcast day to conclude.

"I feel like it's been a good year, we are growing, doing well, we are proud of our sports and our academics -- it's going to be good and we will have a great second semester. I want everybody just to remember what is important which is our students."

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Chavez, Gricelda Tovar, 35, Bartlesville, Okla., \$195 BF, running stop sign or light

Gilbert, Larry E., 56, Kirby, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Gonzalez, Refugio R., 64, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195

Jimenez, Juan J., 48, De Queen, \$230 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Killip, Murrya D., 37, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,323 owed

Larson, Ryan A., 42, Davenport, Iowa, \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Manuel, Juan, 20, Dallas, Texas, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$45 BF, no seat belt

Martinez, Efigenia, 48, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Peng, Chan Tha, 16, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding

Perez, Salvio M., 27, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Puckett, Christopher J., 40, Lockesburg, guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$215

Smith, Janie E., 49, Mabelvale, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145; guilty of inattentive driving, fined \$345

Thomas, Elijah Dean, 23, Wilton, \$250 BF, speeding

Watson, Alexis Nicole, 26, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined 260

City of Nashville

Bohon, Kimberly, 57, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Carrile, Elida, 46, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, following too close

Cox, Raymond, 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,410 owed

Dick, George W., 68, Murfreesboro, \$195 BF, parking in prohibited area

Felipe, Aryzll, 22, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Flenory, Angela M., 51, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Cadbury, Dylan nRay, 24, Nashville, \$45 BF, no

seat belt

Golden Isaac, 39, Nashville, \$345 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Golston, Christopher, 40, Ozan, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$525 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions

Kuester, Cody G., 31, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185

Ledbetter, Mary, 45, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Moten, Wade, 56, Fulton, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license

Neal, Devonte Isaiah, 23, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,225 owed

Perez, Alisha I., 23, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Reyes-Gibson, Juan, 76, Atlanta, Texas, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration

Shakhbazov, Meyrali, 23, Dayton, Ohio, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light

Smith, Cedric, 36, Mineral Springs, guilty of parking in prohibited area, fined \$195

Stuckey Rickey Lewis, 64, Prescott, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

White, Garland Deshawn, 35, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610

City of Dierks

Davis, Alexandra, 27, Dierks, dog running at large in Dierks, under advisement for six months to dismiss

Hernandez, Juan, 31, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$215 BF, speeding

McQuaid, Michael K., 59, Newburyport, Mass., \$230 BF, speeding

Mehra, Kapil, 45, Plano, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding

Pollard, Daniel Ray, 33, De Queen, \$210 BF, over-height

York, Arthur, 41, Kirby, refusing chemical test, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$260

City of Mineral Springs

Cruz Vazquez, Jose M., 72, Nashville, guilty of unsafe vehicle, fined \$345; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

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Morris, Ashley Camille, 26, Texarkana, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70



NASHVILLE COMMUNITY COFFEE. Farmers Bank & Trust in Nashville hosted a Nashville Chamber of Commerce community coffee last week. Those in attendance included (front from left) Kelly Chambers, Tara Green, Gayla Hill, Wendi Hibberd, Sarah Myers, Chantal Hutchison; (back) Steve and Leslie Cole, Tim Pinkerton, Aaron Tollett, Kristin Stavely, Tina Carver, Noelle Couch, Yulonda Wynn and Kitrenna Russell.

SPCSD fills vacant Zone 6 seat

In their December meeting, the South Pike County School Board unanimously selected Wes Campbell of Delight as the Zone 6 member replacement for the recently resigned Matt Henderson of Delight.

Henderson resigned his position on the board in November.

According to School Superintendent Tanya Wilcher, Campbell was the only candidate to submit a letter of interest for the position.

Wilcher gave the board an update on the new baseball/softball complex that is currently under construction.

She said the bleachers were recently delivered and being installed this week.

Three walls of the concession stand have been erected, and sprinkler systems have been completed on the softball field.

Sod will prospectively be added to the softball field this Thursday, and hopefully sod will be laid on the baseball field next week after the sprinkler system was completed there.

"It's really looking like a field down there," Wilcher said.

Wilcher went on to congratulate the 2024 MHS football team for their second consecutive conference championship.

"It's been a while since we've done that," Wilcher said, adding that commemorative shirts will be available for purchase in the near future.

Wilcher said the cheer squads for MHS and MJHS were at competitions recently and finished first and second respectively.

The competition will end the MJHS season, with the senior high to compete at the state tournament on Dec. 20 in Hot Springs.

Brody Maroon will sign a national letter of intent to play baseball at UA-Rich Mountain in Mena on

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 1:45 in the MHS activity room. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Semester tests will be held Dec. 19-20, which will be the last days of the semester.

Students will not return to campus until Jan. 7, 2025.

The next school board meeting is scheduled to be held on Jan. 20, 2025, which is also the Martin Luther King holiday.

The MHS marching band will perform in the Murfreesboro Christmas Parade on Dec. 12 starting at 6 p.m. and the band will hold their holiday concert on Dec. 18 starting at 5 p.m. in the MHS activity room.

In the MHS high school report, Cheyenne Burns highlighted some activities that didn't receive as much attention, including the breakfast ring ceremony for juniors that was catered by Terri's Place earlier this week. Additionally, the robotics team built robots that made deliveries around the school and the chemistry classes created Christmas decorations from atoms.

The seventh grade quiz bowl team placed first in a tournament at Caddo Hills last week.

Other notables at MHS included the use of new microscopes in class, history classes taking a field trip to Historic Washington State Park, the tourism class visiting Little Rock that included a train ride and scenic views and bridges, 10-12 grade English classes traveling to see Shakespeare on stage, dessert food wars in family and consumer sciences class, the "Pack the Pit" effort placed number 11 in a statewide competition of more than 70 entries for school pride.

James Riley told the board of testing that has been going on at MES with Arkansas Teaching, Learning & Assessment System (ATLAS).

Used on "Testing Tuesdays" he said the results showed where students were excelling or lacking in key educational standards.

After C-Stop Exxon/Baskin Robbins recently changed ice cream providers, MES was provided with 12 three-gallon tubs of ice cream that was utilized for the fifth grade who won the November positive points contest.

Riley said December was "crazy" and he laughed saying he sent an e-mail to teachers to "keep the Christmas spirit and he didn't want to be the Grinch but we still need to do some learning. We are slowly going to crank the chaos meter as we get closer to the end."

The MHS Jingle Bell Ball will be held on Dec. 17 from 4-6 p.m. in the activity room. MES students will go caroling at the Murfreesboro Rehab and Nursing Home throughout the week prior to Christmas, culminating in the Dec. 20 performance that will feature fifth and sixth graders in costume.

Later that day, the play will be held at 6 p.m.

MES was treated to Gus, the 14-year-old mushroom horse, that was purchased by first grade instructor Jane Caldwell. The horse was formerly a birthday party act, whose owner sold it when he realized that kids didn't want ponies at their birthday any longer.

The board passed an update to the student transfer policy, which Wilcher said was unusual in the middle of a school year. New school choice law allows for schools to make decisions on transfers from Jan. 1-May 1 and allows for the school to immediately accept the peti-

tioning student as a transfer.

Other choices for the board include accepting the student at the start of the next school year, reject the student's application for transfer or reject the student due to being on expulsion from another school district.

"You have 10 days to let them know your choices," Wilcher said. "You can do school choice now and be accepted immediately."

However, if rejected, there must be a "really good reason" Wilcher said, such as class size at capacity forcing the need for hiring new teachers.

She said larger schools might have more issues with accepting new students due to room/class availability.

"A school like Bryant may get like 50 new kids on school choice," Wilcher stated.

"They may not have the room or teachers [for that]. They would accept more at the end of the year [for the next school year]."

Wilcher said the still unclarified part of such a rule is whether transfer students could be eligible for spring sports -- softball, baseball and track.

"We don't know, and the Arkansas Activities Association is fighting the issue with the [state] legislature that starts in January."

The board also approved a measure to give each employee at the schools a \$300 Christmas bonus that will be included with their check this Friday.

Wilcher reasoned that since appraisals were up in the district and more tax revenue would be garnered -- even "playing it safe" -- she wanted to give back to the employees, as was her goal at every possible juncture.

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FIRST COMMUNITY COFFEE OF THE SEASON. Officers and employees of First State Bank of Nashville, along with Nashville Chamber of Commerce representatives welcomed visitors to a Christmas community coffee, last Tuesday. They included (front from left) Tressie Webb, Amber McLaughlin, Maira Couch, Celina McLeland; (back) Ethan White, Rosa Hernandez, Kim Westfall, Easton Cowart, Gary Revels, Sunny Myers, Rayleigh Faulkner, Jay O'Neal, Jonathan Buenrostro, Josh Zylks, Clay Alspaw and Carlos Martinez.

Murfreesboro gets big grant to continue sidewalk project

Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal announced Monday night that the city has received a \$500,000 grant to continue its sidewalk project through town.

O'Neal told council members that the Arkansas Department of Transportation 80/20 matching grant could be used to either finish the west side of the sidewalk project or start on the east side or attempt to complete the entire project - east and west with lighting. The project runs along North Washington through the center of town.

O'Neal advised council members to "kick it around" on how to best spend the funds with plans to meet with the project's engineer to determine costs for all three options. Treasurer/Recorder Penny Lamb said the city's matching funds for the project are expected to max out at \$210,000.

Mayor O'Neal also reported on the city's plan to appeal the 2020 census figure that shows the city has slipped below the 51% "Low to Moderate Income" designation. The mayor has said at past meetings that the increase in vacation rentals homes in Murfreesboro has contributed to the drop, as they formerly housed low to moderate income residents and families. The drop makes Murfreesboro too wealthy to qualify for many grant programs until the next census in 2030.

The plan is still being formulated to survey residents by mail-out, phone or in person and submit the results through the proper channels for an appeal.

During discussion about the city's annual budget, council member Jane Fugitt made a motion to include the mayor's salary in the 4.5% employee pay raise approved for the 2025 budget. The motion was approved and will add \$4,000 to the position's salary. The mayor's current rate of pay is \$13,000 annually. Fugitt said the increase was warranted and called O'Neal "a working mayor."

Fugitt also reminded the council the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Christmas is Thursday at the Senior Adult Center from 11-1:00 and that there will be a retirement reception for Randy Miller Friday, Dec. 27 from 11-1:00 at city hall.

"He's given us 46 years of his life," Mayor O'Neal said of Miller, who is the city's water and sewer superintendent.

The city's Christmas Parade will also be held Thursday night at 5:00.

The council also voted Monday to allow Chief Randy Lamb to sell the department's 2017 Ford Explorer to another agency for \$15,000. The Pike County Sheriff's Department has shown interest in buying the unit, according to the mayor.

AGFC monitoring avian influenza in Arkansas

According to Dr. Jenn Ballard, AGFC state wildlife veterinarian, this is the third year since Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza was detected in the U.S. and it's likely that outbreaks will continue to occur

By Randy Zellers
AGFC

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is asking waterfowl hunters and wildlife watchers heading to the field to keep an eye out for any sick or dead birds they find in the wild that may be the result of avian influenza. The risk of humans contracting the disease remains low, but hunters can minimize that risk by following a few simple precautions.

Hunters and wildlife watchers who observe concentrations of sick or dead birds should contact the AGFC's wildlife health program through www.agfc.com/avianflu with information about the species, number of birds affected and location.

According to Dr. Jenn Ballard, AGFC state wildlife veterinarian, this is the third year since Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza was detected in the U.S. and it's likely that periodic

outbreaks will continue to occur.

"We're getting reports consistent with cases in previous years and confirmation testing is underway," Ballard said.

"The reports so far this year have been almost exclusively snow geese with most being juveniles." According to Ballard, various low pathogenicity strains of influenza always circulate in wild bird populations, but HPAI has much more potential to spread and has caused billions of dollars of damage to domestic poultry production in Asia, Europe and North America.

"Waterfowl hunters may remember finding dead and dying snow geese in 2022, particularly at the beginning of the waterfowl season in Arkansas rice fields." Mortality in 2022 was primarily found in those snow goose populations, but a few other duck species

and raptors were affected as well," Ballard said. "Eagles and hawks that may have preyed upon sick or dying geese were confirmed with the HPAI pathogen."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the risk for humans to contract HPAI is still low, but people who find birds that are obviously sick or bewildered should report them to the AGFC and refrain from handling them.

The pathogen has also been found to affect dairy cattle, so anyone who works around any poultry or livestock should use extreme caution and practice good hygiene practices when handling, cleaning and preparing harvested waterfowl.

Safety Guidelines for Hunters

- Harvest only waterfowl that act and look healthy. Do not handle or eat sick animals.
- Wear disposable gloves

when handling and cleaning game and field dress outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water afterward.

- Dispose of unwanted parts in a manner that prevents scavenging by domestic animals and wildlife.
- Thoroughly cook all game to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit before eating it.
- Do not feed pets or domestic animals uncooked portions of waterfowl.
- Avoid contact between poultry and livestock and wild birds or their parts. After handling waterfowl, change or clean clothing, shoes and other equipment before coming into contact with domestic animals and livestock, including commercial production facilities and backyard flocks.

More information on avian influenza is available at USDA APHIS's website.

Nashville man arrested, charged in Pike County for fifth-offense DWI

A Howard County man has been arrested and charged in Pike County after he was allegedly caught drinking and driving for the fifth time.

Freddie L. Robinson, 57, of Nashville plead innocent to the felony fifth-offense DWI charge Monday and he was ordered to return to court on Feb. 3 with an attorney. A March 3 pretrial date was set for the case.

Robinson was arrested by Arkansas State Trooper Micah Brown on Nov. 26 and charged Dec. 6. The trooper had pulled Robinson over in Murfreesboro for expired tags. Robinson, who was traveling with his son, was found to be driving on a

revoked license and reportedly had a cold open can of beer in the center console.

Robinson is also charged with misdemeanor refusal to submit to a chemical test, open container in vehicle, no liability insurance, expired tags, fictitious license plate sticker and violation of interlock device requirements.

Also on Dec. 6, Noe Ismael Gonzalez-Perez, 28, was Glenwood was charged with failure to comply with registration and reporting requirements of being a sex offender.

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SANTA'S HELPERS. Sisters Madlyn, 5, and Mila Pope, 11, were dressed for the occasion Sunday afternoon as part of the Christmas Open House for the two museums of the Howard County Historical Society. They were in the former City Hall and Bus Station museum on Syper St.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC. NHS musicians Ben Gregory, left, a junior class member, and Keden White, a senior, were part of a group of musicians who provided musical Christmas cheer at the Historical Society's open house, Sunday afternoon. Their group performed at the E.A. Williams Chapel on Hempstead St. in Nashville.

2024 Rattler Postseason Football Awards

Murfreesboro High School has announced the postseason awards list for the 2024 football campaign that saw the Rattlers win their second consecutive conference championship.

The senior trio of Laytan Wilcher, Brody Maroon and Lathan Compton were named to the 2A All-State team by 2A-3 conference coaches.

Players named to the 3-2A All-Conference list includes Wilcher, Maroon, Compton, Kale Burns, Logan Burrus, Hawkins Jackson, Cameron Stevens, Aden Stinson and Cash Lowery.

A pair of Rattlers, Kooper Caldwell and Daelyn Henderson, were on the All-Conference honorable mention list.

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ZECARIAH A YOUNG PROPHET

THE POLITICALLY-MINDED PRINCES OF JUDAH, ON SEEING PROPHEETS, FROM THE HILLS, SPEAK OUT IN THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM, AGAINST WORSHIPING IDOLS, WASTE NO TIME IN HURRYING TO THE KING....

THIS IS THE WORK OF ZECARIAH! HE WILL YET TURN THE PEOPLE AGAINST OUR IDOLS!

HE MUST NOT! FOR THEN ALL WE HAVE WORKED FOR, WILL BE AS NOTHING - WE WILL HAVE NO ALLIES AMONGST OUR NEIGHBORS!

NOT TO MENTION THE LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF SHEKELS, WHICH WE OBTAIN BY THE SALE OF INCENSE FOR THE PEOPLE TO BURN AT THE TEMPLE, IN BAA'S HONOR!

...NOW, THE PRINCES CONFER WITH JOASH ABOUT ZECARIAH....

MY COUSIN HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO ME - BUT I HAVE TOLD HIM WHY WE GET UP IDOLS IN THE TEMPLE!

BUT I FEAR HE WILL NOT STOP IN THIS THING!

HOW DARE HE DO SUCH A THING AGAINST THE KING! FOR THIS TREASON, HE MUST SURELY DIE!

YES! ZECARIAH HIRED PROPHEETS FROM THE HILLS TO COME INTO THE CITY AND PROPHESY AGAINST THEE!

HE INTENDS TO TURN THE PEOPLE AGAINST WORSHIPING THE IDOLS OF OUR NEIGHBORS - AND, IF THIS HAPPENS, WE WILL HAVE NO FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN TIME OF WAR!

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New probiotic shown to improve digestion in poultry, swine

By John Lovett
University of Arkansas
System Division
of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural
Experiment Station

A novel probiotic has been developed as a directed microbial in both poultry and swine feed to improve gut health and weight-gain efficiency. Additionally, feed cost savings may be realized through greater utilization of soybean meal in diets.

The probiotic, which is a beneficial bacterium, is made from a Bacillus-strain isolated by poultry science researchers with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and is being co-developed by KENT Nutrition Group.

KENT licensed the patented technology from the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and is currently making probiotic-infused poultry and swine feed with the Bacillus strain. The experiment station is the research arm of the Division of Agriculture.

"We are grateful for our second novel technology collaboration with UADA," said Kale Causemaker, senior director of sales and business development for Innovative Solutions, a division of KENT. "These discoveries help improve animal agriculture sustain-

ability and welfare. We are excited and optimistic to have this probiotic commercially available for producers in 2025."

Bacillus-strain advantages

Advantages of a Bacillus-strain probiotic, compared to common probiotic microorganism of the Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium species, include its ability to survive higher temperatures and lower pH environments.

The non-genetically modified Bacillus bacterium also eliminates the need for multiple genetically modified enzymes that are added to animal feeds to help the animal break down ingredients in protein sources such as soybean meal.

Being heat- and pH-stable improves survivability rate in the animal's gastrointestinal tract and feed processing such as the manufacture of pelleted feed. The strain was originally found to work well in poultry diets and preliminary data suggest the probiotic may also work well in swine.

Overcoming a problem
Billy Hargis, distinguished professor of poultry science, said experiment station studies on the Bacillus strain showed it increased the animals' ability to digest non-starch polysac-

charides in protein sources such as soybean meal. Hargis is also director of the John Kirkpatrick Skeels Poultry Health Laboratory for the experiment station, the research arm of the Division of Agriculture.

Non-starch polysaccharides are difficult-to-digest carbohydrates found in soybean meal, which serves as the primary source of protein for both layer and broiler chickens, as well as turkeys and swine, Hargis explained.

"The problem with these non-starch polysaccharides is that they cannot be digested and utilized by the animal, but rather they feed detrimental populations of microbes within the gut, adding to intestinal inflammation and susceptibility to other causes of enteric disease," Hargis said.

The strain of Bacillus by KENT was isolated by former post-doctoral researcher Kyle Teague under the co-advisement of Hargis and Samuel Rochell. Teague is now the director of poultry nutrition at Life Products, Inc., in Nebraska, and Rochell is now an associate professor of poultry nutrition at Auburn University.

From lab to market
The Division of Agriculture's Technology Commercialization Office, or TCO,

shepherded the Bacillus-strain's patent-pending status and commercial licensing to KENT.

"Translating research to commercial products is the name of the game," said Parker Cole, associate director of TCO.

"We always enjoy working with industry and have enjoyed working with KENT. They've been a great partner to work with and collaborate with, so we're excited to see these products go into the marketplace."

Earlier this year, Innovative Solutions also released

EFFICOR, an L. plantarum probiotic for swine that was developed in conjunction with Division of Agriculture researchers. Research trials showed EFFICOR helped improve body weight gain and feed efficiency in growing and finishing pigs, with nearly \$2 per pig cost savings because of improved efficiencies at the time of the trials, Cole said.

The foundational research for EFFICOR came from Jiangchao Zhao, former professor of animal science for the Division of

Agriculture.

"Our office sits at the interface of academic innovation and commercialization," said Cole.

"Being able to take a technology that was developed here, work with industry, confirm that it works in a particular product or formulation, and have that company excited about it to where they want to license it and implement it in their portfolio, I think that speaks to the research quality and to the inventors that we have within the Division of Agriculture."



MS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED. The City of Mineral Springs Public Works Director Eric Marks has been recognized and awarded by the Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association for 2024 Southwest District Water Works "Wastewater Outstanding Achievement" for population under 5,000.

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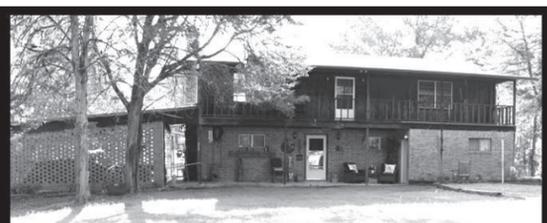
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF CLYDE ANDERSON BELL 31 PR-24-69
NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE
Last known address of decedent: 722 S Crawford, Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas.
Date of death: April 25, 2020
Lizann Bell was appointed the Administratrix of the Estate of Clyde Anderson Bell, by order dated December 4, 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.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES WITH TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2027

The Board of Directors of Nashville School District of Howard County, Arkansas, in compliance with the requirements of Amendments No. 40 and No. 74 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-622 has prepared, approved and hereby makes public the proposed budget of expenditures, together with the tax rate, as follows:

1. Salary Fund Expenditures	\$ 8,827,126
2. Instructional Expense	\$ 5,205,741
3. Maintenance & Operation Expense	\$ 1,926,621
4. Dedicated Maintenance & Operation Expense	\$ 0
5. Pupil Transportation Expense	\$ 1,131,142
6. Other Operating Expense	\$ 2,484,182
7. Non-Bonded Debt Payment	\$ 0
8. Bonded Debt Payment	\$ 807,001
9. Building Fund Expense	\$ 750,000

To provide for the foregoing proposed budget of expenditures, the Board of Directors proposes a total school tax rate (state and local) of 31.70 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this School District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.00 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 31.70 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 6.70 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 31.70 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

GIVEN this 19th day of November, 2024
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CHRISTMAS MUSIC. Klaire Hendry, Ben Gregory and Kaden White (front); and Tyler Vaughn, Dalton Manlove and Michael Tracy (back) were part of a group of NHS band members who provided musical Christmas cheer at the Howard County Historical Society's open house Sunday afternoon. Their group performed at the E.A. Williams Chapel Museum on Hempstead Street in Nashville.

News-Leader photo/CONNIE CASTLEBERRY

Christmas time in Nashville



CHRISTMAS PARADE. The York Gary and Futrell Marine float travels along the Nashville Christmas parade route Dec. 3.

News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER



AT THE MUSEUM. Barbara Peebles, Cynthia Puryear and Patsy Young visit at the Christmas open house Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, at the E.A. Williams Chapel Museum.

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NHS SPANISH CLUB. Nashville High School Spanish Club members ride in last week's parade.

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REINDEER POWER. Reindeer pull the Scrapperette softball float in the parade.

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SANTA'S HELPERS. Sisters Madlyn, 5, and Mila Pope, 11, were dressed for the occasion Sunday afternoon as part of the Christmas Open House for the two museums of the Howard County Historical Society. They were in the former City Hall and Bus Station museum on Syper Street.

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TRACTORS ON THE MOVE. Area residents drive their tractors in the Nashville Christmas parade.

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