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A black and white photograph of a calm body of water, likely a pond or lake, reflecting a dense forest of tall trees. A wooden dock or pier extends into the water in the foreground, and a snow-covered shoreline is visible at the bottom.

COLD DAY AT MINERAL SPRINGS. Snow covers the bank and trees around a Mineral Springs pond during the area's snowfall Jan. 10.



FUN IN THE SNOW. Brent Thompson, Eleanor Thompson, Jeff Starr, Luci Kate Thompson and Dana Darling show the snowman they built last Friday, Jan. 10, in Nashville.



SNOW DAY. Rylee Gaines, 4, and Jax Gaines, 7, spent part of the morning Jan. 10 building a snowman at the home of their grandmother, former Nashville resident Tammy Alexander, in Hot Springs.



SNOWED IN. A classic Ford Mustang is covered in snow at Mineral Springs. Snow had melted off in many locations by Monday afternoon, Jan. 13.

Chamber banquet Feb. 17 to include awards, officers

Although the chamber was organized here in 1921, there were apparently some years in which it was inactive. Photos of past presidents line a wall in the back room of the chamber's of-

Graves
1955 Bobby Steel
1956 Ralph Wilson
1957 Jack Rorex
1960 Jay Toland
1961 Deward Sharp
1962 Lester Stueart
1963 Neely Cassady
1964 Don Coulter
1965 Bernie Kreul
1966 David Pile
1967 Edgar McCrary
1968 Pat Honeycutt
1969 Al Backus
1970 Ralph Wilson

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2025 Chamber president Kristin Stavelly



2024 Chamber president Dr. Aaron Tollett

School sets make-ups for missed snow days

That position was reiterated a number of times during the spring and fall of 2024.

Obituaries



Dolton Harris
Born Sept. 16, 1929, and died Jan. 7, 2025. The son of a sharecropper. The 11th of 12 biological siblings into a family that already consisted of 3 other children from his Papa’s first wife. Two other siblings died in childbirth.
Preceded in death by parents Charlie and Zella Harris; brothers Lee, Bryce, Lex, Wilber, Harold, Ralph, Tillman, Eugene, JW, and sisters Bertha, Lilly, Ruby, Gladys, Marvene.
And his wife Curtistine Caldwell Harris who spoiled him for almost 60 years.
He is survived by daughters Judy Francis (Wayne) of Ashdown, Sonya Barton (Rick) of Texarkana and son Gary Harris (Lisa) of Springdale.
Six grandchildren, Tanya Jeffcoat (Jeff), Jason Francis, Kimber Still (Josh), Chris Barton (Emily), Brett Harris (Johanna), and Alyssa Harris, 8 great-grandchildren, Keaton, Sutton, Bradyn, Landon, Esteban, Leslie, Kristian, and Landry. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who are dear to the family.
He served several organizations including the board of Howard County Memorial Hospital, Arkansas Cattleman’s Association, Howard County Equalization Board, among others. He also served as President

of the Saratoga School Board and as President of the local Union for Ideal Cement. He was instrumental in getting the union hall donated to the Saratoga Tri-County Lions Club when the cement plant closed.
He worked for Ideal Cement Company, later Holnam for 41 years.
He was an active member of Community Baptist Church, Okay, Ark., for his entire adult life. This church and Okay were very special to his family as this is where his children were raised and lifelong friends made.
He raised cattle his entire life and was committed to expanding the herd, keeping heifers and buying farms into his late 80’s.
He so loved his family and would tell you how blessed he was and oh what a good life he had.
Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 1-2 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home, with services following at 2 p.m. Charles Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Mineral Springs Cemetery.

Mary Ann Kress Allen
Mary Ann Kress Allen, age 93, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Dec. 27, 2024, at her home.
Mary was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Loretto, Tenn.,



the daughter of Clemens “Clem” Kress and Sophiana “Sophia” Kress.
An avid traveler and bowler, Mary enjoyed the many friends and acquaintances she made. Shortly after high school, Mary met Bennie Allen, of Center Point, Ark. The two married and moved to Florida where she lived until 2019. Mary loved to travel with Bennie to meet with family. She enjoyed cruises, and camping in their RV at the beach. She was active in many bowling leagues throughout the years, and enjoyed playing cards with friends.
Mary moved to Nashville, Ark., in 2019 after the passing of her husband, Bennie. She remained active, independent, and healthy, and celebrated her 93rd birthday at the Center Point Store with friends and family.
She was of the Catholic Faith, and attended St. Andrew Catholic Church in Orlando, Fla., and St. Martin Catholic Church in Nashville, Ark.
She is predeceased by her mother and father, brothers Bill, Charles, Joe, and Louis Kress, sister Estelle Henkle, and her husband Bennie Allen. Mary leaves to cherish her memory many nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.
A memorial celebration dinner will be held at the Center Point Store in Center Point, Ark.
Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, Ark. Interment will follow at a later date at the Winter Garden Cemetery in Orlando, Fla.
In-lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choosing are welcomed and appreciated.



SILENT NIGHT IN THE SNOW. Sunset Street in Nashville Thursday night, Jan. 9

Deadline March 1 to apply for USDA agri scholarships at UAPB

The application deadline for the U.S. Department of Agriculture 1890 National Scholars Program is March 1, Dr. Obadiah Njue, interim dean for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff’s School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences, said.
The program awards scholarships to students attending one of 19 historically black land-grant universities. High school seniors entering their freshman year of college and rising college sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply.
USDA/1890 National Scholars receive full tuition towards a bachelor’s degree, books and the cost of room and board, Dr. Njue said. During the summer months while in college, the students will receive an internship with a USDA agency, including employee benefits. After graduation, all USDA/1890 National Scholars are employed by their selected agency and must commit to at least one year of service to USDA for each year of financial assistance provided.
National scholars must major in agriculture or related sciences which include agronomy, animal sciences, plant sciences, food sciences and technology, forestry, home economics and nutrition, horticulture, natural resources management, soil conservation, farm and range management, pre-veterinary medicine and computer science.
“The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program enhances career opportunities for students at 1890 land-grant universities,” Lisa Ramirez, USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement director, said. “The program has also been an effective tool to help USDA recruit and retain highly qualified students.”

Primary School to participate in ‘Great Kindness’ challenge

Nashville Primary School will join more than 41,000 other schools in 110 countries for ‘The Great Kindness Challenge.’
NPS is celebrating 10 Years of participating in the challenge.
The Great Kindness Challenge is a challenge for teachers and their classes to perform random acts of kindness. From Jan. 27-31, students and teachers will focus on showing kindness, particularly to students in need, by donating to the building pantry. Each grade level will be responsible for donating designated items.
They are asking for support. If you do not have a student at NPS, but would like to donate, please feel free to drop those items off at the Nashville Primary Office.
Additionally, Nashville Primary encourages the community to participate by performing random acts of kindness throughout the week. The school thanks you for your continued dedication to our students and for helping us make a positive impact during this special celebration.

Tech Dean’s List announced

RUSSELLVILLE -- Arkansas Tech University has announced its Dean’s List for undergraduate students on its Russellville campus for the fall 2024 semester.
A student must record a 3.5 grade point average or higher and complete at least 12 hours of college-level coursework to be named to the Dean’s List.
MURFREESBORO --- Alexander Adolphus Trombley;
NASHVILLE --- Alexis Michelle Byers, Taylor Leanne Darling, Sophie Glyn Kuykendall (4.0), Allie Elizabeth McConnell;
NEWHOPE --- Tyra Sloan Fox, Allie Justice Rider.

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The public is hereby notified that a position on the Board of Commissioners of the Howard County Housing Authority is vacant.
The term will expire on **March 31, 2029**.
Anyone interested in applying for the vacancy must be a resident of Howard County, and able and willing to participate in regularly scheduled and emergency meetings of the Board of Commissioners.
Those interested should contact Jo Ann Stevens, Manager of External Affairs at 870.845.1080 for more information, or submit a letter of application to the Howard County Housing Authority at PO Box 238, Nashville, AR 71852.
The board plans to appoint someone to the vacancy on January 22, 2025, so applications should be submitted before that time.
Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. 

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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



After an overwhelming ice storm in January 2001. Johnny Wesson of Mineral Springs, Darlene Reese and Diane James of Nashville and former Nashville resident Sammy Cox helped in recovery.

121 years ago: 1904
The railroad survey being made by the Dierks Lumber and Coal Co. has reached a point on the Baker Springs Road at the Kesterson Place, six miles northwest of Centre Point and the surveying party is now camped at Haller Springs, eight miles north of Centre Point.

79 years ago: January 1946
Warren Wright, ship's cook first class of Central Arkansas, served on the *USS Tazewell* assault troop transport during the war cruise in the Pacific. The *Tazewell* landed troops at Hagushi, Okinawa, and participated in a successful fake landing on the southern part of the Island. The ship was in the dangerous operation area 36 days and during that

time escaped damage from repeated kamikaze attacks. Since Okinawa the *Tazewell* has carried occupational troops to Yokohama and high point veterans to the states.

62 years ago: January 1963
Ida Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Jones of Dierks and a 1960 graduate of Dierks High School, will play the leading role of Hippolyte in the *Rape of the Belt*, a comedy to be presented at Southern State College in January.
(Adv.) Family night at the Elberta, Wednesday-Thursday. Children 15¢ and adults 25¢, also color cartoon. Millions of fans for Elvis and his greatest movie yet, singing, fighting, dancing in *Jail House Rock* in Cinemascope.

42 years ago: January 1983

Notice: Overeaters Triumphant will meet at 6:00 Monday in the fellowship hall of the Assembly of God Church in Nashville.
Pre-publication orders are being taken for *The Unfinished Story of North Howard County*. The books sell for \$12 each for single copies and \$10 each for five or more. The books will sell for \$15 after publication.
By a 4-2 vote Tuesday Nashville aldermen voted to pursue the rebuilding of the Sandhill bridge over Mine Creek which was washed away by early December flooding. If a joint local, state and federal project is coordinated Nashville's cost will be about \$25,000 of the total \$200,000 price tag.

Six enter pleas in criminal court

Six defendants, including one charged with sexual indecency with a child, entered pleas during criminal court here last Wednesday, Jan. 8, during the first day for criminal court in 2025.
Russell Wester, 43, white male, Mineral Springs, faces the indecency charge, a class D felony. He entered a not guilty plea. His bond reduction was denied, and a date of April 30 was set for pretrial motions.
Two are sentenced
Carolyn Cook, 49, white female, Umpire, pleaded guilty after being charged with drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession.
She was sentenced to 90 days in a regional punishment facility, a fine of \$2,000,

a day in the county jail and five years probation.
A "no contest" plea was given by Ernest Bingham, 26, white male, Nashville, who was charged with 3rd degree domestic battery, a class D felony. The plea has the same result as a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt. He was sentenced to a \$2,000 fine and four years probation.
Trial dates set
Dates for pretrial motions and jury trials were set for four defendants who pleaded either not guilty or not true.
Jeramie Pugh, 34, black male, Nashville, is charged with failure to meet the terms of his probation on a 2024 sentence on a class D felony charge of theft of

property. No date was set for his probation revocation trial.
Another not true plea was given by Maryann Sowell, 46, white female, Manchester, Tenn., who was on probation on a 2022 sentence for drug possession. Her probation revocation trial was set for Feb. 19 and the court ordered her to be picked up on a failure to appear warrant from November.
Angelique Benson, 32, white female, Antlers, Okla., is charged with a drug paraphernalia class D felony. She pleaded not guilty, and March 5 was set for pretrial motions.
On the bench for the regular day of criminal court in Howard County was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Jan. 2-8, 2025 except as noted:
Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)
Jan. 2. Billy Ray Beal, 55, Nashville, and Doris Jean Jones, 42, Nashville.
Jan. 2. Adam Michael Greenfield, 30, and Danielle N. Terwilliger, 31, Nashville.
Jan. 3. Gabriel Torres Meraz, 45, Nashville, and Maria Sonia Mendoza Oregon, 41, Nashville.
Jan. 6. Ricky D. Burns, 57, Nashville, and Lafreda Renea Swift, 43, Nashville.
Jan. 6. Jarad A. Shelton, 44, Nashville, and Christy Jean Adams, 40, Hope.
Civil Court
CV25-01, Jan. 01. Crown Asset Management vs. Vincent Fisher. Debt.
Domestic Relations Court
DR25-01, Jan. 07. Ransdale Hockaday vs. Cyndie Hockaday. Divorce.
Criminal Court
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)
CR25-01, Jan. 7. State of Arkansas vs. Angelique

Benson, 32, white female, Antlers, Okla.; PODP, class D.
CR25-02, Jan. 7. State of Arkansas vs. Russell Wester, 43, white male, 134 N. Church, Mineral Springs; sexual indecency with a child, class D.
Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds
Jan. 2. Two separate deeds. Wilbert Payne and Patricia A. Payne, husband and wife; to Wilbert Payne and Patricia A. Payne, Trustees of the Wilbert and Patricia Payne Revocable Trust; part of Lot 2, Block 31, SREDC Addition, City of Nashville, aka 515 E. Parker A&B.; and part of Lot 2, Block 1, Wilson & Ferguson Addition, aka 405 W. Henderson St., Nashville.
Jan. 2. Hattie Smith, Distributee of the Estate of Verna Lee Johnson, deceased; to Alma Delia Navarette and Jose Betancourt; property in S23 T9S R27W, and part of Lot 1, Block 11, Original Town of Nashville. \$19,000.
Jan. 6. Minnie Jackson; to Minnie Jackson, Trustee of the Louis D. Jackson and Minnie P. Jackson Family Trust; 13.3 ac. in S28 T8S R28W.
Beneficiary's Deed
Jan. 2. Carolyn Scoggins;

to Amber Nolen; 1.5 ac. in S36 T9S R27W.
Trustee's Deed
Jan. 6. Simmons Bank, Trustee of the Lela Mae Floyd Dykes Family Trust; to James Euel Pennington and Robert Todd Pennington; aggregate ac. in S21/S22/S27 T8S R27W.
Distributee's Deed
Jan. 2. Hattie Smith, Distributee of the Estate of Verna Lee Johnson, deceased; to Alma Delia Navarette and Jose Betancourt; property in S23 T9S R27W, and part of Lot 1, Block 11, Original Town of Nashville.
Warranty Deeds
Jan. 2. Cindy Willis; to Vuong Le; part of Lot 1 and adjacent alley, property in S23 T9S R27W. \$48,800.
Jan. 3. Ten separate deeds. Sherally P. Haskins, et al; to (individually) Terry W. Coulter, Katie F. Malone, Lonnie J. Coulter, Doris Tolliver, Sherally P. Haskins, Elsie M. Harbour, Jacklin Womack, Gary L. Coulter, Anna M. Martin and Angelor D. Wilkes; properties in S5/S6/S7/S8/S10/S12 T10S R28W/R29W.
Jan. 7. Danny Byrne and wife, Brandie Byrne; to Beau Fitzgerald and Caitlin Fitzgerald, husband and wife; 49.014 ac. in S30 T7S R28W. \$210,000.

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Point of view

Street crossings

Intersections protected by brave boys in uniform

(NEWS-LEADER NOTE: Yes, this is another repeat from 2018. I plead snow disease which is the fear of walking on snow and ice by an old guy. Apologies, and I'll try to do better as January gets older.)

IT TELLS YOU a lot about the level of excitement in my life right now, that the best part of my usual weekend is watching all-day reruns of “Monk.”

When “Monk” was a new television program, his neurotic and compulsive antics put me in the floor laughing helplessly.

It was one show I tried to watch each week.

Now I just chuckle heartily at the reruns.

If you never watched the show, you'll miss some of the humor in this article. But it's funny, let me assure you. Please laugh out loud occasionally as you read this.

And as usual, I am going somewhere with this.

Monk was a San Francisco detective who was suspended from active duty. Because of his special skills the police department kept him on as a consultant. Because of his overwhelming neuroses he had to have an assistant.

On a recent episode Monk escorted his assistant's little girl around on Halloween Night.

She was costumed as a fairy princess. Monk wore a school crossing guard's outfit. He had a neat over-the-shoulder-and-around-the-waist reflective safety belt. He was carrying a 'stop' sign.

Actually he wasn't so much wearing a Halloween costume as he was attired 'Monk' style for the job of escorting the precious daughter around the neighborhood in the safe pursuit of trick-or-treats.

He was appropriately compulsive and funny.

Maybe you're not old enough to appreciate 'school crossing guard.' I don't think schools still have crossing guards.

That's a pity because maybe they could grow up to become duly deputized Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officers, but that's another story and I'm sure you wouldn't be interested.

Crossing guards were a big deal when I was in elementary school. A student would be selected to be crossing guard. He'd could get out of class a little bit early and strut to the office where he'd put on the school's official over-the-shoulder-and-around-the-waist reflective safety belt and pick out a 'stop' sign. Or was it a flag?

Anyway, he'd dash excitedly to his assigned street corner to halt traffic so that the little darlings could safely get across. I don't think adults really appreciated being stopped by a self-important 12-year-old kid wearing an over-the-shoulder-and-around-the-waist reflective safety belt and waving a stop sign. But they stopped anyway.

I need to mention here that this was back in the day when children actually walked to and from school. I'm serious. Even if they had to walk as far as four or maybe even five blocks. And the kids actually waited patiently until their classmate crossing guard said it was okay to cross the street.

After all of the kids were safely through that dangerous crossing on their way home, the crossing guard would return to the school office and give up the glamorous crossing guard outfit, proud of his safety accomplishment.

Every student wanted to be the crossing guard. Just like we wanted to be selected for pounding the chalk dust out of erasers after school.

I may be wrong but it seems that only boys got to be crossing guards. I guess it was because the school administration figured that only the boys were stupid enough to fling their bodies in front of a crazed motorist who might be trying to run down a pack of little darlings.

We volunteered to be crossing guards also to impress the girls although at the time we didn't know why. We'd understand later.

Fast forward a few years.

I promised you I was going somewhere with this.

In Navy boot camp we had 'road guards.' Except for the uniform they were pretty similar to school crossing guards.

Our boot camp company would be marching somewhere real important, and when we came to an intersection the boot company recruit commander would shout “Road guards post!”

The marching company didn't miss a step. The designated road guards would rush out to block the intersection even if there wasn't vehicle within 20 miles. They stood at 'parade rest.' Hands behind the back; feet spread just so. Eyes fixed firmly on the road ahead. Tummy sucked in to impress any girls who might be within a 20-mile radius.

There were none, of course. This was boot camp.

After the whole company was past the intersection, the road guards would run to catch up and resume their place in the column. Boot camp was rigorous but safe because of these brave future sailors.

If there ARE crossing guards at elementary schools these days I'm sure that they are properly armed just as the Lord and the Arkansas Legislature intended.

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HE SAID: “If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own.” Henry Ford, industrialist

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SHE SAID: “As long as the people don't fear the truth, there is hope. For once they fear it, the one who tells it doesn't stand a chance. And today, truth is still beautiful ... but so frightening.” Alice Walker, novelist ('The Color Purple')

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State receives federal grant aimed at improving maternal health care

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The timing could not have been better for the good news Arkansas just received.

A \$17 million federal grant to improve maternal health care was formally announced a few days before the beginning of the 2025 legislative session.

Improving maternal health care is high on the legislature's list of priorities for the session, which convenes on Monday, January 13. There is no definite ending date. However, based on the length of recent legislative sessions it will probably last until April.

The governor appointed a Strategic Committee for Maternal Health last year and one of its recommendations was to pursue the federal grant. As the governor said, “healthy moms means healthy babies.”

The grant will be implemented by the state Human Services Department, whose secretary said that it would help transform how Arkansas approaches maternal health. The department will lead the project, and will be joined by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

According to the grant application, the rate of maternal mortality

in Arkansas is the highest in the country and double the national average. On average, the health of newborn infants is “considerably worse than the rest of the U.S.” when premature births, infant deaths and low birthweight babies are counted.

There are several reasons for the state's low ranking, according to the grant application. Arkansas is rural and there are many areas where obstetrician and delivery services are not easily available. Of the 75 counties in Arkansas, 73 are classified as fully or partially under-served, and 45 counties are classified as maternal care deserts due to their lack of hospitals that offer obstetrical services. Arkansas is a poor state and Medicaid pays for 58 percentage of births.

Some of the grant money will go toward educating providers, such as physicians and health clinics, about the potential benefits of working with doulas, midwives and community health workers.

Arkansas currently has only 33 licensed midwives, so some of the grant money will be used to address that shortage. For example, UAMS is developing a master's program for registered nurses to become certified nurse midwives.

Another goal is to create new categories in Medicaid so that doulas and community health workers can be reimbursed for helping with pregnancies and deliveries.

Another suggested change to Medicaid policy is described as “presumptive eligibility.” That means state officials would presume that a pregnant woman is eligible for Medicaid once she becomes pregnant, so that she is not discouraged from getting pre-natal because she feels that she could not afford it.

Some of the money will pay for new technology that will be used specifically to help pregnant women obtain better access to health care.

Some of the funding will pay for an effort to redesign the Medicaid reimbursement system. This effort will create incentives for providers whose patients have healthier outcomes.

In 2023 the legislature approved Act 316 that directs physicians and providers to screen new mothers for depression or other mental health issues within six weeks of giving birth. Some of the grant funding will go toward improving and expanding those mental health screenings.

MLK's iconic 'I Have a Dream' speech

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the “I Have a Dream” speech Aug. 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial. The nation will observe Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 20.

The following are excerpts from the speech, a key moment in United States history.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity. . . .

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into

an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, . . . one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. . . . With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. . . .

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, “My country,

'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.”

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

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News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Bird footprints in the snow Friday, Jan. 10



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
A snow-covered tree stands beside a pond at Mineral Springs last week following snowfall Jan. 9 and 10.



News-Leader photo/HANNAH TOPOR
Snow and ice toppled two big pine trees during the weekend at Nashville Junior High School.



News-Leader photo/CONNIE CASTLEBERRY
By Sunday afternoon, the trees taken down by a wintry mix had been moved off the NJHS driveway.

Chamber

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1971 Ronny Blakely
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1975 Bruce Anthony
1976 Joe Branch
1977 Pete Gathright
1978 David Boden, Roy Reaves
1979 David Pile

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Time to be announced

Honor Roll announced at Nashville Junior High

The Honor Roll for the second nine weeks at Nashville Junior High School has been announced by Principal Hannah Topor.

Students who were named to the list include the following:

Ninth Grade
All A's - Javian Atkins, Audri Bearden, Aiden Bradley, Allisa Byers, Catherine Campos, Mallory Clifton, Phoebe Coffee, Hayden Crabtree, Kamara Cruse, Princess Davis, Fernando Garcia, Chloe Gathright, Sebastian Gonzalez, Talena Hill, Nyelah Holder, Halton Howard, Bracen James, Alyssa Jarman, Landon Magee, Maddison Martinez, Adolfo Puente, Anna Renteria, Eden Sartin, Destiny Stuart, Trace Troutt, Garrett Westfall, Jace Wright.

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Eighth Grade
All A's - Guadalupe Arroyo-Martinez, Tailyann Barker, Owen Bauer, Emily Byers, Weller Chesshir, Abishai Cruz, Paul Dean, Ledger Green, Jaydn Johnson, Brayley Lowery, Ace McKinnon, Brooklyn Morgan, Cason Parker, Emiline Petty, CopeLin Reeder, Taylon Schooley, Harlee Webb, Rhett Young
A's & B's - Rayniah Alvarez, Abigail Bailey, Aron Barajas, Yosselyn Barrera, Zakyrus Beasley, Khloe Brewer, Jonathan Bustamante, Dalton Carter, Jon Castle-

man, Jaleeya Collins, Jean Carlos Contreras Ramirez, Luke Cooley, Landry Craven, Miranda Dukes, Jaden Ellison, Addison Gammage, Malik Gilliam, Zania Green, Hudson Halter, Ethan Hamilton, Gemma Harberson, Ezra Loggins, Maddie Lovelis, Molly Marion, Dayana Morales Pineda, Elijah Muresan, Bay Nolte, Karson Pack, Geysi Pena, Adrian Perez, Corban Perez, Bryce Ramsire, Andrew Reese, Tahya Riggins, D'Tajeun Ross, Xavier Rubio, Jacob Salazar II, McKynlee Scott, Mallory Smelser, Addison Sullivan, Savannah Taylor, Emory Wallis, Kaegan Waters

Seventh Grade
All A's - Brynlee Bagley, Selina Berruquin-Alonso, Wyatt Chesshir, Tarlaycia Chippis, Carson Clifton, Davin Dowdy, Parker Giddens, Connor Gordon, Dieucotie Green, Kallen Horn, Kale Hughes, Kimber Jones, Lucas Lowery, Jonathan Maldonado, Caleb Mounts, Jaxson Parker, Kaylee Pizarro, Kennedy Porter, Carter Reeves, Dawson Smith, Minika Stanley, Alonzo Stroud, Bella Topor, Cherish Tucker

A's & B's - Addison Bane-gas, Heavenly Brett, Kylie Buenrostro, La'Miyah Canady, Cruz Cortes, Arleth Cuevas, Jahce Curry, Gunner Davis, Betsaida De La Rosa, Autumn Dillard, Timothy Floyd, Brantley Goodwin, Emma Gunter, Hudson Harrison, Alexis Hernandez, Genesis Hernandez, Tara Hill, Parker Jackson, La'Trevious Johnson, Ava Jones, Jayson Jones, Kaden Jones, Macey Keeton, Gage Kinkade, Paxton Linville, Eden Lopez Mercado, Harmony Martin, Avery Mascarenas, Emily Mendoza, Destiny Mercado, Loraine Natividad, Emely Nava, Adalyn Parker, Ayleen Pioquinto, Abigail Sartin, Annabelle Schooley, Channing Shackelford, Olivia Simmons, Braylee Smith, Kennedy Smith, Hunter Stone, Brayan Thomas, Olivia Trimble, Orlandis Trimble JR, Imani Underwood, Terra Vanderziel, Aiden Vaughn, Nicolas Vilar, Z'onna Williams, Emma Wilson, Aiden Wright

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Head Hornet resigns

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

Mineral Springs Head Coach Jason Hathcock has resigned after three seasons on the sidelines with the football Hornets.

Hathcock, who played high school football for Glen Rose and coached at Barton, Bismarck and Lafayette County before coming to Mineral Springs, leaves the Hornets with a 22-11 record.

"I know I have left the program better than when I took it over," Hathcock told the newspaper last week. "In three seasons, the Hornets finished in the top 10 and made playoff appearances every season."

He noted that the Hornets were 6-21 in the three seasons prior to his arrival including a winless 2021.

"The Hornets have had seven athletes and counting that have been offered athletic scholarship and the team GPA increased from 2.4 to 3.2," Hathcock said.

During his short time with the school district, Hathcock said that he was also able to fundraise and make approximately \$750,000 in business contracts used to improve the district's sports facilities.

Hathcock said the main reason he resigned was that he felt that the district's vision and his vision "no longer aligned."

"When I accepted this positions, I was inspired



Coach Jason Hathcock

by the vision for the district portrayed by the current administration. I feel the vision of the district has shifted, and our visions no longer align," he said.

"There are no hard feelings, these things tend to happen in coaching. It is part of the business."

Hathcock added, "I will cherish the memories made and will continue to support the young men that played for me at Mineral Springs.

"The relationships you build in this profession are what counts. I pray that the lessons that this football program has taught these young men enables them to have bright and successful futures in their careers, marriages and parenthood."

Hathcock said he is unsure of his next step, but "I'm trusting God to lead me to where He wants me to be."

Pike County Ham Radio Club meeting Jan. 17

The Pike County Ham Radio Club will be conducting a free general licensing class, open to residents of Pike, Howard, Montgomery and Clark counties, and the surrounding areas.

An informational meeting will be held Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirby School Cafeteria.

Topics of discussion will include:

- Test date and fees
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WORK CONTINUES ON TANK, CELL TOWER. Simultaneous work on Nashville's water tank on Third Street and the installation of an AT&T cell tower continues in the new year and should be completed by the end of the month, weather permitting. The tank is being sandblasted and painted and a big curtain will soon be up around the tower during the exterior painting. The tank has been isolated for the work and the water supply diverted to the tank on Seventh Street. Here, a large crane works beside the tank tower to install the second piece of the cell tower, which now stands several feet taller than the tank tower.

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Many of these stories have been collected and written down. The tales in children's story books are beautifully illustrated for all to enjoy. Ask a librarian for help in finding some of these folktales... you'll be glad you did!

Many parents and grandparents tell folktales to the children in their family. Storytellers spin them for listeners of all ages. **A folktale may have:**

1. _____ solved
2. _____ of things that are hard to understand
3. _____ for an unkind person
4. _____ learned
5. a _____ for a good person
6. _____ who can overcome anything
7. _____ spells
8. _____ animals

Folktales often use animals to make a point. The animals are used to show what people are like or how they behave.

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2. misleading, gets others to do what he wants
3. timid, loyal
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5. wise, brave
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7. proud, cruel
8. sneaky, clever
9. honorable, swift
10. patient, plotting

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Corbin Cooper

Reward offered in local homicide

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the family of Corbin Cooper for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the death of their son in Nashville.

“Somebody out there knows something,” said Cooper’s mother, Bonnie Winston of Idabel, Okla., as she continues to wait for the investigation into her son’s death in Nashville to provide some clues and potential justice.

Winston is the mother of Corbin A’Sean Cooper, Sr., 22, whose body was recovered on Oct. 15 alongside the road from the 1200 block of South Price Street in Nashville. Cooper had apparently died from a gunshot wound.

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

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

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

“That’s all I have left is that baby.”

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

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

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Pike County Health Coalition to host community roundtable

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The event will be held on March 10 at a yet to be determined location.

Topics of conversation will be improving health-care access, addressing community concerns and fostering collaboration across local organizations.

“Help us make a difference,” said the flyer for the event.

Lunch will be provided for attendees.

For more information contact Shannon Ballard at (870) 285-2161 or Chantell Jones at (870) 703-1158.

Sign-up set for M’boro summer sports

Sign up for Murfreesboro baseball, softball & tee ball will be held Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4-6 pm and Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9-12 noon.

Both dates will be held at the Murfreesboro City Park office.

This season’s fees in \$60 baseball and softball and \$30 tee ball are due at sign up

Commodities coming to Pike, Howard this month

Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute TEFAP USDA Food Boxes directly from their truck on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building from 8:30-10:30am or until all boxes have been distributed.

The truck will be parked at the church, located at 1420 W Sunset St. Nashville.

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food boxes directly from their truck on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 8:30-10:30am or until all boxes have been distributed.

Once checked in, recipients will go back to their vehicle and proceed to line up along in the church parking lot and wait for further instructions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of the County of Howard’s Board of Commissioners has been called. The meeting will be held as follows:

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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M’boro to wrap up west side of sidewalk project

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The Murfreesboro City Council voted Monday night to wrap up the west side of the sidewalk project through the center of downtown before looking at getting started on the east side of North Washington.

The project will be funded by an Arkansas Department of Transportation 80 / 20 matching grant for the entire sidewalk project - east and west sides - that maxes out at \$500,000 with the city’s contribution to max out at \$210,000, according to Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb.

The west side wrap would include continuing the new sidewalk towards the courthouse square and adding lights along the entire length of that side.

The council is expected to meet with an engineer next month to get the details and start the paperwork involved. The mayor noted that this is a 2026 project.

In other council business Monday night, Mayor O’Neal announced that longtime Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department chief Randy Lamb has stepped down and the council approved Ricky Branch as his replacement. Lamb, who is also the city’s police chief, served for more than 10 years as fire chief and will continue to serve the department as a captain. Branch has also served the department for many years and was Lamb’s assistant chief.

Mayor O’Neal also updated the council on the Low to Moderate Income (LMI) survey the city is planning to conduct in an effort to appeal the 2020 census figure that shows the city has a 51% designation. The increase is due to the increase in vacation rental homes in the area that were once used to house low to moderate income residents and families, according to the mayor.

The percentage makes Murfreesboro too wealthy to qualify for many grant programs until the next census in 2030. O’Neal noted that the city’s water department was recently turned down for a grant to buy a generator for the water treatment plant because of the LMI percentage.

The plan is to contact every resident with a Murfreesboro water meter either by mail, phone or in person. The mayor said he plans to get more information when he attends an upcoming Arkansas Municipal League meeting and will report the findings to the council.

The council also approved Recorder/Treasurer Lamb’s financial report, which included the following beginning and ending balances for December 2023:

General Fund	\$30,927 / \$21,778
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Street Fund	\$16,505 / \$13,956
Street Operating	\$357,130 / \$368,648
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DIERKS OUTLAWS Bryar Janes (at left) and Dylan Moore against Spring Hill



LADY OUTLAWS Senior High Hannah Kirby (at left) and Junior High Savannah Tedford



Murfreesboro Diamond photo

TO THE HOOP. Murfreesboro's Caden Dixon led the Rattler scoring against Magnet Cove with 19 points.

Senior Rattlers pick up win over Magnet Cove

After most of the schedule was canceled or postponed last week due to winter precipitation, the Murfreesboro basketball teams were able to get in a set of games against Magnet Cove prior to the weather's icy clutches.

The junior high boys lost to Cutter Morning Star (CMS) by a 49-36 score.

The senior high Lady Rattlers would also fall to Cutter by a 50-29 score.

The Murfreesboro Rattlers gained a bit of retribution in the finale against Cutter, defeating the Eagles

by a 51-47 score.

Schedule Changes

The junior high and seventh grade games set for Jan. 9 have been canceled.

The Jan. 10 game against Caddo Hills will be now be held on Jan. 27 in Murfreesboro. The chili supper benefit for the track team that was scheduled to be held on January 10 will be moved to Jan. 21 when the team will host Horatio.

The junior high teams will not be participating this week in the scheduled Umpire tournament.

Dierks takes 3 of 4 from Spring Hill

The Dierks basketball teams traveled to Spring Hill Jan. 7 and brought back three wins in four games.

The Dierks 7th grade boys won 21-17 while the junior high Lady Outlaws remain undefeated with a 48-11 win. The senior Lady Outlaws rocked SH 76-45 while the

senior boys suffered a 49-46 upset loss.

Milee Harrison led the senior girls scoring with 26 points, including six three-pointers followed by Addison Hill with 12 and Ryleigh Simmons with 10, Raylie Walston 9, Gracie Thigpen 8, Aspen Pugh 6 and Hannh

Kirby 5.

Dylan Moore led the senior Outlaws with 21 points, all coming on three-pointers

in the Outlaws' loss. Peyton Boeckman added 10 to the Outlaw total followed by Gadbury(5) and Hill (4).

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Murfreesboro Diamond photo

TOO HEAVY IN PARTS. Winter storm Blair’s pass over Arkansas brought about a large amount of snow and ice and in some cases, like here at a Murfreesboro business front, caused structural damage.

Murfreesboro water superintendent’s retirement cut short as replacement bails after seven days

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

Longtime Murfreesboro Water Superintendent Randy Miller’s retirement plans have been put on hold after his replacement decided to quit after just seven days on the job.

Miller was set to be replaced by Jeff Parker and then stay on as need-be contract labor until Parker had secured all the required licenses for running

a city water system. Parker, a former employee of the Arkansas Department of Health and the City of Nashville’s water department, had been in training with Miller at the water treatment plant for approximately six weeks before assuming his superintendent role on Jan. 1.

Parker submitted his resignation to Miller on Jan. 8 following a Jan. 7 meeting with water department com-

missioners.

As a result, Miller, who was treated to a retirement reception on Dec. 27, is now back as full-time superintendent. The year 2025 will be his 47th year with the water and sewer department.

Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O’Neal announced in Monday’s council meeting that the city is “back to ground zero” in the search for a new water superintendent.

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Bids will be opened on Thursday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Judges' Office.

Howard County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Brent Pinkerton
Brent Pinkerton, Howard County Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

THE 2024 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2024 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-10 should be Amended as follows:
Howard County Sheriff's Budget, Miscellaneous Law Enforcement (1000-0400-3093) should increase by \$1,995.00. This money comes from LeadsOnline LLC, for a refund. Howard County Sheriff's Budget, Fleet Liability (1000-0400-3053) should increase by \$658.00. This increase comes from a refund from the Association of Arkansas Counties, Inc.
Howard County Circuit Clerk, Salaries Full-Time (1000-0102-1001) should increase by \$768.00. This increase comes from a transfer from the Law Library, Salaries Part-Time (3400-0102-1002).

SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

ATTEST:
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk
December 16, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE QOURUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2024

ORDINANCE NO: 2024-11

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The Tax Committee of Howard County, Arkansas, has presented its Report of the taxing units of Howard County, Arkansas, to the Quorum Court, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as if set out word for word herein.

SECTION 2: The aforesaid report is approved in all aspects.

SECTION 3: The millages listed in the aforesaid report are to be levied on the respective taxing units of Howard County, Arkansas, on the valuation the Assessor has put on the tax books to be collected in the calendar year of 2025.

SECTON 4: This ordinance to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
Brent Pinkerton, County Judge

ATTEST:
Keri Teague, County Clerk
November 18, 2024

HOWARD COUNTY	
MILLAGE TO BE COLLECTED IN 2024 FROM EACH TAXING UNIT (REAL ESTATE) FROM EACH TAXING UNIT (2024 TAXES DUE IN 2025)	
SD #10	31.7
SD #20	43.0
SD #30	34.0
SD #80	44.0
SD #11	34.0
SD #16	41.0
SD #79	44.0
COUNTY GENERAL	3.6
COUNTY ROAD	2.0
COUNTY LIBRARY	1.0
NASHVILLE	3.6
DIERKS.	3.0
MINERAL SPRINGS*	5.0
TOLLETTE	5.0
STREETS .001 (1/2 OF Road Millage)	
TOTAL MILLAGE (including School, County, and City)	
SD #10	38.3
SD #10 NA	41.9
SD #20	49.6
SD #20 DI	52.6
SD #30	40.6
SD #30 MI *	45.6
SD #30 T0	45.6
SD #80	50.6
SD #11	40.6
SD #11 T0	45.6
SD #16	47.6
SD #79	50.6

Witness my hand and seal this 18 day of November, 2024

Keri Teague, County & Probate Clerk

HOWARD COUNTY

MILLAGE TO BE COLLECTED IN 2024 FROM EACH TAXING UNIT (PERSONAL) FROM EACH TAXING UNIT (2024 TAXES DUE IN 2025)

SD #10	31.7
SD #20	43.0
SD #30	34.0
SD #80	44.0
SD #11	34.0
SD #16	41.0
SD #79	44.0
COUNTY GENERAL	3.6
COUNTY ROAD	2.0
COUNTY LIBRARY	1.0
NASHVILLE	3.6
DIERKS.	3.0
MINERAL SPRINGS*	5.0
TOLLETTE	5.0
STREETS .001 (1/2 OF Road Millage)	
TOTAL MILLAGE (including School, County, and City)	
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SD #16	47.6
SD #79	50.6

Witness my hand and seal this 18 day of November, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

THE 2024 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2024 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-10 should be amended as follows:
County Judge Full Time Salaries (1000-0100-1001) need to increase \$1,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0100-1006) need to increase to \$76.50. This amount of \$1,076.50 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
County Clerk Full Time Salaries (1001-0101-1001) need to increase to \$3,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-010-1006) need to increase \$229.50. This amount of \$3,229.50 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
County Circuit Clerk Full Time Salaries (1000-0102-1001) need to increase to \$4,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0102-1006) need to increase to \$306.00. This amount of \$4,306.00 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
County Treasurer Full Time Salaries (1000-0103-1001) need to increase to \$2,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0103-1006) need to increase to \$153.00 This amount of \$2,153.00 comes from Contingency Fund (1001).
County Collector Full Time Salaries (1000-0104-1001) need to increase \$2,250.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0104-1006) need to increase to \$172.13. This amount of \$2,422.13 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
County Assessor Full Time Salaries (1000-0105-1001) need to increase to \$4,500.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0105-1006) need to increase to \$344.25. This amount of \$4,844.25 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Courthouse Maintenance Full Time Salaries (1000-0108-1001) need to increase to \$1,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0108-1006) need to increase to \$76.50. This amount of \$1,076.50 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).

County Sheriff Full Time Salaries (1000-0400-1001) need to increase to \$8,250.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0400-1006) need to increase to \$631.13. This amount of \$8,881.13 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Prosecuting Attorney Full Time Salaries (1000-0416-1001) need to increase to \$1,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0416-1006) need to increase to \$76.50. This amount of \$1,076.50 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
District Court Full Time Salaries (1800-0409-1001) need to increase to \$4,000.00 and Social Security Matching (1800-0409-1006) need to increase to \$306.00. This amount of \$4,306.00 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Road Department Full Time Salaries (2000-0200-1001) need to increase to \$19,250.00 and Social Security Matching (2000-0200-1006) need to increase to \$1,472.63. This amount of \$20,722.63 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Library Full Time Salaries (3008-0600-1001) need to increase to \$2,000.00 and Social Security Matching (3008-0600-1006) need to increase to \$153.00. This amount of \$2,153.00 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Sanitation Full Time Salaries (3009-0701-1001) need to increase to \$2,750.00 and Social Security Matching (3009-0701-1006) need to increase to \$210.39. This amount of \$2,960.39 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Jail Time Full Time Salaries (3017-0418-1001) need to increase to \$10,000.00 and Social Security Matching (3017-0418-1006) need to increase to \$765.02. This amount of \$10,765.02 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
911 Time Full Time Salaries (3020-0501-1001) need to increase to \$500.00 and Social Security Matching (3020-0501-1006) need to increase to \$38.25. This amount of \$538.25 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
Victim Witness Time Full Time Salaries (3025-0416-1001) need to increase to \$2,000.00 and Social Security Matching (3025-0416-1006) need to increase to \$153.00. This amount of \$2,153.00 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
OES Time Full Time Salaries (1000-0500-1001) need to increase to \$500.00 and Social Security Matching (1000-0500-1006) need to increase to \$38.25. This amount of \$538.25 comes from the Contingency Fund (1001).
SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
ATTEST:
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk
December 16, 2024.

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READY FOR SNOW WAR. Walker Fields lines up his ammunition for a Saturday afternoon of snowball fights in a Dierks neighborhood.



News-Leader photo/JOHN BALCH

CUTTING A DEEP PATH. A private citizens blades away the thick snow and ice on Beacon Hill Road near Narrows Dam in Murfreesboro.



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT. Madelyn Jones, director of the US Cossatot Foundation with Wayne Britt of Nashville during the announcement of a new scholarship developed by Britt.

The Britt Family Scholarship

New local scholarship established for UA Cossatot students

UA Cossatot has announced the establishment of a new scholarship, The Britt Family Scholarship, aimed at supporting local students in their pursuit of higher education.

This generous scholarship, created by Nashville native Wayne Britt, will provide financial assistance to two students per academic year, covering full tuition and general fees for the fall and spring semesters.

Britt, the donor, shared his inspiration for creating the scholarship: “My mother and father, Jean and Van Britt, did not have the same educational opportunities that I had. But they knew the value of education and stressed it for me and my three brothers. They insisted we do well in school because through education is how one improves their life. My teachers at Nashville also were very instrumental in my educational journey by inciting my curiosity such that I never wanted to quit learning.”

Reflecting on his own educational journey, Britt added, “I was also very fortunate to receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and guarantees. There is no way to express my gratitude to all these people that helped and encouraged me. So as a tribute to all who helped me, our family wants to help the next generation pursue further education by establishing the Britt Family Scholarship to help those in need at Cossatot Community College and the University of Arkansas.”

Britt emphasized the lasting value of

education and hard work: “When I grew up in Arkansas, our automobile license plates had the slogan ‘Land of Opportunity.’ I believed that then, and I still do. Opportunity is out there—it’s up to us to seize it through education and hard work.”

UA Cossatot Chancellor Steve Cole expressed his gratitude for the scholarship, stating, “This scholarship is so special to UA Cossatot for two reasons. One, it will help so many students who may not have had a chance to go to college, and two, the Britt’s have been a special part of the Nashville area and their family has had a hand in guiding UA Cossatot to what it is today. Very special indeed and we can’t thank the Britt’s enough!”

“This generous gift directly supports the Foundation’s mission to create attainable educational opportunities for our students and community,” stated Madelyn Jones, Director of the UA Cossatot Foundation. “This scholarship represents a significant step in advancing the educational aspirations of local students while continuing the Britt family’s proud legacy of commitment to education and community development.”

Students interested in applying for The Britt Family Scholarship can reach out to UA Cossatot Foundation and Advancement Director, Madelyn Jones, at mjones@cccua.edu or call 870-584-1172 for more information about the scholarship application process.



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Scrappers, Rattlers meet in MS finals

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Weston Lamb (20) of Murfreesboro tries to block a shot by Scraper Demetrus Shelley (2) during the championship game of the Southwest Arkansas Invitational Tournament Jan. 4 at Mineral Springs.



Rattler Cooper Caldwell (10) looks for a way around Nashville defender Demetrus Shelley in the Mineral Springs tournament finals. Caldwell scored 17 points for the Rattlers. The Scrappers defeated Murfreesboro 79-64 to win the championship.



James Silva (12) goes for the block against Nashville's Demetrus Shelley.



Johnte Taylor (4) moves the ball past Murfreesboro's Caden Dixon (0) Saturday, Jan. 4, at Mineral Springs. Taylor led the Scrappers with 24 points in Nashville's win over the Rattlers. Dixon led Murfreesboro with 27.



Bo Bell (12) of Nashville puts up a shot in the tournament's championship game. He scored 19 points for the Scrappers.



Johnte Taylor (4) and Cortez Cooper (23) watch for the rebound in the finals of the Southwest Arkansas Invitational Tournament.

Scraper and Scrapperette schedule
Wednesday, Jan. 15 - Senior high De Queen here, 7 p.m. girls; boys game to follow. Make-up of snowed-out games from Jan. 10
Thursday, Jan. 16 - Junior high Magnolia here
Friday, Jan. 17 - Senior high at Magnolia
Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Senior high girls vs. Hot Springs Lakeside here

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Karstyn Scrivner, Nashville



Karstyn, a Scrapperette junior, scored 30 points in Nashville's 65-43 win over Little Rock Mills Jan. 7. She also recorded 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 5 steals.



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